

# Connect

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

Sunday 2nd March - The Transfiguration of Jesus



**"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"**

## 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    IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, God only wise,**

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

## **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 was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **Reading:        2nd Corinthians chapter 3 v12 –18**

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image changed from glory into glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

## **Hymn THE SPLENDOUR OF A KING, CLOTHED IN MAJESTY**

Let all the earth rejoice, Let all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
The Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names, worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing, how great is our God

## **The Gospel Reading: Luke 9.28-36**

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

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to its fulfilment at Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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**    **BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;**

Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

### Offertory Prayer

Let us present our offerings to the Lord

**God of love and giver of all good things,**

**we give you praise and thanks**

**for all that you have given us**

**accept the gifts we offer this day**

**and use them for the glory of your name.**

**Amen**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself  
And now we give you thanks  
because the divine glory of the incarnate Word  
shone forth upon the holy mountain  
before the chosen witnesses of his majesty;  
and your own voice from heaven proclaimed your beloved Son.

Therefore with your whole Church  
scattered throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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**

After revealing his glory  
your Son filled with compassion for the world  
set his face towards Jerusalem  
and on the night before he died,  
he shared a meal with his friends.  
He took bread, and gave thanks;  
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper,  
taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all,  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us;  
to continue the work of your transforming love  
changing us from glory into glory;  
and be upon this bread and this wine  
that they may be to us  
the body and blood of Christ,  
and that we may be kindled  
by that same Spirit  
to love and serve in Jesus name,  
until at last we enter into our eternal home,  
in the company of Virgin Mary,  
the Apostle and prophets  
and 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,  
our Lord and Saviour. 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.**

**Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Blessing**

Christ Jesus, the splendour of the Father  
and the image of his being, draw you to himself  
that you may live in his light and share his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen**



## Hymn

**LOVE DIVINE, all loves excelling,**

Joy of heaven to earth come down!

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,

All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,

Pure unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation,

Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit

Into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit,

Let us find Thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning,

Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,

Let us all Thy grace receive;

Suddenly return, and never,

Never more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,

Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,

Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation

Perfectly restored in Thee!

Changed from glory into glory,

Till in heaven we take our place;

Till we cast our crowns before Thee,

Lost in wonder, love and praise.

## Dismissal

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

# Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025



## ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN IN



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.

We achieve this by having advisers who are all qualified and experienced in the care of children in the area in which we seek to give help.

We spend much time thoroughly investigating each case by listening to children and their families and working with medical, educational and welfare professionals to ensure that we can offer the most practical and appropriate help to those children who are in the greatest need.

**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



# St Mary's Church

(Dalkeith Country Park)

in conjunction with

Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home

## PET FOOD BANK

TUESDAY 4th March 10am to 12 Noon

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

St Leonard's 10am and at St Mary's 7pm



## World Day of Prayer Meetings 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

## 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 on what matters most to you. 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 Community 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](mailto:sandiann.devaney@yahoo.com).

# Save the dates 2025

<b>MARCH</b> <b>TBC</b>	<b>CINEMA TRIP</b> Bonhoeffer - Date and time to be confirmed once timetable released - release date 7th March	<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 Leonards 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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