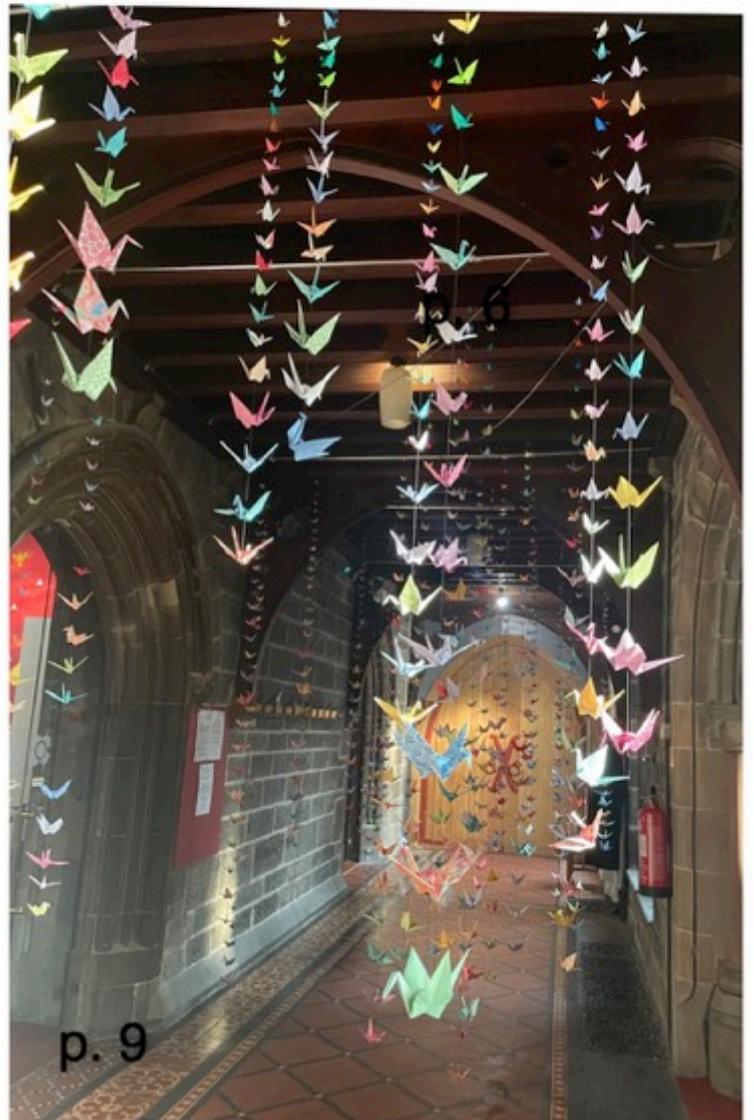


# news & views

St Peter's, Lutton Place

October 2021





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# From the Rector

*Rev Nick Wills*

What a delight it was to sing heartily in church this morning!

It feels like a big step has been taken towards returning to something like normal worship following the September Vestry meeting. Though we are still cautious and always within both the legal and advisory guidelines for public buildings and SEC churches, it felt right to ease some of the restrictions we have been living with for so long. Even behind masks the congregational singing was powerful to hear and take part in. Thank you to Rupert, Sheila and members of the choir for leading us in the joyous hymns and we very much look forward to experiencing the return of a fuller choir to lead us each week.

As the weather closes in for Autumn we may well be needing to move refreshments indoors, with the same sort of approach of most cafes where we are masked when serving or moving around the space but unmasked when seated and drinking/eating.

One of the other big changes has been the return of the quiet traditional language early service on a Sunday. Each week at 9am there will be a short, said Eucharist, without music or sermon, for those who enjoy the traditional language and peacefulness, but also for those who are perhaps at higher risk from attending the 10.45am as restrictions at that service start to ease.

It has been great to see the return of some students and to welcome new student visitors from around the world and we are looking forward to sharing the first student meal with a group next weekend, having been unable to eat and share together for the whole of the last academic year. Hopefully there will be photos in the next magazine! Please continue to make visitors welcome and encourage them to take part in the life of our church as fully as they would like. I still have very fond memories of the

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church Becky and I attended as students (where we ended up becoming lay workers). There were few students but we were valued as full members of the community and offered many ways to fully engage in activities and therefore quickly felt right at the heart of that church family, sustaining us as young adults away from home.

The church walks have continued on apace, with the next one to Cramond Island - we hope that these walks have increased our sense of God's beautiful creation, especially during this season of Creationtide, as well as helping us to get to know each other or reacquaint ourselves after such a long time apart. If you would like to lead a walk or find out more, please contact either the office or myself.

It has been a privilege to hold the 1,000 Cranes exhibition in church during September and I believe it has been a powerful experience for those who have engaged with it, as the responses in the article later in the magazine express. Thank you to all involved in creating the exhibition, setting up, opening/locking church and hosting.

Though today it still feels that Summer is doing its best to hold on, it will soon be Autumn. Although we won't be able to host our full Harvest festivities, we will still hold a collection of food for the Newington Foodbank+ at our Harvest services on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

And we will also be carrying out a working party in the Garden on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to those able to come and help, and to all who work throughout the year to ensure that our gardens are beautiful and welcoming for the whole community, an asset which has been particularly appreciated by so many during the various lockdowns of the past year and a half.

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October we will hold our AGM following the 10.45am service, which again gives us a chance to reflect on the past year for our church and to elect members of Vestry. Both our Treasurer, Duncan, and Vestry Secretary, Andy, are stepping down from their roles at this meeting, and I would like to place on record my appreciation for all that they have done to provide stability and continuity during both the interregnum and for the first year and a half of my ministry here. Their dedication to their respective roles is hugely appreciated.

Please pray for the meeting and those who will take on important roles in our church's life.

With my prayers,  
Nick

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# Children's Church

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

All children are welcome to join us for Children's Church, during the Sunday service. We plan a variety of fun activities each week and we all come back up to church in time for communion. We leave when everyone stands for the second reading.

If you have any questions, please see Kristee after the service or email her at [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).

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# International Student Cafe

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

St Peter's International Student Cafe will restart for the academic year with a Welcome Lunch at the home of Nick and Becky Wills on Sunday 26th September. From here, we will figure out what numbers we are working with for the year ahead and we can begin to make plans for a monthly social outing together. If you are a young adult or international university student, we would love you to join us! Please see Kristee after the service or email her at [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).

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# Indoor Toddler Group

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September will be our first indoor Toddler Group since last March! We are excited to restart these, although the times have shortened slightly to allow for us to be able to thoroughly clean before and after each group. We will now run Mondays and Thursdays, 10:00am - 11:30am. Tea and coffee will be provided, as will individual snack bowls for the toddlers, in order to avoid selecting sliced fruit from common plates, as we used to. Parents, grandparents and carers are all most welcome to come along with their little ones. If you have any questions, contact Kristee at [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).

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# Walking Group

During September, the Walking Group had a walk around the Bavelaw circuit, which was greatly enjoyed by those who attended, and a second one to Cramond Island is being held on 27<sup>th</sup> September. This was held too late to include in this issue. Thank you to Roddy who led the Bavelaw walk, and an account of it is below.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Bavelaw circuit**, passing Threipmuir Reservoir and Black Hill. *By John Smith, Participant*

Five intrepid walkers met at car park at Threipmuir Reservoir, south of Balerno, to tackle the walk round the reservoir. The forecast for that day had not been promising and sadly put off a few of our walking group from attending.

However, undeterred, the participants headed off with great gusto on the path following the northern edge of the reservoir until we reached the dam between Threipmuir and Harlaw Reservoirs. The top of the dam gave us great views of both reservoirs and from there we picked up the path which then took us to the Black Springs which is the most easterly point of the reservoir.

There is no path to the south of the reservoir, so we had to jump a stile and head up what could only be classed as a mountain goat track which skirted the side of the Black Hill. The effort was well worth it and from the highest point, which would have been 100m above the reservoir, we were treated to spectacular views towards Edinburgh, Fife and West Lothian.

In due course we picked up one of the main paths which, had we turned left, would have taken us to Glencorse reservoir beside the Logan Burn. The right turn took us towards Bavelaw Castle and beyond to where the cars were parked. This part of the walk took us through tree plantations enclosed by deer fences as well as natural areas where indigenous trees had been planted. The final part of the walk took us along the imposing tree lined formal drive of the castle and over the dam between Threipmuir and the Bavelaw Marsh.

While part of this walk was challenging, the views made it all the worthwhile. As a bonus we had no rain and when the sun poked through the clouds, which was often, we were treated to a spectacular sunset. Many thanks to Roddy and Lenore for leading the group on such a lovely walk!

More detailed accounts of previous walks can be found online at:  
<https://stpetersedinburgh.org/st-peters-walking-group>

*The final walks of 2021 have now been organised:*

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** 10.30am - c. 2pm: Cramond Island  
(Please note that this walk has been organised around the tide times.)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.15am - c. 12.30: Roslin Glen

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30am – c. 12.30pm: Almondell Country Park,  
near Broxburn, West Lothian.

*Please let Sheila know if you would like to receive the St Peter's Walking Group emails. This then means that you will receive the most up-to-date information about the walks with a reminder about each one; if any last minute changes have had to be made; and very importantly, to book your space with the leader of the walk. [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)*

*More walks will be organised for 2022!*

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## St Peter's Book Club

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

We are about to start a new book together - The Islamist, by Ed Hussain.

It is available at Topping & Co

(<https://www.toppingbooks.co.uk/books/ed-husain/the-islamist/9780141030432/>) and also

likely at most other bookstores. We will meet for discussion on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm.



ED HUSAIN  
Why I joined  
radical Islam in Britain,  
what I saw inside and why I left

If you would like to join us and to receive the Zoom Link, please email Kristee at [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).

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## Magazine Articles

Please email or submit your articles and photographs to Sheila asap to [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

Thank you!

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*The DEADLINE for the  
November issue is  
**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October***

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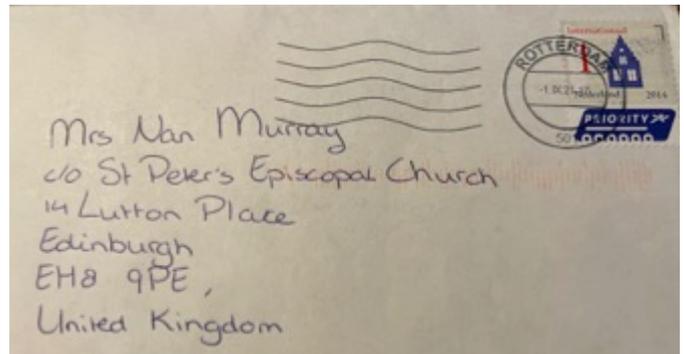
# Beanies

In the September magazine, we congratulated Mrs Nan Murray for knitting another 100+ hats for the Seafarers Mission.

Nan's father-in-law was in the Merchant Navy, and while coming back to his second daughter's wedding in February, 1941, his boat was sunk at Dunnet Head. His son, Nan's late husband, was only 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> at the time. Having grown up in Leith and watched all the boats arriving to and departing from the Port of Leith, her late husband and three of his brothers all did their National Service in the Navy. And that is why Nan likes knitting hats.



For over 11 years, Nan has knitted roughly one hat a day, sometimes two, which means she has knitted over 4000 hats! For the first time ever, she received a beautifully hand written thank you letter from the Chief Officer of a Dutch general cargo vessel, on behalf of the crew. When arriving in Newport, Wales, they had been given the beanies. The vessel is specially made to sail though ice, which ultimately means cold and harsh working conditions. Contacting Nan through the church office, and posted from Rotterdam, the Chief Officer wrote



'You have filled our hearts with love and warmth through your selfless gift. ... It really means a lot to us. ... The hats you have made will make all that cold just a little bit more bearable.'

The photograph, with Rev Nick Wills, was taken on the Sunday morning when Nan opened the letter.

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*Front Cover picture and pictures on p. 19, taken by Roddy Simson and John Smith on the walk around Bavelaw circuit.*

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# 1,000 Cranes of Solidarity: review

Sparked by the atrocities in Hong Kong that unfolded between 2019 and 2020, these cranes and the exhibition were the response of one person towards the injustice and violent suppression of freedoms. This is an art installation as well as a thought piece reflecting on our world. The thoughts provoked by the events in Hong Kong reached beyond the geographical boundaries of that small island to the south of China, and to world events that are unfolding around us in the West.



Reflecting on China's growing influence on many countries around the world and to the UN; ideas of authority, freedom and totalitarianism, researched and analysed with reference to Hannah Arendt's essays written back in the post-war period, that are still applicable today; quotations from world leaders on misuse of power, corruption, lack of accountability and struggles for freedom; actions of those in power in the western so-called democratic world that reflect totalitarian governments, creeping in insidiously; the effects of 'white terror', self-censorship and misinformation, are but some of the issues explored in this very moving exhibition that asks us to question and reflect on events that unfold around us every day.

Visitor comments include:

- "The most thought provoking exhibition I have seen in many years."
- "Over a thousand cranes by one person, really movingly displayed. Huge amount of passion and it shows."
- "Informative and at the same time soulful."
- "[*The exhibition is*] not just about somewhere far flung but highlighting issues relevant to us right here right now."
- "So well researched, facts, quotes and perspectives clearly and artfully separated to give a truly powerful display."
- "The cranes are amazing and deeply moving..."
- "An experience not to be missed... incredible installation... the amount of time spent doing them must have been immense."

The final opportunity to view the exhibition is from 5.30pm-8.30pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

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# Vestry Update: September

*By Andrew Sikes, Secretary to the Vestry*

The Vestry met in early September to discuss how St Peter's should respond to the First Minister's recent announcements and updated advice of the SEC in respect of the pandemic. Despite the removal of certain restrictions that we have been living with for some time, in light of the high number of active Covid cases in the City the Vestry agreed that any changes at St Peter's should be introduced gradually and kept under review. The Vestry will discuss and review recent changes in October.

The Vestry also discussed the draft annual report and accounts that will be presented to the AGM for approval on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021; which will be available for inspection from 10<sup>th</sup> October. Arrangements for the AGM follow this update. Those who lead groups and activities in church should have received a request to prepare a short report for the meeting. This should be lodged with me by the end of the month.

Owing to the length of debate on these substantive matters all other business was deferred to the October meeting of the Vestry.

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## AGM

*By Andrew Sikes, Secretary to the Vestry*

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The meeting will commence at midday in the church hall and will be chaired by the Rector, Rev Nick Wills. The main purpose of the meeting will be to receive the Annual Report and Accounts.

The business of the meeting will also include: the election of three constituent members of the congregation to act as members of the Vestry; the election of a Lay Representative, Alternate Lay Representative; and independent examiner (to audit the annual accounts). The meeting will also receive a presentation on the refurbishment of the main hall and deal with any other competent business, notice of which should be lodged with Nick or myself prior to the meeting.

The names of all candidates seeking election to the Vestry, as Lay or Alternative representatives, together with their proposers and seconders, should be lodged with Nick or myself prior to the meeting, and in any event no later than midday Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. I am happy to receive nominations for all positions electronically – please email me via the office at [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org) if you wish to receive a nomination form by email. Forms will also be available at the back of church.

As required, copies of the Annual Report and Accounts will be available to view from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Also available from that date will be copies of a draft minute of last year's AGM.

It is important that the make-up of the Vestry reflects as best it can the membership of the church.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or via the office, if you have any queries on arrangements for the AGM.

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## Music Notes



*By Rupert Forbes, Director of Music*

After a gap of a year and a half we are very pleased to finally be able to hold choir rehearsals again. These take place for the adult choir on Thursday evenings from 7.45pm – 9.30pm in church and new members are welcome just to turn up to a rehearsal or to speak to me after a service. Entry to the church is through the Clergy Vestry door, next to the Bowling Club. If the door is locked, please just ring the bell!

Junior choristers meet with Sheila for *Voice for Life* at 6.15pm, followed by junior choir practice at 7.00pm, joining with the adults from 7.45pm - 8.00pm.

For the moment we will only be singing an anthem and hymns during the service, but we hope in time to get back to full choral services again.

It will be good to get voices lubricated again, both during and following rehearsals!

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*If you or your child are interested in joining the Choir, please contact Rupert:*  
[office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

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*For information about Voice for Life, please contact Sheila:*  
[office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

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# Monday Group

*By Liz Philp*

The Monday Group Committee met in September and made some decisions about our future. During the Covid-19 pandemic we have been meeting via Zoom, but many of our members do not have the facility to participate in Zoom meetings. This excludes many of our long-standing members, the very people who have been most cut off from their St Peter's friends for the past 18 months.

We have other concerns, notably the fact that it is a bit embarrassing to organise outside speakers when we have a small audience – this was the case for some of our Zoom meetings. We have decided that, for the next few months at least, we will hold in-person meetings **in the church hall in the afternoons once a month**. The upside of this is that we can include people who don't want to go out on a dark winter's night. The downside is that it excludes those who are working, which is a great shame. We would very much welcome anyone who would like to come to the meetings. Indeed we talked about changing the name of the group to show that we are an all-inclusive social group but couldn't think of a new name. Any ideas anyone?

Our first meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm. This will be a purely social afternoon to enable everyone to catch up with friends. Nice cakes will be provided!

The next meeting will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, again at 2.30pm. This will feature a talk about Unst, the most northerly inhabited island of the Shetlands. Our speaker, Lesley Main, was born and brought up on the island.

Membership is £5 per year plus £1 on the day when attending a meeting. All are most welcome to all our meetings, but expect to pay £1 if you come.

We would be most grateful to anyone who would be prepared to give a talk. Please email our secretary Pam Dugan on [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org).

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# Zoom Community Cooking Event

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

We at St Peter's are lucky to have so many members with a wide range of skills! We discovered in our final zoom coffee morning on Thursday that Rebecca Mackay is an expert butter-churner! She is able to make all different kinds of delicious butter, including garlic butter and herb butter.

Chris Hodgson, who has previously taught us how to make sourdough and soda bread, has also offered to teach a workshop on how to make simple, homemade oatcakes.

So our plan is to combine the two and to offer St Peter's folk an oatcake and homemade butter workshop over zoom, sometime in October (date to be confirmed later). If you are interested in this workshop, please let Kristee know: [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).

Our previous community cooking events over zoom have been really fun, so do join us if you can!

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## The Lunch Club

*By Delia Keir*

After being unable to meet for lunch in a restaurant since March 2020, due of course to COVID, the Lunch Club was so pleased to be able to resume our monthly lunch after the Thursday service in September, and to welcome the Rector. We have been to the service of course, whenever that was possible, held now in church because the Millar Chapel is being used for storage temporarily, and we also took advantage of summer weather to picnic in the church garden. But it was lovely to return to a meal in a restaurant, and to be able to talk to each other. Long may this continue!

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*For information on how you can help to support God's mission and ministry in St Peter's through giving, via the office [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org), please contact:*

*Gift Aid Secretary: Chris Hodgson*

*Treasurer: Duncan McKinnell*

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# Church Garden Tidy-Up

The church garden is a wonderful place of tranquillity for many in the community. Thank you to those who help look after the garden, and to those who have offered help during the 'garden tidy-up day'. This has now been organised for **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, from 10am-12.30**. Tea, coffee and soup will all be on offer. All are very welcome to join in, and please feel free just to turn up on the day! We just ask that you bring any gardening tools you think might be useful, and your own pair of gardening gloves. For more information, please contact Liz Mackay via the office: [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org).

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# Welcoming Afghan Refugees

## Training

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*



[Welcome Churches](#) is currently running some sessions to help churches in their efforts to welcome new refugees from Afghanistan. One of the leaders is from Afghanistan, so the training is highly informative about Afghan culture. The cost is £10. If you want to know more about ways to support new Scots from Afghanistan, please email Kristee: [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh) - she can help to point you in the right direction.

For more information about Welcome Churches, Google <https://welcomechurches.org/>

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# Christmas Hampers for Refugees

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

As in previous years, St Peter's will again be participating in an initiative that takes place in the lead-up to Christmas, where we purchase and deliver Christmas hampers to new refugee families across the city. Each hamper costs £40. If you would like to purchase a hamper and/or to help with the deliveries in December, please email Kristee at [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org) or speak to her after the service.

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# Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is being held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Once again, we will be collecting donations for the Newington Foodbank+, which is a partnership between the Community Church Edinburgh and The City Mission. Please bring any non-perishable food to this service. Harvest will complete the new SEC Season of Creation, during which we have been using the Collect, Post Communion Prayer and Blessing from their new experimental Liturgy, reflecting the commitment of the Church to responding appropriately to the global environmental and climate crisis.

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## Eco-Matters



### Eco Congregation

We recently had our first official Eco-Congregation assessment. Many thanks to Rev Nick Wills and to Laura for joining me in this assessment meeting, to contribute their knowledge of outreach, services and the buildings project. Our assessor was very positive about the work St Peter's has been doing thus far, in order to become more environmentally friendly and ethical in our practices. We will find out which award we have achieved sometime soon.

In the meantime, the following points came up in our assessment:

- \* It would be a good idea to find out St Peter's carbon footprint, in order to accurately assess the ways in which we can improve our practices.
- \* From here, we can find new ways to offset our carbon footprint. For example, we can look into planting trees through <https://treesforlife.org.uk/>, an organisation that is working to rewild the Scottish Highlands.
- \* It was also suggested that we work towards using Fair Trade products more often, for example in our purchases of tea/coffee/biscuits for after services.

We will let you know as soon as we find out which award we have achieved thus far and where we will go from there. If you want to participate in St Peter's Eco-Congregation work, please email Kristee: [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).

For more information about being an Eco Congregation, their website is: <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/>

## Feeding the Birds

Have you seen the new bird feeder in the church garden? Liz Mackay has set this up to feed the birds. Any contributions of bird feeders, birdseed and/or fat balls are gratefully received. These can either be left at the back of church before/after a service, or handed into the office when someone is there. The aim is to also introduce some nesting boxes and bug hotels... Watch this space! Contact Liz Mackay for more information via the office: [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)



*(A bug hotel made by Liz's granddaughter.)*

## Tidying the autumn garden

*By Christine Bethune*

It's tidy up time! But what do we mean by 'tidy'? Could we consider ways of working with nature and not against?

Right now there are lots of freebies to be had: self-seeded hellebores, foxgloves and aquilegias can go to brighten up shady areas, while perennials (e.g. hardy geraniums) can be divided and spread about for next year. I'm not a fan of bare soil! Even better, many tasks can wait till spring: seedheads, hollow stems and large clumps provide overwinter shelter for minibeasts, which in turn feed the birds. Small creatures may hibernate in stick piles under the hedges. Windfall apples are treats for birds and squirrels; I've picked rowanberries to freeze for birds in midwinter.

This year I let grass grow tall and mowed paths for access. It was liberating! There were fewer dandelions than I feared; the grasses themselves were beautiful, and the variety of butterflies was well up. I hope for more meadow flowers next year; while a less-than-drastic autumn trim makes grass another habitat.

This isn't a blueprint for everyone, and sometimes we can only make 'least worst' choices. Every gardener will have their own priorities. Our lovely garden at St Peter's is rightly appreciated for its well-kept lawn for weddings and other gatherings. Others need easy-care, play or seating areas. But small spaces can accommodate a surprising variety of habitats, and we can perennially examine our practices for sustainable and eco-friendly qualities. As our countryside is under threat by development, urban gardens are an increasing and crucial source of wildlife habitats — so caring for these spaces is to be taken seriously.

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# Pastoral Care

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

The guidance for Pastoral Visits is always changing and for the past many months our Clergy have generally not been allowed to make Pastoral Visits to people's homes.

Some visits are now allowed (unless the individual is in quarantine or has symptoms of Covid-19) but they have to conform to very clear SEC guidelines in order to maintain the safety of everyone. Please do not put pressure on Nick or Sue to break the prevailing 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.

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# Office Hours

*By Sheila Chisholm, Administrator*

The role of Administrator covers anything to do with church matters, services and events, and supporting the Rector. (As Buildings Manager, all church/hall booking requests and building queries are forwarded to Laura.)

My working hours have recently been reviewed, and the days I work are now Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Emails regarding church will usually be attended to on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The rest of my hours are taken up with other tasks.

The office is still closed, but if you need to see me to do something in the office, please arrange a time for me to be there as this can now be done. Please note too that the Magazine deadline has been brought forward to the **Thursday** of the relevant week.

Yes, I am the Organist too, and feel free to ask me any questions *after* any morning service!

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# Rector's days off

In this day and age when technology means everyone can be contacted constantly, the SEC has published a new policy that all serving Clergy should have two days off a week. Friday and Saturday are now our Rector's days off, and we hope that all will respect this. On these days, please only contact him if it is an emergency. Thank you.

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# 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, please email Sheila via the church office: [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org).

The Ministry team can also be contacted directly:

Rev Nick Wills: 0131 259 1933, Rev Sue Whitehouse: 0131 672 1308  
Kristee: [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto: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>*

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# Sunday Readings

*\*The passages being read.*

## **3<sup>rd</sup> October Pentecost 19**

Genesis 2: 18-24 ♦ Psalm 8 ♦ \*Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12 ♦ \*Mark 10: 2-16

## **10<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Thanksgiving**

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 ♦ Psalm 65 ♦ \*2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 ♦ \*Luke 12:16-30

## **17<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 21**

\*Isaiah 53: 4-12 ♦ Psalm 91: 9-16 ♦ Hebrews 5: 1-10 ♦ \*Mark 10: 35-45

## **24<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 22 (AGM)**

\*Jeremiah 31: 7-9 ♦ Psalm 126 ♦ Hebrews 7: 23-28 ♦ \*Mark 10: 46-52

## **31<sup>st</sup> October All Saints' Day**

Isaiah 25: 6-9 ♦ Psalm 24: 1-6 ♦ \*Revelation 21: 1-6a ♦ \*John 11: 32-44

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# Dates for the Diary

**Sundays ♦ 9am ♦ Communion Service ♦ Traditional Language with no music or sermon.**

**Sundays ♦ 10.45am ♦ Communion Service ♦ Modern language, with choir & congregational singing.**

**Mondays & Thursday ♦ 10am-11.30am ♦ Toddler Group**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month ♦ 11am ♦ Communion Service ♦ Traditional Language with no music or sermon.**

**Thursdays ♦ 6.15pm, Voice for Life ♦ 7pm-8pm, Junior Choir ♦ 7.45pm, Adult Choir**

## Special Events in October

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> ♦ 10am-12.30pm ♦ Community Garden Tidy-up**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> ♦ 11am ♦ Communion Service ♦ Traditional Language with no music or sermon.**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> ♦ Harvest Thanksgiving ♦ 10.45am**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> ♦ 10.15am-12.30pm ♦ Walking Group ♦ Roslyn Glen**

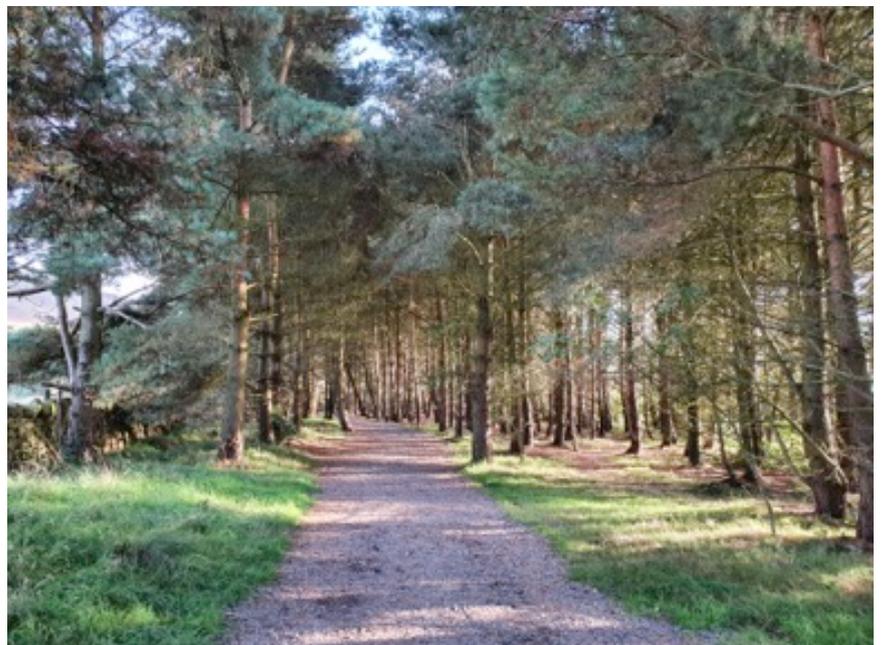
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> ♦ 2.30pm-4.30pm ♦ Monday Group social afternoon.**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> ♦ November Magazine Deadline**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> ♦ AGM ♦ 12.00 Noon**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> ♦ 7.30pm ♦ St Peter's Book Club (*On Zoom*)**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> ♦ 10.30am-c.12.30pm ♦ Walking Group ♦ Almondell Country Park.**



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# People

## CLERGY

Rector: Rev Nick Wills  
Associate Priest: Rev Sue Whitehouse

## DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES

Lay Representative: Liz Philp  
Alternate Lay Representative

## CHURCH ORGANISATIONS & GROUPS

Director of Music: Rupert Forbes  
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Organ Scholar: Ifeanyichukwu Ezinmadu  
Choir Warden: Fiona Barton  
Servers' Guild: Bill Polson  
Parents & Toddlers (Monday & Thursday), Kristee Boyd  
Monday Group: Jane Sutherland  
Thursday Lunch Club (1st Thursday at 11.00am), Delia Keir  
Social/Outreach COG Convenor, Liz Hare

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