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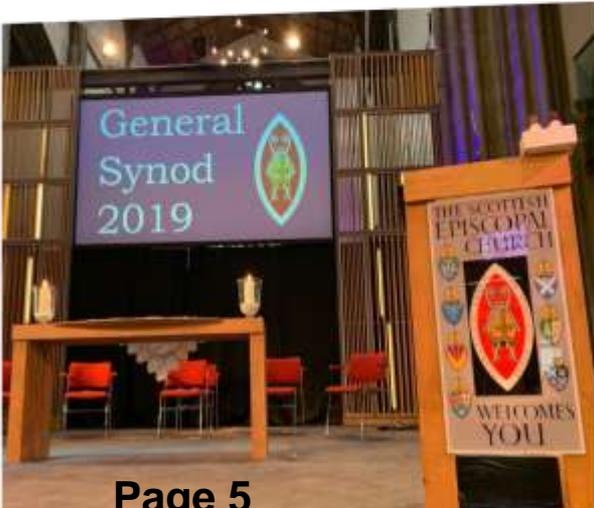
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# A Letter from Bishop David

Dear Friends,

## SBNR – SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS

Most clergy in the Scottish Episcopal Church take the discipline of going on retreat seriously –and many lay members of the church do the same. I used to go regularly to Holy Cross Monastery which is in Rostrevor, close to the Irish Border. It's a brand new Benedictine Community—a 'plant' from ancient community of the Abbey of Bec in Normandy.

You might think that only 'super-religious' people go on retreat. But you would be wrong. All sorts of people recognise the need to spend time 'apart from the world'—time in which they can 'find themselves' in terms of the deeper meaning and purpose of their lives.

This is not as much of a paradox as you might think. Yes, we do live in a secular society—the church has probably now failed to draw in two if not three generations. You can see the impact of that in most congregations.

But it would be a mistake to think that people are no longer spiritual. Or that they do not see life as in some sense a spiritual journey. Or that, even if they seem to have rejected traditional patterns of religious life, they are not still searching ... and praying ... and wondering.

Such people are often categorised as SBNR—spiritual but not religious. That is better by far than its opposite—religious but not spiritual.

The outcome of that kind of thinking is very important for every church congregation. To start with, it should prevent us writing people off as just 'secular'—people who have no time for the church and its values. My experience as a Hospital Chaplain was of being with people in moments

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of crisis in their lives. Many of them were able to find deep spiritual resources on which they could draw.

I think that the real challenge for churches is that we should prepare ourselves to be the kind of communities which can be a home for SBNR people. That means that we need to be much less protective of outward forms and 'the way we do things'. And we need to give priority to things which are expressly spiritual—I'm thinking of things like 'Retreat in Daily Life', the reality of prayer and a willingness to engage with the deepest needs of people. My fear is that, if we are in 'survival mode', it is that spirituality focus which we find most difficult. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly called Good Shepherd Sunday. In many churches, including the Scottish Episcopal Church, it is kept as a day on which we pray for vocations to the ministry of our church. At this moment, we pray particularly for the process of calling and discernment through which a new Rector for St Peter's will be chosen.

In my sermon on that day, I mentioned that the Scottish Episcopal Church has been going through a period when increasing numbers of people enter training for the ministry of our church—and there are more people under 30 years.

Writing in a Report to be presented to our General Synod next month, Bishop Kevin says, 'formation and education are a part of all ministry and leadership at every level for everyone in every congregation, as we seek to build the Kingdom of God in our communities.'

I also reminded us that congregations have a vocation too:

'And congregations do have a vocation. After all, 29 of us met in two groups to look at the future of St Peter's. We didn't of course arrive at a clearly defined and timetabled plan. But we were able to sketch the outline of possible ways forward—identify challenges and opportunities—thinking which the Vestry and congregation can explore together with your new Rector as you move forward. And those who may be considering whether they are now being called to ministry here will see that thinking as a sign of a congregation which is learning to think vocationally about its future mission and ministry'.

Please remember in prayer all who are involved in the process of discernment through which the new Rector will be chosen and those who will explore whether God may be calling them to serve in this congregation.

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# Clergy Well-being & Much More

## BRIEF NOTES FROM GENERAL SYNOD

*by Pam Dugan and Janet McKinnell*

At the beginning of June, we attended General Synod, as representatives of the Diocese of Edinburgh. There were many good presentations and debates. Here's a taste of what happened:

### WHAT'S A 'CURTILAGE'?

As you are maybe aware, when we make changes to our buildings, we have to use a process known as 'Canon 35'. The question of the 'curtilage'—that's everything else within our boundary walls—has now been made clear by Synod. From now on, all changes within our boundaries require a Canon 35 permission. The good news is that the application process is now a little simpler!

### NO MORE FOSSIL FUEL INVESTMENTS

A motion came before Synod regarding the placing of investments in pooled funds—which do not allow us direct control over which investments are included. Synod members were unhappy with this, even though such funds give a better return.

A new motion from the floor proposed that, "the ethical investment policy be updated to reflect the moral imperative to divest fully from fossil fuels entirely" and "noted that if we continue to invest in fossil fuels, we actively contribute to climate chaos.....and we cannot be seen to invest in companies that are inconsistent with Christian values. After a lively debate, Synod voted to change its ethical investment policy to work to remove any fossil fuels, armaments, gambling, tobacco, pornography, and thermal coal and tar sands investments from its portfolio.

### MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS

Imam Sayed All Abbas Razawi, Director-General and Chief Imam of the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society, received a very warm welcome and gave an engaging and excellent address to Synod. His understanding of Christianity, as well as Islam, allowed him to better explore areas of faith, especially areas of largely common understanding and where we differed.

A motion was passed acknowledging the multi-faith nature of our society and the urgent need for all congregations to understand and engage with other faith communities in their neighbourhoods.

Synod approval was also given for the existing (and overly wordy!) Committee for Relations with People of Other Faiths (CRPOF) to be renamed the Interfaith Relations Committee. It was felt that this new name more accurately represented and expressed the need for faith communities to work ever more closely together.

## THE CHALLENGE OF GENOME EDITING

A panel of four people discussed what it meant to be human in the light of advances in genome editing. Why should we be interested? Editing our genes can now be done and in such a way that *some* genetic diseases can be treated without the edited genetic material being passed on to future generations. The implications for patients are potentially very significant.

## CLERGY WELLBEING SURVEY

A total of 105 Stipendiary Clergy took part in this broad and extensive survey, carried out by an independent company to ensure confidentiality. On average 82% of the Stipendiary clergy enjoy ministry with the SEC, although 70.48% of the respondents felt overall that they did not have a good balance between their ministry and home life. 61% of participants reported they have not felt bullied/harassed over the past twelve months. However, 39% of the participants reported they have had this experience, which is a high and deeply troubling percentage. Much discussion followed. The scope of the survey was limited to stipendiary clergy and Synod noted that it would have been better to include non-stipendiary clergy and Lay Readers.

## COMPUTERS, TODDLERS AND COFFEE

Members of Synod were given a booklet detailing the projects that the Church in Society Committee had supported financially. One page was devoted to our own Kristee Boyd and her Mum's Plus Toddler Groups. By raising funding for four small laptops and a good coffee machine, Kristee has enabled mothers, while their children play in a safe place, to work on university assignments, research, a cv or job application; thus helping them to re-enter the workplace after a career break caring for young children. It was good to see Kristee's work appreciated by the Scottish Episcopal Church.

## INSPIRING LAY READERS

Two Lay Readers, Caroline Longley of our diocese and Patsy Thomson from Moray, Ross & Caithness were invited to speak about their own experiences of Lay Reader ministry. Each spoke very well indeed and, together, their personal stories showed the remarkable breadth and depth of what it can mean to be a Lay Reader. Of course, as Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers, Janet is able to tell us even more about this ministry.

## ANOTHER NEW SERVICE?

It was reported that the Liturgy Committee is to examine gender bias, both in words and thinking, in our liturgies. One result of this will be a new Eucharistic liturgy. This, however, will take a long time, probably until 2025. It will be a liturgy that starts afresh and is not a revision or updating of an existing liturgy. Drafting, trial use of the draft and feedback will be needed before the full canonical approval process, which takes two years. Our best advice is to not hold your breath while waiting!

## CONGRATULATIONS AND SENDING OUT...

This was the second year the SEI Valedictory Service had taken place at the end of General Synod. It's a lovely service which marks the close of this academic year and the end of SEI studies for those graduating and on their way to new ministries. Four members of the fourteen leavers will be placed in our Diocese. The sung worship was led by Lesley Penny who is a first year Ordinand, along with others from St Mungo's Balerno.

## AND, FINALLY...

Invited to play the organ at the Saturday service of Morning Prayer was our one and only Tom Wrench!

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# Wisdom from General Synod?

Bishop Kevin, from Argyll and The Isles, spoke briefly about Wisdom:

WISDOM = VISION + COMMON SENSE.

He told us that vision must be realisable ... or it is just a fantasy!

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# Vacancy Committee Update

by Andy Sikes

Since its formation at the end of March, the Vacancy Committee has met five times to discuss the form and content of the congregational profile and job specification for a new rector. The Bishop and Dean have helpfully contributed to our discussions, which have also been informed by the outputs from the Looking to the Future groups, led by Bishop David.

A draft profile, describing our ambitions for St Peter's, our liturgical and music traditions, our works in the community and building project, and job specification have been prepared. The intention is to enliven the profile with photographs and images that portray the life of the church and our buildings. Laura Bird is helping to design the documents to make them look attractive and appealing. The Dean and Ministry Team have provided constructive feedback on how they might be improved in order to attract good quality candidates.

Once the profile/ and job specification have been agreed with the Dean and Bishop John, and adverts placed in The Communicant and/or Church Times, the Committee will meet to make the necessary arrangements for interviews later in the year.

if you have any questions on the appointment process, please contact Andy.

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## Magazine Articles

*by Janet McKinnell*

Please submit your contributions as soon as you can and no later than the deadline.

Articles and photos should be sent by email to me remembering that photos should be sent separately and not embedded in an article.

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Contributions welcome.  
DEADLINE for the  
September issue is

**MONDAY 12 AUG.**

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# “Room at the Inn” to Fresh Start:

*Part 2 of 3 of the Fresh Start Story by Pat Whike*

Last month, I told how I first became involved with Fresh Start in 2000 and I outlined the organisation’s initial aims and objectives. I also included a sample letter of appreciation from one of its grateful clients. This month, I would like to tell you how our organisation has developed to meet the needs of clients, as dictated by our ever-changing society.

The continuing problem of homelessness can really only be addressed in the initial stages, by the Local Authorities who are by far the largest housing stockholders. However, providing shelter to a homeless person, although commendable, is usually only the start in addressing on-going and sometimes deep-seated social problems. Although Local Authorities can often supply desperate clients with a roof over their heads, many of our clients, as a result of their social backgrounds, often lack the basic skills many of us take for granted to turn an allocated accommodation into a home.

Decorating a room, never mind a whole house, takes a modicum of skill and not a little money. Making a pair of curtains or laying floor coverings takes a slightly higher degree of skill, together with a fat cheque book, if indeed you possess such a thing! Many of our clients have neither and most are starting absolutely from scratch and possess nothing in the way of sheets, towels, cleaning materials or any other such basics.

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To address these problems, in 1997, a collection of second-hand household goods was made at Greenbank Church and within a year, over 20 churches had become involved. So great was the response that a Packaging Team working on an initial budget of £1,870 was set up and an organisation with the quaint title “Room at the Inn” was established.

**“Room at the Inn”:  
made a difference..  
and Fresh Start  
emerged.**

The organisation grew so rapidly that in May 1998, a Managing Director was appointed and 1999 the organisation’s title changed to the more prosaic “Fresh Start.” The organisation was registered as a Limited Company and it moved into its current warehouse

premises at Ferry Road Drive. As the national housing crisis deteriorated, the need for Fresh Start's services grew and in 2007 a second Packaging Team moved into Ferry Road and a Painting and Decorating Hit Squad was rolled out across Edinburgh.

The growing Company soon diversified into other areas and projects. Donations of second-hand electrical goods, while very welcome, required to be subjected to stringent safety testing and in order to achieve this at minimal cost, in 2002 selected unemployed personnel were sent on training courses to gain the necessary qualifications. The eventual outcome, one of Fresh Start's greatest achievements, and one of which they are rightly proud, was a training scheme, established in 2006 which covers basic warehousing management, PAT (Portable Appliance Testing) training and offers accredited qualifications and employment opportunities to trainees. The initiative was launched on the back of the electrical testing system mentioned above.

**PAT training a success ... offering qualifications and employment opportunities**

In 2013, an amazing donation of £28,500 from the Rotary Club of Edinburgh, enabled Fresh Start to begin assembling Food Starter Packs to address growing food poverty in the area and a new Local Food Station was opened. Today, the problem of food poverty is being more widely addressed by a more formal system of local Food Banks, but Fresh Start continues to play a valuable supporting role.

Fresh Start has now spread its wings into other areas of activity in and around the City. Starter Packs are now being distributed to identified needy clients throughout the Lothians and in Edinburgh, two plots of unused ground, at Craigmillar and Harrison Park were acquired and established as viable vegetable gardens where, under volunteer supervision, clients receive instruction in basic food production and consequential home-cooking instruction.

Fresh Start has recently passed its 20th anniversary and aims to mark that progress by continuing to help those experiencing homelessness and those who are at risk, from homelessness, through the provision of goods, services and training, and plans are developing steadily and surely for our planned new Community Hub, more details will hopefully be included in the next (September) issue of News & Views.

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# Thank you and Goodbye ...

*by Tom Wrench*

Sunday 14th July will be my final Sunday at St Peter's after five years of being the Penny Turnbull Organ Scholar here. I took up the newly created post shortly after I arrived in the city in September 2014 to pursue a degree in History and Politics at the University of Edinburgh. Even after graduating in July last year, the offer of another year of the scholarship was too good to miss, so I stayed to study for a master's degree in Contemporary History, which I will (hopefully!) finish in August.

It's difficult to convey the enormity of what I have learnt over five years at St Peter's. Although I was the organist of a small church next to Flamingo Land in North Yorkshire—meaning that I was blessed with the occasional roaring of lions during a service—I never enjoyed the level of exposure to church organ and choral music that I have experienced in Edinburgh. Soon after arriving, I found myself singing settings of the evening canticles and tackling tricky pieces which I had previously disregarded as being too advanced. I can now read and play Anglican chant, responsorial Psalms, and have the confidence to give recitals and play for significant services.

At the beginning of June, I was delighted to play for Morning Prayer at St Paul's and St George's Church for the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and, in 2017, I had the great honour of playing in a concert organised to celebrate the one-hundredth birthday of Dr Francis Jackson CBE, composer and former Master of the Music at York Minster.

When I return home later in July, I will give a recital for the Festival of Northern Saints, which will include much of the music you've heard me play before and after services over the last few months. In my final service at St Peter's, I'm aiming to play a piece based on the hymn tune 'York' from the 1615 Scottish Psalter – a fitting end to a Yorkshireman's time in Edinburgh, I think.

I will remember with great fondness the choir's trips to Great Cumbrae in October 2017, Durham Cathedral in May 2018, our annual 'tours' to Rosslyn Chapel and Crichton Collegiate Church, and the opportunity to swap Franck for Fats Waller in the coffee mornings and summer fairs.

I've enjoyed being able to worship in other churches in Edinburgh, too, and appreciate the diversity of liturgy and music within different denominations—something which I hope I've conveyed through my playing both in the church and in the All-Age Eucharists in the hall. It has also been great to meet and share experiences with other organists in the city, particularly through the Edinburgh Society of Organists, of which I was an Ordinary Council Member for four years.

The skills I have learned here—playing hymns, accompanying, setting registrations for pieces or conducting—are in no small way down to Rupert and Sheila's guidance, instruction and patience. I will be always grateful for their enthusiasm in helping me to progress, as I will for the support of, and encouragement from, the choir who have wished me well every step of the way.

This organ scholarship would not have existed without the legacy of Penny Turnbull kindly offered by Revd Canon Dr Anne Tomlinson over the past five years. I would therefore like to sincerely thank Anne for her generosity.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the congregation. Since I attended my very first service here in September 2014, I have been made to feel very welcome, and I hope I have been able to offer something towards the life and ministry of St Peter's, even if that has been just a sense of humour.

Of course, this job has been challenging at times, but immensely rewarding. It has been a pleasure to worship with you on a weekly basis and I'm very grateful for the home-from-home feeling that has helped me through my studies.

I'm not entirely sure what's coming next for me. At the time of writing, I'm mid-way through the application and assessment process for a number of graduate roles, but I hope to be able to return to St Peter's from time to time; I look forward to being back in Edinburgh for my graduation in November. Please keep me in your prayers as I move onto the next phase of my life, wherever that may be, and keep supporting all the music-making which so enriches the life and worship of St Peter's.

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# Music Notes

*by Rupert Forbes*

TOM WRENCH

Five years ago the Revd. Canon Anne Tomlinson offered to fund an Organ Scholarship in memory of her late mother, Penny Turnbull. By happy coincidence, Tom Wrench, in his first weeks as a student at Edinburgh University and staying in Pollock Halls, found St Peter's and heard about the Scholarship. Following an audition, he was awarded the scholarship, which has been renewed for the ensuing four years.

From the early days when Tom was occasionally able to play a hymn during a service he has developed under Sheila's guidance into a fully-fledged organist, capable of playing all the musical elements of Anglican services, including complicated organ voluntaries. He has been a great support to both Sheila and myself during these years, deputising as organist, singing with the basses in the choir, occasionally taking on solos, and also from time to time, conducting the choir. For the past two years, he has also been responsible for the music during the Hall Services.

He has fully participated in all the activities at St Peter's, not least of which has being his playing of lighter repertoire during various coffee mornings and the Summer Fair, and his animated accompanying of the Community Carol Singing following the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

Tom's last service with us will be on July 14th. We will miss him enormously as a musician, friend and colleague, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

*And from Sheila Chisholm:*

I have thoroughly enjoyed having Tom as Organ Scholar, and am very happy and proud of what he has achieved over the past five years. He has worked hard, been very diligent and enthusiastic, improved in all aspects of his playing, and fully embraced everything that has been on offer. Very well done indeed, Tom—and thank you for all you have brought to St Peter's. We will miss you greatly, but look forward to welcoming you back any time you are in Edinburgh!

## ANOTHER ORGAN SCHOLAR

*by Rupert Forbes*

We are looking to appoint an Organ Scholar for the academic year 2019-2020. This has been very generously funded by a family in St Peter's congregation. For further information regarding the Scholarship, please contact the Director of Music, Rupert Forbes.

## SUMMER REHEARSAL BREAK FOR THE CHOIR

Choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings are suspended during the summer months. The last rehearsal before the break will be on Thursday June 27th, during which we will rehearse all the music for the next two months.

Thursday rehearsals will resume again on September 5th, with Voice for Life for Junior Choristers at 6.15 pm and Junior Choir Rehearsal at 7pm with Adults joining at 7.45. New members of the choir are welcome in all voices at any time. Contact the Director of Music, Rupert Forbes or simply turn up to a rehearsal, where we will be happy to welcome you.

## THE MAGIC FLUTE

*by Angus Gibson*

It's been a habit of the Choir to take the junior choristers on a trip to see a show each year. On Sunday the 9 June we went to see an adaptation of The Magic Flute, an opera written by Mozart, that was being presented at the Festival Theatre by Scottish Opera.

The set for the show was an area with movable stands on either side and a big door at the back of the stage. The story follows a prince who meets the Queen of the Night who then gives him a magic flute and tells him to rescue her daughter, who was captured by an "evil" priest. The plot unfolds as he tries and eventually succeeds in rescuing her, with lots of subplots and funny business along the way, with other endearing characters adding to the fun.

It was a really enjoyable afternoon overall and some of the music was truly captivating, and performed in an imaginative staging to a really high standard. I'm confident I can speak for everyone who was there in saying that we all really enjoyed the experience. Big thanks from us all to Rupert and Sheila for organising the trip, and the choir and church for funding it.

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# Rolling Hills Chorus

DISTILLED IN SCOTLAND:100% HARMONY!

*by Chris Hodgson*

A Fringe show containing a rich blend of Scottish music old and new, with humour and fabulous four-part barbershop harmony performed by Edinburgh's Rolling Hills Chorus, together with The Black Velvet Trio.

Two lifelong Scottish friends - Hamish, an Islander and Dougie, from Edinburgh, hike to Edinburgh through Scotland's Islands, Highlands and Lowlands, encountering breathtaking views, recalling historical events and sharing personal memories, reflected in the legacy of some of Scotland's greatest songs.

Saturday 10 Aug 19, 16.30pm

Saturday 17 Aug 19 • 19.30pm

Sunday 11 Aug 19, • 19.30pm

Sunday 18 Aug 19 • 19.30pm

Tickets available from

Chris Hodgson, one of the singers!

OR the Fringe Box Office

OR St Andrew's & St George's West at 13 George Street, Venue 111

Standard ticket costs £12 Concession ticket costs £10.

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# Gardening gloves needed?

*from Liz Mackay*

I think we need a big garden work party at the end of the Festival and we should also have a spring clean of the church before Open Doors Day in September. Watch for notices in the newspaper or let the office know (so we know who to contact!) if you would be willing to join either or both of the work parties.

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# Monday Group

*by Liz Philp*

## A BEAUTIFUL, SUNNY DAY IN EYEMOUTH

On Thursday 21st May the Annual Drive for senior members of the congregation took place. This year we went to Eyemouth. There were fewer participants than in previous years, so we decided not to hire a minibus (which is quite expensive) and managed with a fleet of four cars, plus Janet McKinnell who had but to tootle down the coast from her home near Dunbar. We were blessed with a lovely sunny day. We enjoyed an excellent meal in a restaurant on the cliff above the town with superb views over the sea. Then most of the group went round the small but interesting museum which particularly recalls the Disaster of 1881 in which 189 fishermen lost their lives, 129 of them from Eyemouth.

## ANNUAL MEMBERS' DINNER

Our annual Members' dinner was held at the Elginhaugh Restaurant, near Lasswade, on Monday June 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a pleasant social evening enjoyed by 15 members of the Monday Group.

## OCTOBER MEETING: WITH A LIFT?

We will start up our activities again in October, hopefully by then in the newly refurbished choir vestry with lift access for those members who find stairs difficult.

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# Notices for the Newspaper

Notices need to be with the office by Wednesday of the preceding week.

Additional written notices may be passed to the clergy to be read at the various Sunday services.

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# Among the Copts in Egypt

*by Morag MacCormick*

Copts are the largest Christian denomination in Egypt. Christianity was the main religion there from 400–800 A.D. and after the Muslim conquest until the mid-10th century. It remains the faith of a significant minority population. Most Copts follow the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria but there is also a Coptic Catholic Church, which is an Eastern Catholic church in full communion with the Catholic Church.

In the old Coptic area of Cairo, there are 7 Coptic churches, mostly very old and on even older foundations. The faithful walk around the churches touching and kissing the icons and also the cases containing the relics of many saints that I had never heard of. St George, as is usual in Orthodox churches, very much gets into the act. His 'real' relics and also some fake relics associated with him were definitely the most popular.

In one of the oldest churches, the Hanging Church dating from about the 7th century, a service was in progress with the most beautiful singing and chanting. The priest came out from behind the iconostasis and sprinkled holy water over everyone and gave out the consecrated bread. Not knowing the Orthodox position towards non-members sharing in communion, I did not go forward but two people came over to share their communion bread with me. It was a special occasion as the head of the Copts in Sweden was there...who ever thought of Copts in Sweden, but apparently there are Copts everywhere! To prove the point there was a pilgrimage of Copts from India going on at the time and I was invited to join them. The idea of retiring to India to be a Copt is really quite attractive.

All kinds of people came up for photographs, a man gave me some holy pictures, a woman some special bread which had had psalms sung over it and a woman was giving out chocolates because she said that she had had a miracle...very nice. I stopped for coffee and fresh bread by a nunnery which has about 100 nuns, some of them very young. There are lots of nunneries and monasteries out in the Egyptian desert still, the Copts claiming to be the first to introduce the monastic tradition.

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# Children and Families:

*by Kristee Boyd*

## DATES FOR SUMMER BREAK

**TODDLER GROUP** - The last Toddler Group before the Summer break will run on Thursday 27th June. We will recommence on Monday 2nd September. On 27th June, we will be holding a little party before we all say goodbye for the summer. Please let me know if you would like to come along for a coffee and to meet some of our lovely families before they go on holiday!

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Ann Stevenson who has been giving her time on Mondays and Thursdays to make these busy groups much more manageable!

**WHO LET THE DADS OUT?** - Our next Who Let the Dads Out? Building and Breakfast morning will take place on Saturday 21st September, 9:30-11:30am. All dads, granddads and stepdads most welcome.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Our last Children's Church before the summer break will run on Sunday 23rd June. We will recommence on Sunday 1st September. Liz Philp will be running some activities for primary aged children during this time. Many thanks to Liz and also to Ruth Tiplady and Pam Dugan for their help and support of Children's Church all year round. If you are interested in helping out as Second Person at Children' Church in the year ahead, I would love to hear from you!

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## After Service Refreshments

Due to the use of our buildings by C venues during the Festival there will be no coffee in the hall after the 10.45am services from approximately mid-July until the end of August. However, it is hoped we can serve juice and biscuits at the back of church—if anyone is able to help with this please tell Colin in the office, so we know who to ask.

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# International Student Cafe

*by Kristee Boyd*

Our most recent International Student Cafe event was something a little different. One of our members was hospitalised for an extensive period of time and we wanted to show him our support and to give him a little break from hospital food!

So we spent a Sunday afternoon preparing and cooking one of his favourite meals - Senegalese Chicken Yassa and a Gambian dessert called 'chakery' which is made from couscous, yoghurt, cream, sugar and evaporated milk. It was a lovely afternoon together.

Much appreciation to Liz Mackay and Sue Whitehouse who helped with the meal and also to those who couldn't stay but called in to say hi or to drop in a Get Well card.

Wishing our young adults a lovely Summer break! Stay tuned for notices about upcoming events in the year ahead.

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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:*

Sung Matins in the church

Informal all-age Communion service in the Hall

**6.30pm** Choral Evensong (*Not during July or August*)

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# Sunday Readings

- 7 July** Isaiah 66.10-14 • Luke.10.1-11,16-20
- 14 July** Deuteronomy 30.9-14 • Colossians 1.1-14 • Luke 10.25-37
- 21 July** Genesis 18.1-10a • Colossians 1.15-28 • Luke 10.38-42
- 28 July** Genesis 18.20-32 • Colossians 2.6-15 • Luke 11.1-13
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- 4 Aug** Colossians 3.1-11 • Luke 12.13-21
- 11 Aug** Genesis 15.1-6 • Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 • Luke 12.32-40
- 18 Aug** Jeremiah 23.23-29 • Hebrews 11.29-12.2 • Luke 12.49-56.
- 25 Aug** Isaiah 58.9b-14 • Hebrews 12.18-29 • Luke 13.10-17

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# Weekday Services

Monthly services of **Holy Communion** are held at St Peter's at 11.00am on the **first** Thursday of the month, followed by lunch in a local restaurant. The next services will be on **Thursdays 4 July and 5 Sept.** *N.B. There will be NO service in August., due to the Fringe Festival.*

Monthly services of **Holy Communion** are also held on the **third** Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm followed by refreshments. Due to the building project, for the next few months, these services will be held in **Craigmillar Park Church.**

Next afternoon services: **Tuesdays 16 July and 20 August.**

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# Dates for the Diary

## JULY

- 2 Vestry • 7.30pm.
- 3 Craft Club • 10.00am.
- 4 Holy Communion • 11.00am followed by lunch.
- 14 Tom Wrench's last Sunday at St Peter's.
- 16 Tuesday Afternoon service • 2.30pm **at Craigmillar Park Church.**  
*(No choral Evensong in July and August)*

## AUGUST

- 10/11 Rolling Hills Chorus • See page 15.
- 12 Magazine deadline for September issue.
- 14 Vestry • 7.30pm
- 17/18 Rolling Hills Chorus • See page 15.
- 20 Tuesday Afternoon service • 2.30pm **at Craigmillar Park Church.**

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 Toddler Groups re-start • 9.30am.
- 4 Craft Club resumes • 10.00am.
- 5 Holy Communion • 11.00am followed by lunch.  
Choir rehearsals resume.
- 21 Who Let The Dads Out? • 9.30am.
- 22 Choral Evensong • 7.00pm **at Roslin Chapel.**

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# St Peter's Day

**Interim Pastor:** The Rt Revd David Chillingworth

**Associate Priest:** The Revd Sue Whitehouse

**LAY READER:** Mrs Janet McKinnell

## **DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES**

Lay Representative: Pam Dugan

Alternate Lay Representative: Elizabeth Philp

## **CHURCH ORGANISATIONS & GROUPS**

Director of Music: Rupert Forbes

Organist: Sheila Chisholm

Organ Scholar: Tom Wrench

Choir Warden: Fiona Barton

Children & Families Worker: Kristee Boyd

Servers' Guild: Bill Polson

Parents & Toddlers (Monday & Thursday): Kristee Boyd

Monday Group: Elizabeth Philp

Thursday Lunch Club (1st Thursday at 11.00am): Delia Keir

Magazine Distribution: Elizabeth Philp

## **CHURCH OFFICERS**

Vestry Secretary: Andrew Sikes

Hon Treasurer: Duncan McKinnell

Gift Aid Secretary: Chris Hodgson

Sacristan: Liz Mackay

Verger: Deborah Waterson

Fire Warden: Pam Dugan

Hall Bookings: Colin Harrison

Finance Convenor: Ralph Garden

Works Convenor: Liz Mackay

Admin & Gen Purposes Convenor: Alison Mowat

Social/Outreach COG Convenor: Liz Hare

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