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# Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

Firstly, a very happy Easter to all. Easter lasts 50 days, and in the same way that the first disciples were encouraged and inspired by the presence of the risen Lord, I hope we at St Peter's will be encouraged also, as we seek to share God's love with those around us.

Secondly, a big thank you goes to all who made Holy Week and Easter special for us: to Oliver, Sue and Janet who helped lead services, to Rupert, Sheila, Tom, Fiona and the Choir; to Bill and our serving team; to Rita and Maggie for the beautiful flowers in church; to Maggie for stepping in and organising children's activities throughout the week; and lastly to COG for producing an excellent community lunch on Easter Day itself.

Lastly, a big thank you to all who have submitted views about our planned building project as part of the Canon 35 process. Vestry has decided that any work will not begin until after the Fringe in September next year, so this gives us plenty of time to use the consultation process to get the plans right.

For myself, while I can see that the small hall development with the proposed lift, etc., is crucial, it is the stage area development which really excites me in terms of mission and outreach.

The large hall is a great resource, but it is still just a large hall. To see a group of 15 or 20 people in it surrounded by empty space is a quick reminder (if we need it) that we need smaller meeting rooms. The stage area with the two dressing rooms is to my mind ripe for development and can become a real hub of local activity. At the same time, a number of local people have commented that they like a raised stage area for

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ceilidhs, so it may be that Vestry needs to ask our architects to make some provision (either permanent or removable) to meet their needs. There's no point inviting new people to use the area if, at the same time, you exclude others.

Please keep the Vestry in your prayers as the Building Project meeting approaches on 20th June.

God bless,  
Fred

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# Magazine Articles

*by Janet McKinnell*

## ARTICLES & PHOTOS

Please make a note of the deadline for submissions each issue and submit material for consideration in good time.

Photos are particularly welcome, but should be sent separately as original photos and not embedded in text. This allows proper editing and results in better quality photos for printing.

Articles and photos should be sent by email to [layreader@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:layreader@stpetersedinburgh.org) with a copy to the editor, Fred, at: [rector@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:rector@stpetersedinburgh.org)

Non-typed material should be sent to the church office.

## DONATIONS

It's good to hear that members of the congregation are enjoying the new look magazine. If desired, donations for the cost of producing *News & Views* may be put in the wall safe in the narthex.

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*Please remember to send*

- photos separately
  - copies of articles to the editor, Fred
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## NEWS & VIEWS

Contributions welcome.  
DEADLINE for the June issue is **Thursday 18 May**.

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# The Right Thing to Do

by Oliver Brewer-Lennon

*Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (John 12:3-5)*

It makes sense we want the good stuff we do to affect the largest number of people possible, and it seems reasonable that we seek a healthy return on our investment of time and energy. We might describe this attitude as 'good stewardship'—a principle on which respectable, successful businesses are built. Rightly so, these descriptors are what people look for when choosing charities and other ventures to support: responsible, trustworthy, well-managed.

However, what we see in the gospel passage above is what Judas calls mismanagement. Mary puts all her eggs in one basket, with no diversification. She uses the expensive oil in a one-er; it's gone, and that's it. To disciples who seem unclear about how this whole Jesus movement might turn out, they might have wondered, 'Is this the right thing to do?'

In the story, Jesus turns the principles of good decision-making upside-down. Instead of the well-ordered management of means, Jesus praises inefficiency. Instead of using just a little and saving some for others, Jesus applauds Mary's overspending. Instead of waiting to cash in on a valuable asset, Jesus tells Mary to use it now. So, what are we to make of this extravagance?

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I wonder what this would look like from the other perspective—if we served as certified accountants for the Lord to help him determine whether or not to make an investment in humanity. We'd have to look at all the past operations and all the different ways in which humankind has performed in times of crisis. We'd need to determine how, as different groups of people in different times and places, we've used our

resources; how well we've advanced the values God desires—peace, unity, patience, kindness, self-control; and how we've been able to apply the things God has provided to do the greatest good.

How do you reckon we'd figure? What would our balance sheet look like? A sound investment? A good venture to support ... this humankind?

The truth of God's love reveals the lavishness, the extreme, the most unadvisable outlay of assets. And yet, God sends his most *valuable* one—to save us, to restore us, to anoint us. And, I believe Jesus might call *us* to do the same—to go after some things that seem like lost causes, without predictable outcomes, with varying long-term performance, on something that may on the face of it seem too narrowly focused. Jesus witnesses to God's overflowing love, and, in turn, he asks us to pour out our lives in an unrestrained action and to spend all we have on the kingdom of God.

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## Holy Week at Mirfield

*by Anne Tomlinson*

I spent Holy Week on retreat with the College and Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield, West Yorkshire. Here is a brief log of my journey through the week.

**Monday:** A day of settling in and getting to know the ropes: the plainsong for the Offices, the etiquette in the Refectory for clearing up, the distinguishing between Ordinand, Brother or guest. What with this morning's early start, an afternoon spent in the fresh air of the Community's garden and a late evening Office in the candlelit church, I am half asleep as I write this. But I look back on a day replete with beauty: in song, architecture, liturgy and the countless smiles of monastic welcome. I give thanks (albeit somewhat sleepily).

**Tuesday:** Today I sank properly into the rhythm of the Offices, that heartbeat which sustains the life of the Community and, like all monastic communities, the life of the world for which it prays. I am beginning to get the hang of the plainsong notation and have managed

to join in the Psalmody. (But, not the Canticles—the antiphons are far too complex!) The highlight of the day was undoubtedly an open-air Stations of the Cross; to pray the eleventh Station in the Community's cemetery was incredibly poignant. Dr Masson, our retreat leader, continued speaking about 'transfiguration', focussing today upon Edwin Muir's eponymous poem and some Hopkins. Merton is promised for tomorrow. Can the week get any better?

**Wednesday:** My mind has at last slowed down—not racing ahead to the next thing as usual but simply staying present and attentive to what is. Sounds seem more acute: the tolling of the bell before services, the blackbird outside my bedroom window, the Fraction at the Eucharist, the breathing of the person next to me at prayer. Sights too. The rhododendron in the garden blazes like the burning bush.

**Maundy Thursday:** The day is not yet over—but shortly the Maundy Thursday service will begin, leading into an overnight Watch before the Blessed Sacrament, so who knows when this might otherwise get written? Looking back over the day so far, I would highlight walking the Labyrinth. I found it mown into a distant lawn, and untenanted. When I've walked Labyrinths before, it's been amongst a crowd, and thus at others' speeds. Today I could go at my own, accompanied only by birdsong and the rustle of the breeze on the grass. I held in my heart our Lord's walk to Calvary—and the *Via Dolorosa* that countless thousands walk today in search of safety and asylum.

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**Good Friday:** After a Liturgy laden with symbol and incense, we processed outside behind the Sacrament to a candlelit Altar of Repose deep beneath the church. In relays through the night we kept watch in a profound silence, broken only by the occasional shifting of weary knees. The Watch continued unbroken until the Liturgy of Good Friday at noon, a three-hour service replete with a Sung Passion narrative, meditations using music, art and poetry, and the Veneration of the Cross.

During the Triduum, we are all observing a fast not only from certain meals but also from speaking and all forms of social media. In the silence, we find ourselves truly present to one another and to God.

**Holy Saturday:** The morning was spent in Task Groups cleaning the church. I was on 'polishing duty'. The acrid smell of Brasso seemed appropriate for this sombre interval of desolation and waiting. The day felt long and empty. We left the stripped church after Compline in a silence that was heavy with nothingness.

**Easter Sunday:** Words cannot do justice to the glories of this morning's Liturgy: the blazing Fire around which we stood at 5am; the Vigil readings with their narrative of God's enduring faithfulness; entering a flower-bedecked church to an organ fanfare, clanging hand bells and exuberant Alleluias; drenching ourselves with water from the font; standing round the altar as clouds of incense billowed upwards; the Dismissal echoing the call to the women in the garden to 'go and tell'. And then the partying ... what partying! It is still going on even as I write this (interspersed by three more services!).

The week has been arduous in many ways: long periods on our knees; emptiness; the church (and ourselves) stripped of normal accoutrements, distractions and comforts; waiting; watching. But that's been the point, somehow. Together in community we've learned something about God's time and about eternity. And for that I give thanks.

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## Innocent Railway Church Walk

*by Jeni Rowe*

We had a dry day for the church walk on Sunday, 9 April, led by Mark Rowe. We had a small crew of Ann, Gloria, Alec, and the Rowe family, and we ate our packed lunches in the lovely church garden before setting off on the walk.

We began at a quick pace, as Alec needed to catch a bus from the other end of the route, and the kids (Adam and Catherine) zoomed off on their scooters.

The entrance to the Innocent Railway is hidden in the St Leonards housing estate opposite Pollock Halls, and is a delight to discover. The journey starts with a 517m long tunnel going downhill (St Leonards Tunnel), which is an experience in itself. It is believed to be Scotland's earliest tunnel on a public railway (opened 1831). Alec told us a great

titbit of information on how they started building the tunnel from each end and when they got to the middle it didn't quite match up! So there's a bit of the tunnel, which looks a little offset! It's amazing with the technology of the day that they were only a handful of inches off!

Mark had also prepared a potted history for us to read on the Edinburgh and Dalkeith Railway, which was all very interesting (taken from Wikipedia). The basics being: the railway was built to bring coal into the city (on a horse operated line), then passenger coaches were also introduced—due to demand—and were very successful. Eventually, steam locomotives were used on the line. The last delivery of coal was in 1968, and the route is now a cycle-path.

After the tunnel, we walked alongside the south side of Duddingston Loch to where the cycle-path meets Duddingston Road West.

We narrowly missed getting hit by a golf ball, as the path borders Prestonfield Golf Club, but it bounced on the path and went into the Loch instead! Phew!

Alec went to get his bus, and the rest of us took a circular walk back via the Duddingston Low Road through the park, and back to church. The road was closed to vehicles, as it was a Sunday, so it was a pleasure to walk along and see the views over the city.

It would be great to see more people along to the next walk, which will take place in September at Cramond. Keep an eye on the Pewspaper for further information. Thanks to Mark for organising.

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### **Do you enjoy walking?**

Read how much fun a group at St Peter's had on their recent outing.

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## **A Thank You**

Sue Duncan would like to thank the members of St Peter's for their beautiful cards of sympathy and messages of support on the death of her husband Patrick. They have been a great encouragement to Sue and the family.

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# St Peter's Summer Fair

**Saturday 27 May, 11.00am – 3:00pm**

ALL WELCOME • FREE ADMISSION

Family event suitable for all ages. All stalls and events run by local community groups and individuals. Proceeds benefit Mary's Meals.

For more information, contact Liz Hare 337 8570 •  
lizhare@blueyonder.co.uk

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## Music Notes

*by Rupert Forbes*

On Tuesday in Holy Week, we were privileged to be included on the tour by the University of Utrecht Choir and Orchestra who gave us a performance of Bach's *St John Passion*. We managed to fit a hundred performers into the chancel and on the floor in front of the pulpit! An enthusiastic audience enjoyed a most moving performance, with a brilliant array of young professional soloists, led by Jasper Dijkstra as the Evangelist. We hope very much they will return again with another Bach Oratorio some time in the future.

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## Sunday Readings

Many people find it helpful to have read the lessons before they come to church and hear them. The readings for May will be:

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|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>May 7</b>  | Acts 2.42-47 • 1 Peter 2.19-25 • John 10.1-10        |
| <b>May 14</b> | Acts 7.55-60 • 1 Peter 2.2-10 • John 14.1-14         |
| <b>May 21</b> | Acts 17.22-31 • 1 Peter 3.13-22 • John 14.15-21      |
| <b>May 28</b> | Acts 1.6-14 • 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 • John 17.1-11 |

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# Singing Camp in Oxford

*by Daniel Ippolito*

*Editor's Note: From 10-12 April, St Peter's choristers Daniel Ippolito and Angus Gibson went to Exeter College, Oxford for an RSCM event.*

Despite the long car journey, the three-day singing course in Oxford was fun, exciting, and a great experience. We sang lots of things such as Psalms, anthems, responses and more, including a beautiful *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* composed by Dr Jonathan White, who was conducting our massive group of about sixty choristers! The training course was intensive, and we sang an Evensong at the end of each day in the chapel of Exeter College. As we learned more every day, the finish on the third Evensong was very good. Each service was packed with people that enjoyed our wonderful singing and we received many great compliments from the congregation.

Angus and I had a great time and made many friends and would definitely go again.

A massive thank you to Rupert and the church for funding our three-day course.

Thank you!

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# Evensong at Durham Cathedral

*by Fiona Barton*

On Bank Holiday Monday, 29 May 2017, for the first time in recent years, St Peter's Church Choir will be singing Choral Evensong at Durham Cathedral. We will travel by coach, and if any members of the St Peter's congregation would care to join us for this exciting outing, please speak to Fiona Barton (Choir Warden)—telephone 0131 663 0283; mobile 0791 385 1786; email: [fbarton21@googlemail.com](mailto:fbarton21@googlemail.com).

We will leave Lutton Place at 10.00 am and return by about 9.30 pm. The cost will be about £15 per head—first come, first served. Evensong at Durham Cathedral will begin at 5.15 pm. Hope to see you there!

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# Christian Aid Book Sale

*at the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church (Nicolson Square)*

**13–20 MAY**

***Volunteers are very much needed.***

*Below, find the line-up and schedule for the Christian Aid Book Sale & Festival in May. You can also find this information, with links to authors' profiles, using the website below.*

<http://edinburghmethodist.com/wp/book-festival-author-talks-events/>

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Sat, 13 May    11.00am    Kenny MacAskill  
                         2.00pm    Kathy Galloway

Sun, 14 May    2.00pm    Kenneth Steven

Mon, 15 May    1.00pm    Booksellers' Round Table, featuring  
Ann Landmann, Blackwell's, Edinburgh  
Marie Moser, The Edinburgh Bookshop  
Euan Tait, Waterstone's, West End

Tues, 16 May    1.00pm    Sarah Agnew

Wed, 17 May    1.00pm    Amanda Baker

Thurs, 18 May    11.00am    Claire Benton-Evans

*Entry free. Please arrive early to ensure your place.*

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# Monday Group

*by Liz Philp*

The Monday Group's 2016-2017 session is almost at an end. Only our AGM to go, then the Summer Drive for senior members of the congregation and the Members' Annual Dinner in June. This year the

Drive is going to Paxton House—invitations will be going out shortly.

There was an excellent turnout for our meeting on 20th March. Several non-members came, which is excellent; people are always welcome to come to meetings when we have a speaker. Renate talked to us about growing up as a child in Silesia (now part of Poland) and how the family had to flee when the Russian Army was approaching. She talked about the privations the family suffered in various displaced persons' camps. Her father had gone into the army early in the war and was not released from POW camp in Russia until 1953.

Renate spoke about how difficult it was for the family to settle down again with a father who had been absent for more than ten years. In one of the food parcels they received, a lady from Edinburgh had put her name and address. Renate's mother got in touch with this lady; and after her father returned, Renate went to stay with her in Edinburgh. There, she trained as a

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nurse, and she has remained in Edinburgh ever since. Some of the members of the audience shared wartime memories after the talk, including how they, too, found it difficult to adjust when absent fathers came back after the war.

For our cinema outing, we had hoped to see "The Viceroy's House" but it was no longer showing when the date came, so nine of us sallied forth to see "Beauty and the Beast". It was a very good film, but I would say rather scary for small children—grandparents be warned!

Our meetings recommence in October on the first and third Mondays of the month. We will have a recruitment drive in September, so consider joining us. 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. Obtain further information from any committee member: Liz Philp, Pamela Dugan, Jane Sutherland, Jennifer Milligan, Fiona Smith or Margaret Garden.

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# Fundraising at St Peter's

*by Laura Bird*

In April, the Vestry appointed me as freelance fundraiser for St Peter's Hall development drive, picking up from Dan Docwra.

St Peter's is blessed with a beautiful building, large hall and unusually large sunny garden. The clergy and congregation have a diverse abundance of skills, enthusiasm and contacts. I'm hopeful that we can bring all this together to make the most of St Peter's assets.

Aside from numerous services, lunches and cups of tea in the hall, it's been an important place for me. Andrew and I had our wedding reception here. We knew we wanted to get married at St Peter's, but I traipsed around nearly every reception venue in Edinburgh before concluding that St Peter's has it all on one site in a central location.

Then when my children were tiny I was very grateful that the church runs a twice-weekly toddler group in the hall. The social isolation of new mothers has been in the news recently, and churches like St Peter's provide a vital space for parents (and increasingly grandparents) to get out the house and socialise.

Presumably in a few years I'll join the senior circuit training here run by the Thistle Foundation on a Tuesday.

As freelance fundraiser, my priorities are:

1. **Research** – I'm compiling a database of potential funders, mainly trusts and foundations and gathering the sort of information they want. Dan Dowcra provided a list, and I'm looking at similar church schemes to see where they got funding from.
2. **Consultation** – The congregation has been wonderfully forthright in their views on the hall. If you haven't already, please do send your feedback to Ronnie Munro by 10 June. I also want to capture the views from community and commercial users. Funders like to know that they're supporting a scheme people actually want, so it's helpful to record the consultation process.

3. **Communication** – My third priority is to enhance St Peter's digital communication, to broadcast what the church and the hall development project are about, both to the local community and to potential funders. To this end, I'd like to take pictures of some of the happenings at St Peters. Here are some examples of churches and groups that do it well: [twitter.com/GCP\\_Edinburgh](https://twitter.com/GCP_Edinburgh) or [cornerstonecentrestjohns.org.uk](http://cornerstonecentrestjohns.org.uk).

If you don't already know me, please do introduce yourself. I'd love to hear what you think. My core hours in the office will be Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am – 3 pm, or you can contact me by emailing [development@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:development@stpetersedinburgh.org).

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## Welcoming Teams

*by Jim Phillips*

We have lost some of those who have previously volunteered to act as Welcomers at the main Sunday Service, and it would be good to have some additional volunteers if possible. I would urge all members of the Vestry (except those who are Choir Members) to allow me to include them in the rosters. I am sure, too, that there may be other members of the congregation who would be willing to be included as Welcomers from time to time. The more volunteers we have, the easier it becomes for everyone. You would be on duty for a month when you would be asked to arrive by 10.15, after which you would be available to hand out service books and Newspapers and welcome members of the congregation and visitors as they arrive. You would also be asked to help with taking the collection at the appropriate time in the service and to help with shepherding the people as they make their way up to the chancel to receive Communion. At the end of the service, the Welcomers collect in the books and return them to the holding shelves in the narthex. Please do give some thought to volunteering and get in touch with me if you are willing to help.

Jim Phillips tel: 0131 6671107 email: [jimjaypea@gmail.com](mailto:jimjaypea@gmail.com)

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# Protecting Yourself Online

*by John Wade*

Before the Internet, if you had a PC of any kind, there was no way that anyone outside could ‘get at it’, unless they provided you with a cassette or minidisk and said, ‘Run this.’ Now, any electronic device is likely to connect directly or indirectly to the Internet, so what does this mean? Most connections today are no longer dependent on cables. Bluetooth and the like mean that you have the convenience of putting your printer in a suitable corner, moving your tablet or laptop around freely, and accessing the Net through your router and sending things to the printer across the room. The downside is that it is theoretically possible for an interloper to get into your connection and put malware onto your computer, if it is not protected. The same thing applies to your smartphone or tablet as well. It, too, is a full-blown computer—considerably more powerful than the mainframes even of the 1990s. It also needs protection with a reputable piece of security software.

There are a number of software offerings available. It is not my purpose to recommend one—the PC shops will be able to advise you, and you will find that every individual computer user who takes this matter seriously will assure you that the one they use is ‘the best there is’. Remember that even these are of no avail if you are careless with your passwords. Never divulge them to anybody.

If you shop for smaller value items through the Internet, be aware that some suppliers make it possible to open an account and keep topping it up with gift cards. That way you never need to put your bank account details on the machine, if you can do without Internet banking. Amazon (including Kindle) and Google do this, and there may well be others.

Lastly, remember that even if you don’t get hacked or drop the machine on the floor, your computer could develop a major hardware problem at any time. It is *not* going to tell you that it will happen tomorrow. Take backups of your important information regularly; frequency depends entirely on how often your content changes. The worst strategy for backup schedules is ‘I’ll do it the day before the crash’!

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# Thoughts on Veganism

*by David Gibbon*

Scandalously to our way of thinking now, the Church of England had investments in slave plantations in the eighteenth century. However, it was evangelical Anglicans like William Wilberforce and the Clapham Sect (formed by the ex-slave trader, Anglican clergyman and wonderful hymn writer John Newton based at Holy Trinity, Clapham in London) that led the fight against slavery. These principled and tenacious religious iconoclasts overthrew the received wisdom of the age, which was that slavery had existed since the dawn of time, was essential to the economy and was sanctioned by the Bible. They were able to see, clearly, that it was quite simply wrong and contrary to the will of God.

The succeeding couple of centuries have seen the human race, often guided by religious leaders, delving deep into the racism that gave permission to the horror of human slavery and gradually unpicking it and falteringly expunging it from its psyche.

As great an evil confronts us today in the enslavement of animals for our gratification. Four decades or so ago an important corner was turned with the isolation and synthesis of Vitamin B12. This vitamin is vital to human health and is available only from animal sources, although we make it in our own bodies but too far down the digestive system to be accessible. In more primitive societies, a totally plant-based diet works ok because they tend to use water that is far from clean. Now the vegan diet is not only possible, it is healthy, it is easy, it could be the salvation of our precious planet and it would enable the human race to relinquish the wicked enslavement of animals.

Untold billions of animals are enslaved, in squalid unnatural conditions and selectively bred into travesties of their natural ancestors and then slaughtered and butchered to supply us with 'food' that, with our long guts, we are biologically not well suited to. Yes, we are, as meat eaters constantly point out, omnivorous, but we are right at the far end of the scale, only really able to cope with cooked flesh and much better adapted to a non-meat diet.

We are complicit in, and the recipients of, cruelty on a gigantic scale and the pattern of thought that makes this possible is 'speciesism'. It's

exactly the same as racism. It can only be distinguished from racism by the use of philosophical arguments that come under the heading of pure sophistry. We may try to justify the enslavement of whole species of animals by saying it is sanctioned by the Bible, but it's as self-evidently wrong and contrary to the will of God as human slavery. Animals are sentient beings. They feel pain. They suffer. Some species (such as cows) are emotionally distraught when their young are removed from them. We justify great wrong only by reference to a despicable pattern of thought that is deeply engrained in us by our culture: speciesism.

There are other signs that eating animals is morally wrong. Animal farming is responsible for as much greenhouse gas production as transport—all of it. Stock-based farming is becoming more universal as the human race becomes more and more prosperous. The Chinese now have an increasing taste for milk and a ravenous appetite for meat. This can only be met by ever more damaging and cruel systems of agriculture. Industrial fishing (itself the instrument of untold suffering inflicted on God's creatures) now threatens unseen ecosystems with extinction on a gigantic and terrifying scale.

Eating meat also threatens ourselves. Some examples are:

- The use of antibiotics to fatten livestock, which undermines the usefulness of antibiotics more generally
- The epidemics that incubate in intensively farmed animals before they cross the species barrier
- The destructive impact on the environment of animal agriculture devouring land that could instead be rich and resilient with native ecosystems

Christians have a moral duty to wake up from their slumber, as our forebears did when confronted by the scale of evil perpetuated by human slavery and the slave trade, and lead the way away from the dark place that we currently inhabit and into which we plunge ever deeper and deeper as technology enables worse and worse enormities to be inflicted on our relatives in the natural world.

I stumbled into veganism. It was nothing like the road to Damascus for me. But turning from an animal-based to a plant-based diet is, I promise, easy when you overcome the cultural and social inhibitions.

In following the direction of the Spirit we have this assurance: 'My yoke is easy and my burden is light'.

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# Quiz: Parents & Children

Please complete:

1. Boromir, son of ?
2. Simon bar ?
3. Fairest of her daughters, ?
4. Von Rothbart, father of ?
5. Shylock, father of ?
6. ?, mother of Hestia, Hades, Demeter, Poseidon, Hera, and Zeus
7. Apollo, son of Zeus and ?
8. Jeanette Jerome, mother of ?
9. Isis and Osiris, parents of ?
10. Henry Stewart, Duke of Albany, father of ?
11. .. more commonly known as ?
12. Shirley Williams, daughter of ?
13. Hamnet, son of ?
14. Lohengrin, son of ? (according to Wagner)
15. Master and Mistress Page, parents of ? (Shakespeare)
16. Signor and Signora Ford, parents of ? (Verdi)
17. Ada Lovelace, daughter of ?
18. Telemachus, son of ?
19. A miner 49er and his daughter ?
20. J.C. and C.P.E, sons of ?

*Answers on page 21*

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## Pastoral Visits

If you or one of your family are sick or has 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.

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# Dates for the Diary

## MAY

- 4** Lunch Club, following the 11.00am Communion
- 9** Tuesday Afternoon Service • 2.30pm
- 13-20** Christian Aid Book Sale  
at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church
- 14** Christian Aid Sunday
- 18** Copy deadline for the June edition of *News & Views*
- 24** Vestry Meeting at 7.30pm
- 25** Ascension Day Service  
at Crichton Collegiate Church at 8.00pm
- 27** COG Summer Fair (See page 10.)
- 29** St Peter's Choir sings Evensong at Durham Cathedral  
(See page 11.)

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## St Peter's Junior Choir

*by June Rapson*

We are looking for young singers to join our choir, who love to sing and want to try singing with others. We sing old and new music, learn to read and understand music, and sing in church three times each month.

We train our choristers using the successful Voice for Life Scheme run by our organist Sheila Chisholm (for more details see the Royal School of Church Music website [www.rscm.com](http://www.rscm.com)). If you're curious what these sessions are like, talk to Sheila about coming along to one.

If you are interested in supporting our under 16 and under 25 choristers, perhaps with a contribution to course fees / travel and accommodation allowance, or a scholarship, please contact either Rupert Forbes, Director of Music, or the Revd Canon Fred Tomlinson, Rector, via the church office.

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# Quiz: Answers

1. Boromir, son of Denethor (Tolkien)
2. Simon bar Jonah (i.e. St Peter)
3. Fairest of her daughters, Eve (Milton's grammar, not mine!)
4. Von Rothbart, father of Odile (Swan Lake)
5. Shylock, father of Jessica (Merchant of Venice)
6. Rhea, mother of Hestia, Hades, Demeter, Poseidon, Hera, and Zeus
7. Apollo, son of Zeus and Leto
8. Jeanette Jerome (Lady Randolph Churchill), mother of Winston Churchill
9. Isis and Osiris, parents of Horus
10. Henry Stewart, Duke of Albany, father of James VI and I
11. ... more commonly known as Lord Darnley
12. Shirley Williams, daughter of Vera Brittain
13. Hamnet, son of Shakespeare
14. Lohengrin, son of Parsifal (according to Wagner)
15. Master and Mistress Page, parents of Anne (Shakespeare, Merry Wives of Windsor)
16. Signor and Signora Ford, parents of Nanetta (Verdi, Falstaff)
17. Ada Lovelace, daughter of Lord Byron
18. Telemachus, son of Odysseus
19. A miner 49er and his daughter Clementine
20. J.C. and C.P.E, sons of J.S (Bach)

## PHOTOS

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# Sunday Services

**8.30am** A quiet said service of **Holy Communion** using the *Book of Common Prayer*.

**10.45am** A sung service of **Holy Communion** using liturgies from 1970 and 1982; includes children's activities.

*First Sunday of the month:*

Choral Matins in the church

Informal all-age Communion service in the hall

**6.30pm** **Compline**

**Choral Evensong** (*usually the fourth Sunday of the month*)

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# Weekday Services

**Morning Prayer** is said (Millar Chapel) at 9.00am Tuesday to Friday.

**Evening Prayer** is said on Tuesday and Thursday at 5.00pm.

Monthly services of **Holy Communion** are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm in the hall, followed by refreshments.

*Next afternoon service: Tuesday 9 May*

Weekly services of **Holy Communion** are held in the Millar Chapel on Thursday mornings at 11.00am, followed, on the first Thursday of the month, by lunch.

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# Notices for the Newspaper

Notices need to be with the office by noon on the preceding Wednesday. Additional notices may be passed to the clergy to be read at the various Sunday services.

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# People

## CLERGY

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	3 Bright's Crescent, EH9 2DB	
<b>Curate</b>	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 .....	01368 850604
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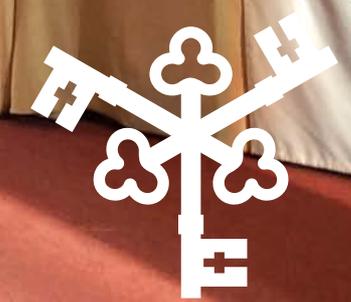
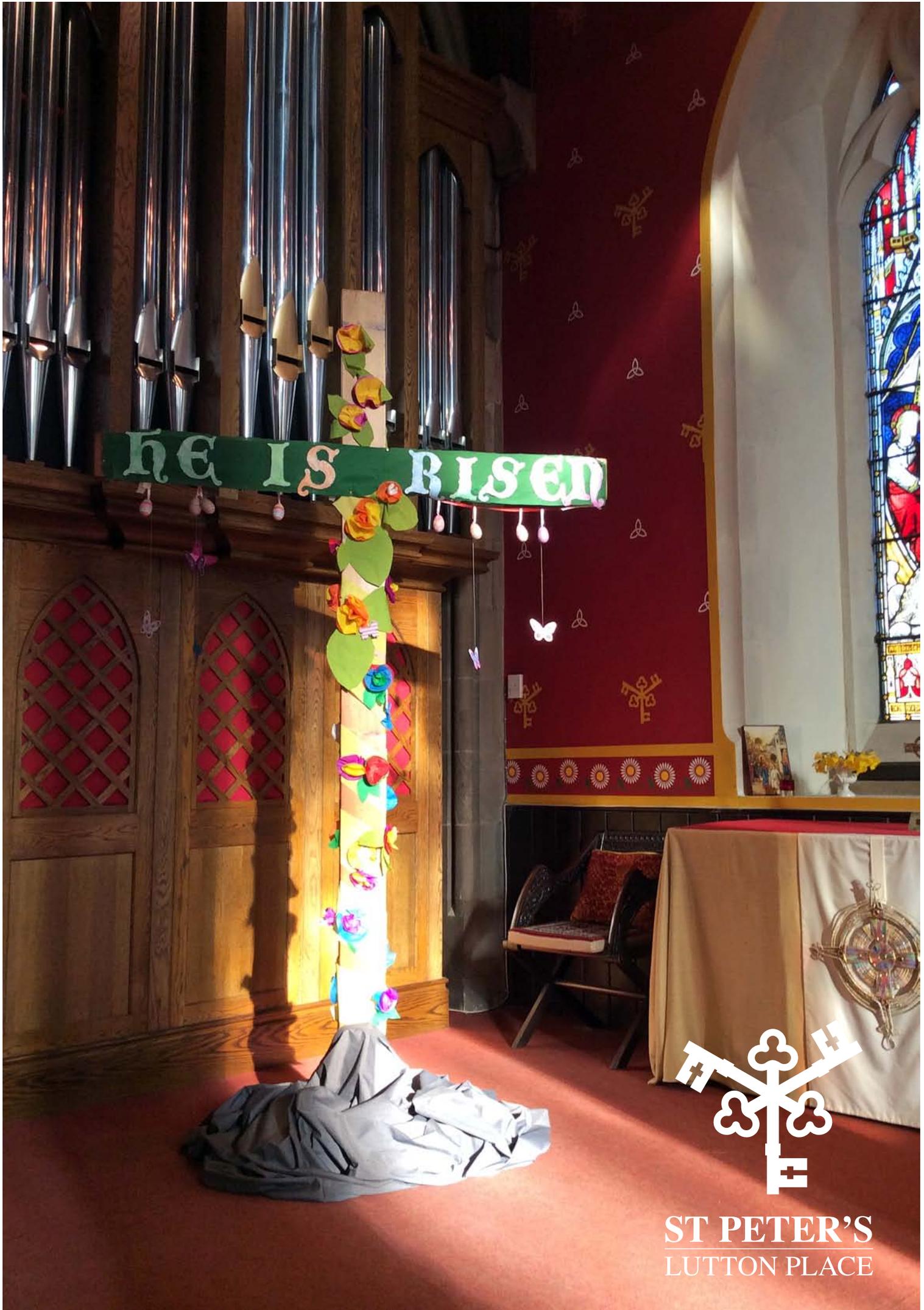
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	Servers' Guild: Bill Polson .....	667 6628
	Parents & Toddlers (Mon & Thurs): Kristee Boyd .....	662 9171
	Monday Group: Elizabeth Philp .....	667 1191
	Thursday Group (1st Thurs at 11am): Delia Keir .....	667 3865
	Magazine Distribution: Elizabeth Philp .....	667 1191

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	Sacristan: Liz Mackay .....	343 2216
	Verger: Pam Dugan.....	07765218757
	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



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