



Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

The time has come,
The kingdom of God has come near.
Repent and believe the good news.

Sunday 22nd February 2026

1st Sunday of Lent



A journey to and beyond the Cross

'The time has come,' said Jesus.
'The kingdom of God has come near.
Repent and believe the good news!'

Mark 1 v15

The season of Lent as a time of preparation for the great feast and celebration of Easter has been observed since the early days of the Christians faith. By carefully keeping these days of Lent, we are encouraged to take to heart the gospel's call to repentance and the assurance of our forgiveness, and to grow and develop our faith and devotion to our Lord.

The Christian Church throughout the world calls on her members, in the name of Jesus, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading, studying and meditating on God's holy word. In addition to this it is also encouraged that as well as self denial and the giving up of something for Lent that we could also take up active acts of love and kindness.

Lent begins by reminding us that we are all but dust and to dust we shall return. Yet even out of the dust, from the earth and dry bones of death Christ can bring forth new life, new hope. However, this new life comes through our own self examination of ourselves reminding ourselves that we are unworthy even to gather up the crumbs from under his table. Take time over these weeks to ask the Lord by the work of his Spirit in us to continue the work he has begun in us. To show us where we too need to repent and turn away from sin and turn to Christ once more.

Ultimately, if we are honest with ourselves we will get to a point where we will need to acknowledge that we like the Psalmist in Psalm 51 or the Tax Collector in the temple are sinners and that it is against God that we have trespassed and sinned. Through true and penitent confession we renew our relationship with God. God as judge over all rightly condemns sin however, as the God of love and mercy he also provides away, an offering on our behalf, the sacrificial lamb who takes away the sin of the world by whom our sins and transgression can and are forgiven. In Lent we journey with Christ the lamb of God as we recall his compassion and love for each of us.

yours with love Peter

Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace to you
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus
Amen.

Hymn **FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS** you were fasting in the wild
forty days and forty nights tempted and yet undefiled.

Burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light had fled;
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed.

Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will;
and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?

So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy:
Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.

Saviour, may we hear your voice keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.

Prayer of Confession

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 strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Kyrie for St Mary's setting by Donald Thomson

Lord have mercy, Kyrie eleison,
Christ have mercy, Christe eleison,
Christ have mercy, Christe eleison.
Lord have mercy, Kyrie eleison.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness so we may know your power to
save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading of Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD
does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.'

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.**

Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

**Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.**

**Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

**Hymn GOD FORGAVE MY SIN in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.**

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.

Gospel Reading Matthew 17.1-9

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

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

The devil left him, and angels came and attended him..'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Hymn **O LORD, YOUR TENDERNESS**

melting all my bitterness!

O Lord, I receive your love

O Lord, Your loveliness,

changing all my ugliness

O Lord, I receive your love,

O Lord I receive your love,

O Lord, I receive your love.

O Lord, Your Holiness,

cleanses all my sinfulness,

O Lord, I receive Your love,

O Lord, Your Majesty,

lifts my soul and sets me free

O Lord, I receive your love,

O Lord I receive your love,

O Lord, I receive Your love.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith together in the words of the 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 us all 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.

Prayers of Intercessions

The Peace

We meet in Christ name
Let us share his peace

Hymn AMAZING GRACE! how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord:

**Generous God, accept the offering of your people
for the work of your Kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

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 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,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the Firstborn,
freely offered up his life.

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 the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as our Lord taught us 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.**

**Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Amen.

Communion Song (Agnus Dei)

**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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Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

Distribution *All are welcome
to come and receive as we gather at our Lord's table*

Prayer after communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious
and his mercy endures forever.

**Faithful God, increase our faith, hope and love
and guide us to daily confess you as our Lord and God.
Amen**

Hymn

ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED;

he doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.

God unknown, he alone,
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power,
hour by hour, is my temple and my tower

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, to take up your cross, and to 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

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen



Bring and Bid

Auction night
Friday 20th March

On Friday 20th March, we are excited to host our first Bring and Bid Auction. Tickets will be available for purchase at both churches prior to the event, priced at £2.00, which includes refreshments.

Doors will open at 7pm, allowing everyone to browse the items for sale on display. The Auction will officially commence at 7:30pm, with Peter Harris and Anne Mackay serving as our auctioneers.

Come and get involved bring an item and bid for others . We are expecting an evening of entertainment with all proceeds from the evening going towards the ongoing mission and maintenance of the churches.

How can you help?

Participate in the Big Bid! Let's see how much we can raise from items we no longer need. If you have a cherished or valuable item, you can place a reserve on it. If it doesn't sell, you can take it back at the end of the evening. There will be an interval during which sold lots can be paid for and further browsing time will be provided. The next auction slot will begin around 8:30pm. With doors closing at 9:30pm

As this is our first fundraising auction, we are focusing on smaller items rather than furniture. We hope you will join us, bring 'LOTS' to auction, and enjoy the lively atmosphere once the bidding starts!

You can bring your items on the evening or better still bring them to church the week prior to the event handing them over to one of the Social Committee Anne McKay & Rebecca Brouwers Harries at St Mary's or Alison Bruce & Elizabeth Baker at St Leonard's

Please donate, buy a ticket and come and have fun



Baguma Monthly Prayer News



January 2026

Happy New Year!

As we look back on 2025, we thank God for a year of growth, new challenges and for His never ending faithfulness. Here are some of the key highlights from last year...



In February Sam had the amazing privilege of representing MAF at a function at Buckingham Palace where the King was recognising organisations working in the humanitarian sector around the world. Read more [here](#).



This year MAF have completed 13 life saving flights for children from South Sudan with neurological conditions. Over 100 children have been flown to Uganda and received surgery at Cure Childrens hospital of Uganda. Read more [here](#).



The arrival of the first amphibious plane in Uganda brought together 5 years of hard work. This plane will be a life line to the people on the islands of Lake Victoria.

In July Sam was officially appointed as the Country Director of the Uganda Programme. We thank God for this opportunity and pray for God's hand upon him through 2026 as he leads the team.



"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland". Isaiah 43:19



Stepping into 2026 comes with a sense of immediate unease as we head straight into the elections on January 15th. The time of campaigning has shown incredible support for the opposition matched with brutality from the security forces. We are making preparations to stay home for a period of time and we know the internet could be switched off for a number of days.

- Please pray for peace...in our hearts, on the streets, in the process. Please pray for our girls who are very anxious. Please pray for Sam and the leadership of MAF as they make decisions for the team.

As we look beyond the middle of January we are able to feel excited for 2026. Please join us as we pray for all God's plans for our family, for MAF in Uganda and for MAF worldwide through this new year. More specifically we pray for...

- The maintenance works to upgrade our Kajjansi airfield to stop it from flooding and to make it more compliant with regulations. Please pray for the logistics as all of our flight operations will move to Entebbe International Airport (approx 30km away) for the next 4 months.
- The 2 airstrip development projects that begun last year. Yumbe in N. Uganda is finally moving forward and we pray the airstrip can now be completed. In Mbale in E. Uganda MAF is still trying to secure a piece of land - we pray this can be finalised so work on an airstrip can begin.
- The inaugural flight of the amphibious plane scheduled for February - we pray for all the training, registration processes and dock building to continue to move forward.
- The process to register all the S. Sudan planes in Uganda. This will enable the Uganda programme to provide more support as the regional maintenance hub.
- The girls and Abby returning to school on 7th January. We thank God for a loving school and good friendships.
- For wisdom for Sam as he works to guide and lead the team here in Uganda and for his relationships with the other MAF programmes in the region.



Thank you so much for your prayers during the election period in January. The election days themselves were quite unsettled with riots, teargas and sadly gunfire. Although we were safe in our home, the girls struggled listening to the 'noise' which was very close by. The following week we started online school for a few days while we waited for the political situation to calm down.

- Praise God that we are now back into routine and life seems to be carrying on as before.
- We thank God that the repairs on the MAF airfield at Kajjansi are going ahead well and the operations team have settled into a good routine sending all our flights out from Entebbe airport. Please pray for the funding for this project so it can be completed in full by the end of May.
- We are currently in the rainy season and this makes flying the smaller MAF aircraft challenging. Please pray for safety, especially when landing in the more rural airstrips.
- Restrictions and regulations from the Civil Aviation Authority are making it difficult to complete the registration of the float plane and the training of the pilots and engineers. Please pray for the conclusion of the approval processes so we can start working towards the inaugural flight.



Jam and Chutney

A stock of wonderful tasty homemade Jam's and Chutney is offered for sale at both churches for you to purchase for yourself or even to give away.

Choose your jar and place the money in the honesty box. Spread and enjoy....



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When you shop on-line did you know you could be raising funds for the church without it costing you a penny. By using this QR Code you will be taken to Easyfundraising where you can enter in the "St.Leonard's Church Lasswade" and then start browsing your favourite online stores knowing that we will receive a penny or two.

Remembering that pennies make pounds at the end of the year.

This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal is for Aberlour Children's Charity.



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scotland's children's charity

Aberlour Children's Charity works to provide tailored support to families facing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination. It provides support at the earliest opportunity by offering a range of services across Scotland, utilising the voices of those impacted to create and implement tools for change. The charity has been in operation for just over 150 years, with a long and varied history, seeking always to place the children at the heart of what they do giving every child the best possible start in life.

Please consider supporting this years Lent Appeal by taking a Donations Box home with you and leave it in a prominent place in the home or work to encourage people to donate to this amazing work.

Remember to return the box after Easter.



Alternatively you can use the QR Code here to be taken to the Stewardship Page run by the Diocese to donate online to this years Lent Appeal.



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