

# Connect

Weekly Worship and News from St Leonard's and St Mary's  
Second Sunday of Lent - Sunday 16th March 2025



## What are you wearing?

"clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness and patience.

And over all these virtues put on love."

*from Colossians 3:12-14*

## Call to Worship

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

**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    **LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS.**

Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

## **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**

**God of patience and humility, in your love you gave us your Son to be rejected and raised up on a cross. Gather us under its shadow and open our eyes to its mystery, that we may share even now in the life that is from above; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## **Reading: Colossians 3:12-17**

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## Hymn

### **MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE.**

Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16**

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

Jesus said "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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

**BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,**

Slain for us, - and we remember

the promise made that all who come in faith

find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice

as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ,

torn for you, eat and remember;

the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life

paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice

as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,

shed for you — drink and remember,

He drained death's cup that all may enter in

to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice

as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise,

to respond and to remember,

our call to follow in the steps of Christ

as His body here on earth

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again

And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

## 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,  
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.**

**Father God help us to be clothed in the righteousness of your Son  
and through your Spirit at work in us, enable us to be the  
ambassadors of your Kingdom. 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 **WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE**

Showing by our lives His grace  
One in heart and one in spirit  
Sign of hope for all the race  
Let us show how He has changed us  
And remade us as His own  
Let us share our life together  
As we shall around His throne

We are called to be God's servants  
Working in His world today  
Taking His own task upon us  
All His sacred words obey  
Let us rise then to His summons  
Dedicate to Him our all  
That we may be faithful servants  
Quick to answer now His call

We are called to be God's prophets  
Speaking for the truth and right  
Standing firm for godly justice  
Bringing evil into light  
Let us seek the courage needed  
Our high calling to fulfil  
That we all may know the blessing  
Of the doing of God's will

*(Tune Austria)*

## 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](http://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**



# 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



Our Next Messy Church is on

Saturday 29th March

4-6pm at St Mary's

Come and join us for crafts, story and song as well as meal together all for free.

Open to everyone, all are welcome

Do let us know your coming by emailing the Church Office or calling us

# Save the dates 2025

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



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