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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's

Sunday 15th October 2023

*Come to the wedding banquet,
the feast is ready to begin*



Dear friends,

What a wonderful Harvest weekend we enjoyed together. With thanks to the flower people both churches were adorned with wonderful, colourful flower displays for us all to enjoy. On the Saturday evening the table was groaning with food and even a few church mice turned up as we enjoyed our Harvest Supper together.

The night was ably assisted with music and word.

Rebecca on Flute lead us into a sung grace and after the food Katya (our Ukrainian pianist) played a couple of beautiful pieces on a sadly very out of tune piano. She ended with Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen and we all joined in with the lyrics as best we could remember them. Alan and Annette our friends from Messy Church entertained us to a tune or two both know as well as those written by Alan and Annette themselves. Our Fiddler David gave us a few tunes before moving over to the guitar to play one of my personal favourites The Voyage by Johnny Duhan which he played as a gift to Fiona and myself as we celebrated our anniversary Voyage together. Bill and Neil offered up poems and words of wisdom for harvest. Neil's adapted rendition of John Betjeman's Diary of a Church Mouse was beautifully illustrated with the mice and prayer books as can be seen in the photo above. We ended the night singing together Colours of day, reminding us to take seeds of His Spirit, and let the fruit grow.

Our thanks to everyone involved over the weekend, making this years celebration of Harvest a wonderful occasion.

with love and blessings from Fiona and Peter

WELCOME

The Lord be with you

And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

HYMN **LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, Lord of all joy,**

Whose trust, ever child-like,

No cares could destroy;

Be there at our waking,

And give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,

At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands were skilled

At the plane and the lathe;

Be there at our labours,

And give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord,

At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome,

Your arms to embrace;

Be there at our homing,

And give us, we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord,

At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

Whose voice is contentment,

Whose presence is balm;

Be there at our sleeping,

And give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord,

At the end of the day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved
as you would have us love.
We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,
forgive us and renew us
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen**

ABSOLUTION

God, who is both power and love,
forgives us and frees us from our sins,
heal and strengthens us by your Spirit
and raise us with all of your creation
to new life through Christ our Lord.
Amen

COLLECT

**Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own.
Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us,
that we, being renewed both in body and mind,
may worship you in sincerity and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE **Philippians 4.4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be
anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of
God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is
admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such
things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or
seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

HYMN

I WILL ENTER HIS GATES

with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise;
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad,
He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad,
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THE GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 22.1-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Saint Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

‘Then he sent some more servants and said, “Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready.

Come to the wedding banquet.”

But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

‘Then he said to his servants, “The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.” So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, "How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?" The man was speechless.

'Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 'For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

Let us stand together:

We meet in Christ name

Let us share his peace

HYMN **JESUS, STAND AMONG US**

At the meeting of our lives;

Be our sweet agreement

At the meeting of our eyes.

O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;

Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering

Out of each and every land;

Christ the love between us

At the joining of our hands.

O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;

Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us
At the breaking of the bread;
Join us as one body
As we worship You, our Head.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

OFFERING

Let us present our offerings to the Lord
**Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour and the majesty;**
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you
and of your own we give you.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation; in your love
you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
Jesus took bread,
and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread
and gave it to them,
saying: Take, eat;
this is my body
which is broken for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this
in remembrance of him
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper
taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this
in remembrance of him
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon this bread and this wine
that they may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

With all your people we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to come and receive

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious
and his mercy endures forever

Faithful God,
in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you.
May we who have shared in holy things
always bear witness to your covenant,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

HYMN **TELL OUT, MY SOUL, the greatness of the Lord!**

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name—the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure:
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

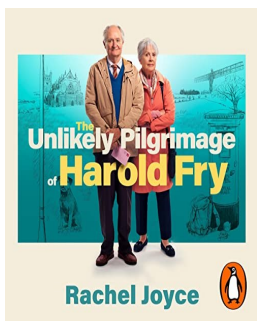
Amen

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen



We look forward to welcoming
our animal companions into
St Mary's this afternoon for our Pet Blessing.
Do join with us if you can at 3pm

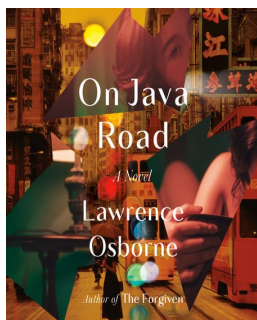


BOOK CLUB

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce was our last read and discussion title: Imagine you set off to post a letter to a friend whom you have not heard from in decades and something drives you on to keep walking all the way from near Dartmoor to Berwick upon Tweed where the friend is living but terminally ill.

So Harold Fry leaves home without even a goodbye to his wife, and very ill-equipped (no extra clothes, food etc). Along his 400 mile journey he encounters the kindness of strangers, has terrible blisters, hears life stories, becomes a celebrity for a while and all the time fighting his own demons and with a back story of a failing marriage and a lost son.

We are hoping to see this book as a film on a Film Night next year and will keep you posted about when to buy the popcorn and snacks in the Connect.



Our next book is

On Java Road by Lawrence Osbourne which tells the story of one man's experience of the Hong Kong revolt after the Chinese takeover.

We will meet on Friday December 1st at the Esk Valley Table Table pub restaurant for our Annual dinner and to discuss this book. All Welcome

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2023

We invite you to fill a shoebox for this years appeal. Filled boxes should be returned to the church by Sunday 5th November so they can be collected and begin their journey to bring joy and pleasure to those in need.

Please pick up an information leaflet available at both churches or visit: <https://blythswood.org/> - for more information, thank you

We also have some build your own shoe boxes that you can use or come along on a Monday morning 10-12Noon to St Leonard's Beacon of Hope and we will help you wrap and pack a box or two.





Harvest Goods 2023

Our Harvest Goods this year were donated to the Storehouse. They are extremely grateful for the special support that comes in around the harvest time but sadly the work of Storehouse is an all year round endeavour and so if you are able we appreciate your support not just at this harvest time but in the weeks and months to come.

The following items are those that are currently in demand

- Jars of chocolate spread
- Bags of sugar
- Pot noodles
- Bags of multi pack crisps
- Cans of macaroni cheese
- UHT long life milk (blue lid)
- Tubs of hot chocolate (just add water variety)

Thank You once more for your generosity and love.



Looking outwards:

A Harvest for Zimbabwe

Tearfund partner Zimbabwe Orphans through Extended Hands (ZOE) helps rural communities

overcome poverty, hunger and the effects of climate change so that families have enough food and income to support themselves. This Harvest week, pray for ZOE and the many farmers in Zimbabwe who have benefited from their support and expertise.

Kester from Gonyere village says her life used to be tough: 'I lived a painful and pitiful life. I was poor and I had nowhere to start.' But by joining a Tearfund - supported self-help group she has managed to not only provide for her family, she has enough to support others. Give thanks for her generosity and ask that more lives will be changed in her village.

To make a donation visit www.tearfund.org

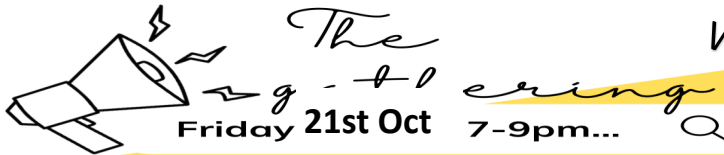


Memorial Service

Sunday 5th November at 4pm
St Leonard's Church, Dobbies Road

An opportunity for us all to gather and remember our departed loved ones and continue to give thanks for their part in our lives.

ST MARY'S



- Teens&Twenties
- Praise+Singing&Dancin'
- Food!

📍 St Mary's Episcopal Church

*If you play...
Bring along your
instrument*



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St Leonard's Sunday at 10am

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Please note that Monday is our Rector's day off

Beacon of Hope

Monday Mornings 10-12 Noon
St Leonard's Dobbies Rd



**BONNYRIGG &
LASSWADE
LOCAL HISTORY
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**WEDNESDAY
18TH OCTOBER**

**2023
7:30PM**

**MEMBERS'
NIGHT**

“BRING SOMETHING OLD!”

All welcome at
THE PITCAIRN CENTRE, HIGH STREET, BONNYRIGG.

www.bonnyrigglasswadelocalhistory.org

St Andrew's Night Ceilidh

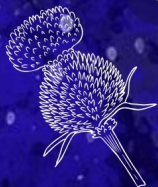
with
Bon Accord Ceilidh Band



Friday 17th November 7pm
Bonnyrigg Roses Club

Tickets £15 per adult, under 12 £10
(includes food)

available from
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