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The Scottish Episcopal Churches of
St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 12th May - Celebrating the Ascension



'why do you stand here looking into the sky?
This same Jesus, who has been taken
from you into heaven, will come back!



Ladies Afternoon Tea

Join with us for a scrumptious afternoon tea with the ladies of the congregation on Saturday 22nd June in the delightful setting of Melville Castle

Cost is £25 per person
sign up sheet available from today



Dalkeith Churches Together News

At a recent meeting of the lead ministers from the Dalkeith Churches we agreed that we would once again offer a free BBQ to the people of the town. It was our hope to run this mid June but due to a clash of events in Kings Park we will now be planning to hold the Dalkeith Churches BBQ on 30th & 31st of August.

Please put the date in your diary, pray for the event and consider how you might take part in this years BBQ.



Christian Aid Week 2024 12-18 May.

Sometimes the simplest things can make a world of difference: every year, people all around the UK come up with all kinds of fundraising activities to support Christian Aid – from coffee mornings to talent shows and cycling tours to sponsored treks. The appeal gives us seven days and so many ways to make a difference to people in the most vulnerable countries around the world. Our global neighbours are also amazing, in so many ways, at transforming their lives.

The best and most direct route to giving to this year campaign is through the Christian Aid Website:

www.christianaid.org.uk

Thank you for your donation

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Opening Prayer

**Creator God who formed humanity from the dust,
breathe in me again. Revive us and sanctify us
by the power of your Spirit.**

**Set our hearts on fire with the good news of the your gospel
that we might honour you and sing your praise.**

Hymn **ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!**

Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol Him in whose path ye trod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

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.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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.**

Collect of the day

We pray together

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in
the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole
of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Reading from Acts 1: 1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem,

but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Hymn **TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things He hath done!**

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Gospel Luke 24: 44-53

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

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

Sermon

Intercessions

*Prayer is offered for the world and its people,
for those who suffer and those in need,
for the church and its members.*

Peace

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

Hymn

I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left the realms of glory
For the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray;
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way
Days of darkness still may meet me;
Sorrow's paths I oft may tread,
But his presence still is with me,
By His guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet,
Then He'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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, Father, in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;

you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours

are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth

in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose

we 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 the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time,

both source and final purpose,

bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.

By your power you raised him from the dead.

He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free

to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

*Everyone is welcomed at our table to receive the Bread and Wine
of communion reminding us of God's love and welcome to us.*

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.

**Risen and ascended Lord, help us to live this day to the full, being true to you in every part of our lives. Lord, help us to give of ourselves sharing your love and good news with those we meet. Holy Spirit living breath of God breath in us throughout this week that we may be drawn closer to you and proclaim Christ in all we do and say.
Amen**

Blessing

Christ our risen and ascended king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn **CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, ever reigning,**
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:

Suffering Servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned forever
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon You gazing,
This shall be our song:

Dismissal

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH,
DALKEITH COUNTRY PARK

SUMMER FAIR & BBQ

SATURDAY

1st June 10am-2pm

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN INCLUDING
HOMEBAKING, TOMBOLA, CRAFT STALLS,
PLANTS, REFRESHMENTS,
114 KEY FAIRGROUND ORGAN
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday