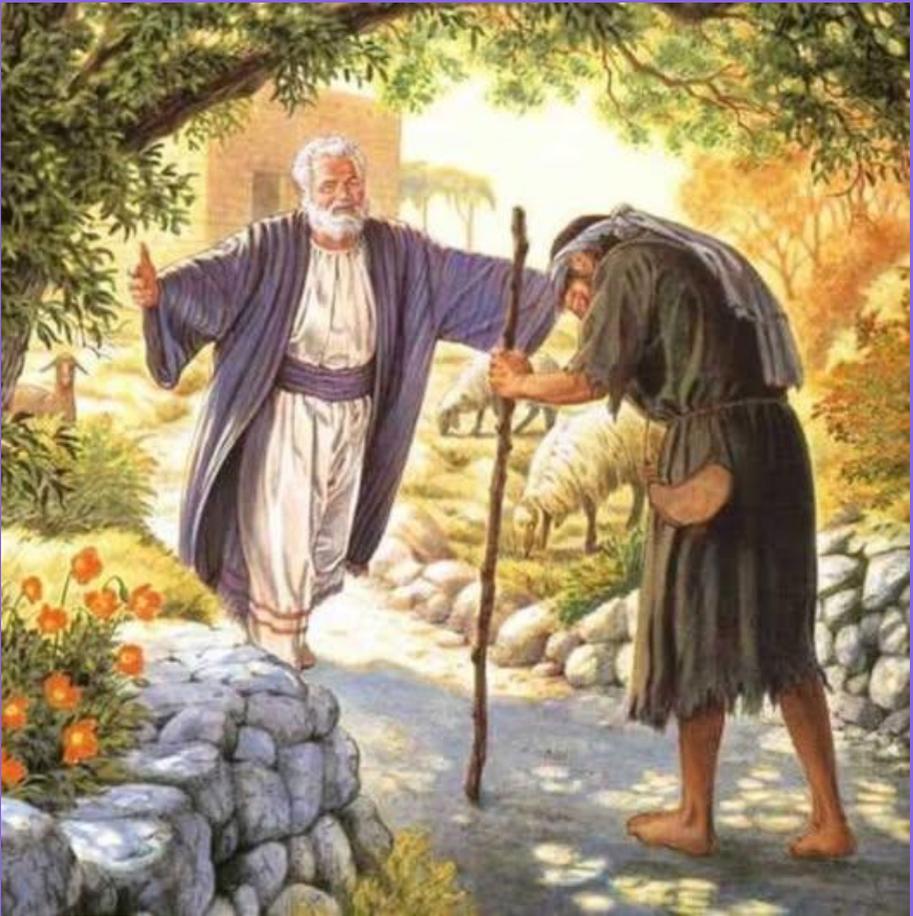


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Weekly Worship and News from St Leonard's and St Mary's

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 23rd March 2025



A loving Father waits for our return

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 **LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL**

And all can safely live
A place where Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.

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.**

**Ukrainian Kyrie Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

The Collect

**Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help
ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen
us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Reading: Galatians 3 v26-29

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you
who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there
male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to
Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs of the promise.

Hymn

SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU

To receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us

All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,

Holy reverence, true humility;

Test our thoughts and our attitudes

In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail

Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time

That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,

And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built

And the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 15 11:32

Hear the gospel of our Lord according to Luke

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He

longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' "My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Hymn **'FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE',**
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For all of us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions for today

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Let us share his peace

Hymn **THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY,**

like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good.

There is mercy with the Saviour,
there is healing in his blood.

But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

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.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Elizabeth'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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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.

**God of mercy and forgiveness, help us to live together in unity and
peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,**
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity, and we'll save human pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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***

Save the dates 2025

MARCH TBC	CINEMA TRIP Bonnyrigg. Date and time confirmed. Release - release date 7th March Cancelled	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 Leonard's 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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