

# Connect

Weekly Worship and News from St Leonard's and St Mary's

**Sunday 10th March - Mothering Sunday**

Welcome to St Mary's & St Leonard's



*Mothering  
Sunday*

# Calendar of Events

The following dates are for your diary. Some still need to be confirmed.

If a sign up sheet is put out please sign up and let us know your intention to attend as soon as possible. It stops events being cancelled because we think there is no interest! Also some events may have a maximum capacity.

## April

12th April - Film night, St Leonard's Hall, 7.30pm

*The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry*

26th April - Church Meal, Coronation Inn, 7pm

menu to follow, £10 per person deposit required.

## May

17th May - Men's Night - Tiger Lotus, Dalkeith - 7pm

Bluebell Walk - to be confirmed

Quiz - to be confirmed

## June

1st June - Summer Fair & BBQ, St Mary's 10am-2pm

Ladies Afternoon tea - details to be confirmed

## July

28th July - Strawberry Tea - details to be confirmed.

## August/September

Quiz - details to be confirmed.

## October

5th October - Harvest Supper with entertainment - St Leonard's

## November

15th November - Scots/Ukrainian Evening - St Leonard's, 7pm

## December

7th December - Christmas Fair - St Mary's, 10am-2pm

## Opening Responses

The Lord be with you  
And also with you

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Hymn      **WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS,**

All our sins and grief to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit!  
O what needless pain we bear!  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## Prayer of Confession

God is love and we are his children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith

**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**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness*

God who is both power and love,  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

## Reading of Scripture **Philippians 4 : 4-13**

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.

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the

circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

**Hymn**      **FAITHFUL ONE**, so unchanging,  
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.  
Lord of all, I depend on You,  
I call out to You, again and again.  
I call out to You, again and again.  
You are my rock in times of trouble.  
You lift me up when I fall down.  
All through the storm  
Your love is the anchor,  
My hope is in You alone.

**The Gospel**      **Matthew 28 16-20**

Hear the Good News of our Lord according to Matthew  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

After the resurrection of Jesus the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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

**Sermon**

## Prayers of Intercession for today

**Peace** As we come to the table of our Lord  
we meet in Christ's name  
**Let us share his peace**

**Hymn** **THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.**  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

## Offertory Prayer

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.**

## Eucharistic 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 him thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you  
maker of heaven and earth  
your wisdom draws beauty out of chaos  
and brings a harvest out of sorrow  
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son,  
enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven  
and strangers made welcome.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,  
sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory.

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.  
Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf of our sins had made.  
Through the dark struggle  
death was swallowed up in victory  
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
your Chosen One, freely offered his life as an atonement for our sins.

At Supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup, he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying: 'Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters  
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.



## **Breaking of the 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 taught us so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as 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.**

*All are welcome to come forward and receive communion  
Or a blessing at this time*

## **Prayer after communion**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious  
**And his mercy endures for ever**  
**God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing.**

## The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## Hymn      **GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER**

Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and ever more,  
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

## The Dismissal

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

**Please do join with us for a time of fellowship and refreshment  
at the close of the service**



## Getting ready for our Easter Celebrations

Mops, brushes and dusters to the ready as we look forward to the joys and new life of Easter

### St Leonard's Spring Clean

is on Friday 15th March from 2-4pm  
and on Saturday 16th March from 10am

### St Mary's Spring Clean

is on Saturday 23rd March from 10am



### St Leonard's Gardening Day

Saturday 23rd March 10am  
come along and join in with the tidy up  
of our church grounds at St Leonard's



## South Africa Mission Trip

### Sponsor a suitcase of donations

As Grace gets ready to head off to the Khaya Centre in South Africa it was suggested that we could help bless the Khaya centre by sponsoring a suitcase of donations.

We are looking to fill at least one suitcase with Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Sanitary goods, toothpaste & brushes, children's shoes, socks, gloves and hats. In addition to these we want to also provide some art material like pens, pencils, crayons and colouring in books as well as children's story books.

Please bring your donations to church by Palm Sunday 24th March so we can pack the case and send Grace off to SA with a case full of blessings. Thank you all for your generosity



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# MUSIC OF MOURNING AND MAJESTY

FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

INCLUDING PALESTRINA'S *STABAT MATER*  
AND MUSIC BY VICTORIA, TAVERNER  
AND RAPHAELLA ALEOTTI

5.00 P.M.  
SATURDAY 16 MARCH, 2024  
ST NICHOLAS BUCCLEUCH  
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**St Mary's Sunday 10am**

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday