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Weekly Worship and News from St Leonard's and St Mary's



First Sunday of Lent
Sunday 9th March 2025

Call to Worship

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

Jesus told his disciples,
'If any of you would come after me you must deny yourself and take up
your cross and follow me.'
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit:
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**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. Amen.**

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 alleluias, 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 sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

Confession & Absolution *please sit or kneel*

God is love and we are his children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because he loved us first.

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, forgives us and frees us from our sins. He heals and strengthens us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading: Jeremiah 29:4–9

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the Lord.

Hymn **GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT**, As year succeeds to year;
God is working His purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,

When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

From utmost East to utmost West, wherever souls have trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God;
Give ear to Me, ye continents, Ye isles, give ear to Me,

What can we do to help God's work to prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind the reign of the prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,

March we forth in the strength of God
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world:
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,

All we can do is nothing worth, unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16–20

Hear the gospel of our Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Intercessions for today

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Let us share his peace

Hymn **WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS**

On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Offertory Prayer

Let us present our offerings to the Lord
God of love and giver of all good things,
we give you thanks and praise
for all that you have given us
accept the gifts we offer and use them
for the glory of your name. 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 him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you,
maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son

enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven
and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters
in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power
follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience,
now 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 Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf of our sins had made.

Through the dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the Firstborn, freely offering his life.

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.**

Breaking of Bread

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

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us how to 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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

Invitation to come and receive

All are welcome to come and receive communion or a blessing at this time

Thanksgiving and sending out

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

And his mercy endures for ever.

Faithful God, increase our faith, hope and love.

Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life.

We ask this in his name. Amen

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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 OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE,**

our present help in trouble,
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her-
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence-
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
uplift him in the nations-
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!

Dismissal

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

*Do gather with us for fellowship and refreshments
served after the service*

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025



ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN IN CRISIS



Children in the Holy Land can frequently find themselves living in extreme poverty, sometimes without parental care, often in areas of ongoing violence and without adequate medical care and educational opportunities. Also, support services in the area are extremely limited for those young people suffering trauma or for those living with feelings of hopelessness because of the situation in which they live.

Abraham's Children in Crisis is a small charity working in the Holy Land, seeking to care for the education, health and welfare of children who find themselves in present crisis and to help them to achieve their full potential. We are dedicated to helping children solely on the basis of need and not on the background or faith of the child.

Find out more at: acincrisis.weebly.com

To make a donation to this years Lent Appeal place your donation in an envelope and write Lent Appeal on the cover then place in our collection plate at the back of church.

Alternatively take a Collection Box with you and use it to encourage family and friends to contribute

LENT HOME GROUPS

Our Lenten Study Home Groups continue this week - join us if you can.

Monday Night 7.30pm at Andrew Watts

Tuesday Night 7.30pm at the Rectory — please note this will be taking place at the Rectory not at St Mary's as previously advertised

Wednesday Worship 10am at the Rectory or our Facebook Page



Envision This?

What are your hopes, dreams, priorities and goals? Through a creative workshop of images and words we will work towards creating your own Vision Board to help focus your thoughts. This fun activity helps clarify your life vision in a physical way. This can then be used to help you focus and take positive steps in life rather than just reacting without thought or purpose.

Join us for this creative workshop on Saturday 15th March at 1pm in St Leonard's Hall. Come along to enjoy some fellowship and laughter, (perhaps a tear or two), glue sticks, pictures and a cuppa too!

There is a **sign up sheet at the church, or contact Sandiann in person or by email at sandiann.devaney@yahoo.com.**



Easter Bunny Drive

Friday 28th March 7pm St Leonard's Hall

You've heard of a Beetle Drive now come and enjoy our Easter variant the Easter Bunny Drive. We are looking forward to an evening of fun competitive gaming and the delights of some home baking treats to refresh us throughout the evening. Please sign up to help us plan for the evening.

Bluebell Walk

Join with us for a walk around the Bluebell Wood in Dalkeith Country Park on Friday 25th April. Leaving from St Mary's at 11am followed by an optional lunch at the Restoration Yard. Please sign up for both the Walk and Lunch or just for the Lunch or the walk depending on your preference



Pay attention men!!!



Help us plan the men's night out.

Friday the 2nd or Friday 23rd May? Ten Pin Bowling or Mini Golf? Which night would suit you guys for a night out together do let us know on the sheet provided at the welcome desk.

Thank you

Save the dates 2025

MARCH TBC	CINEMA TRIP Bonhoeffer - Date and time to be confirmed once timetable released - release date 7th March	AUGUST 09	AFTERNOON TEA Charlotte Rooms Cost: £22.50 or £28 with Prosecco. Sign up & pay. £5 deposit to guarantee your space Numbers limited to 34
MARCH 28	EASTER BUNNY DRIVE An evening of fun with homebaking 7pm St Leonard's Hall	AUGUST 22/23	DALKEITH BBQ Churches together event
APRIL 25	BLUEBELL WALK Meet at St Mary's 11am. Lunch booked at Restoration Yard for 12.30pm	SEPT 19	QUIZ NIGHT To be confirmed
MAY TBC	MENS NIGHT - CORN EXCHANGE TENPIN/MINI GOLF Suggested dates either 2nd or 23rd whichever is more popular	OCT 04	HARVEST SUPPER St Leonards hall
JUNE 07	SUMMER FAIR St Mary's 10am -2pm More details to follow	NOV 14	SILENT AUCTION Details tbc
JULY 19	STRAWBERRY TEA St Leonard's Hall details to follow	DEC 06	CHRISTMAS FAIR St Mary's 10am-2pm



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