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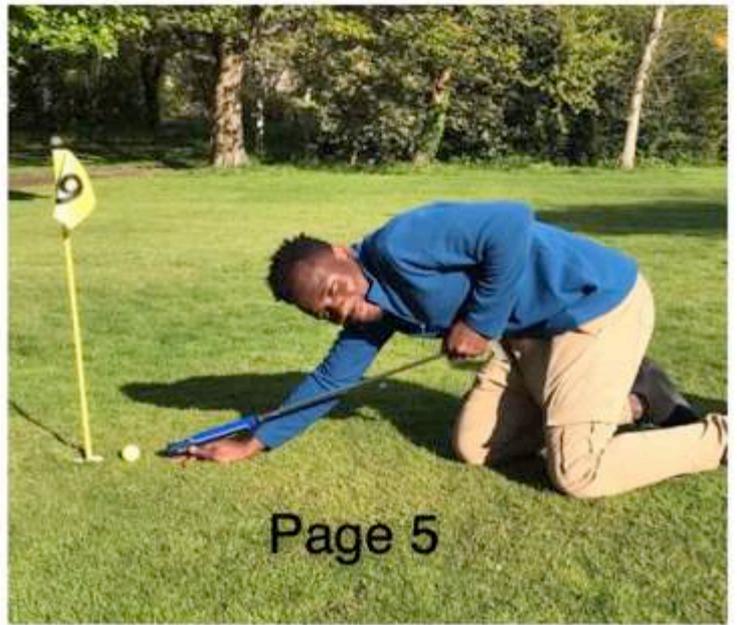
St Peter's, Luton Place

June 2021





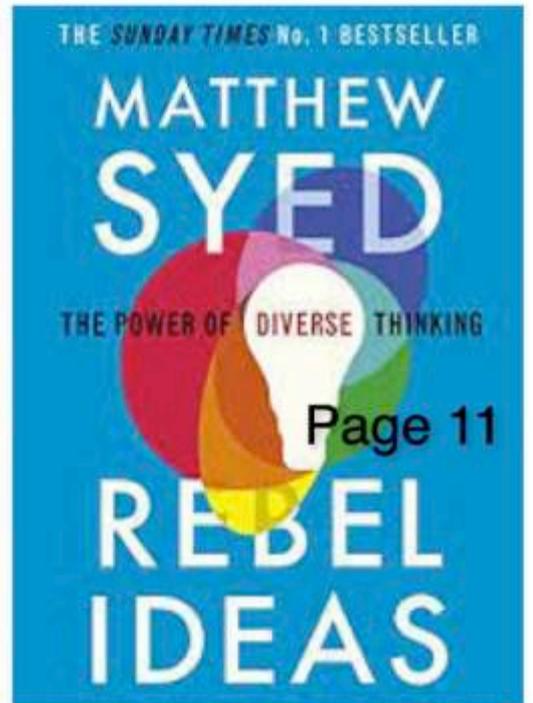
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From the Rector

Rev Nick Wills

It has been great to be back in Church once again and wonderful to be able to chat, socialise and enjoy refreshments together (in groups of 6, of course!) outside after services, for the first time since I have been at St Peter's. Whilst we are still waiting for the return of some much-loved aspects of St Peter's (such as choral and congregational singing) it feels that we are travelling in the right direction.

I am enormously grateful to Sue for covering services over the past couple of weeks while Becky and I were away, it gave us a chance to thoroughly switch off. Those who were in church for my Pentecost sermon will have heard about how it felt like a real re-setting or re-calibrating for a new phase ahead. In some ways it feels like our ministry together here is just beginning.

As well as socialising after church, the new walking groups have made a great start. A big thank you to those who have organised and led walks so far. We hope to make this a regular feature of St Peter's life, and as things open up more and car sharing becomes possible, to go further afield and be able to extend offers of lifts to those who don't have their own transport.

I read a recent article on the huge benefits of walking for our physical and mental health, by walking in groups we also have a gentle easing back into becoming the social beings that we were before the pandemic.

The running group will be launched on 31st May, for part one of week one of the NHS Couch to 5k programme for absolute beginners or those who haven't run for a while. We're certainly going to be an active church!

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Due to Covid, the office remains closed with Laura and Sheila working from home. Messages can be left on the office answer machine, but please note it will be a few days before it is heard or dealt with.

We have decided that as there has been diminishing demand for the Sunday evening prayer service on Zoom we will discontinue it, but we **will** continue the popular Songs of Praise monthly service (on Zoom for the time being) on the Fourth Sunday of each month at 6.30pm. Please continue to send your choices of hymn, worship song or choral anthem to the Office email address as we continue to share in music and worship together in a safe way. We will keep this service going as long as people are willing to share their thoughts about their favourite hymns and anthems.

Thank you to those of you who have supported our appeal for Covid relief for India, either via Christian Aid or through St Peter's historic link to the hospital in Vellore. If you would like to contribute, see our website for more details and links: <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/giving-to-christian-aid>

With my prayers and best wishes,

Nick

Young Adult Services/ International Student Cafe

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

Bible Study: We began the month with an intriguing discussion on Ephesians 6: 10-18. This passage is all about 'putting on the armour of God' and it was chosen because it opens up many areas for contemplation. Here are some of the questions that arose during our study:

- Is there an abstract presence of evil in the world?
- If there are evil forces, is there a 'king' of these, i.e., a being called 'Satan'?
- In terms of rulers, authorities and power structures, does power always corrupt to some degree?
- Can innocent people rise up within corrupt structures without being corrupted?
- How do we each decide what is true/false, particularly when it comes to information about the world we live in and the forces that are at play within news sources, social media, etc?

In terms of putting on the armour of God and making the right choices, we ended with some solid advice from some of our participants: *Don't be afraid to be the weirdo in your group!* It will definitely leave less room for making mistakes and living with the regret of trying to conform to the behaviour of others!

We are looking forward to our next Bible Study, which will be led by Rebecca Brouwers-Harries.



Mini Golf: We also had our first small group outdoor meet-up this month! We played a really fun round of mini golf, won by Chris Davies, followed closely in second place by Dominic! Hopefully we can run more of these meet-ups as restrictions are eased in the coming months.

Please email Kristee if you would like to participate in future events. (communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).

Songs of Praise

On Sunday 25th April, the Songs of Praise on Zoom was again well attended and had another interesting selection of hymns and stories.

Beginning with **God is working his purpose out** (NEH No. 495), Bill Polson spoke about how the words were written in 1894 by Arthur Campbell Ainger, a master at Eton College. As a tribute to Edward White Benson, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1883-1896, the tune, composed by Millicent Kingham in 1894 was given the title 'Benson'.

Promoting a 'feel good' factor, the tune contains a jaunty refrain with the last two lines of each verse relating to the Old Testament book of Habakkuk: 2: 14. The scope of the words allows it to be used on almost any occasion, and as Bill mentioned the combination of words and music provide assurance and reassurance, both of which have recently been needed, both personally and nationally.

Liz Philp chose **Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round**, to the tune 'Song 1' by Orlando Gibbons, (NEH 355), admitting to having chosen it largely because of the tune. Describing a Creator God, 'Ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets', in later verses it speaks of 'Thy well-belovèd son, our brother and our friend', the 'hatred of all wrong', and that we should 'follow truth' with our inspiration being God's 'constant word'.

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) is also very well known for writing Madrigals. Liz's mother belonged to a Madrigal Group. Not a choir, just a group of friends who met in one another's homes simply to make music for the joy of it - just like the Elizabethans did. As a little girl, as soon as Liz could read, she reminisced that when the Madrigal Group met at their house she was allowed to come downstairs in her dressing gown and stand on a chair and share her mummy's music. She gets teased by some people in the choir for being so devoted to early music, but it has just always been a part of her life. It was the first choral music she ever heard, and as far as Liz is concerned it has never been surpassed.

The anthem, ***Stabat Mater***, the first movement from the *Stabat Mater* sequence by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736), was chosen by Gloria. The text, from the 13th Century hymn to Mary, portrays Mary's suffering as Christ's mother during his crucifixion. Composed in the final weeks of Pergolesi's life final in a Franciscan monastery in Pozzuoli, it was completed just before he died from tuberculosis at the age of 26. Nick helpfully displayed the English translation of the Latin text.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, a Geneva philosopher of the Enlightenment described this opening movement as 'the most perfect and touching duet to come from the pen of any composer'. Highly influential to later composers, it has been adapted and used in jazz improvisations and soundtracks such as in George Lucas's sci-fi film 'THX 1138'.

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days (CH4 No. 736) was the hymn picked by Archie Chisholm. Living in Nairn and seldom now in Edinburgh, Archie began by thanking Nick and all present for making him feel so welcome at these services in spite of the restrictions under which we have been living. Choosing a *favourite* hymn was impossible - there are so many from which to choose! So Archie chose one that he only found after the new Church of Scotland Hymn Book, CH4, was introduced in 2005, eight years after he had retired.

Feeling that the hymn should be much better known than it is, the words were written by Shirley Erena Murray, a New Zealander who was born in 1931, and who only died in January 2020. Sung to R. Vaughan Williams's tune, '*Sine Nomine*', normally associated with the hymn, '*For all the saints*', the ever so simple text presents life vividly from the cradle to the grave in very touching and deeply moving ways.

After singing the hymn, Nick pointed out that there are so many wonderful little known modern songwriters, and how great it is when they put their

words to well known tunes, thus enabling everyone to be able to sing them immediately without having to 'learn a new tune'.

To close, the hymn Pam Dugan chose, **Here I am, Lord**, (CAHON 332) is often sung during services in church, and to Pam it brings happy memories of also singing it in Hall Services and at Synod.

To put forward your favourite hymn(s), anthem(s) or organ piece, email the office, office@stpetersedinburgh.org.uk.

Monday Group

By Liz Philp

The Monday Group has continued to meet via Zoom. The illustrated talk on 26th April by local photographer Joe Gilhooley was excellent. Joe explained how he sometimes waits for hours to get just the right light for his brilliant landscape shots. On 10th May Liz Traill told us about her 60 years in Uganda where she founded a boarding school for girls. The school is still going strong and the Monday Group was happy to send them a donation. It was nice to welcome Janet McKinnell to that meeting; she was able to mastermind showing us Liz's photographs.

On 24th May a good number of people logged into the Zoom talk by choir member Rebecca Mackay who established an art course at the Al Nahda Philanthropic Society for Women when she lived in Saudi Arabia between 1990 and 1995. She gave us an interesting insight into the difficulty of teaching art in a situation where the representation of the human form or animals was forbidden by the rules of Islam - although drawing flowers was allowed. She also talked to us about the restricted life of women in Saudi society at that time.

On 7th June we will have a speaker from the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society. That will be our last meeting for the year. Notions of holding our annual dinner in June were abandoned due to the continuing Covid restrictions.

We will restart in October and *maybe* we will once again be able to meet in person in the choir vestry. Who knows? The future is still so uncertain.

Anyone who can give ideas of speakers for our meetings or who would be prepared to give us a talk themselves, please contact our Secretary Pam Dugan via the office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org.uk

Choir Notes

By Rupert Forbes, Director of Music

Singing in the choir normally involves not only attending rehearsals and singing at services and occasional concerts, but there is also a social element to choir membership. Under normal circumstances this means for some members going to the pub after rehearsals and also occasional trips such as singing Choral Evensong in Durham Cathedral or our visit to the island of Cumbrae a couple of years ago.

Even though we have been unable to sing services for the past fourteen months, this has not hindered us from keeping up the social aspect of choir membership, and since last August we have been meeting every fortnight for a zoom chat, which has usually been attended by about half our numbers. Recently, following an initiative from Anna Mattinson we have converted every alternate meeting into a sing-along session, where we are able to listen to a recording of music in our repertoire and at the same time follow this along with a vocal score on the screen, allowing us to sing in the privacy of our own homes, joining the recording. These sessions have been introduced with some vocal warm-ups so that we hope to be in fine voice once we are allowed to sing again in church. Anna hosted the first few sessions, then Sheila organised one and last week Ian Gibson chose the repertoire and selected recordings.

Choirs in England are now allowed to sing together under social distancing regulations and I am hopeful that it will not be too long before we are able to return to 'service as usual'.

Walking Group

The Walking Group has now held its first two walks, both of which were much enjoyed by those who attended. The walking leaders were John Smith and Ian Gillespie respectively and they have both written detailed accounts of their walks, together with some fascinating historical backgrounds of the route. Below are shortened versions of these reports with more detailed versions available to read on the website blog:

<https://stpetersedinburgh.org/st-peters-walking-group>

Walk 1: Herriot Watt Riccarton Campus, Currie: 10th, 11th & 12th May

By John Smith

This was an easy walk to start, with a gentle walk of just over 3 miles round the perimeter of the Herriot Watt University and Research Park at Riccarton close to John's home in Currie. On the first day five participants enjoyed the delights of a circular path through mature trees with the smells of wild garlic and bluebells awakening our senses. Much of the campus comprises trees, some agricultural land, playing fields and landscaped gardens giving the university a very welcoming feel to it.

Starting and finishing at the Oriam (which is Gaelic for 'gold') Sports complex, we finished with hot drinks on picnic benches outside the complex. As not all our walkers could manage on the 11th, I suggested that I could repeat the walk a couple of times that week and a different person joined me on both the Tuesday and Wednesday. Except for a small shower on the Monday, the weather stayed dry and hopefully this will be a good omen for future walks.

Walk 2: Craiglockhart and Colinton Dell: Wednesday 19th May

By Ian Gillespie

An eager crew of seven upstanding souls met in spite of the grey clouds. While discussing a little of the history of the estate as we walked along the water of Leith, we also kept our eyes open for otters and kingfishers, but they must have seen us coming! I was disappointed to be unable to persuade anyone to join me in paddling in one of the more accessible stretches of water - perhaps it was the warning from me that St Peter's could not be held responsible for any member of the group subsequently found floating in Leith docks!

The group showed no signs of flagging up the incline to Colinton tunnel, and all were suitably impressed by the splendid mural illustrating the Robert Louis Stevenson poem 'From a Railway Carriage'. On returning to our back garden, Morag served us all with birthday refreshments and coffee cake. John gave a short oration and toasted my birthday - much to my embarrassment!! Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon and it is a great way to get to know people that you might not necessarily chat to over coffee on Sunday morning.

More walks are planned so keep your eyes open and email Sheila via the office to let her know if you would like to receive the St Peter's Walking Group emails: office@stpetersedinburgh.org.uk

Ordination to the Diaconate

By Jaime Wright

As many of you know, I was ordained to the Order of Deacons on 2nd May 2021 at Old Saint Paul's, where I am serving my Curacy. It wasn't a typical ordination, as only a limited number of people could come to the service in-person and social distancing demanded changes to the service, such as me needing to vest myself rather than being vested by my presenters.



However, the service was still a joyful occasion. More than 50 people were able to fit safely distanced inside Old Saint Paul's, and I am told that over 70 people joined the service live as it was streamed online. The video now has 380 views on OSP's YouTube channel.

The most memorable part of the service for me actually occurred when I was standing in the back of the church just before the procession. I could look out over everyone who was seated (well - the backs of people's heads!) and then look out at the faces of those who were gathering for the procession, scattered throughout the back to maintain safe distance - and in my mind's eye, all those gathering online. My eyes started to tear with a sense of gratitude and love, as I saw people spanning my life here in Scotland: friends from New College, colleagues from the Scottish Episcopal Institute, and members of the wider church from St Peter's, Inverness Cathedral (first placement), St Columba's by the Castle (second placement), and Old Saint Paul's. I felt a deep sense of affirmation in my calling to ministry by family, friends, and the church herself.

I want to thank everyone at St Peter's for being with me along this journey. Thank you for your welcome of Eric and myself when we first joined St Peter's. Thank you for encouraging us as we both began discernment for ministry. Thank you for financially supporting my studies through the annual book grant. Thank you for praying for us throughout this journey. Thank you to those who attended the service, whether in-person or online. And thank you for sending me words of encouragement before my ordination and congratulations afterward.

I hope that restrictions will be even more eased for my priesting next year, such that more of us are enabled to celebrate together. As always, you remain in my heart and my prayers. In Christ's love, Jaime.

Reading Group

‘Rebel Ideas’, by Matthew Syed

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

In our final Reading Group for Hilary Cottam’s *Radical Help*, our group shared overall thoughts as well as ideas for how St Peter’s could begin to implement what we have learned.

Radical Help is all about focussing on capabilities. Cottam highlights the fact that, these days, governments and organisations tend to approach societal problems by focussing on, and planning for, what could go wrong, instead of building towards what could go right. It takes courage to question accepted truths and to try a brand new idea. Sometimes we will fail and have to start over again. Sometimes we will be criticised for a novel approach or for not showing measurable improvements as fast as others would like. However, *Radical Help* teaches us the importance of taking the time to listen to our community members instead of getting bogged down in the ‘cookie-cutter’ approaches of others.

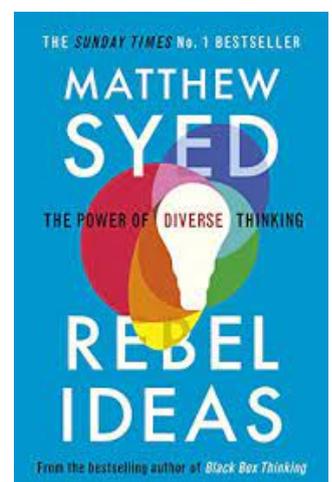
One method that they used for getting to know their community members and learning what they want and need was to develop a group project - for example, a community garden or a neighbourhood litter clean-up. Evidence suggests that many people find it easier to open up if they are focussed on a physical task together, as opposed to sitting face to face. We had some ideas for how to do this at St Peter’s...but we agreed that we would rather hear from our congregation members first!

Have you been sitting on an idea that you would like to share with us, about how to extend St Peter’s outreach into our wider community?

Please share it with us by emailing Kristee:

communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org.

We have selected **Matthew Syed’s ‘Rebel Ideas’**: *The power of diverse thinking* for our next Reading Group. We will read the first 3 chapters between now and Monday 7th June. If you would like to join, there is still time, so please email Kristee so that you will receive the reminder and Zoom link before we meet.



Bethany Care Shelters

By Liz Hare, COG Convenor

The Community Outreach Group would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the shelters this season. We catered for our last shelter on 30th April. The number of homeless clients had dwindled to only ten, as all the others had been given more permanent accommodation. Margaret Garden, Becky Wills and I cooked our speciality savoury mince, lentil pasta, and apple crumble in the kitchen at Gorgie Parish Church. Then the meal was transported to the Haymarket Hub Hotel for the clients.



As always, the cooking provided a lovely chance to chat face to face, through our masks of course. Perhaps there was a bit too much conversation as I must admit to a few slightly burned pots – see the photo of Margaret gamely scrubbing on the inside cover. Prizes to anyone who can guess what Becky is doing with the rubber glove in this photo!

Next season, we can only guess if Edinburgh's homeless will need us and whether Bethany will be able to use the centre they acquired at Diadem and kitted out with beds and showers. Of course, we hope better housing will be found for the clients and we will be redundant. But sadly, homelessness is a problem that does not seem to go away.



Thank you again to everyone who supported St Peter's nine Bethany shelters with money or by giving their time to cook. From October 2020 to April 2021, our cooks were: Halcyon Hayward and partner, Becky Wills, Tricia Anderson, Anna Mattinson and Adam, Ian Gillespie, John Smith, Margaret Garden, Caroline Crosbie, Sara Janssens, Freya Buxton, Mhairi Meston, Sue Whitehouse, and Ruth Tiplady and Gloria Lo who led the catering teams. My apologies if I've forgotten anyone who helped. In these difficult Covid circumstances, this was a valiant effort by St Peter's congregation and friends.

Well done us!

Vestry Update: May

By Andrew Sikes, Secretary to the Vestry

The focus of the May's Vestry meeting was the refurbishment of the main hall. In recent months work has been ongoing to repair and re-glaze the hall windows. This work is now complete.

In preparation for the next phase of works, the Vestry received a report on the works required to insulate and heat the building and install new lighting. The costs associated with such works are not insignificant. The Vestry therefore agreed to seek further professional advice and cost estimates before taking a formal decision to progress any works; the advice sought includes that of a structural engineer (insulation of the roof), a heating engineer (to design an underfloor heating system, with insulation), and a designer (lighting).

The Vestry also briefly discussed the installation of a sound system and decoration of the hall. Again, no formal decisions were taken on these matters.

In line with a commitment to review the environmental impacts of its decisions and practices, the Vestry agreed to switch to the green energy provider 'People's Energy'; a social enterprise based at Shawfair. The contract with People's Energy will initially be for one year and represent a saving on current utility costs.

The Vestry also received a quarterly finance report.

In response to neighbour concerns, the Vestry sought the permission of the council to carry out works to the lime tree situated at the rear of the lodge, as the church is located in the Southside Conservation Area. The works include the removal of the top 5 metres of the tree and trimming of the side branches to leave a balanced canopy.

Copies of Vestry minutes are available on request via the church office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org.uk

Eco Congregation

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer



It is encouraging to know that many members of St Peter's are passionate about environmental sustainability. Thank you to those who take the time to write about this subject matter and who remind us that, as people of faith, we must continue to take steps in order to preserve the planet, for ourselves and for the generations to come.

We, as a church, are in the process of registering with Eco Congregation Scotland and completing the 'Church Check-up' questions, so that we can work towards Eco Congregation awards through this organisation. Special thanks to Laura, whom I have hounded with questions about our buildings this week!

I will keep you updated as we progress. If you have questions, email Kristee: communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org.

Climate Corner

By Christine Bethune & Anna Mattinson

Review Roundup continued: Christmas stockings were a good way to help family and friends try out alternatives!

ALTER/NATIVE Shaving Soap: coffee and cedarwood (£2.99 per bar)

They say: Creamy lather, with a shot of coffee and a sprinkle of black pepper, for a clean all over close shave. With a brush and a bowl, or just your hands, whip up and lather and apply. Cruelty free, vegan and made in the UK. Sold in a simple cardboard box.

Adam McKinlay says: I tried this shaving bar after Anna gave it to me for Christmas. It's just as good as shaving foam, lathers well, smells nice and feels good to be using a product that is more environmentally friendly. There is still lots of the bar left, although that might be a reflection of how often I shave!

Fitpit man natural deodorant (£10/100ml)

They say: Deters excess perspiration and provides tough odour protection with a delicious cypress scent. 100% organic and natural, and contains no parabens, BPAs or aluminium salts. Cream deodorant applied with fingertips, melts on contact with warm skin. No waiting to dry. No white stains. Suitable for vegetarians and vegans.

Glass jar is reusable or recyclable and contains a 3-month supply.

Ed Bethune says: I really enjoyed using the Fitpit deodorant. Apart from the very obvious environmental benefits, I found it to smell better than aerosols and gave a longer lasting “effect”, for want of a better term. And even a small pot of it lasted a long time. I was thoroughly impressed and would recommend it to anyone.

Beeswax food wraps (e.g. 3 for £16. A vegan alternative, which costs about 50% more, is available, based on cereal and castor oil.)

They say: One of the easiest plastic free swaps you can make ... keeps your food fresher for longer and leaves no toxic residue on your food.

After use simply rinse with washing up liquid and water and air dry. Lasts for at least 12 months with normal use.

Karen Campbell says: They're great. I use them most days to wrap my daughter's roll for school. It feels good to know that we're not using something that's single use, so a small help to the environment. They can take a bit of time to dry so once washed/rinsed it's best to allow enough time before next use, overnight should be fine. They come in different sizes and colourful designs so very flexible for different types of use!

Foodbank+

By Liz Philp

At the recent Newington Churches Together meeting volunteers from the Foodbank run at the Community Church in the King's Hall, made a report - they have changed the name back from Basics Bank to 'Foodbank+'. They explained that following a very successful fundraising appeal last year, Edinburgh City Mission are now able to buy food and other essential items which are stored in their Storehouse in Sighthill and distributed to their nine Foodbanks around the city.

Fresh food is brought every week by FareShare (run by Cyrenians) thanks to generous donations of surplus food from supermarkets. Donations of food from individual churches are therefore not needed at this time. However they are in need of **strong** carrier bags, so if anyone has any to spare they could bring them to church. They are currently trying to raise funds for a van as a more efficient way of distributing food than volunteers collecting goods in their cars.

If you would like to contribute to this appeal you can do so via the Edinburgh City Mission's Facebook page, but if you don't do Facebook contact Liz Philp via the office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org.uk

Foodbank+ Webpage: <https://www.edinburghcitymission.org.uk/where-to-find-help/basics-bank.php>

St Peter's current giving & Gift Aid

By Chris Hodgson, Gift Aid Secretary

Current situation:

Giving at St Peter's takes the form of weekly cash or cheque offerings as Free Will Offerings (FWO) using yellow (Sequi) envelopes, regular banker's orders, one-off gift aid donations via white envelopes or bank transfers and anonymous cash. The Gift Aid system allows St Peter's to reclaim tax on almost all of these donations, which adds significantly to the grand total. Overall this congregational commitment and generosity makes a vital contribution to staff costs, expenses such as the Diocesan quota, building maintenance and other administration, outreach and worship costs.

Lockdowns during the Covid pandemic when the church was closed for worship stopped our weekly FWO and cash collections for 15 weeks in year 2019-20 and for 22 weeks in year 2020-21. However, the generous nature of St Peter's congregation was not to be thwarted by the situation, with some large donations of accumulated savings during lockdown now appearing in the collection basket since the church re-opened in May '21 and a significant change being made by others to direct bank payments and/or increase individual contributions. I thought you may like to know how these responses have influenced giving at St Peter's and helped the church through this disruptive and difficult time.

Monthly average donations

	Yellow env	Banker's order	White env/Bank trf	Cash
<i>Pre-Covid</i>				
Jul 18–Jun 19:	£836	£3005	£4610	£249
<i>Covid affected</i>				
Jul 19–Jun 20:	£526	£3218	£2844	£209
Jul 20–May 21:	£371	£3545	£650	£871

All these figures qualify for an additional 25% Gift Aid claim.

Donations Jul '20 – May '21 are not included in the above comprised £159 (Poppy appeal), £712 (Embrace the Middle East charity), and £511 (Christian Aid India appeal). These also qualify for an additional 25% Gift Aid claim.

We will soon be into a new church year for which I have a new supply of Sequi FWO envelopes (this year coloured blue) - please let me know if you want to start or continue donating using this system and I'll issue you with a year's supply.

Otherwise, regular payments to St Peter's, either weekly or monthly, can be set up by internet banking directly into St Peter's bank account or, if internet banking is not an option, by setting up a Standing Order with your own bank using forms available from me or from your own bank.

For this you need St Peter's bank details which are:

- Bank of Scotland, 51 South Clerk St, EH8 9PP
- Account number: 00439927
- Sort code: 80-02-83

If you have already filled out a Gift Aid declaration then St Peter's can claim tax relief on the sum donated. If you have not filled out a Gift Aid declaration and wish to do so then forms are available from me – you need to be a UK taxpayer to be able to do this. You can also make a donation to be used for a specific purpose, e.g. the Building Fund, in which case please mark your donation appropriately. If this isn't possible then write to me and I will assign the donation accordingly.

Another way of giving is via our new Give.net page, which can be accessed via the St Peter's website (<http://stpetersedinburgh.org/giving-to-st-peters>) or by typing: <https://www.give.net/stpetersedinburgh>

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all continued good health.

The Gift Aid Secretary, Chris Hodgson and the Treasurer, Duncan McKinnell, can both be contacted via the office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org.uk

Keeping in Touch

We continue to try to keep in touch with the congregation and give whatever support is needed, with updates and additional material for services and upcoming events being emailed out to congregational members each Saturday evening.

If you do not already receive these emails and wish to get in touch with the Clergy or office, attend our coffee mornings, and/or attend our Sunday evening 'Songs of Praise' Zoom service, please email Sheila via the church office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org.

Our Community Development Officer, Kristee Boyd, can be contacted directly: communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org

For the most up-to-date information about what is happening, please check the website: <http://stpetersedinburgh.org/> and blog: <http://stpetersedinburgh.org/blog>

Magazine Articles

Please email or submit your articles and photographs asap, to Sheila via the office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org.uk

*DEADLINE for the
July/August issue is
Friday 18th June*

Thank you!

Sunday Readings

- 6th June** Genesis 3: 8-15 ♦ Psalm 130 ♦
*2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5: 1 ♦ *Mark: 3: 20-35
- 13th June** Ezekiel 17: 22-24 ♦ Psalm 92: 1-4, 11-14 ♦
*2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17 ♦ *Mark: 4: 26-34
- 20th June** *Job 38: 1-11 ♦ Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32 ♦
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 ♦ *Mark: 4: 35-41
- 27th June** Acts 12: 1-11 ♦ Psalm 125 ♦
*1 Peter 2: 19-25 ♦ *Matthew 16: 13-19

**The passages being read.*

Dates for the Diary

June

Sundays ♦ 10.45am ♦ Communion Service ♦ In Church

4th Sunday of the month ♦ 6.30pm ♦ Songs of Praise ♦ On Zoom

Thursdays ♦ 11am ♦ Communion Service ♦ In Church

Thursdays ♦ 10.30am-11.30am ♦ Coffee Morning ♦ On Zoom

**Mon 7th ♦ Monday Group ♦ 7.30pm ♦ Speaker from the
Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society ♦ On Zoom**

Fri 18th ♦ June Magazine Deadline

Sun 27th ♦ 10.45am ♦ St Peter's Day Communion Service ♦ In Church

Sun 27th ♦ 6.30pm-7.15pm ♦ Songs of Praise ♦ On Zoom



*Photo taken by John Smith
during one of the
Walking Group walks.
(See page 9)*

People

CLERGY

Rector: Rev Nick Wills
Associate Priest: Rev Sue Whitehouse

DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES

Lay Representative: Liz Philp
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CHURCH ORGANISATIONS & GROUPS

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Vestry Secretary: Andrew Sikes
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