



news & views

St Peter's, Lutton Place

November 2020

From the Rector

Rev Nick Wills

On 25th October we meet as a church family for our Annual General Meeting on Zoom at 6.30pm.

It is perhaps hard to believe how much has changed and happened in the life of the church since last year's meeting!

I look forward to meeting with those who are able to come; reviewing and learning from the past year but also looking towards our future together.

I am very sorry that we are not able to meet in person in the church buildings, but I thank Andy Sikes our Secretary for all his hard work in preparation, ensuring that the meeting is properly run and is as accessible as possible. I would also like to extend my grateful thanks to Duncan McKinnell for his hard work and diligence as Treasurer both in preparing the annual accounts and the ongoing duties of the role throughout the year.

As a Vestry we took the decision to continue with the meeting, though it is not in ideal practical circumstances because we felt it was important to keep to our usual pattern of governance. A big thank you too, to all the members of Vestry for their leadership of the church during the Interregnum and welcome and support to me as I arrived and began my ministry here.

As we move into November, we look towards Remembrance Sunday. There will of course have to be some changes to the usual service due to current restrictions but I hope and pray that it will continue to be a dignified and respectful act of memorial for those who sacrificed so much for our freedoms. Specific instructions and liturgical changes for the

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service on November 8th will be sent out by the office beforehand, so do look out for those.

Our regular weekly services continue to go well, in the circumstances. Though we all miss the choir, I would like to thank Rupert and Sheila for their work in ensuring we still have beautiful music as part of our worship. It has been great to hear the different soloists each week and of course Sheila's wonderful organ playing. I know many of us particularly enjoyed Rupert's medley of Harvest hymns on Harvest Sunday.

We have continued to welcome around 50 people (our current top limit) at the Sunday services, including a steady flow of new people. Thursdays have been understandably quieter.

We have made the decision to introduce a new Traditional Language liturgy on Thursdays at 11am, beginning on 22nd October so if you enjoy that style of worship please do consider giving Thursdays instead of Sundays a try, if you are available.

As the nights draw in and we would usually be looking towards Christmas, we are having to make multiple plans as we face such an uncertain few months.

Please be assured we will be doing all we can to balance keeping us all (and especially those of us who are most vulnerable) safe and celebrating the birth of our Lord as joyously as is possible! We will keep you informed as far as we are able.

For now, in this traditionally quieter time of reflection and remembrance, let us keep on praying, loving and being full of grace to one another,

Your Rector,

Nick

SEA Change Challenge

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

If you have not yet joined our SEA Change Challenge, please do, as we still have another week to go! The SEA Change Challenge, running from 18th – 31st October, is a series of small daily challenges to encourage us to reflect on how ethical / sustainable our personal shopping habits are, and to find ways of doing a little better.

Our discussion is happening in the Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3865156500165486>.

If you are not on Facebook, please get in touch with Kristee, either in person on a Sunday morning or via email: communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org, and she will ensure that your contributions are included!

Pastoral Visits

If you know of a member of St Peter's who is ill please let Nick or Sue know.

Following the latest Scottish Government announcements, and Scottish Episcopal Church guidelines amended in response to them, our Clergy are not allowed to make Pastoral Visits to people's homes at present. There are a few extreme exceptions where a visit may be allowed (unless the individual is in quarantine or has symptoms of Covid-19) but they have to conform to very clear guidelines in order to maintain the safety of everyone. These guidelines may change at short notice. Please do not put pressure on them to break the guidelines as they are unable to do so.

Our Clergy are still not being permitted to visit hospitals, but are able to put patients in touch with the Hospital Chaplaincy for Pastoral Visits.

Services for International Students/Young Adults

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

St Peter's is planning to set up regular Zoom church services specifically for our young adults and university students. On Sunday November 1, 7:30 – 8:30pm, we will run an informal Zoom discussion to hear ideas from the young adults in our congregation.

If you are a young adult and you want to get involved, please have a chat with Nick or Kristee on Sunday morning, or email Kristee at communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org.

The Year of Mark

By Rev Sue Whitehouse, Associate Priest

On Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Church's year, we move into the second of the three-year cycle of readings in our Lectionary. We are about to begin 'Year B' and it is based on St Mark's Gospel.

When I first moved into one new parish a long-established resident took me through the line of previous Vicars she had known. I was very impressed because instead of giving me a list of failings and omissions she highlighted what she had particularly learned from the ministry of each individual... ways of praying, biblical understanding, pastoral concerns.

In the same way it might be tempting to concentrate on the omissions of St Mark's Gospel. Indeed, because it is so short it was for many centuries not included in the regular church Lectionary. Many favourite readings found in the other Gospels – Christmas narratives, notable parables, certain characters encountering Jesus – are simply not there. But each Gospel makes its own distinctive contribution to our understanding of Jesus and for some people reading St Mark's Gospel has been pivotal in the development of their faith.

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The fact that the Gospel is short means that it can easily be read in one sitting. This allows us to experience the full impact of Jesus' story as a whole which is something lost to us when we just hear selected verses each Sunday.

The story is well told. Mark's style is direct and straightforward. There is a momentum to the first ten chapters as incidents and events are recounted in rapid succession, often introduced by the words 'then' or 'when'. This gives a sense of urgency (which we often lack today) to what the Gospel is about....

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'The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God' (Mark 1: 1) ... and to the proclamation of God's Kingdom which Jesus declares to be 'near' (or 'at hand') (Mark 1: 15).

There is an immediacy to the events described and we are drawn into the narrative as though we are there, being challenged and drawn into a relationship with Jesus through His call to 'repent and believe in the good news' (Mark 1: 15).

The Gospel has been characterised by what is called the 'Messianic Secret'. After each healing miracle Jesus warns the person not to tell anyone. Mark seems to be highlighting this because for him it is only through the Crucifixion that people can begin to understand the true nature of Jesus' Messiahship. Until then they are putting their own spin on it. Similarly the parable unique to Mark's Gospel, which likens the Kingdom of God to seed, scattered on the ground and growing in secret 'the farmer knows not how' (Mark 4: 26-29) suggests that God works not by external force but mysteriously from within the world and its people.

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Compared with the other Gospels, Jesus' Passion takes up a large proportion of Mark's narrative. From Chapter 11 the pace changes and becomes quite devotional. It was interesting to read that some scholars think that Mark's account of the events of Holy Week follow an early liturgy – rather like the Stations of the Cross – where people would walk round Jerusalem stopping and praying at the places mentioned. In my old school Bible Mark's later chapters are divided under the headings of the days of Holy Week so that in this same way you can walk with Jesus through each of His last days.

And then there is the abrupt ending to the Gospel - the Resurrection account in Chapter 16. A young man dressed in white robes tells the women that Jesus is raised from the dead and they are to tell the disciples that He will meet them in Galilee. But the women fled in terror and 'said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.' (Mark 16: 8).

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Other conclusions have been suggested and those versions are printed as alternatives in most Bibles. But the rather shocking ending fits in with the aims of this Gospel. There is always a sense of mystery and at the end we are invited in to consider what we would have done - or indeed are doing or not doing - in helping to spread the Good News.

Mark's Gospel is quite sparse and stark in the telling. It does not give easy answers. There is nothing glib about it. Rather there is a genuineness and integrity that has inspired its readers over the centuries to respond to the call of Jesus and to persevere as a follower. Hopefully, over the next year, we too shall rise to its challenges.

When lockdown suddenly occurred earlier this year, our Interim Priest at the time, The Very Revd Jim Mein was running a Lent Group: 'Let's talk about... Mark! - Mark's call to discipleship in five distinct stages'. Sadly meetings had to stop mid-way. Also cancelled was the planned 3-hour Good Friday Meditation in church reading Mark Chapters 14-15. Jim's excellent notes for these events are still available for those who would like them. If you would like a copy, please contact the office.

Louder Voices

By Catherine & Emma Rednall, Junior Choir

We wanted to share with the congregation that singing is still a part of our lives, although we are not in Church!

We are very lucky to be continuing to have *Voice for Life* online. Sheila has been holding zoom sessions for us. This kept our spirits up in Lockdown and has been giving us some fun this term.



We have both made a lot of progress in our ribbon work. Emma is hoping to be sharing some good news with the choir and congregation soon!

At the moment we are both learning a different hymn that we hope to sing soon during a Sunday service, with Catherine's planned for 15th November. Happily Rupert, Sheila and Nick have already given the thumbs up for this.



Catherine was delighted to give the Harvest reading on 11th October. It was lovely to hear at the end of the service that people appreciated the speed and clarity of her reading.

We are really looking forward to when it is safe to sing in church. It will be so exciting to be able to sing again in the Church with Lennox and Gwen, as well as the rest of the choir. Keep safe!

Newington Churches Together

By Liz Philp

The NCT recently held a committee meeting by Zoom. In the current uncertain times it was difficult to make any firm decisions. Rev Alex McAspurren of Reid Memorial & Craigmillar Park Churches reported that the Church of Scotland predict that all churches will still be operating with Covid-19 restrictions for at least another 6 months - which takes us to mid-Lent, very possibly until Easter and beyond.

The 2020 Lent Study Groups were abruptly curtailed by Lockdown. No joint activities are proposed for Christmas. However the committee nevertheless propose that the following might happen:

1. Advent Study Groups via Zoom
2. A recorded service for the Week for Christian Unity in January with input from all NCT member churches - to be posted online on Facebook and/or YouTube.
3. Lent Study Groups via Zoom.

Finally it is hoped that when this whole pandemic crisis is over - although who knows when that might be - the NCT should hold a joyful joint Service of Thanksgiving.

If anyone is interested in participating in Zoom Advent Study Groups could they please contact Liz Philp via: office@stpetersedinburgh.org as soon as possible because the NCT will only be able to proceed if enough people are interested.

Thank You From Jaime

By Jaime Wright

Thank you, once again, for your practical support of my theological studies through a book grant! I have already put the money to use, purchasing resources for my liturgy and pastoral care course.

In other news, I found out that I am being awarded a BA (Hons), first class, in Theology, Ministry, and Mission from Durham University through their Common Awards programme, of which the Scottish Episcopal

Institute (SEI) is a participating institution. This degree is from my first two years of training with the SEI. The three classes I am currently taking over the next few months will go toward a Graduate Certificate from Durham. Your continuing support through sponsorship, prayer, and book grants has made this possible - so thank you!

I am still working at St Columba's by the Castle as part of my ministerial training, and I am continuing to do a few research projects linked to my science-and-religion scholarship. You might be interested in my recent public talk on climate fiction that was sponsored by St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Glasgow, as part of a series of climate change talks in the run up to COP26. You can find the recorded talk, along with the others in the series, at the following website: <http://climatetalk.thecathedral.org.uk>.

Eric is in the process of applying for funding to support a post-doctoral research position at New College. We send you our love, and we ask for your continued prayers during the final months of my training for ordination.

Bridgend Farm

By Chris Hodgson, Gift Aid Secretary

I've worked as a volunteer at BIG (Bridgend Inspiring Growth, a community-owned and run charitable organisation based in the renovated 18th Century Bridgend Farmhouse on Old Dalkeith Road) since September 2016. BIG's main aim was to provide a community meeting place, training kitchen, café, garden and workshops, thereby creating a centre for Learning, Eating and Exercise (all things that appeal to me, especially the middle one!) for people of all ages living in the nearby estates of Craigmillar, Niddrie, Inch, Moredun and surrounding area. When I started the building was in an advanced state of disrepair with no facilities and the first job for the small number (~8) of happy, knowledgeable and enthusiastic people that I joined and who formed the Wednesday drop-in group was to build a large shed as a base for our activities.



Creating a centre for Learning, Eating and Exercise (all things that appeal to me, especially the middle one!)

Thereafter a variety of jobs came along, including making planters, repointing walls after attending a lime mortar pointing course, planting fruit trees, erecting shelves in the shed or edging a path with a wooden fence, clearing rough ground, charring the larch planks used to clad the workshops, painting and decorating, all the while meeting new, mostly young, people from different countries who came along to see what we did and to help. Some stayed, others moved on. A range of other organisations got involved too, such as single dads (working on a pizza oven after we'd broken up an old version with sledge hammers), volunteers from Action Earth and members from Crisis (homelessness charity).

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I had the notion to provide lunchtime fodder, an idea that caught on quickly and I became chief cook for the group, making soup and bread at home each Wednesday morning before cycling down with it prior to our 11am start. Despite the lack of cooking facilities things went pretty well, apart from the occasion when a volunteer's dog ate my bread.



Once the farmhouse restoration was complete and we had running water, electricity and a big oven, this job grew dramatically to supplying up to 30 customers with two or three course meals. By this time the farm had recruited a full-time Development Manager and a full-time Administration and Finance worker, both of whom had many years of experience

working with community groups, charities and social enterprises. The wonderful manager was also a whirlwind in the kitchen if things got desperate; also I was fortunate to have a 2 or 3 local helpers to train and supervise who joined me in many frantic but happy and enjoyable hours trying to put food on plates on time!

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The main contractors were Cornhill Building Services who, with assistance from BIG volunteers, completed the restoration in late 2017. This old farmhouse is now light and airy, with a lift, fancy lighting, several toilets, a big training kitchen, café and 2 big rooms upstairs (one an office, the other space for meetings, dances, exercise). Outside are four new

workshops, bike racks and a secluded garden. The bothy constructed from straw bales and a store of bikes made with bamboo frames grace the site of the old byre. Bridgend now provides a range of services including room hire, social events, ecological and environmental workshops, bike repair workshops, DIY skills, themed children's parties, outdoor education/leadership courses and volunteer opportunities. It provides a base to explore Craigmillar Park and Woodland for social, educational and recreational activities such as cycling, walking, forest skills and environmental workshops. The garden provides opportunities to learn about food sustainability, encouraging social interaction whilst promoting healthy, local eating.

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It's come a long way!

<https://www.bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk/>

Bethany Shelters

By Liz Hare

The night shelters run by Bethany Christian Trust started up again this month and the Community Outreach Group (COG) is offering to do the catering at the usual nine shelters. This season the meals are being cooked at Central Hall in Tollcross where there is a large well-stocked kitchen. The food has to be transported to the clients who are fed and accommodated in the Haymarket Hub Hotel. Anyone including the over-70s can now volunteer to help cooking at a social distance and in a mask. There's no pressure to go to the hotel to serve the clients unless you wish.

St Peter's first night at Central Hall, cooking savoury mince and pasta followed by apple crumble (my speciality!) went well. Now we know how to open up, turn off the very loud fire alarm and get the gas ovens working – all quite a challenge the first time with no opportunity to visit the premises beforehand. Many thanks to the calm support of my valiant first night team of Tricia Anderson, Becky Wills, Halcyon Hayward and her partner James.

We now have enough volunteers to get us to the end of the year but still need a few extra helpers for the 2021 shelters on 23 Jan, 19 Feb, 13 March, 11 April and 30 April. We would also welcome some more



financial support to help us buy the food for the nine shelters for around 50 homeless people who use this service. If you're interested, or would like to know more, please contact me.

Liz Hare via: office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Bethany Trust: <https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/>

Christmas Hampers for New Refugees

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

As in previous years, St Peter's will be purchasing and delivering Christmas hampers to new refugee families this year. This Christmas Hamper initiative has been the start of some wonderful friendships and I encourage you to get involved if you are able to. There are two ways to get involved:

- Christmas hampers cost £40 each. Each hamper is brimming with carefully selected halal foods that are appropriate for the needs of the families who receive them. If you would like to purchase a hamper for a family, please let Kristee know.
 - We will also need drivers to deliver these hampers. They are large and quite heavy, so it would be difficult to deliver on foot or via bicycle. If you would like to make a delivery, tell Kristee at church on Sunday or send her an email: communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org.
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Fresh Start Update

By Pat Whike

Fresh Start are delighted to announce that, as from 29th October, they will be able to start receiving all donations with the exception of Duvets, Pillows, Cushions, and Bric-a-Brac as they do not have space to quarantine these items. <https://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/>



Our Plastic Oceans...

By Gloria Lo

What part of the 'heritage' would you love most to pass on to the next generation?

On 2nd Sept, the film 'Plastic Oceans' was watched on Zoom by eighteen members of St Peter's, and was followed with a lively discussion. The film took us through a journey of love for the world and for nature, of whales, turtles and sea birds, but which led to the heart-wrenching discovery of the reality of our plastic gyres*, of which there are five in the world. Even if you live hundreds of miles from the coast, the plastic you throw away could make its way into the sea and eventually to these gyres. Once in the ocean, plastic decomposes very slowly, breaking down into tiny pieces known as micro plastics that can be incredibly damaging to sea life. These have been analysed by scientists around the world and captured by this film.

That's a rubbish truck full every minute.

Coldly sobering views of our oceans and coastlines choking on plastic bottles, food wrappers and plastic bags polluting beaches. Starkly terrifying to see marine creatures like seabirds and whales starving when their stomachs become packed full of plastic.

Scientists have shown that up to 12 million tonnes of plastic is entering our oceans every year – that's a rubbish truck full every minute. Single-use plastic packaging for food and drink is a particularly common part of the problem.

It is our duty as temporary custodians / stewards of the earth to look after the ecosystem better

Here is a collation of our thoughts and ideas from the discussion, as well as some further thoughts emailed afterwards.

The narrator of the film asks how humans fit into the wider ecology as "passengers of the world" which the cohort thought was a dangerous idea, because we are really the drivers: we should not be coasting along. We should really be sentient enough to be responsible for our actions and treat the world sustainably. It is our duty as temporary custodians / stewards of the earth to look after the ecosystem better, for our future

generations as well as all the other creatures around us. We have accumulated and are still accumulating knowledge, and can no longer rely on ignorance, instinct or appetite.

We looked briefly in response to how in the 1970s there was a boom of plastic production, while at the same time Barry Commoner wrote the insightful book “The Closing Circle: Confronting the Environmental Crisis” highlighting the potential problems and proposing his Laws of Ecology:

1. Everything is connected to everything else.
2. Everything must go somewhere.
3. Nature knows best.
4. There is no such thing as a free lunch.

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These are really good fundamentals which seem to be both understood and forgotten at the same time. In fact, measured over decades, the situation goes from bad to worse. One of our tasks must be to make our voices louder and put political pressure onto our government, to act in favour of genuine sustainable recycling and moving over to biodegradable packaging.

There is a consultation by the Scottish Government currently on “Restrictions to single-use plastics”: [zws.scot/singleuseconsultation](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/scotnhs/consultation/single-use-plastics), closing date 4 Jan 2021.

It was also noted in the film that industrial plastics and fishery equipment are also dumped at sea. The amount of destruction certain industries cause is also something that perhaps we should pressurise the government into tackling, and act upon in our own purchasing choices, researching before we buy, eat, drink and consume.

Regarding Local Authorities, we discussed if we know where our recycling goes and if Councils really do what they said they are going to do. How can we check and make sure that they do it properly and not put our recycling to landfill? The stark reality is we don't know.

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simple or clear-cut*

It is very obvious that many feel hurt, upset and conflicted about the subject of plastic in our oceans. The discussions show that even though we all agree that we need to do something, the answer is not simple or clear-cut. None of us can adopt a wholly abolitionist approach to plastic

as it would be unrealistic in our current society. It is not often we get to see films like this one to remind us that each little drop counts. The best we can hope to achieve is a reduction.

We asked what St Peter's should do to help change the behaviour of our people. There were reflections that most people don't know if St Peter's has a sustainability policy – is there one? We asked what is already in place, what is officially set up and what individuals are doing at St Peter's on their own initiative. More questions need to be asked!

The St Peter's project in October, 'SEA Change' raises awareness for ethical shopping. [See p. 4.] Items on the monthly Climate Corner page in News & Views are trying to help with spreading good information and knowledge, in the hope that we could learn, understand and change our behaviour.

Our faith gives us strength to take positive steps



The best we can hope to achieve is a reduction. A suggestion was to use soap in bars in place of liquid soap in single use dispensers. One of the many reasons is that there is a small metal spring inside the plastic dispensing unit which is very difficult to remove, therefore, practically all such units are sent to landfill despite the fact that the plastic in itself may be recyclable. This is easily achievable by all.

Inactivity, defeatism and apathy are not options that we as individuals or as a church should take. Our faith gives us strength to take positive steps in our current climate crisis; just as the early church may seem completely unviable, we should hold on to positive hope and put it into action.

It is worth noting that moving forwards, alongside positive ideas, we need to be respectful and mindful while raising concerns and offering ideas, rather than condemning actions. Generating virtuous signalling will engender positive engagement, while accusatory methods of doing so will only disengage, create negative feelings of offence and guilt and prevent the changes we so dearly want and need. St Peter's is here to stand with the planet and its oceans, to make a difference. We call out to all to come and help us on this journey, of learning and of practice.

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The Zero Waste Scotland website may give ideas of how to make a circular economy while reducing waste, as a household, business or community: <https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/>

Would you be willing to coordinate efforts in St Peter's to collect and ensure that items more difficult to recycle, such as crisp packets or soft plastics, are collected and recycled? www.terracycle.com/en-GB

**A gyre is a large system of rotating ocean currents.*

Due to this extended article, 'Climate Corner' will return next month.

Sunday & Thursday Services

Please be aware that all services are provisional and may have to be cancelled at short notice. We have to follow the Scottish Government and SEC Guidelines to ensure the safety and well being of us all.

For the most up-to-date information, please check the website:
<http://stpetersedinburgh.org/welcome-to-st-peters-lutton-place/sample-page>

Sundays: 10.45am: A service of Holy Communion using a shortened version of the 1982 Liturgy. This service is usually recorded and uploaded onto YouTube each week. Only the Clergy, Reader and Intercessor are recorded.

Thursdays: 11am: A service of Holy Communion using a shortened version of the Scottish Prayer Book Liturgy. This service uses traditional language and has no sermon or music.

All the services that have been recorded since lockdown can be watched online:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChhYHVFO1hqHLPo4GtFjG_A

Additional material and updates for Sunday/Thursday services, and about upcoming events is emailed out to congregational members each week. It is also available to download from the website and on the blog:
<http://stpetersedinburgh.org/> or <http://stpetersedinburgh.org/blog>

If you do not already receive these emails and would like to, please email Sheila via the office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org.

Sunday Readings

1st Nov *Revelation 7: 9-17 ♦ Psalm 34: 1-10 ♦
1 John 3: 1-3 ♦ *Matthew 5: 1-12

8th Nov Job 19: 21-27 ♦ Psalm 90 ♦
*1 Corinthians 15: 51-57 ♦ *John 6: 37-40

15th Nov *Judges 4: 1-7 ♦ Psalm 123 ♦
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 ♦ *Matthew 25: 14-30

22nd Nov *Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 ♦ Psalm 100 ♦
Ephesians 1: 15-23 ♦ *Matthew 25: 31-46

29th Nov *Isaiah 64: 1-9 ♦ Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18 ♦
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 ♦ *Mark 13: 24-37

**The passages being read.*

Dates for the Diary

November

Sunday 1st All Saints Day ♦ 10.45am

Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday ♦ 10.45am

Friday 21st Magazine Deadline

Sunday 22nd Christ the King ♦ 10.45am

Sunday 29th Advent 1 ♦ 10.45am

Magazine Articles

Please email or submit your articles and photographs asap, and by the deadline to: office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Thank you!

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Contributions welcome.
DEADLINE for the
December / January issue is

Friday 21st November

Keeping in Touch

We continue to try to keep in touch with the congregation and give whatever support is needed. The office is still closed with Laura and Sheila continuing to work from home. Telephone messages can now be left on the Office answer machine. *Please note it may take a few days before these are heard or dealt with:* 0131 662 9171.

If you would like to get in touch more quickly, or contact any of the Ministry team, email via office@stpetersedinburgh.org.

The **Buddy System**, designed to help us keep in touch with each other, is still being much appreciated. If you have any questions about it, please contact Kristee. If you haven't spoken to your Buddy in a while, please do give them a call!



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