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The Scottish Episcopal Churches of
St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 6th October 2024

Harvest Festival

THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,
"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL
BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW.
ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST,
THEREFORE, TO SEND OUT WORKERS
INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD."

MATTHEW 9:37-38



Welcome

The Lord be with you
and also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad in it

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Let us bless the Lord and sing his praise

Come to him with joyful songs.
For the Lord our God is good;

His love goes on for ever and ever
His faithful love never fails.

Hymn **COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,**

Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our needs to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.

Prayer of Penitence

Lord, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully. Lord in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but often ignore the cry of the poor and hungry. Lord, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are often thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world and its people. Lord, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

Absolution

God who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we might be fruitful
in the work of your kingdom
Amen

A Harvest Prayer

**Creator of the fruitful earth, who made us stewards of your creation.
Give us grateful hearts, and help us to bless those in need
as we remember how blessed we are this day.
Amen**

A Reading from Scripture - Philippians 4 v4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Hymn

WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

The good seed on the land,

But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;

He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,

The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
for all His love.*

He only is the Maker of all things near and far;

He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star;

He fills the earth with beauty, by Him the birds are fed;

Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good;

The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.

Accept the gifts we offer, for all thy love imparts,

and what thou most desires, our humble, thankful hearts.

The Gospel Reading John 6 v25-35

When the Gospel is announced we say together
Glory to Christ our Saviour

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"

Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

Sermon

Prayers of Intercessions

The Peace

We meet in Christ name for He is the Lord of the Harvest
Let us share his peace

Hymn **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O GOD MY FATHER,**
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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.

You made us, all the people of the world
and everything that is.

You bless us with a fruitful creation
and give us the seasons of life,
from Springtime to Harvest,

We praise you, O Lord our God.

As our world changes from
one season to another
through the great cycle of
Springtime and Summer,
Autumn and Winter.

We praise you, O Lord our God

As citizens of your kingdom,
we join our praise with all of creation
and the heavenly realm
singing the song 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.**

Father you never forget us
or turn away from us
even when we fail you.
You sent your Son Jesus
who gave his life for us.
He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks.

We praise you, O Lord our God

And we remember that on the night before Jesus died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
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 praise you, O Lord our God and declare that Jesus died
and rose again to live now in us.**

Lord of the Harvest, send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and this wine;
that they may be the redeeming symbols of your sacrificial love.
Amen.

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

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.**

Distribution of communion

*As a church community believing in the love of God
we declare that all are welcome at the Lord's table
please feel free to come and receive
the symbols of God's love for you.*

Prayer after communion

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

**God of the harvest,
nourished by your love
may we continue to grow and bear fruit of the Spirit
and be blessing to all in our community,
in the name of 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: **WE SEEK YOUR KINGDOM THROUGHOUT EVERY SPHERE**

We long for heaven's demonstration here
Jesus your light shine bright for all to see
Transform, revive, and heal society

Before all things, in him were all things made
Inspiring culture, media, and trade
May all our work serve your economy
Transform, revive, and heal society

Peace, truth, and justice reigning everywhere
With us be present in our public square
Fill all who lead with your integrity
Transform, revive, and heal society

Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page
Make us again what we were made to be
Transform, revive, and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be
Selfless in service, loving constantly
In everything may your authority
Transform, revive, and heal society

Dismissal

The harvest has been gathered in;
go now 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.

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

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.

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



Scots/Ukrainian Concert

Friday 15th November
7pm

Doors open @6.30pm

St Leonard's Church
Dobbie's Rd

Tickets (include refreshments at the interval)

Adult £10

Child £5



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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday