



Who will buy?

Lent 3 — 7th March 2010

Welcome — we hope that you enjoy worshipping here this morning. If you would like to know more about our congregation please make yourself known to the Minister or one of the “welcome team”. After the services please stay on to enjoy some refreshments.

Today's services

St. Leonard's 10.15 am — Rev. Andrew J. Philip
Pitcorthie 11.00 am — Ian Kirk, *Elder*

Prayer for today

Almighty God,
of ourselves we have no power to help ourselves.
Keep us outwardly in our bodies
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Verse for today

Prove your repentance by the fruit you bear.

Luke 3: 8

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St. Leonard's Church — 10.15am

Today our praise is chosen and led by Amplify
We stand to sing and sit to pray.

Your children are welcome to join the others in the Crèche or
Sunday School in the church hall after the second praise song.

Call to worship

- **FCH 531 My Jesus, my Saviour**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Address

- **Jesus' love is very wonderful**

Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
oh wonderful love!

So high you can't get over it,
so low you can't get under it,
so wide you can't get round it,
oh wonderful love!

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Reading Isaiah 55: 1-9

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- **FCH 550 As the deer pants for the water**

Offering All who are thirsty

- **Hungry**

Hungry I come to You
for I know You satisfy
I am empty
but I know Your love does not run dry
so I'll wait for you
so I'll wait for You

I'm falling on my knees
offering all of me
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for

Broken I run to You
for Your arms are open wide
I am weary but I know Your touch restores my life
so I'll wait for You
so I'll wait for You

I'm falling on my knees

So I'll wait for you
So I'll wait for you

I'm falling on my knees

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Sermon

- **FCH 804 You shall go out with joy**
Benediction & 3 fold Amen (sung)

You are invited to stay on for refreshments

If you are a guest today please make yourself known to any of the welcome team — please also complete a contact card — available at ends of pews or on tables at both doors.

If you know of someone who may need a pastoral visit please complete a visit card and return it to the minister.

Toilets are located in the hall complex — go through the door to the left of the font at the front of the sanctuary.

NEXT SUNDAY — 14th March — Mothering Sunday

10.15am at St. Leonard's
Morning Service, Crèche and Sunday School

11.00am at Pitcorthie — Morning Service

6.30pm / 8.00pm at St. Leonard's
Youth Fellowship / After Eight Group

NOTICES

Our church diary is on our website:
www.stleonardsparishchurch.org.uk

Sunday School & Crèche — Full programme for infants and children every Sunday at 10.15am.

Lent reflections — During Lent follow in the steps of the disciple Peter, from the day of his calling to the triumphal entry into Jerusalem three years later — a link is on our website or go to: www.scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/len-reflections

Guild — Police Inspector Adrian Annandale, will be coming along to speak to us at our **next meeting on Monday 8 March at 7:15 pm.** (That's right, Adrian is the son of Rosemary and Archie). He attended Sunday School here in St Leonard's and was also in the Boys Brigade. In line with our theme, Acting Justly, Adrian will be speaking to us about his role as a Police Inspector. A warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to come along and here what he has to say.

Trustees Meeting — Kirk Session and Congregational Board members to meet as Trustees on Tuesday 9th March at 7.30pm.

Annual Stated Meeting — will be held on Tuesday 23rd March at 7.30pm when all members and representatives of organisations are encouraged to attend.

World Day of Prayer — World Day of Prayer Children's service TODAY at 3pm in Holy Trinity Church.

Guided Snowdrop Spectacular Walk in Valleyfield woods on TODAY starting at 2pm and lasting about one hour. All interested parties meet in the Church car park at 1.30pm. There is no charge but donations will be gratefully accepted by the woodland park. The walk

can be rounded off with coffee at Culross.

Friendship Group will be starting on Thursday 11th March at 2.00pm. Speaker: Rev Andrew Paterson. Copies of the syllabus will be on the tables at each door for anyone interested.

Annual Church Census — The Presbytery has agreed that an annual church census should be held in March each year. The census, which will be similar to that conducted last year, will be held on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st March during which we will record the number of people in various age bands in attendance at St. Leonard's and at Pitcorthie.

Brownie Coffee Morning — The Brownies will be holding their Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th March, 10 am to noon. Entry is £1 or 50p concessions. Come along and enjoy a cup of Fair Trade Tea or Coffee and a chat with your friends.

Fellowship Committee Film Night — We are showing a 55 minute documentary film on Saturday 27th March in the church hall. The title is 'So, who is this Jesus?'. This is a down to earth story telling us who Jesus was and is narrated by Russell Boulter. Come along, bring some friends, enjoy a cup of tea & a chat of who you think Jesus was; this man who died on a cross for us.

Membership Class — Over the past year St. Leonard's has welcomed a number of guests who have become regular worshippers. We would love to give them (you if it is you!) and others the opportunity to become Communicant members of our congregation. The minister will be leading a Membership enquiry evening on Monday 29th March at 7.30pm. You will be most welcome to come along and find out more. Please let me know if you are able to attend – 721054 or minister@slpc.org.uk

Situations Vacant 1: Convenors — The Congregational Board is keen to appoint a new Finance Convenor and a new Property Convenor to work alongside the respective teams. Please contact the minister or Patsy Allen, Clerk to the Board.

Situations Vacant 2: Helpers — If you are interested in helping decorate the church for Easter, Harvest or Christmas please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

Situations Vacant 3: Sunday School — there is an urgent need for more helpers with the Crèche and Sunday School. Please speak with Sheila Leel to find out more.

**“PRACTICAL PRAYING”
A WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP BY PRAYER**

Join others in Dunfermline Presbytery as we explore how we can make our prayer life more meaningful, more spiritual, deeper and more inspiring.

Join others in seeking ways of better hearing God’s words to us as we speak to Him in prayer.

Share your prayer experiences within a mutual effort at enhancing intimacy in prayer with Our Lord and Maker.

Come whether you wish to learn, wish to share, or just wish for a morning’s prayer, for a time with fellows and Our God.

SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 2010

9 AM (for 9.30) TO 1 PM at ST. LEONARD’S CHURCH

Pentecost in the Glen — Over the weekend 22nd / 23rd May the Glen Pavilion and outdoor stage in Pittencrieff Park will be the venue for Pentecost celebrations. Many of the local churches will be involved in telling their story and in joint praise events. More news about the programme of events will be announced soon, so listen out in church and watch the website.

Holiday Club — This year’s holiday club “Rocky’s Plaice” will take place on the first week of the school summer holidays— Monday 5th to Saturday 10th July with special services on the two Sundays either side of these dates.



The call is out for help in many forms – we need people to be part of the team at the school, people to help with catering at the church, people to commit to praying for the holiday club, people to donate money, food and no doubt craft materials nearer the time.

If you would like to be part of the team (either at the school or the church), you have to (1) let the minister know (2) register with Scripture Union as a Volunteer – if you were part of the

team last year you should have received an update form – if you were not part of the team last year you will need a volunteers form which is available from the minister. Once again the minister will be happy to complete Disclosure Scotland forms if you are sent one when you register.

A call to prayer and fasting – Wednesday 10th March 2010

If ever there was a time to set aside normal routines and call upon God with the devotion and seriousness that fasting indicates, then it is now.

God once spoke through Joel saying:

Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD

(Joel 1: 14)

On March 10th we can unite before God's throne and pray for the Church of Scotland, seeking God's mercy for ourselves, our denomination and our land – mindful of the work of the Special Commission on Same-sex Relationships and the Ministry, of the discussions that will take place in presbyteries and Kirk Sessions, of the preparations behind the scenes for the 2010 and 2011 General Assemblies, of the need for unity amidst our diversity. Above all, that God will glorify his holy name, give wisdom and courage to his people and enable us to propagate the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with faithfulness and clarity. Times normally spent eating could be spent in private prayer. Perhaps the morning or afternoon could be set aside for prayer. Perhaps you could meet with others to pray. In the account of a situation filled with dread certainties, 2 Chronicles records that:

Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.

2 Chronicles 20: 3, 4, 12

Suggestions:

When fasting drink water. Put a bit of lemon in it and brush your teeth during the day: bad breath blesses no-one. If you are in doubt because of a medical condition or medication that requires you to eat, then eat with thanksgiving and pray.

Follow Jesus' instruction regarding personal fasting: don't go around with a sombre look of attention-seeking 'piety' on your face (Matthew 6: 16).

You might enjoy John Piper's book "A hunger for God" (IVP 1997)

And finally...

John Calvin wrote:

"Whenever a controversy over religion arises which ought to be settled by either a synod or an ecclesiastical court, whenever any difficult matter of great importance is to be discussed, it is appropriate that pastors urge the people to public fasting and extraordinary prayers."

(Institutes of the Christian Religion, 4.12.14)

Holy Week and Easter Services

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| Palm Sunday – March 28th | – 10.15am St. Leonard's
(Sacrament of Baptism) |
| | – 11.00am Pitcorthie |
| Maundy Thursday – April 1st | – 2.00pm Gillie Court
(Sacrament of Communion) |
| | – 7.00pm St. Leonard's
(Sacrament of Communion) |
| Good Friday – April 2nd | – 12noon St. Leonard's |
| Low Saturday — April 3rd | – 4pm to 7pm Vigil |
| Easter Day – April 4th | – 8.30am Open Air Service
in Public Park Bandstand |
| | – 9.30am Easter Breakfast
(St. Leonard's) |
| | – 11.00am Communion Service
(St. Leonard's) |