

# Connect News



## St Mary's Dalkeith

Sunday 1st February 2026

**A celebration of the Baptism of Elena-Elizabeth Neil**

The Scottish Episcopal Churches of  
St Leonard's Lasswade and St Mary's Dalkeith

## Welcome:

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his love endures for ever.**

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it**

## 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:

Let us remember that God is love and we are his children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because he loved us first.  
So let us now confess our sins in penitence and faith

**Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we have not loved  
as you would have us love.**

**We turn again to you and ask for your mercy,  
forgive us our sins and renew us by your Spirit  
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgives us and free us from our sins,  
heals and strengthens us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Gospel Reading      Matthew 5 v3-12

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

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you  
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

# Sermon

## Prayers of intercession

**Hymn** *(we move to font during last verse)*

### **WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR IS JESUS,**

What a wonderful friend is He,  
For He left all the glory of heaven,  
Came to earth to die at Calvary .

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King!

He arose from the grave, Hallelujah.  
And He lives never more to die.  
At the Father's right hand interceding,  
He will hear and heed our faintest cry.

He is coming some day to receive us,  
We'll be caught up to heaven above,  
What a joy it will be to behold Him,  
Sing forever of His grace and love.

## The Baptism

The apostle Peter proclaimed God's call to everyone when he urged his hearers: "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to all of you and to your children, and to everyone who answer the Lord's call, to come and follow him.

Parents and Godparents,  
the Christian life means turning from evil and turning to Christ.

Therefore I ask you these questions.

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

Do you repent of sin?

**I repent of sin.**

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Will you follow Christ?

**I will follow Christ.**

## Profession of Faith

Parents and Godparents along with the people of church  
I ask you to confirm and confess your faith.

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

**We believe.**

Do you believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?

**We believe.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to God's people?

**We believe.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith, we believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## Commitment to the Christian Life

Parents and Godparents as those who will love and care for  
Elena-Elizabeth, will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and in  
fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the saying of prayers?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed,  
serving Christ in all people?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you work for justice and peace honouring God in all Creation?

**With the help of God, we will.**

This is the task of the Church.

**This is our task: to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

## The Baptism and Anointing

Elena-Elizabeth Rachael Neil

I baptise you in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism  
and marked as Christ's own for ever.

**Amen.**

**May the Spirit of God be in you,  
wisdom and understanding keep you,  
the power of God encircle you,  
and God's truth lead you into freedom.**

**Amen.**

## The giving of a light

Elena-Elizabeth may the light of Christ  
scatter the darkness from your heart and mind.

**Christ go before you to guide your steps  
Christ be within you to kindle your vision  
Christ shine from you to give joy to the world.**

## The Church Family Welcome

God has received you by baptism into the Church family.

**We welcome you.**

**We will care for you.**

**We will share our faith with you.**

## The Peace

Renewed in the Spirit by baptism  
we meet in Christ's name;

**Let us share his peace.**

## Hymn

**HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,**  
Loving kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of life, our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love for all the ages  
radiant Son of Heaven He stands.  
Calling home His Father's children  
holding forth his wounded hands.  
We are called to feast forever  
At the table of our Lord  
And day by day we'll sing his praises  
As we share his gift of love.

## Offering 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.**

## The 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.

**When we turned away you did not reject us**

**but came to meet us in your Son.**

**You embraced us as your children and**

**welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke the bread and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is broken 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, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you 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.**

So with members of your body 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.

So as we remember our Lord's sacrificial death  
and celebrate his rising in glory,  
we ask you Heavenly Father to send your Holy Spirit  
upon us, and on this bread, and this wine.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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.

## Breaking of the 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.**

## Distribution of Communion

*Everyone is invited and welcomed to come and receive  
communion or a blessing at this time*

## Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for He is gracious  
and his mercy endures for ever.

**Almighty God, your compassion never fails  
and great is your faithfulness.**

**Send us out in the power of your great love  
to live and work to your praise and glory  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

May your life in this world be a happy one  
May the sun be warm and may the skies be blue  
May each storm that comes your way  
Clear the air for a brighter day  
May the saints and saviour watch over you  
and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you now and 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.

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.

## The Dismissal

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



We continue to support the work of Storehouse and the provision of food to those in need within our community. If you are able to make a donation to this work please do drop off your donation of food or toiletries here at the church and we will pass these on for you.

Regular items that are always in demand are: Crisps, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Sugar, Juice, Tinned meals and Tinned or packet deserts.

Toiletries - toothpaste /brushes toilet rolls, deodorant, shower gel



**Pet Food Bank**  
**Tuesday 3rd February**  
**10 –12 Noon at St Mary's**



**Saturday 7th February at St Mary's**

Come and join with us for a Cuppa and Blether and maybe even a wee scone?

We also look forward to our first Swap Shop of the new year with the theme of 'Early Spring Clean' so have a clear out and bring along your good quality goods that others may find useful to use.



# 2026

# LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

Our Lenten services for this year will focus in on the Psalms and Gospel reading used in our Lectionary. We encourage you to read along.

**18th February ASH WEDNESDAY**

Services at St Leonard's 10am & St Mary's 7.30pm

Psalm 51.1-18 Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

**22nd February First Sunday of Lent**

Psalm 32 Matthew 4.1-11

**1st March The Transfiguration Lentz**

Psalm 121 Matthew 17.1-9

**8th March Third Sun of Lent**

Psalm 95 John 4.5-26

**15th March Fourth Sun of Lent (Mothering Sunday)**

Psalm 23 John 9.13-41

**22nd March Fifth Sun of Lent**

Psalm 130 John 11.17-45



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