



*Salt &
light*

Connect News

Sunday 8th February 2026

The Scottish Episcopal Churches of

St Leonard's Lasswade and St Mary's Dalkeith

Welcome

The Lord be with you
And also with you

God is here, God is present,
**Our Lord welcomes us into his house
to offer up our praise and to declare,
All are welcome in this place**

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

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

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

Prayer of Confession

All are welcome as we come into the presence of God
whose light of love and grace chases away the darkness
let us therefore confess our deeds of darkness
knowing that God who is love can heal and forgive us.

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved
as you would have us love.
We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,
forgive us and renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray together
**Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

Reading

1 Corinthians 2.1-9

Brothers and Sisters, when I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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 fulfil 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 power 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.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 13-20

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

Jesus said 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith together

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith
and fills us with his love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers of Intercessions

The Peace

The Lord of peace and light,
lighten our pathway and lead us in the ways of peace.

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

let us share the His Peace

HYMN HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US,

How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offering

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer I

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, Father,
in every place and at all times.

**All power is yours. You created the heavens
and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is.**

In Christ your Son, our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

By your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose we 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 the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.

By your power you raised him from the dead.

He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

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

As our Saviour has taught us, so we 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.**

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to come and receive

Sending Out

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

**Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling.
May we who share in this heavenly banquet
be instruments of your peace on earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts
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 always.
Amen

HYMN THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In everything I do, I'm gonna let it shine
and everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
In love for God and you, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The Dismissal

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

***please do join us for refreshments
served at the close of the service***

Mark the beginning of Lent by joining us for our

Ash Wednesday Services

on Wednesday 18th February

Morning Service 10am St Leonard's

Evening Service 7.30pm St Mary's

Storehouse - Foodbank



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

BISHOP OF EDINBURGH

The First Part of the Interviews for our new Bishop has taken place but please keep praying for God's will to be known and the right person to be selected as the next Bishop of Edinburgh

Living God,
you walk with us in all seasons of life
calling us to follow you with joy, hope and love
as we share in your work of renewing the world;
give us humility and discernment to hear your voice,
that those discerning their calling
and all involved in our bishop search
may be encouraged in your ways
and open to your creative Spirit. Amen.

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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