

Connect

Connecting people of faith together across our Church Community
of St Leonard's and St Mary's

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or under compulsion,
for God loves
a cheerful giver.



Sunday 23rd February 2025
Stewardship Week 4

The Gathering

Grace and Peace to you from God,
The Father, Son and Holy Spirit
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 O WORSHIP THE KING, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His power and His love:
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath 'stablished it fast, by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Confession and Absolution

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to draw near.
We are not fit to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation.
Therefore we confess our sins:

**Father God, 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 free us from our sins,
he heals and strengthens us by his Spirit,
and raises us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Ukrainian Kyrie

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

Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo !
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Stewardship Collect

Let us pray

**God, from whom all good things come,
you shower us with many blessings
and make us stewards of all that we have been given.
Give us generous hearts, and make us cheerful givers,
filled with the desire to see the advancement
of the Kingdom of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

A reading from 2 Corinthians 9 v6-11

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Hymn **GIVE THANKS with a grateful heart.**

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'

Let the poor say 'I am rich,'

Because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)

The Gospel **Matthew 22 v15-21**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Jesus in his words. So they sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

"Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion?

Tell us then, what is your opinion?

Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said to them "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription is it?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers for Today

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

Hymn TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Offertory Prayer

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. 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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise.
Through Jesus Christ your Son,
you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.

**Through him you have taught us to enjoy the beauty of nature,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the beasts of the earth,
the lilies of the field, and the precious life-giving crops of the earth.**

**Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving him up to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.**

**Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your love and righteousness dwells.**

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,
and give voice to every creature under heaven,
ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

(Elizabeth Thomson's setting)

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
who freely gave us the gift of life
through Christ your son
so that we might become holy
and reconciled to you.

We therefore give thanks,
and remember that on the night your Son was betrayed,
He took bread and gave you thanks;
He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper He took the cup
and gave you thanks; He gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:**

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise,
Send the Holy Spirit on your people,
and be on this bread and wine,
that all who share this bread and drink this wine
may praise and glorify you for ever and ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
Amen

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Lord's Prayer

As good stewards of God's creation,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

Agnus Dei

(Elizabeth Thomson's setting)

**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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Communion

All are welcome to come and receive the gifts of God

Prayer after communion

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

**Here at your table, loving God,
we have remembered your sacrifice and boundless generosity.
By your Spirit at work in us, liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may respond cheerfully to your gift of life and serve you
with generous hearts through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts and minds with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen**

Hymn **LORD, FOR THE YEARS** Your love has kept and guided,

Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt You,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Sending out

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

Please do join with us for a cuppa and fellowship after the service

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

Church — more than just a Sunday Morning
do join in with us for a variety of events throughout the year

Newbyres Knitting Group

Our Knitting Group meets on Thursday 27th February at the Newbyres Nursing Home Gorebridge at 10.30am.



LENT 2025 On Purpose

Small group Lent Courses will be running from Monday 3rd of March and will meet weekly for seven weeks including Holy Week. If you would like to join a group please do speak to Andrew / Bill for Monday's or Fiona / Vicki for Tuesday's.



Please note that sadly there will be no Digital Connect meetings on Tuesday 25th of February. **We are next open on Tuesday 4th March at 2pm**

World Day of Prayer Meetings March 2025

This Years World Day of Prayer will take place on the following Days

Wednesday 5th March at 2pm in Dalkeith Baptist Church
and at **Bonnyrigg Parish Church 7pm on Friday 7th March**

A warm welcomes awaits you as we gather to pray for the world

Exploring Faith

An informal gathering and discussion exploring Christian Belief, Church and our journey of Faith. Begins Friday 14th March at 7pm at the Rectory

We are planning to meet and have a meal together and discuss our thoughts and questions about the Christian Faith. Interested? Contact Peter

Come along to St Mary's
Church, Dalkeith in the
Country Park

On Saturday 1st March
10.30am -12noon



For the monthly

Swap Shop and Coffee

Where we Swap not Shop

This month we ask you to
bring along anything
related to **hobbies and
pastimes, indoor or
outdoor.**

However, as a fun alternative
we are also looking to swap
scarves! All types of neck

attire, from ties, even shawls and fresh
light scarves to warm and woolly ones.

**NOTHING TO SWAP, JUST COME ALONG AND
BROWSE, YOU MIGHT FIND SOMETHING YOU NEED**



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