

NEWS & VIEWS



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St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Lutton Place, Edinburgh

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St Peter's Church Office

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It is open from 9am – 1pm from Monday to Friday.
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Clergy Days Off:

Rector, The Revd Canon Fred Tomlinson - usually Monday

If you or one of your family are sick or have gone into hospital,
please let the clergy know as soon as possible
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Please consult the Rector before any arrangements are made for

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
various Sunday services.

Contributions to *News & Views*

Articles and advertisements are welcome and can be emailed to
office@stpetersedinburgh.org and cc'd to
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Copy in the body of the email or Word documents, please do not send
PDF's. Handwritten or typed articles can also be left at the Church
Office (address above). Photographs and drawings are also welcome.

The DEADLINE for articles for the August and September edition of
News & Views is Thursday 21st July for publication on Sunday 31st July.

Rector's Letter June and July 2016

Dear Friends

I'm writing this on one of those lovely Spring days: sunshine, blue sky, and no need to wear a jacket. All around me is an abundance of blossom, another indication of new life in creation.

We often crave and enjoy new life in creation but don't always crave and enjoy new life for ourselves. Yet we are as much God's creation as the gardens and wildlife we see around us. So why the difference?

For some, the new life Jesus offers is considered one of a straightjacket: "you can't do this and you must do that." That's not the way I see it. Life with Jesus, for me, is life which has purpose; life which is shared in community; life grounded in the unconditional love of God demonstrated in Jesus' death and resurrection.

What Jesus told and showed us is that to love God and one another is all that is required; not "do this and don't do that" just "love". How we behave and how we enjoy life grows out of this commandment. At the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Now, this love is not the same as like or admire, but rather the sacrificial love which Paul writes of in his first letter to the Christian community in Corinth (1 Cor 13). It's the love that puts others first and calls us to serve God and the community.

Love needs to blossom just like creation does. And when we allow love to do that in our lives, we blossom and so does the community. So as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation around us as we move into early summer whether at home or on holiday, let's enjoy God's re-creating power at work inside each of us too.

Every blessing,
Fred

St Peter's Quiz

'Alter ego's (Is that the correct plural? Don't go there.)

Some people, both real and fictional, have pseudonyms, nicknames or titles. Some of the following are the "real" names, some the nicknames. Please identify the other name for each person. And which one is "tricky"?

1. Sir Percy Blakeney
2. Clark Kent
3. Bruce Wayne
4. Dame Antonia Duffy
5. Joseph William Frazier
6. Lev Yashin
7. Mary Ann Evans
8. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson
9. Vladimir Ulyanov
10. Ernest Moncrieff
11. Bonnie Dundee
12. The Napoleon of Crime
13. Le Petit Caporal
14. The Swedish Nightingale
15. La Stupenda
16. The Preston Plumber
17. The Bride of Lammermoor
18. Old Rowley
19. "A Daniel come to judgment"
20. (not a person) The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street

Date for your Diary

Oliver Brewer will be made Deacon on Sunday 25th September at 3.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral, and thereafter will serve as curate at St Peter's. All are warmly invited to come along and support him on the day.

Please pray for Oliver and Joe as they prepare to come and join us.

From the Vestry

St Peter's Vestry met on 18th May and among the items discussed were:

Children's and Youth Worker: The job description for this post had previously been circulated and comments received and considered. The remit will be broadened to include younger children and encourage families. It is also hoped to include other activities, such as children's drama, where these can be supported by volunteers from the congregation.

It was agreed that a fixed term contract for seventeen hours per week for twenty four months (renewable) be offered initially. To cope with peaks and troughs of activity this will be offered on an Annualised Average basis. Holidays will be taken during school holiday times in the summer months. The post will be subject to a three month probationary period.

The VEC will now be asked to take this forward and advertise the position.

C Venues Lease: The draft lease for the rental of the church buildings during the Edinburgh Festival by C Venues had been circulated to the Vestry and comments received dealt with. The possibility of increasing the rent was discussed. C Venues are still working to establish St Peter's as a Fringe Venue, which has been slower than anticipated. It was agreed therefore, that the rental should remain at £7,000 plus costs for cleaning and maintenance of approximately £2,000, but should be kept under review in future years. The arrangements for vetting of material to be performed were also discussed, and the Rector is keen that the lease be further strengthened in this respect before we can consider the arrangement satisfactory. The proposed lease as circulated was approved for sign off.

Building Project Update:

Liz Mackay reported that a meeting with Ben Tindall, the architect, will be arranged shortly. Plans are currently being progressed and it is hoped that the first draft will be available for the next meeting. It had previously been thought that a survey of the drains running under the driveway could be postponed until nearer the start of the works. However this is not the case and the work will require to be undertaken now.

Charlotte Madden



Charlotte (aka Lottie) was born near Liverpool, in the Wirral. It's a diverse area. The part she's from is an attractive coastal peninsular with plenty of nice walks which she enjoys. She likes to go for walks with her grandparents.

Education at a girls' school in the Wirral was an enjoyable experience although from the ages of thirteen till fifteen it was full of drama! The next step was Edinburgh University which she knew from a mini-break with her dad when she fell in love with the place. Charlotte was interested in

Religion and Theology and when New College described their study programmes she thought 'This is the place!' She set her heart on Edinburgh.

Charlotte now feels at home in New College Court. It's a nice small community where you don't feel lost. People know you and the teaching is brilliant! At the moment Charlotte is in Third Year and interested in Christian/Muslim relations as well as the interaction between Christianity and indigenous religions. A topic she now finds attractive is the missions to Africa from 1800 to the present. Although she went into this course expecting to find it problematic, she felt she should know more detail about this and is surprised how interesting it is.

In her First Year, Charlotte looked for the closest church to Pollock Halls. St Peter's attracted her not being evangelical or too high. Tamsin from the choir greeted her and they soon became good friends. Charlotte misses her now she's in Japan. She finds the people at St Peter's lovely and enjoys the real sense of community. Charlotte likes singing in the choir and attending meetings of the House Group organised by Gloria Lo which could include going for a walk to the pub or discussing the Bible over tea and biscuits at Gloria's.

Charlotte really likes to go walking round Holyrood Park and enjoys Edinburgh's Art Galleries, theatre going and a good party.

The future's unsure. Charlotte's mum would like her to be an academic. She sometimes feels far from home and misses her family. But she would take the opportunity to travel. Charlotte suspects she'll end up in the Wirral like a homing pigeon! For now though, she is striving to enjoy her final eighteen months as an undergraduate and as an active member of St Peter's!

Strawberry Tea

This year's Strawberry Tea will be on **Wednesday, 6 July**. Our modern day Flanders and Swann (Thomas Ware and Tom Reid) will be here again to entertain us – all we need now are some strawberries and cream and other refreshments! And you, of course! Do come and please don't forget to RSVP. We need to know how many strawberries to buy!

Also, if you could help with transport, please tell Janet McKinnell.

Tom Wrench

Our congratulations go to Tom who, in addition to having been appointed our Penny Turnbull Organ Scholar for another year, has also become our Hall Service musician, leading the music there each month. Tom will take up his duties after the summer. In the meantime we wish him well.

The Millar Chapel

At our most recent meeting, Vestry members wanted to encourage members of the congregation to make use of the Chapel through the glass doors at the back of church, particularly prior to the 10.45am service. The chapel represents a *temenos* – a quiet place, cut off from the noise of conversation, and so conducive to prayer and meditation prior to worship.

Fred

Dates for your diary

June	
Thursday 2 nd	Lunch Club meets at noon
Saturday 4 th	St Peter's Spring Fair 11 – 3.30pm
Sunday 5 th	Bring and Share lunch after 10.45am service
Tuesday 14 th	Afternoon service in the hall
Wednesday 15 th	Vestry meets in the Rectory at 7.30pm
Sunday 26 th	St Peter's Day service and Church Barbecue
July	
Sunday 3 rd	Bring and Share lunch after 10.45am service
Thursday 7 th	Lunch Club meets at noon
Friday 8 th -15 th	Rector on holiday
Tuesday 12 th	Afternoon service in the hall
Thursday 21 st	Magazine deadline

Quiz Answers

1. The Scarlet Pimpernel (Baroness Orczy)
2. Superman
3. Batman
4. A. S. Byatt
5. Smokin' Joe (Boxer)
6. The Black Spider or The Black Panther (Russian goalkeeper)
7. George Eliot
8. Lewis Carroll
9. Lenin Jack Worthing
10. Jack Worthing
11. John Graham 7th Laird of Claverhouse
12. Professor Moriarty
13. Napoleon
14. Jenny Lind (singer)
15. Dame Joan Sutherland (singer)
16. Sir Tom Finney (footballer)
17. Lucy Ashton
18. Charles II
19. Portia (Merchant of Venice)
20. The Bank of England

The tricky one is number 10. Read *The Importance of Being Earnest!*

Afternoon Services

Our afternoon services continue on the following dates:

Tuesday 14 June
Tuesday 12 July
Tuesday 13 September
Tuesday 11 October

There will be **no service in August**, as St Peter's will once again be a Festival Venue. If you could offer to provide transport on one of the dates, especially 14 June, please let Janet McKinnell know.

Sunday Services at St Peter's

5th June. Pentecost 4

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

3rd July. Pentecost 8

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

12th June. Pentecost 5

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion
6.30pm Compline

10th July. Pentecost 9

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion
6.30pm Compline

19th June. Pentecost 6

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1970 Communion
6.30pm Compline

17th July. Pentecost 10

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1970 Communion
6.30pm Compline

26th June. St Peter's Day

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong

24th July. Pentecost 11

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion
6.30pm Compline

31st July. Pentecost 3

8.30am Holy Communion (1929)
10.45am 1982 Communion
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 pattern in the 1929 Prayer Book.

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

People

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