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If you would like to have a copy of sermons please let the Rector know.

Notices for the Sunday Newspaper

Need to be with the office by noon on the preceding Wednesday.
Additional notices may be passed to the clergy to read out at the
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Articles and advertisements are welcome and can be emailed to
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Copy in the body of the email or Word documents, please do not send
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Office (address above). Photographs and drawings are also welcome.

The DEADLINE for articles for the June & July edition of *News & Views* is
Friday 9th May for publication on Sunday 25th May.

Rector's Letter February/March 2014

Dear Friends

Just recently on a visit someone took a minute to show me their new remote control. Tired of separate remotes for a multitude of devices, they had instead put everything on this one handset. Looking at it reminded me of just how important remotes have become for us, allowing us to interact without having to go near what we're affecting. We can do this from a distance, without getting too near.

Soon we will move from Lent into Passiontide when we reflect on the last two weeks of Jesus' earthly life and journey with him to the Cross and then beyond into new life at Easter. As I reflect on this, I see that it's no place for remote controls.

Firstly, God does not do things by remote – into our broken world he sends his very own son to die for us and to rise for us. There on the Cross we see hanging there not a distant God, but one who shares our humanity and more than that, receives the worst that human beings can do to one another. For some, the Cross will always be a symbol of folly:

*Here hangs a man discarded,
A scarecrow hoisted high,
A nonsense pointing nowhere
To all who hurry by.*

Yet, those whose gaze is directed by love will always see in that figure the source of the world's true joy, for the victory of the Cross is the victory of perfect love.

Secondly, since God does not have a remote control so that a safe distance can be kept, then neither should we. These are not days when we should keep away, but instead learn to sit, listen and attend so that this “old, old story” may touch us in our deepest places, refreshing our souls. The work is not our own, but Christ’s – all we need to do is be open.

Elsewhere in the magazine you’ll find a list of services reflecting the theme of the season – come along and make God’s journey your own.

Fred

News & Views is Online!!

As we continue to work on improving our website and sharing the news and views of St Peter’s congregation, we have decided to make our magazine available online. It will be possible for articles to appear in the paper version of the magazine only and anyone who would prefer this to be the case should inform the office at the time of submission. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind members of the congregation that any material submitted must be free of copyright or, in the case of copyrighted material, come with written consent from the copyright owner for us to use their material in News & Views.

Please contact us at the church office if you would like to comment on the decision to make our magazine available online:

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Monday Group

The Monday Group meets regularly at 7.30pm in the choir vestry during the winter months – October to April – on the first and third Mondays of the month. Please note that membership is now open to all – both men and women.

On Monday 3rd February we never did find out what “You’ll Have Had Your Tea” was all about as unfortunately Mr Coghill was taken into hospital but it was too late to cancel so we met together anyway and

had a pleasant social evening. On Monday 17th February we were again guests of Anne Tomlinson at the Rectory. As usual Anne provided delicious refreshments and an excellent quiz, which was won by Joan Steven and someone whom modesty forbids me from identifying, but thanks for the chocolates, Anne!

The annual Pancake Party and Silent Auction on Shrove Tuesday went very well. Many thanks to all who donated items for the Silent Auction, bought tickets and spent their money and, of course, to the members of the Monday Group who provided and served the food. Especial thanks to those who set up the hall in the afternoon and to Nancy Smith and Ann Stevenson for masterminding the kitchen activity. The event raised the excellent total of £520. Proceeds go towards the annual May Drive and St Andrews Party for senior members of the congregation with any extra raised being sent to whatever charities the group decide to support at our AGM in April.

On Monday 17th March we are having a talk about New Zealand and Nepal by Dr Munro entitled "Life on the Rocks". On Monday 7th April we will have another outing to the pictures. Since cinemas only publicise their programmes 7 days in advance we will have to ring around people the week before to decide what to go to. Anybody would be welcome to join us. Our AGM this year will be on Monday 28th April (a week late because of Easter Monday).

The May Drive for senior members of the congregation will be on Thursday 22nd May (venue to be decided, possibly Abbotsford) and the Members Dinner is on Monday June 9th.

We would very much welcome new members. Members of St Peter's of all ages and their friends are most welcome to join the group, we are a friendly bunch and have an interesting variety of speakers and activities.

Liz Philp

Quiz Night

Much fun and brain searching was had at the Quiz Night held on Saturday 8th March in the Church Hall. Over 40 people and 10 teams gathered to outwit each other over 5 rounds of questions to suit all ages set by David Simpson. This was the 2nd time that David had kindly set the questions, so we all knew it would be tough but interesting! We were delighted to welcome 2 teams from the Lutton Place Bowling Club and a team from the Edinburgh University Brass Band. Also on offer were half-time buffet snacks, a raffle at which the bowlers seemed especially lucky at seeing their numbers come out of the hat! Top prize was a complimentary meal for 2 generously donated by The Engine Shed, for whom we were raising money on the night. Additionally there was the customary bar doing good business in order to erase any lingering pre-quiz nerves!

On with the questions and the first round of general knowledge saw the Crawford Roadies take an early lead with Team Mark bringing up the rear. Further sets of questions included a royal family/sporting mix, music, and a picture round of allegedly well-known Scots to mull over whilst eating the buffet. We even had the quizmaster's self-proclaimed all-time favourite question: Which England player captained his national side whilst playing football in the 3rd Division? As we got to half time it was clear the Crawford Roadies, made up of Derek, Willie, Liz, Georgie and Fanny were going to be the team to beat having taken a clear lead and dropping very few points.

At the conclusion of the Quiz the tension was intense as it was announced Team Mark had incredulously risen to 2nd place, and just 2 correct answers behind the winners Crawford Roadies who walked away with the prize of Mini Eggs and the congratulations from their fellow competitors. The night was organised by the Community Outreach Group (COG) and successfully raised £300 for The Engine Shed. The next COG event to mark in your diary being the Easter Sunday Lunch following the 10:45am service.

Oh, and the answer to the question if you hadn't got it already: Ian Botham (having played for Scunthorpe United and captained the England cricket team)

Summer Fair

St Peter's Summer Fair is on 31st May, with activities in the church, halls, garden and – new this year – in the bowling club which will open its doors for a fun bowling challenge. Please let us know if you can help in any way as we need lots of people to run stalls, serve teas and welcome our neighbours to our annual Summer Fair.

Bethany Shelter

Gloria and Liz were privileged to be invited to help out at Granton Parish Church recently when they hosted a Bethany Night Shelter for the homeless. It was a moving experience. Bethany provided an experienced team of 3 who supervised and instructed the volunteers at every stage of the evening. A team of 7 members of the Granton congregation prepared a delicious meal, cooked in the small church kitchen. It consisted of both meat and vegi dishes and a hot pudding, enough for 40 men who were collected in the Bethany van from outside St Andrews House. After eating they slept in the hall on roll-out mattresses and blankets supervised by the impressive team of 3 Bethany workers. More churches are needed to take a turn at hosting the Bethany shelters. It was heart breaking to see the homeless men, on a cold winter's night, clamouring to get into the van at St Andrews House. This showed only too clearly how much this service is needed. St Peter's Community Outreach Group would like to see our church playing its part along with the many other Edinburgh congregations.

What do you think?

Mark Rowe and Liz Hare

Plastic Bottle Tops

Many thanks to all those who are collecting plastic bottle tops. We are handing them over to Molly Longmuir of Craigmillar Park Church who sends them to the Margaret Kerr Unit at the Borders General Hospital in Melrose. She reports that over £1,500 has so far been raised from the sale of the bottle tops. The palliative care unit has been open for a year now and has cared for over 150 patients. The bottle tops should be well washed and show either a 2 or a 4 in a triangular symbol under the lid. No others will do – so sorry the squashy ones with 04 are no good and neither are the ring pulls. Sister Margaret Kerr (1925-2008) was the daughter of a Church of Scotland Minister in the Borders. After leaving Esdaile School she volunteered during the war as a Red Cross VAD then trained as a nurse in Edinburgh. She was awarded the MBE for bravely leading a team of devoted nurses at the City hospital during a serious hepatitis outbreak in the 1970s. She never married and, with her sister Berta, retired to West Linton but when her sister became terminally ill she was saddened by the fact that there was no hospice nearer than Edinburgh. After her sister's death she decided to leave all her money to start a fund for a dedicated palliative care unit in the Borders.

Liz Philp

Visit to Crichton Collegiate Church

Once again we're grateful to Trustees at Crichton for their kind invitation to hold our Communion service on Ascension Day (29th May) in their beautiful church at 8pm. For those who have never been to the chapel before, a visit is a wonderful way to celebrate this festival.

If you would like a lift, please contact the Church Office: 662 9171.

Music Notes

Choir Concert Friday 23rd May: 7.30pm

This year, the choir will not be giving a performance on Good Friday, but will be singing at the evening service on Maundy Thursday, which starts at 7.30 pm.

On **Friday 23rd May**, at 7.30pm, the choir will be performing Vivaldi's Gloria and Schubert's Mass in G.

Retirement of John Wade

We are sorry to announce that John Wade has resigned his membership of the choir. John's eyesight has been failing for some time, and he has been finding it increasingly difficult to focus on the music, which has been a source of frustration. We will miss his pithy comments during rehearsals, and would like to thank him for the unfailing support he has given to the music at St Peter's over the past 25 years.

Rupert Forbes

Festival Booking

I'm pleased to report that we're about to sign an agreement with "C Venues" who will run St Peter's as a Fringe Venue this summer. This should bring in in excess of £7000 rent which will help address our deficit issues. Please note that we will be effectively handing over St Peter's to C Venues for six weeks. We will be able to have services at 8.30am and 10.45am (no evening services) but will have no access to the hall and indeed we may need to be flexible in the way we use the church on Sunday mornings if it is set up for performances. Speaking

with representatives from C Venues they are looking to use not only the halls and the church, but also to erect a marquee in the car park and to set up a café in the garden. Please note though that the church office in the lodge will be unaffected.

Fred

C venues are based in northwest London except during July and August, when they are based at Adam House, Chambers Street, Edinburgh. Its festival fringe venues include St Columba's by the Castle. C venues has a Festival team of around 200 people, and the core management team are engaged across the UK in professional theatre and events whilst the majority of operational staff are students, working on a semi-voluntary, freelance basis.

For more information about C Venues please visit their website:
<http://www.cvenues.com/venues/home.html>

If you know anyone who might be interested in applying for a job over the festival period more information can be found at:

<http://www.gothinkbig.co.uk/features/summer-jobs-work-at-the-edinburgh-fringe-festival-get-experience-and-see-shows-for-free/>

<http://www.cvenues.com/venues/downloads/info/Cjobinfo.pdf>

June Rapson

If you are unable to access the internet and would like to know more about any of the above, please contact the church office.

Derek

Good Friday with Lord Palmerston

When I came to St Peter's some 13 years ago one of our Newington traditions was that we climbed Arthur's Seat on the morning of Good Friday. I had assumed that this was a fairly recent tradition, established say in the past 25 years or so, but Peter Smail at St Michael and All Saint's Church has put me right by sending me the following extract from a Victorian text.

"Lord Palmerston was the guest of the late Lord Provost Lawson in Edinburgh in April 1863. I sat next to him one morning at breakfast.... It happened to be Good Friday, and after breakfast we attended divine service at the Episcopal church in Lutton Place, after which the Lord Provost accompanied Lord Palmerston with the intention of reaching the top of Arthur's Seat. The former was soon obliged to give in, though probably ten years younger than the noble Lord, who nimbly reached the summit, in his 79th year.

In his accompanying note, Peter wonders if I might want to commend Lord Palmerston's endeavours on the mount to the older members of St Peter's as a Lenten activity. I've assured him that we have some in that age group who may well be up for it.

Fred

Fresh Start

Fresh Start are particularly in need of: tumbler glasses, tea towels, light-bulbs (preferably bayonet cap fitting) and dusters.

From Fresh Start's development worker, Angus:

At the Food Station at 1 Harrison Place Fresh Start is running cooking classes and allotment sessions. The cooking classes are open for individuals that need practical support and get basic knowledge about nutrition. Participants are feeding back that they enjoy being part of a group and have a chance to socialise. Cooking classes are facilitated by volunteers. The garden has been converted into an allotment and at the moment we are getting ready for the growing spring. Volunteers have been working hard in the garden but more work lies ahead.

Volunteers are needed to get involved in both activities. If anyone is interested, please contact Angus on angus@freshstartweb.org.uk or 01313412559.

Pat Whike



Children and Youth Work



On Sunday 16th March we were delighted to host Bishop John who was at St Peter's to confirm three of our children, Rachel Greenwood, David Coom and Paul Tiplady. Nicholas Laidlaw, who was married at St Peter's in November, was also being confirmed. All of the candidates had undergone a number of classes led by our clergy and lay reader and I was very pleased to hear that Fred, Ruth and Janet were impressed with the level of faith and understanding displayed by our young people.



Bishop John led the service and also the children's talk which he focussed on journeying. Our children enthusiastically informed the Bishop of the variety of different ways that they travelled to church, everything from cars and buses to scooters and their own two legs. Bishop John proceeded to point us to the old testament reading where Abram gave up his home and everything that he knew to 'Go' on a journey because God asked him to.

Please pray for all of the candidates as they continue on their journey of faith.

Derek

Prayer Points

This year I have decided to write a prayer for each magazine and then say it every day. I would like to invite all those who wish to support our children and youth work to say this prayer with me.

Father,

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

As we continue through this year I pray that our Sunday's Cool and youth work will be pleasing to you and that through our efforts your will, will be done.

Thank you for all of the things that you have given us and for the faith that is developing in our children and teenagers.

Forgive our mistakes and help us to learn from them as we seek to live lives that are pleasing to you.

Bless us and keep us;

let your face shine upon us, and be gracious to us;

lift up your countenance upon us, and give us peace.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

A note from Chris Purser

Careful mature male is looking for a large one or two bedroom flat in the EH9 / EH10 area. I work full time and can supply landlord and employer references.

Please contact Chris on: 07957355194 or cjpurser@gmail.com

Holy Week and Easter at St Peter's Episcopal Church

Monday to Friday

Service at 7.45am at Craigmillar Park Church

Followed by breakfast

Palm Sunday – 13th April

Family Communion at 10.45am

with blessing of palms and procession

and including a dramatised reading of the Passion

Maundy Thursday – 17th April

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 11.30am

Service of the Upper Room in St Peter's at 7.30pm

Good Friday – 18th April

Walk of Witness starting Craigmillar Park at 10.00am

Ecumenical 3 Hours Vigil in St Peter's at noon

Holy Saturday – 19th April

Service of New Fire at 8pm

to welcome the risen Christ

Easter Sunday – 20th April

Holy Communion at 8.30am

Festal Family Communion at 10.45am

Stations of the Light at 6.30pm



presents

'Tatty Bogle'

Thursday, 5th June 2014, 5.30pm
St Peter's Church Hall, Lutton Place



Music: Ruth Kendall and other songs

Drama : Linda Allison

Everyone welcome.

Entry free. Refreshments at the end of the performance

Retiring collection

Dates for your diary

April	
Tuesday 1 st	Community Outreach Group (COG) meets at 7.30pm
Thursday 3 rd	Lunch club meets at the Reverie after the 11am service
Sunday 6 th	Bring and Share lunch at 12.15pm
Thursday 10 th	Dean's Visitation to St Peter's (all morning)
Saturday 12 th	Baptism of Katherine Maria Sorrell
Sunday 13 th	Start of Holy Week (see list of services elsewhere in this magazine).
Wednesday 30 th	Vestry meeting at 7.30pm in the rectory
May	
Thursday 1 st	Lunch club meets after the 11am service
Saturday 3 rd	Wedding – Paolo and Beatrice
Sunday 4 th	Bring and Share lunch at 12.15pm
Wednesday 7 th	Finance Committee meets at 7.15pm
Friday 23 rd	Choir Concert in church at 7.30pm
Tuesday 27 th	Vestry meeting at 7.30pm in the rectory
Thursday 29 th	Ascension Day – service at 8pm in Crichton Collegiate Church
Saturday 31 st	Summer Fair

Sunday Services at St Peter's

6th April.

Lent 5

8.30am Holy Communion
(Scottish Communion Office)
10.45am Sung Mattins
Hall Service
6.30pm Compline

4th May. Easter 3

8.30am Holy Communion
(Scottish Communion Office)
10.45am Sung Mattins
Hall Service
6.30pm Compline

13th April. Palm Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion with
dramatic reading
Sunday's Cool will run for children
6.30pm Healing Service

11th May. Easter 4

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion with
Sunday's Cool for children
6.30pm Healing Service

20th April. Easter Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion with
Sunday's Cool for children
6.30pm Nightkirk

18th May. Easter 5

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1970 Communion with
Sunday's Cool for children
6.30pm Nightkirk

27th April. Easter 2

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1970 Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong

25th May. Easter 6

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion with
Sunday's Cool for children
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday Services at St Peter's

8.30am Holy Communion

This spoken Morning Prayer and Communion follow the 1929 Prayer Book. There is no music and, on the first Sunday of each month, there is no sermon.

10.45am: Sung Mattins

Held in the Church with the choir and organ: This follows the 1929 Prayer Book, and sometimes includes a choral version of a Canticle.

10.45am: Hall Service

An All-Age Communion service that is held in the hall. It is contemporary in style and music, uses a simple Liturgy and is led by an informal choir and instrumentalists.

10.45am 1982 Communion

This Communion service follows the 1982 Liturgy, with choir and organ, and the congregational Communion Setting is by David Sanger, Noel Rawsthorne or David Jenkins (James MacMillan in Advent and Lent). Sunday's Cool is held during these services with the children leaving at different times depending on their age. Everyone returns in time for Communion.

10.45am 1970 Communion

This Communion service follows the 1970 Liturgy, with choir and organ, and the Communion Setting is by Merbecke.

All Age Services

All Age services follow a simple Liturgy and mix traditional with contemporary music using both the Organ and Instrumentalists as appropriate.

6.30pm Evening Services:

Compline follows the 1929 Prayer Book.

Choral Evensong is a sung evening service that follows the 1929 Prayer Book

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