

# NEWS & VIEWS



**November 2016**

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

The Anglican Communion in Scotland  
in full communion with the Church of England

**DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH**

**Bishop: The Rt Revd John Armes**

---

## St Peter's Church Office

The Office is in the Church Lodge, 14 Lutton Place, EH8 9PE.  
Charity No: SC017358

It is open from 9am – 1pm from Monday to Friday.  
Visitors are welcome to pop in and see us.  
0131 662 9171 or [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

### **Clergy Days Off:**

Rector, The Revd Canon Fred Tomlinson – usually Monday  
Curate, The Revd Oliver Brewer-Lennon – usually Friday

**If you or one of your family are sick or have gone into hospital,**  
please let the clergy know as soon as possible  
and, if you want them for any reason, please do not hesitate to  
telephone.

Please consult the Rector before making arrangements for funerals.

### 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  
[rector@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:rector@stpetersedinburgh.org)

Copy in the body of the email or Word documents, please do not send  
PDFs. 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 December/January edition is  
Thursday, 17 November for publication on Sunday, 27 November.

---

## Rector's Letter November 2016

Dear Friends,

November is the season when the Church traditionally remembers—including on All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day and on Remembrance Sunday. These are important occasions and times when we need to show generosity in our response to others who don't share our views. Today Anne remembers an encounter from a few years ago.

### Peace poppies

*'You should be ashamed of yourself wearing that. It's disrespectful'.*

Aggressive language in church always throws me. So I found myself unable to answer my interlocutor that Sunday morning here in St Peter's. Now, with respect, and several years later, here is the response I would have given had I not been so taken aback.

Yes, Remembrance Sunday *does* mean a great deal to me. Both my parents served in the Second World War, my mother losing her first husband to that conflict. My paternal grandfather's graphic, poignant teenage-diary from the Somme is a treasured possession. But yet I wear a **white** poppy? Why?

Red Poppies remember only British armed forces and those who fought alongside them, according to the Royal British Legion. White Poppies recall *all* victims of *all* wars, including victims of wars that are still being fought. This includes people of all nationalities, civilians and members of armed forces; all those wounded in body or mind; the millions who have been made sick or homeless by war and the families and communities consequently—collaterally—torn apart; those killed or imprisoned for refusing to fight and for resisting war. White Poppies recall civilians killed in the bombings of London, Coventry and Belfast, and in the bombings of Dresden, Hiroshima, Baghdad, Kabul and Aleppo.

White Poppies symbolise the conviction that there are better ways to resolve conflict than through the use of violence. They embody values that reject the killing of fellow human beings for whatever reason. Nearly 100 years after the end of the 'war to end all wars' we still have a long way to go to put an end to a social institution that even in the last decade has contributed to the killing of millions.

The white poppy is a reminder of our inability to settle conflicts without resort to killing. But more importantly it is a symbol of commitment to

work for a world where conflicts are resolved without violence and with justice. The white poppy aims to foster an understanding that there are alternatives, and rallies support for resistance to the growing militarisation of our society.

I wear it with gratitude for those who 'gave their today' that there might in fact *be* a tomorrow. But I wear it also to remind me that the best way to respect those victims of war is to work to prevent war in the present and future. Violence only begets more violence. I wear it to work for a culture of peace.

—Anne Tomlinson

Yours, in His service

Fred

---

## 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 October, we held our Welcome Evening for new members with wine and nibbles. Our speaker should have been Colin Harrison, our church administrator, who was to give a talk about Scouting. Unfortunately Colin had to call off at the last minute because his daughter was admitted to the Western General Hospital that day – Kirsty is still seriously ill, so please remember her in your prayers. Oliver, our new curate, kindly agreed to step in and spoke to us about his life both in the USA and Edinburgh and what led him to the ministry. Thank you, Oliver.

On Monday, 17th October, Ruth Green took a service of Holy Communion and talked to us about Minimalism – about how we all have too much **stuff** in our homes and our lives. She told us that working in the Salvation Army charity shop in Pilton has made her realise what a crazy world we live in with people constantly replacing cheap consumer

goods they don't really need with more up-to-date versions of the same unnecessary things! We were urged to consider what we really need rather than what we think we want in a competitive society.

On Monday, 7th November, we will have an illustrated talk by John Graham entitled "The Plants of Chile". On 21st November, Joe Gilhooley, an enthusiastic amateur photographer, will give us a talk about his work.

Our annual party for Senior members of the congregation was scheduled to take place on the afternoon of Saturday, 12th November. We are going to celebrate the Queen's birthday. However, the date has been changed. A gentleman who shall be nameless happened to be in the church office one day and I asked him if he would be able to come to the party. "When is it?" he said. When I said Saturday afternoon 12th November, he replied, "Certainly not, Scotland are playing Australia at Murrayfield!" and gave me a look as if to say only a bunch of women could have chosen that date! So we decided to reschedule for the next time that the church hall is available, Saturday, 3rd December 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Senior members will receive an invitation shortly. We hope to have a PowerPoint presentation interspersing pictures of the Queen during the nine decades of her life with pictures of what was going on in St Peter's and the world in general at the time. We would greatly appreciate it if people could lend us photographs, which we would scan and return to you. Ring Liz on 667 1191 if you can help with that.

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, Jane Sutherland, Jennifer Milligan, Fiona Smith or Margaret Garden.

*Liz Philp*

---

## AFTERNOON SERVICE – ONE YEAR ON!

It is hard to believe that it is now a year since we held our first service and yet here are the photographs to prove it!



A number of people continue to find our afternoon service very helpful. Thanks to our small band of faithful helpers, transport has been arranged for one person unable to travel alone and the service has been followed by 'cuppas' and homemade cakes while we chat to each other.

Do come along and join us – usually at 2.30pm on a second Tuesday of the month.

The next date will be 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Everyone is welcome.

---

## Lay Representative's Report

*Fred writes: We were sorry that Pam Dugan's excellent report was missed out on the AGM agenda. With apologies to Pam, here it is now.*

First of all I'd like to thank you all for electing me last year for a 2nd year representing St. Peter's as Lay Representative.

First Diocesan Synod was in October 2015 this was held in Haddington. This Synod dealt mainly with Finance and the Appointment of a full time Diocesan Missioner as part of the Diocesan Mission Strategy.

**The five marks of Mission are:**

1. To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
2. To Teach, Baptise & Nurture Christians & Renew the life of the Church
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society to challenge violence of every kind & to pursue Peace & Reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation & sustain & renew the life of the earth

Second Diocesan Synod was in March 2016 held in P&G's This is when we receive the Annual Reports from the various committees in the Diocese: Buildings, Information & Communications, Personnel & Safeguarding Reports. Then the various Diocesan Elections, which involved the Election of Frances Burberry (former Curate @ St. Peter's) as Synod Clerk as Fred had completed two 5 year terms as Synod Clerk.

The next Diocesan Synod in November 2016 will be held in Palmerston Place Church. I'll be attending this after having been elected as St. Peter's Lay Representative for another year.

Looking at the Agenda for this its main aims are: Administration, Finance & Management.

Also to introduce the new Communications Co-Ordinator - Sian Harris

Also the Bishop's Enabler of Mission - Rev. Annie Nash

Also the Adventures in Faith Co-Ordinator - Elizabeth White.

Over the past year I have also represented St. Peter's as Lay Rep at our Area Council Meetings.

Finally, I'd like to thank Fiona Smith having been our Alternate Lay Rep for St. Peter's & as she has been re-elected I look forward to working with her representing St. Peter's for a further year.

Thank You  
Pam Dugan

# ST PETER'S QUIZ

## Saints

- 1) If it rains on St Swithin's day, what ensues?
- 2) Who is the "patron saint of lost causes"?
- 3) ... and of finding lost items?
- 4) Who is the patron Saint of our Roman Catholic neighbours' church?
- 5) And our Traditional Roman Catholic neighbours' church?
- 6) In which country was St Patrick born?
- 7) Who was the older – St Mungo or St Kentigern?
- 8) Which saint told the Loch Ness monster to go and hide and leave people alone?
- 9) Which saint recorded this event?
- 10) Who is the only "Doctor of the Catholic Church" born in Britain?
- 11) Which saint campaigned for 24 equal hours in the day, rather than 12 hours sunrise to sunset that vary through the year?
- 12) Who is known as the "Summus Doctor"?
- 13) Who is the patron saint of music?
- 14) Who was known as the Sibyl of the Rhine?
- 15) Which saint's church bells advocated a healthy diet?
- 16) Which Russian saint was nicknamed after a river?
- 17) Which saint was supposed to have healed a lion's paw?
- 18) Which Apostle preached and baptized in India?
- 19) Who said "non Angli, sed Angeli"?
- 20) ...and what ensued?

---

## GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS

*Fred writes:* Just a reminder to all attending services at St Peter's that we have gluten-free wafers available. If you'd like to receive one each time, please just tell one of the clergy next time you're in church.

A reminder too as the season of coughs and colds arrives that if you do have a cold it is perfectly possible still to receive communion. Simply hold on to your wafer and dip (intinct) it into the chalice. You will have shared Communion but not your germs!

---

## Dates for your diary

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>November</b> |   |
| Thursday 3rd    | Lunch Club meets at noon  |
| Sunday 6th      | Bring and Share lunch after 10.45am service   |
| Tuesday 8th     | Afternoon Service at 2.30pm   |
| Thursday 10th   | Cameron Toll Chaplaincy AGM at 7.30pm at the Faith Mission, Gilmerton                         |
| Sunday 13th     | Remembrance Sunday  |
| Saturday 19th   | Mariusz Wojciechowski licensed as Associate Priest at St Salvador's Church, Stenhouse at 11am |
| Wednesday 23rd  | Vestry meets at the rectory at 7.30pm   |
| Saturday 26th   | Rector leads Advent Quiet Day at St Mary's Church, Dalmahoy                                   |
|                 |   |
|                 |   |
|                 |   |
|                 |   |
|                 |   |
|                 |   |

---

## HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION

A cheque for £309.54 has been sent to "Habitat for Humanity", the charity we supported in the retiring collection at Harvest Festival.

---

# People

## CLERGY:

**Rector** The Revd Canon Fred Tomlinson 667 6224  
3 Bright's Crescent EH9 2DB

**Curate:** The Revd Oliver Brewer-Lennon 07954 314374

## Associate Clergy

The Rt Revd Bob Halliday 28 Forbes Road EH10 4ED 221 1490  
The Revd Sue Whitehouse 157 The Murrays EH17 8UN 672 1308

**Lay Reader** Mrs Janet McKinnell,  
The Mill House, Newmains, Dunbar EH42 1TQ 01368 850604

## DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES:

Lay Representative Pam Dugan 07765218757  
Alternate Lay Representative Fiona Smith 449 4830

## CHURCH ORGANISATIONS and GROUPS

Director of Music Rupert Forbes 664 3030  
Organist Sheila Chisholm 629 9085  
Organ Scholar Tom Wrench 07948 850764  
Choir Warden Fiona Barton 663 0283  
Sunday's Cool (Term time) Kristee Boyd 662 9171  
Servers' Guild Bill Polson 667 6628  
Parents & Toddlers Mondays 9.30-11.30am Kristee Boyd 662 9171  
Parents & Toddlers Thursdays 9.30-11.30am Kristee Boyd 662 9171  
Monday Group 1st & 3rd Mons 7.30pm Elizabeth Philp 667 1191  
Prayer Group Tuesdays 2.30pm Revd Marian McKean 667 4573  
Thursday Group 1st Thurs at 11am Delia Keir 667 3865  
Magazine subscriptions Nancy Smith 443 2736  
Magazine distribution Elizabeth Philp 667 1191

## CHURCH OFFICERS:

Vestry Secretary Ronnie Munro 669 3953  
Hon Treasurer Duncan McKinnell 01368 850 604  
Gifts Secretary Jim Phillips 667 1107  
Administrator Colin Harrison 662 9171  
Sacristan Liz Mackay 343 2216  
Verger Javi Gallarin tbc  
Hall Bookings Colin Harrison 662 9171  
Finance convenor Ralph Garden 221 1235  
Works convenor Liz Mackay 343 2216  
Admin & Gen Purposes convenor Alison Mowat 667 2295  
Social/Outreach COG convenor Liz Hare 337 8570

## Quiz Answers:

1. 40 days of continuous rain
2. St Jude
3. St Anthony of Padua
4. St Columba
5. St Margaret and St Leonard
6. Wales (or possibly south-west England)
7. Neither – they are two names of the same saint.
8. St Columba
9. St Adomnan
10. St Bede (aka Venerable Bede)
11. Also St Bede
12. St Thomas Aquinas
13. St Cecilia
14. St Hildegard of Bingen
15. St Clement (Oranges and lemons)
16. St Alexander Nevsky (the River was the Neva)
17. Both St Jerome and St Gerasimus were said to have done so. (Gerasimus was credited first, but Jerome's name in Latin was Geronimus, and he probably got the credit later in error.)
18. St Thomas
19. St Gregory the Great
20. St Augustine was sent to convert the Anglo-Saxons.

