

connect

The Scottish Episcopal Churches of
St Mary's

Sunday 22nd September 2024

anyone who welcomes a

LITTLE
CHILD

like this on my behalf

WELCOMES ME,

and anyone who welcomes me

WELCOMES **NOT ONLY
ME**

but also

my Father who sent me

MARK 9:37 NLT





September Messy Church

Saturday 28th Sept 4-6pm

Come and join us for a variety of crafts and activities as we explore this months theme

"So what is God like?"

We will then have some songs and story followed by a meal together.

All provided free of charge - donations are welcome

Celebrating Harvest

Harvest Celebrations this year shall take place on **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 Storehouse list of popular items includes the following

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 years bring & share Harvest Supper.

Please use the Sign up Sheet at the Welcome Desk and let us know whether you are able to bringing a savoury or sweet dish.



Pet Blessing Service

Sunday 6th October

3pm at St Mary's

All pets and well behaved owners welcome

Welcome

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

Praise the Lord O my Soul

Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord their God

Hymn **THOU, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD** chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight; Hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring, on Thy redeeming wing,
healing and sight; health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind, O now to all mankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth Thy flight; move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Blessèd and holy Three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide
Let there be light!

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,
he heals and strengthens us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Collect for the day

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 James 3 v13 to chpt4.v3, and 4 v7-8

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Hymn

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL

and all can safely live
A place where Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.

Gospel

Mark 9 v30-37

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

Jesus and his disciples left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet

because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Hymn **HALLELUJAH, MY FATHER, for giving us Your Son;**
Sending Him into the world, to be given up for men.
Knowing we would bruise Him and smite Him from the earth.
Hallelujah, my Father, in His death is my birth;
Hallelujah, my Father, in His life is my life.

Intercessions

Peace

We meet in Christ name
Let us share His peace.

Hymn **O LORD, ALL THE WORLD BELONGS TO YOU**
and You are always making all things new.
What is wrong, You forgive, and the new life You give
is what's turning the world upside down.

The world's only loving to its friends,
but Your way of loving never ends,
loving enemies too; and this loving with You
is what's turning the world upside down.

The world lives divided and apart,
You draw men together, and we start
in your body to see that in fellowship we
can be turning the world upside down.

The world wants the wealth to live in state,
but You show a new way to be great:
like a servant You came, and if we do the same,
we'll be turning the world upside down.

O Lord, all the world belongs to You
and You are always making all things new.
Send your Spirit on all in your Church whom you call
to be turning the world upside down.

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 for the Season of Creation

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,
by your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.
you divided light from darkness and caused all life to come into being.

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 creation might be restored in him.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
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.
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.
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.**

Breaking of Bread

**Look, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world.
And the wine of heaven is poured out for the healing of the nations.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Lord's Prayer

**As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and 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

All are welcome to come and receive bread and wine or a blessing.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

**Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.
May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of his Creation, to be people of faith, hope and love and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn

O LORD MY GOD! when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Dismissal

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

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 with little gifts of love.

Shoe box kits can be found at the welcome desk for you to take away and 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.

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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

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.

A sign up sheet and menu choices will be available soon.

Upcoming EVENTS

October

Saturday 5th October - Harvest Supper 7pm
with entertainment at St Leonard's

Sunday 6th October Harvest Celebrations 10am
Pet Blessing Service 3pm at St Mary's

November

Sunday 3rd November Memorial Service
a service to remember those we love but see no longer 4pm at St Leonard's

Friday 15th November - Scots/Ukrainian Evening
come and enjoy a night with our Ukrainian friends
at St Leonard's, 7pm

December

Saturday 7th December - Christmas Fair
at St Mary's, 10am-2pm

Sunday 15th December Christmas Lunch
at Kings Acre Golf Club 12.30pm for 1pm.



St Leonard's Sunday 10am

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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday