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The Scottish Episcopal Churches of
St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 9th June 2024

WHOEVER
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God's
WILL IS
MY BROTHER
AND
Sister & mother

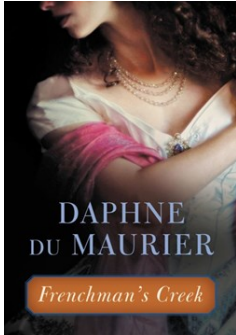
MARK 3:35 (NIV)

Mid Week Worship

Wednesday's 10am at St Leonard's

Join us at St Leonard's 10am on a Wednesday morning for Worship and a time of fellowship as we meet informally around the Eucharist. The service will also be lived streamed to our Facebook Page.

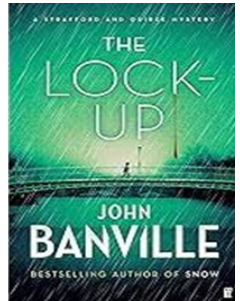
The Book Club



Our latest venture was Frenchman's Creek by Daphne Du Maurier, set in Cornwall, where most of her books are. This was an account of two bored aristocrats who came together to have a swashbuckling adventure on the high seas. Lady Dona St Columb desperate to escape her humdrum life in 17th Century London decamps down to her country estate Navron House near Helston. The other character Jean-Benoit Aubrey from Brittany has become a pirate / privateer to enliven his own humdrum life.

We all enjoyed reading this novel. However, one of our number described it as an upmarket "Mills & Boon" bodice ripper! I must admit it did remind me of those films starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland.

We invite you to join with us at St Mary's on Fri 23rd August at 7.30pm when we shall discuss our next book The Lock-Up by John Banville.



Watoto African Children's Choir

**Thursday 4th July at 7pm
in Dalkeith Baptist Church**

You are invited to come and hear the Watoto Children's Choir as they sing and share their stories of restoration and hope. This is a free concert although donations will be collected on the evening to help offset the costs of the tour. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of praise.

Welcome

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

Collect for Purity

**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.**

**Hymn JESUS IS LORD! Creation's voice proclaims it,
For by His power each tree and flower
Was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,
Sun, moon and stars in heaven
Cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'**

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
In flesh He came to die in pain
On Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
Yet gave His life a ransom
Thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death He rose, and all His foes
Shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord! God sent His Holy Spirit
To show by works of power
That Jesus is Lord.

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.
Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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

**Lord God, you have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

For our small and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent that we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Hymn

KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,

God of Heaven living in me,
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end.
All within me falls at Your throne,
Your Majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve.
I live to serve Your Majesty.

Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne.
All within me cries out in praise!
Your Majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve.
I live to serve Your Majesty.

Gospel Mark 3.20 –35

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

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'

The teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.'

So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: 'How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.

In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.'

He said this because they were saying, 'He has an impure spirit.'

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.'

'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'

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 name
Let us share His's peace.

Hymn **HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,**
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

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.

**Lord God, by your Holy Spirit help us to confess that Jesus is our Lord
and saviour and to serve you faithfully in the world. We ask this in the
name of Christ the Lord.**

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

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!

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

KHAYA 'HOME'

15th of June
2-4pm

Khaya 2024
feedback!

Refreshments
and Cake!

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Episcopal Church



With thanks to everyone who helped make Grace's trip to South Africa a success she invites you to an afternoon of Tea and Cake where she will give a short presentation about her visit to Khaya and share some of her stories. There will also be an opportunity to donate to the ongoing work of the Khaya Centre as it seeks to change the lives of children and Young People.



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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday