

# Connect

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

**Sunday 17th March - The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Welcome to St Mary's & St Leonard's

ALL SHALL BE WELL, AND ALL  
SHALL BE WELL, AND ALL MANNER  
OF THING SHALL BE WELL...FOR  
THERE IS A FORCE OF LOVE  
MOVING THROUGH THE UNIVERSE  
THAT HOLDS US FAST AND WILL  
NEVER LET US GO.

JULIAN OF NORWICH

# 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

## Social Events Sign up

Our new social events calendar for the coming months is beginning to take shape and we thank the Social Committee for organising these events and look forward to the various activities being organised.

Our social events are an opportunity for us to deepen our friendship and support for one another but can also be an opportunity to invite friends and family members along to an informal church event as away of introducing them to the wider family of the church. So do consider inviting someone along if you feel they would enjoy the event.

To help the Social Committee with their planning please do sign up as soon as possible when the Sign Up Sheets become available at the back of church or contact the Church Office to indicate your desire to attend. Thank You.

## 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      **SING TO GOD NEW SONGS of worship:**

All His deeds are marvellous;  
He has brought salvation to us  
With His hand and holy arm:  
He has shown to all the nations  
Righteousness and saving power;  
He recalled His truth and mercy  
To His people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship:  
Earth has seen His victory;  
Let the lands of earth be joyful  
Praising Him with thankfulness:  
Sound upon the harp His praises,  
Play to Him with melody;  
Let the trumpets sound His triumph,  
Show your joy to God the King!

Sing to God new songs of worship:  
Let the sea now make a noise;  
All on earth and in the waters  
Sound your praises to the Lord:  
Let the hills be joyful together,  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
For with righteousness and justice  
He will come to judge the earth.

## Prayer of Confession

*Let us sit or kneel as we turn to our time of confession and absolution.*

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**

*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. Amen

## Reading of Scripture 2 Corinthians 5 v17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled  
us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:  
that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting  
people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message  
of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making  
his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf:

Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Hymn

**FATHER GOD, I WONDER how I managed to exist**

Without the knowledge of Your parenthood  
and Your loving care.

But now I am Your child, I am adopted in Your family,  
And I can never be alone for Father God, You're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises, forever more.

I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises, forever more.

## The Gospel

Hear the Good News of our Lord according to John 3 v1-21

### Glory to Christ our Saviour

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven, the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## Sermon

### Prayers of Intercession for today

**Peace** We have been reconciled to God to live as ambassadors of peace  
we meet in Christ's name

**Let us share his peace**

**Hymn** **BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,**  
Slain for us, - and we remember the promise made  
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,  
torn for you, - eat and remember; the wounds that heal,  
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you — drink and remember, He drained death's cup  
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond  
and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

### 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**  
**Almighty God help us by the gift of the Holy Spirit to be  
ambassadors of Christ, living and working to your praise and  
glory in the new creation now and that what is yet to come.  
Amen**

## **The Blessing**

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for  
faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen**

## Hymn

### **AND CAN IT BE that I should gain**

An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

## 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 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



## Lent Books 2024 - The Gift of Christ

A gentle reminder that payment is now due if you have been using one of our Lent Course Booklets. They are £6 per Book. Thank You.

# JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK WITH US



## Dalkeith Churches

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Ecumenical Evening of Praise at St John's 7pm
<b>Maundy Thu</b>	Celebration of the Last Supper at St Mary's 7pm
<b>Good Friday</b>	Walk Witness 10am leaving from St Mary's Evening Stations of Cross 7pm St David's
<b>Easter Day</b>	Early Morning Kings Park 7.30pm

## Lasswade & Bonnyrigg Churches

Morning Prayer in the Pitcairn Centre at 8am from Mon-Fri of Holy Week

<b>Monday</b>	Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's 7.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	A service of reflection Rosewell Parish 7pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	A service of reflection Lasswade Parish 7pm
<b>Maundy Thu</b>	<b><i>Celebration of the Last Supper St Leonard's 7pm</i></b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	Afternoon Witness at Bonnyrigg Cross 3pm
<b>Good Friday Eve</b>	Cockpen Choir and Organ recital 7pm
<b>Easter</b>	Early Morning Event at King George Park TBC



**St Leonard's Sunday 10am**

[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)

**St Mary's Sunday 10am**

[stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday