

NEWS & VIEWS



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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

There is something magical about this season before Christmas, especially when seen through a child's eyes. Put aside the gaudy, commercialised trappings and there is still something wonderful in the twinkling lights and the candles lighting up the cold and the dark.

The Christian community has celebrated the extended Christmas season for centuries. Christmas itself emerged as a separate observance in the fourth century, being fixed on the twenty-fifth of December according to the usage of the Church in Rome. Advent (from the Latin *Adventus* – coming) emerged in the sixth century when we see prayers and scriptural texts emerging for what we now call the Sundays in Advent.

Advent was celebrated as a season of waiting, both for the Feast of the Nativity, which is the Church's liturgical window into the mystery of the incarnation, and for the Second Coming of Christ. During Advent, the season of the Coming, both Advents – past and future – are there to be celebrated, reflected on, prayed over, wrestled with and delighted in.

It's good to have this time of waiting because for most of us I guess waiting bores and irritates us! The Bible teaches us that if we approach it in the right spirit, waiting is a creative moment when we grow spiritually. When we wait we are in touch with an essential aspect of our humanity which is that we are dependent on God and on one another.

The grace of Advent is hope, the virtue by which we human beings can recognise and welcome God present in the world but not experienced with our senses. This corresponds to the time when Jesus was in Mary's womb, when *the Word was made flesh* but not visible. His presence was real but an object of hope.

The fruit of Advent then is that we grow in the virtue of hope that God is present even when He is hidden. In celebrating Jesus in Mary's womb we celebrate all the times in the Bible and in history when human beings have been invited by God to recognise his hidden presence in the world.

This Advent, may God allow you to know real hope in Christ, to anticipate his Coming at Christmas, so that when Christmas comes you see in the child of Bethlehem the one in whom your hope and the hope of the world is fulfilled.

Fred

Vreni Fry

Over two events at the end of last month St Peter's said "thank you" to Vreni as she finished after eleven years of contributing to the musical life of our church.

Firstly at the Singing Club show Rupert paid warm tribute to all Vreni had brought to St Peter's through her leadership of the Club, ably assisted firstly by Karen Docwra and then latterly by Linda Allison. Children attending the Club over the years have not only gained in confidence in their singing, but also have been introduced to the Christian faith by its leaders. Vreni and Linda received floral tributes from both St Peter's and from representatives from the parents of Singing Club children.

Then on 29th November we had the annual tree lighting event and show, led this year by the children's music initiative Fischy Music. Over 30 children attended a workshop led by Fischy in the afternoon, before going on to perform the songs they'd learned in the church. Over 100 people attended and saw Vreni being presented with yet more flowers(!), a voucher for a local garden centre (contributed to by members of the congregation) and a warm tribute from the Rector.

We wish Vreni well as she moves on to pastures new.

Fred

St Peter's as a training congregation

One of my tasks as Principal of the Scottish Episcopal Institute, the training agency of the Scottish Episcopal Church, is to seek out congregations that will be good places for students to do some of their training. There are two stages in their formation in which candidates for ordained ministry or Lay Reader ministry require congregational placements. The first is during their initial three years of training (called Initial Ministerial Education 1-3) when they do a 40-hour placement with a congregation or chaplaincy, shadowing those in leadership and reflecting upon the practice of ministry therein. The second is once they have been ordained or licensed as a Lay Reader during Initial

Ministerial Education 4-6, when they serve a curacy or period as a probationer Reader.

St Peter's is an ideal context for the needs of such candidates. First and foremost it has a strong team of ministers, lay and ordained, stipendiary and self-supporting, with long track records of experience behind each one of them. Secondly it has a wide range of services – there are few places where candidates can learn to sing Matins and Evensong, or even pointed Anglican chant – giving candidates wide experience of both ancient and modern practices of worship. It has a team of people taking Extended Communion to homes and hospitals, an outward-looking missional heart (the work of the Community Outreach Group, Bethany Night Shelters, Basic Bank and so on), good children's and young people's work and a wide range of week-day activities. Candidates who come to St Peter's can thus experience the whole panoply of Episcopalian practice, and receive wise supervision in so doing.

But most importantly it has a *congregation* that has demonstrated over the years that it is happy to engage in the formation of candidates and so help build the next generation of leadership for the Scottish Episcopal Church. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, so does it take a congregation to form a new minister. **Thank you** for agreeing to do this in the case of Paul Stollard as he does his second IME 1-3 placement with you in the spring term. SEI is deeply appreciative.

Anne Tomlinson

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.

We resumed our regular meetings in October with a Welcome Party with wine & nibbles on Monday 5th October, we welcomed two new members and another has joined since, Linda Farrer gave us an interesting talk about Edinburgh's Street Pastors.. On Monday 19th October Janet McKinnell took a service of Holy Communion from the

reserved sacrament and shared with us some stories about her life in America and her work as a Lay Reader. On Monday 2nd November we had a particularly excellent talk about the Water of Leith. On Monday 16th November the speaker from Caring Dogs for the Disabled unfortunately called off due to illness but Derek Harley stepped in at the last minute and gave a delightful illustrated talk about his time in New Zealand – apparently this was Part One, we look forward to more next year.

On Saturday 7th November we held an afternoon party for senior members of the congregation, which we called an “All Saints Party”. We felt that an afternoon event would be better for those of our older members who do not like going out on a cold winter’s night. Invited guests and Monday Group members all enjoyed one another’s company with sandwiches, cakes, tea & coffee. The entertainment provided at the end was a Quiz all about saints. The winning team was Sue Whitehouse and Jim & Anna Phillips, with the Rector’s team close runners-up, you will be glad to know that our clergy are well up on saints!

Our next meeting will be a Craft Evening on Monday December 7th, then one week later an afternoon meeting on Monday December 14th when we will have a speaker from “Fresh Start”. Although holding a meeting on a weekday afternoon precludes attendance from those members who are working, we are hoping to entice back a few former members who do not like going out in the evenings. Our only event in January is the members’ party which will be at Margaret Garden’s house, 4/6 East Castle Road, on Monday 18th January. On Monday 1st February Anne Tomlinson has again kindly invited us to a Quiz Night at the Rectory.

Easter is fairly early next year, Lent will be upon you before you know it. Perhaps you would like to start to think now about putting away some items for inclusion in the Shrove Tuesday Silent Auction – unwanted Christmas gifts are our speciality - Tuesday 9th February.

Do consider joining the Monday Group. 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 events. Further information from any committee member – Liz Philp, Pamela Dugan, Margaret Garden, Jennifer Milligan, Fiona Smith or Jane Sutherland.

Liz Philp

Do You Remember Jesus?

Do you remember Jesus when it comes to Christmas time?
Do you recall the reason for this season so sublime?
You write your cards, you shop and watch your pile of presents grow,
But do you think of Christmas Day 2,000 years ago?

You hang the decorations and you dress the Christmas tree,
You rush around and visit everyone you 'ought' to see,
You stuff the turkey, peel the sprouts and bake the last mince pie,
But do you ever stop for long enough to think of why?

It doesn't have to be that way, It's easy, if you care,
To enjoy the festive spirit but make every job a prayer.
Instead of rushing madly through the jobs which must be done,
Take time to share the miracle - the birth of God's own Son.

Tinsel, baubles, mistletoe and shining fairy lights
Adorn your home with festive cheer and brighten winter nights,
But when you put the star in place upon your Christmas tree
Recall the star that led to where the infant King would be.

Each year we write so many cards to friends and family,
But sometimes write in haste to those we very seldom see.
So take a little time to add a thoughtful word or two,
One day you may be thankful that somebody writes to you.

Extend your love to strangers with a smile, a word, a touch.
The gift will cost you nothing but could mean so very much.
And let Christ's words shine in your deeds for all the world to see,
'Whatso'er you do to others you do also unto me.'

For Jesus dwells in all of us - in every living thing,
In rich and poor, in black and white, in pauper and in King.
And when you show a stranger that another stranger cares,
It may be you have entertained an angel unawares.

Show kindness to the birds and beasts, they too were made by God,
And not one single sparrow is forgotten by the Lord.
The lowly creatures sheltered Christ the night He came to earth,
Their eyes beheld the moment of the Blessed Saviour's birth.

Let your Christmas table and the food you have prepared
Remind you of the bread and wine Christ blest and broke and shared
To symbolise the life He gave to wipe away our sin,
As often as we do likewise we should remember Him.

Perhaps the simple holly has the greatest tale to tell,
Its colours bright and glorious as Christ's victory over Hell.
The blood-red berries flanked by leaves as green as Calvary's hill
Burst forth triumphant, live again and scorn the winter chill.

As you choose the gifts that you will give on Christmas Day,
Reflect on what to give to God and how you can repay
A love so rare that, for our sakes, His only Son was given
To be our Saviour and to bring to us the gift of Heaven.

The magnitude of such a gift we scarce can understand,
That God would count us worthy of a place at His right hand.
So give to Him obedience and a vow to play your part
As He would wish - then praise Him with a joyful, thankful heart.

As we sing the carols that we know so very well,
Repeating, once again, the Christmas message that they tell.
Let us pray with all our hearts, and one united cry,
For peace on earth, goodwill to men and glory to God on high.

God wants our hearts to be His home, our lips to be His voice,
Our lives to show that loving Him is a reason to rejoice.
So have a merry Christmas - the best you can afford,
Just don't forget to wish 'Happy Birthday' to the Lord.

Anon – contributed by Dorothy Munro

Christmas at St Peter's

Sunday, 13th December
All-age Service at 10.45am

Sunday, 20th December
**Traditional Service of Readings and Carols by candlelight at
6.30pm**

Christmas Eve
Crib service at 4pm
Midnight Communion Service at 11.30pm

Christmas Day
**All-age Communion Service
at 10.45am**

***You will receive a warm welcome at each of these services.
Why not bring a friend?!***

I am Joseph

I am Joseph, carpenter,
Of David's kingly line,
I wanted an heir; discovered
My wife's son wasn't mine.

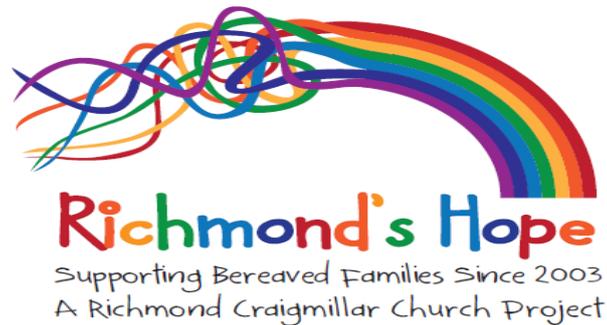
I am an obstinate lover,
Loved Mary for better or worse,
Wouldn't stop loving when I found
Someone Else came first.

Mine was the likeness I hoped for
When the first-born man-child came.
But nothing of him was me. I couldn't
Even choose his name.

I am Joseph, who wanted
To teach my own boy how to live.
My lesson for my foster son:
Endure. Love. Give.

U.A. Fanthorpe

St Peter's Giving in Advent and Christmastide



As most of you will be aware we support a number of charities over the year. Over Advent and Christmastide we aim to support a charity with children as the beneficiaries, and this year the Vestry has decided that our charity should be Richmond's Hope.

Richmond's Hope was founded in 2003 in Niddrie by the Richmond Craigmillar Church of Scotland and is aimed at helping bereaved children through their grief and allow them to manage the impact of death in their lives.

The Group takes referrals from within the City of Edinburgh and Midlothian. In Edinburgh they work from Niddrie but also have a base at Carrickknowe Parish Church for children and young people in the northwest of the city. In Midlothian they have a base in Dalkeith.

Richmond's Hope believe that they can make a difference in the lives of children who have been bereaved by supporting them through their grief using therapeutic play providing a safe haven for them to work out their feelings.

During Advent and Christmastide we shall have retiring collections at our services and other events in aid of Richmond's Hope. There will be giftaid envelopes from the charity and, if you are able, we would urge you to use them by filling in the details requested. This increases your donation by 25% without any extra charge to yourself.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



Children and Youth Work



During the month of November I have been delivering a series of children's talks entitled 'Who am I'. The talks have been part of our Scientists in Congregations project and involved the Children and Youth Worker dressing up as a famous scientist while giving clues as to their identity. Children were then invited to guess 'who' I was followed by a talk on an aspect of that scientist's life and work. I've put a brief summary of the talks below along with some pictures (unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, it didn't occur to me to ask anyone to take photographs on the days!)

Derek

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Marie Curie (Remembrance Sunday)

Marie Curie lived in France during World War 1 and took time to consider how she could help. The areas of science that she was working on were not particularly applicable but it occurred to Marie that the relatively recent discovery of Wilhelm Röntgen could be useful (Röntgen had discovered X-Rays in 1895). She proceeded to raise money, successfully persuaded people to donate large cars and borrowed X-ray equipment from various organisations. Her efforts eventually led to a fleet of 20 'mobile radiology installations' that were driven to field hospitals and used to assist doctors in finding bullets, shrapnel and broken bones. Marie Curie's efforts resulted in modern science and technology being used to help others, in her case wounded soldiers.



¹ First medical X-ray by Wilhelm Röntgen of his wife's hand.

Today we are fortunate to live in a country that is at peace but the potential for individuals to be hurt still exists. In her hit single, 'If I Could Turn Back Time, the singer Cher has a line: 'words are like weapons they wound sometimes'. This sentiment is echoed by the apostle James who refers to the tongue as 'a restless evil, full of deadly poison'². So today we could ask ourselves the question, "How can we use modern science and technology, such as computers, tablets and smartphones, to help people who are hurt not by bullets and shrapnel, but by words, texts, email and tweets?"

²James 3 v8 NIV

Albert Einstein (as a teenager might write)

I'm not alive any more if I was I'd be like, 136 years old. I grew up in Germany and went to school. I wonder what my physics teacher would say now; I'm a world famous theoretical physicist, won the Nobel Prize for Physics and get called one of the greatest scientists of the 20th century! You've probably heard of my ideas about relativity, they explain lots of stuff about the universe. I moved to the USA when I was 54 cos Hitler was in charge in Germany and I didn't really want to live there. I even became a US citizen. Not many people know this but I almost became President of Israel. In the end I said no, too much attention and not enough time to do science! I was 76 when I died in 1955. You should totally do the math and work out the year I was born.

Einstein became very famous and was often asked what he thought about God. He said some interesting things, including:

“the eternal mystery of the world is its comprehensibility”

Max Jammer, **Einstein and Religion** (1999), pg 42.

Einstein found it to be truly amazing that human beings are able to understand something as vast and complicated as the universe. Our ability to understand is indeed amazing but also poses an uncomfortable question: how can a creature capable of understanding the laws of the universe be incapable of finding ways of providing all of its members with food to eat and clean water to drink?



³ The 'Sombrero' galaxy. This galaxy is 28 million light years or 168 quintillion miles away.

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Bring and Share Lunch

For several years now 'Bring and Share' lunches have been a feature of St Peter's First Sundays. This is a chance for people to share a simple lunch of soup, salad and cake while getting to know others better. Often those who have turned up for the first time have found a welcome at that meal and have stayed as members of St Peter's family as a result.

There is no charge for this lunch, nor any expectation that visitors/newcomers will bring something - but there is a hope that those who come month by month might bring a contribution of home-made food. Marian McKean and Anne Tomlinson have faithfully provided soup, quiche and cake every month since the inception of the practice – but both are not always able to be present and would appreciate some others helping with the hot food side of things. Please speak to Marian or Anne if you can help.

There will be a Bring and Share lunch on January 3rd, even though the Hall Service is on the next Sunday that month.

Brothers and Sisters Quiz

Please identify the following siblings – some fictional, some not. Answers on page 16.

1. Joy, Babs and Teddy.
2. Anne, Charlotte, and Emily.
3. Fili and Kili.
4. Jack and Sir Bobby.
5. Reggie and Ronnie.
6. Ann and Sir Brian.
7. Mitka, Vanya and Alyosha.
8. Billy and Maku.
9. Anne, Denise, Maureen, Linda, Bernie and Coleen.
10. Alan, Wayne, Merril, Jay, Donny and Jimmy.
11. Gavin and Scott.
12. Yehudi and Hephzibah.
13. Sebastian and Viola.
14. Brooklyn, Romeo, Cruz and Harper.
15. Joe, Hen, Maggie and Daphne.

Going to God with the Shepherds

If you want to go to God, go without
your certainties. Take your graces. Leave
your certainties behind. If you go looking
for a Triangle inside a Trefoil inside
a Conundrum, you'll miss the greatest sight
of all, the Holy Trinity playing
children's games on the lawns of heaven. If
you only look for the Virgin of the Window,
you'll walk right past Our Lady, laughing and telling
stories with a group of friends.

The disciples
knew not the Lord Jesus in his resurrection
flesh. They were expecting someone else,
someone they knew for certain. And this was like,
but was it he? They knew him only when
he handed them their bread.

Go to God, then,
taking in the hand of memory
the silken light of a clear dawn after
wet weather and say, with tears if need be,
"You made this." Take the name of your beloved
and say, "You made him and in him you remade me."
Take the goodness of your life. And take
some moment of uncertain and life-giving
hope, like an angel whispering or—sometimes—
trumpeting in your ear. These are your guides.

And so
go with the shepherds on their angelic quest.
Go to that hick town that David left
as soon as he got the chance, go to the stable,
see what you never expected to see, the doors
to God opening in that manger against
all certainty.

And then return to find
anew the tracks of grace: the beauty of men,
the beauty of women, the delight of children,
the running of a swift dog, the flight of birds,
the sweetness of a pear, hands held in quiet.
If you want to go to God, leave your certainties
behind. But be sure to take your graces.

L. William Countryman

St Peter's Posada

During Advent 2015 we will be following a practice at St Peter's amongst the families with young children that is used by many congregations. This is called 'Posada'. Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home.

So from Advent Sunday a wooden nativity set of Mary, Joseph and the donkey will travel on a roster basis visiting a different family every three or four days. On that Sunday we will make an 'offering' of the Posada figures. The first family is invited to come up to the altar and kneel or stand whilst everybody in the congregation joins in with the prayer.

*Today we bring before you these figures of Mary and Joseph
As we welcome them into our homes this Christmas,
May we welcome the Lord Jesus into our hearts and lives.*

The time that a family has Mary and Joseph 'to stay' provides a great opportunity to pray together at home or to invite guests around to share the true meaning of Christmas, perhaps by singing some carols for example.

Seven families have signed up on a rota indicating when they are happy to have the figures staying in their home. Each family then hands the figures over to the next listed by the date detailed. The last on the list brings the figures to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

A sheet with prayers has been distributed for the families to use when Mary and Joseph are staying with them. We offer two of them to *you* to use through Advent as together we pray especially for those current-day refugees seeking safety and a new home far from their land of origin.

Posada Prayers

For those who travel

Father, we pray for all those who will travel today to school or work or play, for those who will travel home to visit families far away, for those travelling to find a safer place to live, and for those who are seeking God's will for their lives.

When the journey is hard

Circle us

Holy Trinity

when the path we travel daily becomes hard to tread.

Patient all-loving Father,

Christ who is the promised way,

Sustaining Spirit, provider of help,

circle us today

as you did the holy Family

as they travelled the path to Bethlehem,

towards the coming Saviour.

Anne Tomlinson

Answers to the siblings quiz:

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| 1. The Beverley Sisters. | 9. The Nolan Sisters. |
| 2. The Brontes. | 10. The Osmonds. |
| 3. Dwarves in The Hobbit. | 11. Hastings. |
| 4. Charlton. | 12. Menuhin. |
| 5. The Kray twins. | 13. Shakespeare, Twelfth Night. |
| 6. Gloag and Souter. | 14. Beckham. |
| 7. The Brothers Karamazov. | 15. The Broons. |
| 8. Vunipola. | |

Dates for your diary

December	
Tuesday 8th	Afternoon service in the small hall at 2.30pm
Sunday 13th	Nativity Play followed by mulled wine/mince pies
20 th – 25th	See list of Christmas services in magazine
January	
Sunday 3rd	Bethany Sikes preaching at 10.45am; Bring and Share lunch
Sunday 10th	Matins/hall service
Tuesday 12th	Afternoon service in the small hall at 2.30pm
Wednesday 20th	Vestry meeting in the rectory

Carol of the Kingdom

See, now the gates of heaven stand open wide,
beside the rough-hewn manger, lay down your pride.
Lay down your worldly wisdom, your spite and scorn –
here, wrapped in human frailty, your God is born.
Here, in earth's coarse-grained cradle,
heaven's priceless pearl is laid.
Come, kneel in wordless wonder, be not afraid.

The Kingdom comes among us, unseen, unknown,
no fanfares or processions, no royal throne.
No pomp nor proclamation, nor sumptuous feast,
the son of heaven's glory lies with the low and least.
Come in your need and enter
this windswept birthing place.
Receive, without deserving, God's gift of grace.

Jill Jenkins

Sunday Services at St Peter's

6th December. Advent 2

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

3rd January. Epiphany

8.30am Holy Communion
(Scottish Communion Office)
10.45am 1982 Communion with
activities for children
6.30pm Compline

13th December. Advent 3

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am All-age Communion
6.30pm Compline

10th January. Epiphany 1

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am Sung Matins
Hall Service
6.30pm Compline

20th December. Advent 4

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1970 Communion
6.30pm Service of Readings and
Carols

17th January. Epiphany 2

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

27th December. Christmas 1

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion with
activities for children

24th January. Epiphany 3

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

31st January. Epiphany 4

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

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 Matins

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).

10.45am 1970 Communion

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

Sunday's Cool is held during the 1982 and 1970 Communion services with the children leaving at different times depending on their age. Everyone returns in time for Communion.

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 mostly follows the 1929 Prayer Book.

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

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