



The Link



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with St Mary's Dalkeith*

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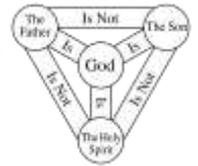
Exploring our faith while journeying to the Cross

Our Lent studies this year have had us scratching our heads one moment and then the next filling us with awe and wonder, laughter and life, as we deepened our knowledge and friendship. All marks of a good study.



We began with looking at the Nicene and Apostles Creed exploring where they came from and how they are both products of History as well as being grounded in scripture and that they act as a summary of our faith even today.

This then led us to explore the opening phrase "I or We believe". What does it mean to have a belief and faith, and who do we believe and have that faith in. I believe in God - what or who is God? Feminine, masculine, or other? God is Spirit but scripture also reveals to us that God is like a Mother longing to gather her chicks, or like a woman who searches for her lost coin. Specifically through the Gospels we find that God reveals himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the God of relationship, love and community who goes before us, is beside us and within us on the journey through this life into the next.



I believe in Jesus Christ? This section of our studies left us further scratching our heads and pondering the "incarnation", the Christmas story of The Word, The Word was with God and The Word is God and yet The Word becomes flesh and dwelt amongst us. Within the Christian Creeds we hear that we believe in a God who is not detached from his creation but one who knows what it is truly like to be human. Therefore when we turn to God in prayer we do not come to an unfeeling, uncaring, unloving entity but to God who has been revealed to us in and through the personhood of Jesus Christ. Jesus being fully human can relate to us and come alongside us and we to him. And at the same time no problem or issue is too big for Jesus, as well as being fully human he is also fully God. A God of mission, purpose and love.

Jesus born of Mary and the Holy Spirit, came with a purpose and a mission: For us and for our Salvation he came down from heaven to die. During our Lenten studies we once again focused in on the wonderful and amazing story of Jesus sacrificial love. Looking afresh at his journey to the cross we reflected on the Servants songs found in Isaiah. Although written many years before Jesus' birth they startlingly reflect his life, purpose and mission.



Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53: 4-6

As we await our Easter acclamation and proclaim of the great mystery of our faith that "Christ has died!, Christ is risen! Christ will come again!" Let us journey with Christ to the cross and consider again the purpose and passion of the Son. He came to die for us and at the cross an eternal exchange takes place where our inquires, our transgressions, our sins are laid upon Him. So that we the guilty ones become forgiven, and live at peace with God.

Working our way through the Creeds then brings us to the Person of the Holy Spirit. The creeds say very little about the work, or person, of the Spirit. In many ways this reflects the character of the Spirit as the mediator between the Father and the Son, while at the same time drawing us deeper in to a living relationship with God within the circle or community of love. There are gifts and fruit of the Spirit to nurture but our Creedal statements do not mention them. But then again the Creedal statements are like a "holdall" we carry with us without needing to carry everything about our faith.

Our final session as we enter Holy Week looks not directly at God but at his church, you and I, and many more living and departed. We are called to be a church that is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

There is only ONE family of God and you and I are part of it for it has many parts. We are to be HOLY, despite our own failings but by faith in Christ know we are forgiven and made Holy. We are a CATHOLIC, or universal not just around the world but past, present and future, living as well as the departed living in heaven. Finally we are to be APOSTOLIC. We have a message to share, just like the first Apostles and we to are called to pass on the baton of faith, the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

with love on the journey to the cross and beyond
Peter

GLEN '17

at Glenalmond College, Perthshire

Fantastical Beasts

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Scottish Episcopal Church Youth Week

23rd - 29th July 2017

Glenalmond College,
Perthshire

Want to do something different this summer? Come & join the fun! The Youth Week is open to anyone in secondary education.

Enjoy a week filled with fun, fellowship, learning, and sharing - not to mention the great activities and workshops!

Download an application form, which includes full details, and for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/secpyc>

For more details, please contact your Diocesan Youth Officer, or e-mail The Revd Tombu Rongong rector@stpj.org.uk

<https://secpyc.wordpress.com>



Have you used our booklet?

Here is only one story of the many we have of how prayer changes lives.

"I came across your booklet at a hard time in my life. I'd recently suffered an ectopic pregnancy and was absolutely devastated. I felt lost, like I had nowhere to turn, no hope. I saw your banner on a church and thought, 'Well why not.'

Something changed for me in that moment.

I asked God to help me, to make me stronger, and prayed for my lost little one. I felt different after, like a weight had been lifted.

Suddenly I knew it was going to be ok. It was almost like a light was being switched on. Since then I feel like my eyes have been opened, and I feel like there are signs all around me that God exists, and that He hears us." - Jenna, West Lothian.

The "trypraying booklet" has been used in over 120 cities, towns or villages in the UK over the past few years. The booklet is aimed at non-Christians. The idea is for you to use it yourself and then to give them away to someone you know and encourage them to 'trypraying' and see what happens'.

As well as the booklet that you can pick up from the church there are online resources and an App for your phone too

Visit: www.trypraying.org/try-it/

to try them out.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017

This year our Bishop's Lent appeal is aimed at raising donations for the work of St John and the City Project and Collective Calling.

"Each year in Scotland, over 3,500 people are treated by the Ambulance Service following a cardiac arrest, but only around 1 in 20 will survive. Defibrillation works in synergy with CPR, and is most effective the earliest it is performed. Delivering a defibrillatory electrical shock to the heart within 3-5 minutes of collapse can improve survival rates by as high as 75%".

Source:— Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest, A Strategy for Scotland, Scottish Government, 2015.



St John and the City is a public access defibrillator (PAD) project run by the Edinburgh committee of St John Scotland. Businesses, voluntary organisations, civic institutions and individuals, known as Donors provide funding for the PADs. These are then placed with Hosts at strategic sites across Edinburgh.

For more information or to find out about how you can volunteer please visit the website www.stjohnandthecity.org.uk Scottish Charity Number: SC000262



Collective Calling is a small humanitarian organisation, who work with volunteers, community leaders and local suppliers in Greece and Serbia to provide the immediate needs of desperate people in migrant camps. We aim to help provide basic materials or items which are urgent but which can be often be overlooked in the vastness of the refugee crisis. We ensure a regular supply of fresh fruit and veg, not just processed food. Sanitation but no loo paper or other sanitary products? We provide what is needed. Fuel for cooking or fires to keep warm? Hundreds of destitute families in a mountain top camp? We provide baby formula, clean water and other hygiene products. We provide warm clothing for people who have lost everything. Collective Calling collaborate with other small charities to 'plug the gaps' and answer immediate needs. Founded by Paul and Gemma Carr, two young Christians who gave up their own comfortable lives to become the answer to their own prayers. You can read their story and find more information at www.collectivecalling.org - Registered NGO: No 611510

We welcome your support this year to help us, help those in need on our own city streets and in the refugee camps of Greece and Serbia. Donations can be put in an envelope marked

"Lent Appeal" and placed in the collection plates at each church. You can also take a collection box - to remind you and others to give where they can.

Remember to return your boxes to church for counting!

Diocesan Synod Report

As Lay rep for St Mary's I am inserting this piece in our magazine. Along with Vicki Clark of St Leonard's I attended the Edinburgh Diocesan Synod meeting at St Paul's and St George's in Edinburgh on 11 March, so because of limited space this can only be a shortened version of the day's events.



Bishop John gave a wide ranging address covering local events as well as mentioning larger issues such as Brexit and the refugee crisis

Some space was given to cover the Lent appeals and time was given to publicise the public access defibrillation project as well as Collective Calling, a small humanitarian organisation working with volunteers and community leaders in Greece and Serbia to assist in the migrant crisis in those countries.

After the administration had been covered which included the various Standing committees, presentation of accounts, St Andrews fund etc, it then moved on to the elections of Office bearers where there are some changes. These will become apparent in the next reports.

The main duty of the day was to discuss and ratify Canon 31; this is the Canon allowing the celebration of same-sex marriage within the Episcopal tradition. This topic had been eagerly awaited after the conversations taking place within Churches over the past few years now reaching conclusion as far as the Edinburgh Diocese was concerned. The result from Edinburgh will form part of the Episcopal Church response, then taken to the General Synod for approval.

It was a serious debate, seriously conducted with many contributions from both sides of the argument. The vote when it came was by secret ballot from both Clergy and Lay representatives with the result reaching the 2/3 required by both houses to carry the motion.

The debate I have to say was of the highest quality, with many of the contributors giving heartfelt contributions on both sides.

The rest of the Synod dealt with more mundane issues, no less important no doubt. Every Church in the Diocese has similar problems in how to attract and retain its congregation and a number of innovative schemes were aired, many with great success, as the Playgroup in Easter Road which has now become something more and is offering much to the local community apart from somewhere to bring your child a few times a week. There will be a fuller report of the Synod available to both Churches in due course.

David Grieve, Lay Rep

Dates for the Diary

Messy Mary's meets from 4pm- 6pm
on the **last Saturday of the Month** April 29th

Messy Lennie's meets from 4pm - 6pm
on the **last Wednesday of the Month** April 26th

Jesus our Super Conquering Death Hero

All Welcome so sign up and find out more by visiting the church Websites.



Holy Week Ecumenical Services 7.30pm each night

Lasswade Area

Dalkeith Area

Monday - **Our Lady's**

Monday - **St David's**

Tuesday - Rosewell

Tuesday - Full Gospel Church

Wednesday - Lasswade

Wednesday - Dalkeith Baptist

Thursday - **St Leonard's**

Thursday - **St John's Kings Park**

Friday - Cockpen & Carrington

Friday - St Nicholas Buccleuch

Walk of Witness - Good Friday 10am from St Mary's

Easter Sunday - Sunday 16th

Early Morning Service 7.30am at the Kings Park Playing fields

Easter Services at St Mary's 9.30am, St Leonard's 11.15am

Footermuffs 20th April - Newbyres 10am-12noon

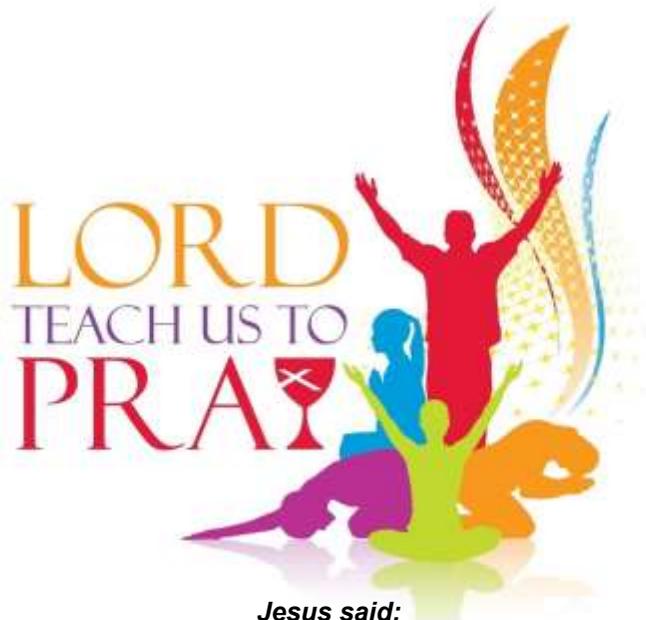
Café Church - Sunday 30th April at both Churches

Confirmation & Affirmation of Faith

We are looking to hold a special service of Confirmation & Affirmation on **21st May 2017**. If you would like to be involved in this service then please do speak to Peter. It's a great way to mark your journey or renewal of Faith, both for those who have been Baptised looking to Confirm their faith for the first time and those who want to give thanks and Re- affirm their faith. Those partaking in the Lent Courses are welcome to publicly re-affirm their faith if the wish do to so.



St Leonard's and St Mary's Prayer Diary April 2017



Jesus said:

So I tell you to ask and you will receive, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive, everyone who searches will find, and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks,

Luke 11:9-10 (NIV)

We hope you will find this prayer sheet a helpful addition to your own prayer life. You can pull it out from the Magazine if that would help.

Please also let us know how you use the Prayer Diary and if there is anything you would like us to add or change or prayers answered that you would like to share.

A prayer to start the day

Lord, transform all my days with your life-giving spirit. Amen.

Specific things to pray for this month

Ask God to bless our ongoing adventures of Messy Church, Cafe Church and the Footermuff Group. Ask him to show us how we can use these ways of worship to honour him, to grow in spirituality and in the ways we reach out into the communities in which we live. Ask his blessing on the Lent Groups as they continue with their studies of the Creeds. And ask his blessing on our regular Sunday worship.

Pray

Pray that we will be encouraged to proclaim with joy the good news of the kingdom of God, that we will be strengthened to respond lovingly to the needs of others, that we will be inspired to do all that is necessary to transform injustices and that we will be lead to defend the natural world created by God. Do not be afraid, trusting that God will be by your side as you carry out the tasks he has called you to do.

Pray for Governments, leaders and all who hold positions of power throughout the world. Ask God to guide and inspire them that they will seek always to act with justice, fairness and compassion, dignity and integrity, striving for peace and guided by love for all people.

A prayer for peace

Give us, Lord God, a vision of our world as your love would make it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where the benefits of civilised life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a world where different ethnic groups, nations and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love; And give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Peace

'Standing Orders' – things you may want to pray for and/or give thanks for all the time

Peter, Jennie, Elizabeth and Bill and all that they do for us, especially in the run up to Easter. Also for their families. Jacqui and all others currently training for ordination. Ask God to continue to bless and encourage them. Members of the Vestries. Your family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours and also St Leonard's and St Mary's church family and all the groups associated with our two churches. Give thanks for the folk who carry out so many tasks in our churches – cleaning, flower-arranging, hosting coffee mornings, running and provisioning the baking stall.



Also all who help each Sunday - musicians, readers, intercessors, sidesfolk, servers, making refreshment.

For all of us to grow in faith and service.

Pray for those who are to be married or baptised at this time and their families.

The work of Scripture Union locally. Young folk and all who work with them, in education or other places.

Those you know who have short or long term illness or disability. Those whom you know about to undergo surgery and all who are recovering from illness or surgical procedures

Older people discouraged by their increasing frailty. Those who are anxious. The lonely and the bereaved.

All who are struggling with mental illness, battling addictions or incurable illnesses. Those in great pain.

Those coming to the end of their earthly lives.

All who are suffering persecution, exploitation and abuse.

All who are finding life tough just now, including all who are facing major changes in their circumstances and all who are struggling with personal relationships that they may find resolution and healing.



Pray that as you seek forgiveness for your own sins, God will help you to forgive those who have sinned against you.

Pray that the fruits of the Holy Spirit will grow within us: gentleness, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control.

Ask God to nourish your relationship with him, and to show you how you can work for his kingdom and how you can grow in faith and the way you honour him in every aspect of your life.

David and Shelley Stokes, our mission partners in Argentina. All who are being persecuted for their beliefs and stance for human rights, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ who face death for following Jesus..



Prayers Answered

Give thanks for prayers answered and for all the good things that have happened for you, your family, friends and neighbours.

This space is for you to write your own prayers and concerns

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 this day our daily bread,
And 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 forever.
Amen

Please remember that you can add your prayer requests to the Prayer Diary at St Mary's or add them to the Prayer Tree at St Leonard's. Please also update us on answered prayer as we believe God is at work through us.

Magazine Subscription 2017



It's that time of year again when we ask you to consider making a subscription or donation towards the cost of your church magazine. Even though we have changed to include more colour in the magazine somethings never change and the annual subscription or donation for your magazine remains at £5 for 10 issues a year.

Please put the donation in an envelope and label it "Magazine" along with your name. Then either pass your envelope to our treasurers or simply put it in the offering plate. Spare envelopes can be found at the back of church if needed.



Join with us for coffee and catch up with friends at **Coffee at Mary's** meeting on the **First Saturday of each Month.**

We also have the occasional home baking stall filled with treats too.

**Next Coffee Dates are:
Sat 1st April & 6th May**

St Mary's Pens

As part of St Mary's ongoing fundraising we have purchased some pens like the ones in the picture. This click action pen features a 2-in-1 pen/stylus design. The Stylus Paragon Pen has a unique rubber coated barrel and stunning chrome accents. The Pens are available to buy in a selection of colours with black ink for £1.50 from the back of church or from members of the fundraising group (Mitch, David, Mary or Fiona).



Fundraising Baking stall at the Pitcairn Centre Bonnyrigg

Here are the next dates for the bake stall

Thursday 6th April & Thursday 4th May

If you want to know more or are available to help please speak to Fiona.

Fiona Harris



Lectionary Readings February & March

The lectionary list is provided for all of us to read in advance of each Sunday and also to reflect on as we come to our times of fellowship and worship. Those reading within the service are encouraged to arrive early enough to read through the passage and make sure the Bible markers are at the right page. We thank you for taking on this duty and for being part of the worship we offer.

April 2nd 5th Sunday of Lent

One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church

1 Peter 2 9-12 Luke 14 16-24

April 9th Palm Sunday

Palm Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Passion Reading: Matthew 26 v14 to 27v66

April 16th Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10

April 23rd 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 22-32, John 20: 19-31

April 30th 3rd Sunday of Easter

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May 7th 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 42-47, John 10: 1-10

May 14th 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7: 55-60, John 14: 1-14

#TeamLyle



Lyle Cornet's Journey

My name is Lyle Cornet and I am a very special 1 year old boy.

When I was a baby my family were given the devastating news that I had a cancerous double brain tumour. Since then I have gone through numerous chemotherapy sessions which so far have not worked. I am still fighting this, however, now I need everyone's help. My mummy and family have been told that they need to build an extension that will cost £60,000 in order for me to remain living safely in the family home with my mummy, daddy and big brother. I am now looking to see if any of you can help me?

We need help in many ways. Any trades that can offer their time, any suppliers that could donate materials and most importantly anyone who could make a donation to help us raise the £60,000 that is needed to carry out the works to allow me to live the rest of my life in my house.



www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lyndsey-cornet

St Mary's 9.30am Sunday Rota

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
2nd April O: Peter C: S Blamire R: A Watt I: R Donald M: D Law	Phil Blamire John Fleming	Barbara & Nigel Hallworth	Lent	Sue & Phil Blamire
9th April O: L McEwan C: J Fleming R: C McEwan I: A Watt M: E Stewart	Sue & Phil Blamire	Betty Tinley Pat Willis	Palm Sunday	Sue & Phil Blamire
16th April O: A MacKay C: S Blamire R: R Donald I: K Donald M: D Law	Andrew Watt Cheryl Prior	Kathleen & Robin Donald	EASTER	Sue & Phil Blamire
23rd April O: R Donald C: J Fleming R: L Maguire I: C McEwan M:	Mary McPhail A Mackay	Noreen & David Grieve	Easter	Sue & Phil Blamire
30th April O: C: R: I: M:	<h1>Café Church</h1>			Sue & Phil Blamire

O = Officiant, **C** = Chalice, **R** = Reader, **I** = Intercessions & **M** = Music

St Leonard's 11:15am Sunday Rota

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
2nd April O: N Stewart C: V Scott R: Mary J I: Liz M: Peter	J Forsyth N Fyffe	J Mellon D Reid J Connor	Lent	J & J Mellon
9th April O: V Scott C: A Bruce R: S Kemp I: C Todd M: E Stewart	A Cunningham N Whannell	R Simpson A Mckenzie B Polouse	Palm Sunday	
16th April O: A Bruce C: T Mooney R: Mary J I: Peter M: Peter/David	B Polouse	J Strong A Bolan A Millar	EASTER	P & M Johnson
23rd April O: T Mooney C: N Stewart R: Sunday Club I: N Stewart M: Peter/David	A & I Bolan	N Whannel A Cunningham	Easter	J & T Mooney
30th April O: C: R: I: M: Peter	J Shannon J Strong	Café Church C Todd A Bruce A Thomson		C Todd A Thomson

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Church Directory

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	Reverend Jennie Godfrey	660 6145
	Reverend Bill Elliot	663 1369
	Reverend Mike Jones	440 2602

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Where to find us



St Leonard's Church

Dobbies Rd Lasswade & Bonnyrigg

Sunday at 11.15am

with Children's Sunday Club

www.stleonardslasswade.org.uk

St Mary 's Church

The church in the park

Dalkeith Country Park High St, Dalkeith

Sunday 9.30am

www.stmarysdalkeith.org.uk



More Information and Enquiries:

For more information about each of the churches we invite you to visit the websites of each church, you can also find us on

facebook under "St Leonard's & St Mary's"

or to contact the Church Office on

☎ 0131 663 7000 or email ✉ revpharris@googlemail.com

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Items for inclusion in the **May** edition of The Link should be passed to Fiona by **Sunday 23rd April** for consideration.

Editor's Note

Opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the editor or the Churches. Please note anyone submitting an article for inclusion within this magazine should ensure that the content is suitable for a church publication?

Holy Week Services

Our Ecumenical Holy Week Services for 2017
take place each night in Holy Week from 7.30pm

Lasswade Area

Monday - **Our Lady's**
Tuesday - Rosewell
Wednesday - Lasswade
Thursday - **St Leonard's**
Friday - Cockpen & Carrington

Dalkeith Area

Monday - **St David's**
Tuesday - Full Gospel Church
Wednesday - Dalkeith Baptist
Thursday - **St John's Kings Park**
Friday - St Nicholas

Good Friday Walk of Witness

Gather at St Mary's for 10 am and walk to town centre
before ending at St David's with light refreshments



St Leonard's Church

Dobbies Rd, Bonnyrigg & Lasswade

The word 'May' is written in large, blue, block letters, and 'Fair' is written in blue, cursive letters below it. The text is decorated with colorful flowers (pink, yellow, purple), a purple butterfly, and a red ladybug. The entire graphic is framed by colorful, swirling ribbons in red, green, and blue.

**May
Fair**

Saturday 13th May 12 noon-4pm