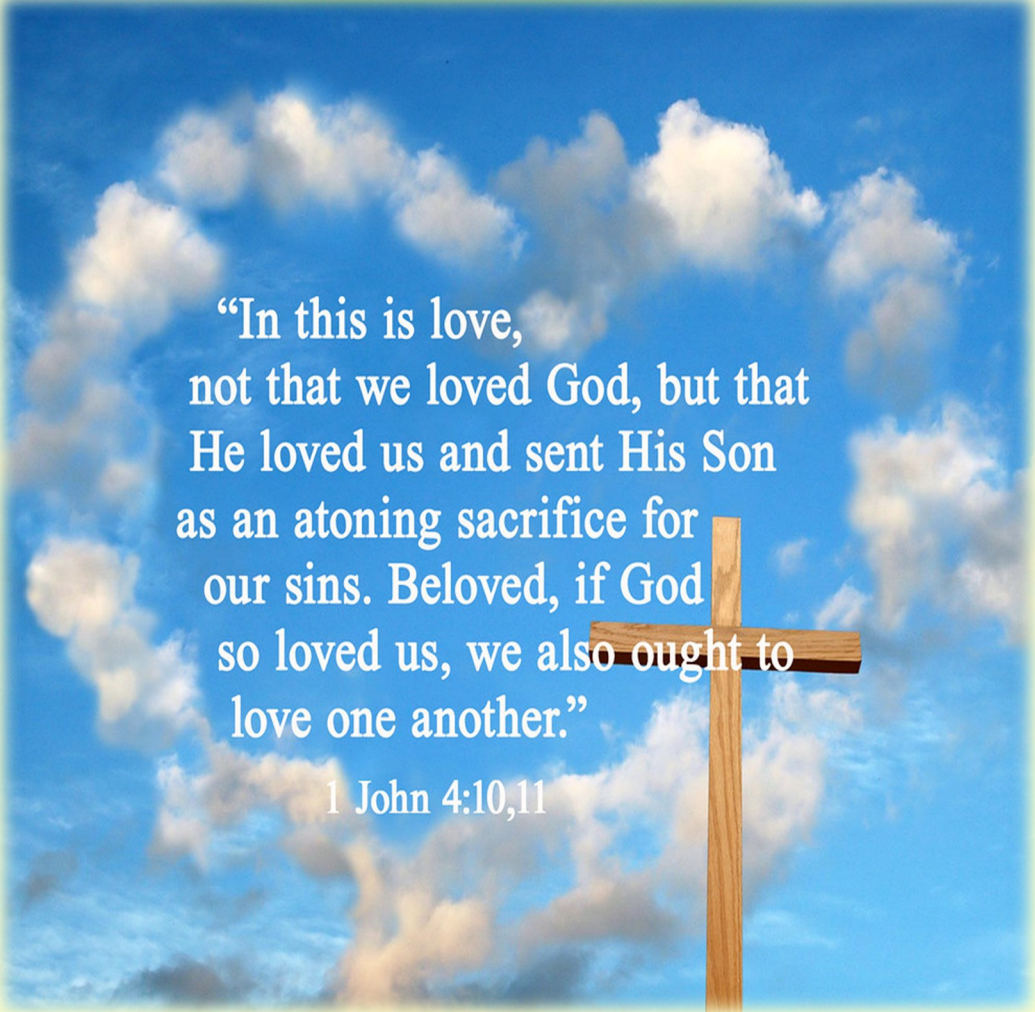


# Connect

*St Mary's*  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
28th April 24



“In this is love,  
not that we loved God, but that  
He loved us and sent His Son  
as an atoning sacrifice for  
our sins. Beloved, if God  
so loved us, we also ought to  
love one another.”

1 John 4:10,11

## The Easter acclamation

I am the vine. you are the branches, says the Lord;  
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Hymn **WE SING THE PRAISE OF HIM WHO DIED,**

Of him who died upon the cross;  
The sinner's hope let men deride,  
For this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see  
In shining letters, 'God is love';  
He bears our sins upon the tree;  
He brings us mercy from above.

The cross! It takes our guilt away:  
It holds the fainting spirit up;  
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,  
And sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,  
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
It takes its terror from the grave,  
And gilds the bed of death with light:

The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below,  
The angels' theme in heaven above.

## Confession & Absolution

God's has saved us and redeemed us, and calls us into a new and living relationship with Christ His Son.

Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence and with faith:

**Risen Lord Jesus we confess that we have sinned  
and not loved, as you would have us love.**

**Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins, and deliver us from  
evil, that we may walk humbly with you our Lord and Saviour.**

God who has raised Christ from the dead,  
Forgives us and frees us from our sin,  
Heal and restore us by the Holy Spirit,  
and raises us in to new life with Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Kyrie**      **KYRIE ELEISON, KYRIE ELEISON, KYRIE ELEISON.**  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie elieson.

### **The Collect**

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ  
is the way, the truth, and the life.  
Give us grace to love one another  
and walk in the way of his commandments,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**Gloria**      **GLORIA, GLORIA, IN EXCELSIS DEO**  
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

### **Reading from    1 John 4:7-16**

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.

All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

**Hymn      YOU ARE THE VINE WE ARE THE BRANCHES**

Keep us abiding in You  
You are the Vine we are the branches  
Keep us abiding in You

Then we'll grow in Your love  
And we will go in Your Name  
That the world will surely know  
That You have power to heal and to save

You are the Vine we are the branches  
Keep us abiding in You

**The Gospel John 15: 1-8**

Alleluia, hear the Good News of our risen saviour  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour, hallelujah**

"I am the vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel*  
***We give praise to Christ our Lord.***

## Sermon

### Song **UBI CARITAS ET AMOR**

Ubi caritas Deus ibi est

## Prayers of Intercessions

### The Peace

As the risen Lord stood amongst his disciples  
he shared his peace with them and said, "Peace be with you."

May the peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**Hymn THIS IS MY BODY, BROKEN FOR YOU,**  
bringing you wholeness, making you free.  
Take it and eat it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,  
bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.  
Do not forget me; then you will see.  
I am still with you, and you will know  
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches; I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,  
and I have shown you how to be free;  
serve one another, and when you do,  
do it in love for me

## 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, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope, He lives in us that we may walk in light.

**Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.**

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, 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**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory.

**In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for evermore.**

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishers on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence, and of new birth in the Spirit

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the great Passover feast our Lord took bread and gave 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, they may be to us the body and blood of your redeeming love, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love 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 the Bread**

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

## Lord's Prayer

As Christ 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## Communion Song

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace**

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## Distribution of Communion

*Everyone is invited to 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**

**Father of all, strengthen our faith, that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other; through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, Amen**

## Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,



that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**Hymn      GOD IS LOVE, LET HEAV'N ADORE HIM;**

God is Love, let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him  
And exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heav'ns above,  
God who breathes through all creation:  
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us,  
All the world in one embrace:  
With unfailing grasp God hold us,  
Ev'ry child of ev'ry race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then we find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts all human life,  
God's eternal loving kindness  
Guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.

**Dismissal**

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



## Coffee at Mary's

## & Summer Time Swap Shop

**Saturday 4th may 10.30am to 12noon**

This months theme helps us get ready for the summer so bring along Summer items such as Sun Hats, Beach Bags, Sunglasses, Picnic Ware, Summer Cushions or clothes, BBQ utensils, buckets and spades or even some Summer Reading material.

**Come and join us for a cuppa and chat - Everybody's Welcome**

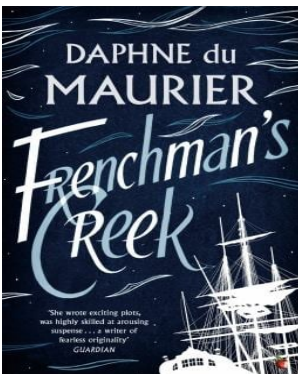
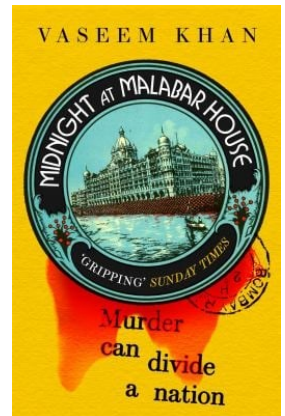
## THE LINK BOOK CLUB

MIDNIGHT AT MALABAR HOUSE By Vaseem Khan

A brash young female detective is sent to investigate the murder of a prominent English diplomat a few years following Partition. The writing presents vivid scenes of India at that time and especially paints a picture of the horrendous effects of colonialism and the three million deaths as a result of incompetent handling of the political and religious divisions.

The plot is convoluted and the ending foxed most of us.

The detective character was unpleasant, impatient, rude, unsympathetic and headstrong - but she was persistent in her pursuit of the truth in the face of a false confession.



Our next read is Frenchman's Creek

by Daphne Du Maurier

and we meet to discuss on Friday May 24th

at St Mary's 7.30pm

Vicki Clark



# Bluebell Walk

Dalkeith Country Park  
Friday 10th May 10am from St Mary's  
followed by Coffee and Cake  
in the Restoration Yard

Enjoy a walk with us as we walk through the Bluebell carpeted woods of Dalkeith Country Park. We gather at St Mary's and plan to walk for about an hour before heading towards the Restoration Yard. There we invite you to join with us for a Coffee. Please sign up to let us know your coming

## Helping our Friends and Ukrainian Families

We give thanks to everyone who has helped support our Ukrainian Families over the past couple of years. The Raichev family were our first family group that we sponsored and helped settle here in Scotland and they have appreciated all that we have done for them.

Initially they stayed with Vicki Clark and then with our support were able to move into a small Flat in Dalkeith. The flat in the heart of Dalkeith enabled the family to feel secure and helped the children settle into their new community especially as King's Park Primary was on their doorstep. Now as a family they are about to move from the flat into a house allowing each of the children to have their own room and to have the enjoyment of a garden.

To aid this move the family have requested our help as they are on the look out for some second hand household items that will help them feel more at home in their new house. So we are on the look out for:

Double Bed Frame or Divan Base (they have a mattress)

Folding Table and Chairs

Office Chair or chair for Desk

Wardrobes (3)

Microwave, Kettle , and bathroom mirror.

On a separate note we would also be interested to hear from anyone who may have a Washing Machine in good working order to help out a request that we have had to support a friend of the church.



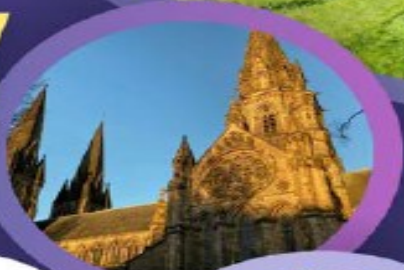
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# THE BIG DAY

*Let Us Pray!*



**SATURDAY  
11 MAY  
10:30-3:30**



Worship and Song



Prayer Workshops



Individual Prayer Stations



[edinburgh.anglican.org](http://edinburgh.anglican.org)



St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh



**St Leonard's Sunday 10am**

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

**St Mary's Sunday 10am**

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday