

The Lord is my shepherd

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He leads me beside quiet waters

He refreshes my soul

He guides me along the right paths

for his
name's
sake

Even though I
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the darkest
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I will
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For you are with me

Your rod and your staff
they comfort me

Connect News

Sunday 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

Mothering

Mothering Sunday stirs deep emotions for many of us: gratitude, love, remembrance, and sometimes sorrow.

We all have different experiences of being mothered. Some of these have enabled and empowered us, supported and befriended us on the journey through life. Sadly other people may know and have experienced neglect and a lack of love. Even today they live with the scars of feeling unloved, and disconnected from their earthly mothers.

As many conflicts rage on around the world we pray too for all who mourn and have lost sons and daughters because of man's inhumanity towards our fellow brothers and sisters. We pray especially for mothers who have lost their children in miscarriage, birth or within their early years, whatever circumstance. Praying that they would know peace in their hearts and be able to continue to love and live life one day at a time. We pray to for those who will find this day difficult and ask that your compassion would surround them.

Although we celebrate Mothering Sunday and give thanks for those who brought us into this world, our focus is also on God. The God who mothers us and watches over us. We gather to praise God for his constant love and the sense of belonging, and acceptance he offers us.

God's mothering is like a Shepherd caring for his lambs. God is accepting of us and welcomes us in. Even when we have gone astray God seeks us out to bring us home rejoicing. It is the Good Shepherd who provides for us laying before us a table of delights and surrounds us with goodness and mercy all the days of our life.

So let us gather for worship to praise the God who mothers us with love and grace and let us also pray that all our mothers and all who have mothered us in some way would know the touch of God's love and grace upon them this day.

Happy Mothering Sunday
Peter

Welcome

The spirit of God calls us together from many places;
some of us come from busy homes with many people
some of us live alone.

We are a part of the family.

This week has been different for each of us;
some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate
some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

We are members of God's family.

Yet we all come to this same place;
all of us seeking God's presence in our lives
all of us seeking God's presence with each other.

Together we become God's family. Amen.

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.

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.

Collect

**Good Shepherd of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Reading of Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;

For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

Hymn

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT.

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Gospel Reading John 9: 13-41

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

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. 'He put mud on my eyes,' the man replied, 'and I washed, and now I see.'

Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others asked, 'How can a sinner perform such signs?' So they were divided. Then they turned again to the blind man, 'What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' The man replied, 'He is a prophet.' They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. 'Is this your son?' they asked. 'Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?'

'We know he is our son,' the parents answered, 'and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.'

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. 'Give glory to God by telling the truth,' they said. 'We know this man is a sinner.' He replied, 'Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!' Then they asked him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered, 'I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' Then they hurled insults at him and said, 'You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from.'

The man answered, 'Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' To this they replied, 'You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!' And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Who is he, sir?' the man asked. 'Tell me so that I may believe in him. Jesus said, 'You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.' Then the man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.' Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, 'What? Are we blind too?' Jesus said, 'If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Prayers of Intercessions

The Peace

We meet in Christ name

Let us share his peace

Hymn **THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS,**

Whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am His

And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow

My ransomed soul He leadeth,

And where the verdant pastures grow

With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,

But yet in love He sought me,

And on His shoulder gently laid,

And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill

With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;

Thy rod and staff my comfort still,

Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;

Thy unction grace bestoweth:

And O what transport of delight

From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days

Thy goodness faileth never;

Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise

Within Thy house forever.

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.

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.

**God of love,
may we who have received your grace
be empowered to share your love,
and call others to come and join your family
around the table of your amazing grace
Amen**

Blessing

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit,
strengthen us for the Christian life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care,
send us out to live and work for others.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn **TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD!**

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name—the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure:
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen



Bring and Bid

Friday 20th March at St Leonard's

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 fun and fundraising 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

St Mary's Spring Clean

Cleaning Time 10:30am-12:30pm,

Saturday 21st March.

Come and help us clean up for Easter



Baguma Monthly Prayer News



March 2026

- We thank God for a new source of funding for the next 6 months from the UN to humanitarian organisations here in Uganda. This funding is aimed at meeting the needs of the vulnerable communities in northern Uganda affected by the cuts of USAID funding, especially the refugees. Please pray for MAF in Uganda as we facilitate the increase humanitarian activity over the next 6 months and praise God that work with the refugee communities can resume.
- The development of the airstrip in Yumbe, Northern Uganda had been temporarily on hold as we waited for the local government to compensate the landowners affected. Now that has been concluded work can resume. Please pray that the airstrip can be completed in the next 2 months as this would help facilitate the increase of flights to the refugee camps in the coming months.
- Praise God that Sam had a safe trip to Mbale in the East of Uganda with a colleague from MAF Canada. Good discussions were had with CURE Uganda to look at how MAF in Uganda can help facilitate more mobile clinics around the country
- Please pray for Abby's passport renewal. Sadly we don't have any support from the consulate here for this and have to do it online and directly through the UK. This means sending documents via DHL and waiting for months without a passport which is both costly and a little unnerving. Please pray for the renewal to go through quickly and for the new passport to arrive in Uganda soon.
- A number of MAF staff around the world have been affected by the closed airspace and travel disruptions in the Middle East. As with you all, we pray for peace.



Celebrate the passion
and joys of the
Easter Story
at Messy Church



Saturday 28th March
4-6pm at St Mary's
All Welcome

Holy Week Services 2026

Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April

Lasswade Bonnyrigg & Rosewell

Daily Prayer Reflections Monday to Friday

9am at the Pitcairn Centre

Evening Worship 7pm

Monday 30th March – Stations of the Cross at Our Lady

Tuesday 31st March – Rosewell Church

Wednesday 1st April – Lasswade Church

Maundy Thursday 2nd April – St Leonard's Church

Good Friday 3rd April – Cockpen & Carrington Church

Dalkeith Area

Palm Sunday Praise

6.30pm at St John's Church

an evening of worship together

Maundy Thursday

7pm at St Mary's Dalkeith

We are commanded to love and break bread
in memory of Christ's passion for us all.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

Commencing at 10am from St Mary's

Early Easter Sunday

7.30am in the King's Park

followed by Breakfast in St John's

A Poem for Mothering Sunday

For those who gave us life and breath,
For love that's stronger far than death,
Today we bring our thankful hearts,
For all a mothering love imparts.

For kindness, patience, warmth and care,
For each embrace, each smile, each tear,
Each word of peace, each healing touch,
These simple gifts which mean so much.

We look to you, our mothering Lord,
Who shows love's cost, and love's reward,
Your passion fiercer than the grave,
Nailed to the world you came to save.

So teach your people how to live,
How to endure, how to forgive,
Teach us to trust, to sacrifice,
To share the love that has no price.



Bluebell Walk & Lunch

Join us for a leisurely walk around the forest of Dalkeith Country Park on Friday 24th April.

We depart from St Mary's at 11am making our way through the estate working towards enjoying lunch at the Restoration Yard around 12.30pm

You can join us for the walk, the walk and lunch or just pop in for lunch
Sign up Sheets available Soon

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



aberlour
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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