

# CAFE connect

The Scottish Episcopal Churches of  
**St Mary's**  
Sunday 29th September 2024



# Celebrating Harvest

**Sunday 6th October at both churches.**

Donations of Tinned or Dried foods will be most welcome and will be donated to our local Storehouse Foodbank. The following popular items are often requested.



Pot noodles, Tins of ravioli, Tins of Soup, Cup a soups, Tins of macaroni cheese, Tubs of hot chocolate (add water type) Bags of sugar, Laundry liquid, washing up liquid, Multi pack kit Kats or other biscuits, Multi packs of crisps. Financial donations are also welcome.



## HARVEST SUPPER

Join with us on Saturday 5th October at 7pm for this year's bring & share Harvest Supper. Please use the Sign up Sheet at the Welcome Desk and let us know whether you are able to bring a savoury or sweet dish.

## Coffee at Mary's

Join with us on the first Saturday of the month for Coffee & Chat at St Mary's 10.30am to 12 Noon. All Welcome

**SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER**



## Swap Shop



The Shop Swap runs alongside Coffee at Mary's. This month's theme is, "Pets and things to keep us warm". So if you have items for your pets or items that will help keep us warm please consider bringing them along to offer or if in need to take away.

## Pet Blessing Service

**Sunday 6th October  
3pm at St Mary's**

All pets and well behaved owners welcome



# Café Church Worship for the Season of Creation: The 4 Elements of Nature

## The Gathering

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer  
**Amen.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**the Lord's name is to be praised.**

**HYMN: SING FOR GOD'S GLORY** (tune: 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King')

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation.  
Racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;  
Sun of delight, succeeds the velvet of night,  
Warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,  
Searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,  
Touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,  
Reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,  
Tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;  
Lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,  
Offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,  
Who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;  
In them we see the new creation to be,  
Spirit of love made flesh for us.

## Confession and absolution

God's whole creation groans and longs to be set free.  
Our sin affects all around us.  
So, we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Creator God,  
we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you.  
We have broken our relationships with one another,  
and abused your fragile creation.  
Father, forgive us, for we are sorry.  
Lead us from apathy to love.  
Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people  
and of your glorious creation,  
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us.  
**Amen**

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ  
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed:  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Peruvian Gloria**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father**

To him be glory for ever  
**To him be glory for ever**  
Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen  
**Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father  
**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit**

## **GOSPEL READING:**

Matthew 13: 1-9 The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Whoever has ears, let them hear."

### **Table Activity 1:**

#### **Our environmental concerns and worries for the world around us**

Let's talk about it...

How is climate change showing itself regarding your particular element?

Let's pray about it...

Write a prayer together, for all the concerns you expressed.

## **READING:** Extract from the Canticle of Creation by St Francis of Assisi

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,  
to you be praise, glory, honour and all blessing.  
Only to you, Most High, do they belong,  
and no one is worthy to call upon your name.  
May you be praised, My Lord, with all your creatures,  
especially Sir brother sun,  
through whom you lighten the day for us.  
He is beautiful and radiant with great splendour.

He signifies you, O Most High.  
Be praised, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars,  
clear and precious and lovely they are formed in heaven.  
Be praised, my Lord, for brother fire,  
by whom the night is illumined for us,  
he is beautiful and cheerful, full of power and strength.  
Be praised my Lord for our sister, mother earth,  
who sustains and governs us and produces diverse fruits  
and coloured flowers and grass.  
Be praised, my Lord, by all who forgive for love of you  
and who bear weakness and tribulation.  
Blessed are those who bear them in peace;  
for by you most high they will be crowned.  
Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks  
and serve him with great humility.

## **Table Activity 2: Praising God for His goodness to us**

Let's talk about it...

The beauty of nature and all that God provides for us

Let's pray about it...

Write a prayer together, praising and thanking God.

## **HYMN: I WATCH THE SUNRISE**

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky, casting its shadows near.  
And on this morning bright though it be, I feel those shadows near me.  
But you are always close to me following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you, following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,  
Warming the earth below.  
And at the mid-day, life seems to say: I feel your brightness near me.  
For you are always close to me following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you, following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunset fading away, lighting the clouds with sleep.  
And as the evening closes its eyes, only your peace is near me.  
Yes, you are always close to me following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you, following all your ways, Lord.

## Intercessions

*The Lord's Prayer (from the New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by all the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
Sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
Now and for ever, Amen.

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,  
Creator of all things visible and invisible,  
Source of life and immortality,  
Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars,  
the earth, the sea and all that is in them,  
in every place and at all times.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh,  
took our human form, lived among us,  
and, through dying on the cross,  
overcame sin and death,  
that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit  
Who first moved over the waters,  
you renew your creation, call us to new birth,  
in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,  
with all your creatures throughout space and time  
we offer you our praise, together 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,  
God our creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

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 the Spirit's 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.**

## **Distribution**

All are welcome to receive as  
Bread and Wine is served around the tables

## Prayer

God, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. Amen.

## Blessing

As the sun in its shining, brings glory  
As the stars in the night scatter the dark  
As the moon gives us hope in its radiance  
So may the light of God fill your heart and your mind and your life....  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY

You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills  
Shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy,  
And the trees of the field  
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
And you'll go out with joy.

## Dismissal

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

*you are welcome to stay and enjoy a time of fellowship together.*

# SHOE BOX APPEAL



By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas



**Bring a message of hope** to those in need this Christmas by filling a shoebox.

Shoe box kits can be found at the welcome desk for you to build then fill with appropriate items as per the leaflet. Filled wrapped Shoeboxes should be returned to the church by the end of October. Do remember to keep the box lid openable so that contents can be checked before shipping.

On Monday 30th Sept, 7th & 14th October there will be an opportunity to join with us at St Leonard's Church from 10am to help wrap and fill some of the boxes.

[www.shooboxappeal.org](http://www.shooboxappeal.org)

## Annual General Meetings

Our Annual Meetings will take place on the following days after the Sunday Service

**St Leonard's Sunday 24th November**  
**St Mary's Sunday 1st December**

Reports for the AGM Booklet should be submitted by November 3rd.



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# Christmas

# LUNCH

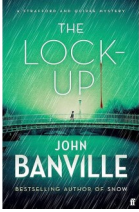
**Sunday 15th December**

## Christmas Lunch

Peter and Fiona warmly invite you to join with them for a Christmas Lunch Celebration on Sunday 15th Dec 12.30 for 1pm at the Kings Acre Golf Club.

Sign up today at the Welcome desk and pick up a Menu to order your choices for the lunch.

# Link Book Group

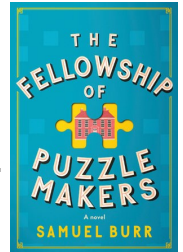


Our last venture was a crime novel set in Ireland in the early 1950's "The Lock-up" by John Banville. The body of a young woman is found in a lock-up garage (hence the title) an apparent suicide. However, pathologist Dr Quirke and Detective Inspector Strafford soon suspect foul play. The victim's sister, a newspaper reporter from London, returns to Dublin to join the two men in their quest to uncover the truth. With relations between the two men increasingly strained, and their investigation taking them back to the final days of the Second World War, can they join the pieces of a hidden puzzle?

We found reading this novel as much of a study of two troubled men as it was a cunning murder mystery. This is the third in a series of Strafford and Quirke novels and I found it best to have read the other two beforehand. (No1 "Snow" which introduced DI Strafford and No2 "April in Spain" which features Dr Quirke.). We all enjoyed the book with the usual mix of "red herrings" and plot twists.

"The Fellowship of Puzzle Makers" by Samuel Burr. is our next book and we meet at St Mary's on Fri 25th Oct 7.30pm.

All are welcome to join us, perhaps for just a taster session whether you have read the book or not. yours J.F



## STOP PRESS - PLEASE NOTE

*There will be no Digital Connect Meetings until Tuesday 15th October*



**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