

# news & views

St Peter's, Luton Place

November 2022



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# From the Rector

*Rev Nick Wills*

As I write it's a beautiful autumn day and the leaves are just turning, just as we turn from our season of Creation to a season of Remembrance and Reflection.

Creationtide culminated with a simple but nourishing Harvest lunch.

It was great to welcome so many people after the service and to see tables buzzing with chat as our newer members enjoyed time with Saint Peter's stalwarts and as we celebrated Harvest with thankfulness.

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the food bank and to Liz Mackay who transported the items. Thank you to all those who helped to decorate the church so beautifully, and to those who helped prepare and serve the meal.

It has been a season of eating together as a community which has been a real joy. Following the student welcome BBQ and the harvest lunch, we were also delighted to host a meal for refugees from Afghanistan, in partnership with Building Bridges and Edinburgh City Mission.

Thank you to everyone from St Peter's who attended the meal, made others feel welcome and helped out in practical ways to ensure that the event went as smoothly as it did. I hope that you enjoyed the Afghani food as much as I did! Shinwari restaurant worked incredibly hard to provide lots of tasty food alongside a warm smile of welcome. I'll be sure to eat there at some point in the coming months and can warmly recommend their food to you!

It has been great to welcome new students to join our core group of young adults. We have enjoyed some fun events in this first term of the academic

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year including walks and, most recently, a visit to the Skittle Alley at The Sheep Heid Inn. And on 30<sup>th</sup> October, we look forward to marking All Saints with a Mexican "Day of the Dead" themed evening together. We hope that they feel welcomed and at home as part of the St Peter's family.

It has been great to back in the hall - it is close to being completed with some exciting finishing touches to light and sound, heating and seating to come.

Toddler group will certainly be ready to return to the hall after a bracing term in the garden. Thank you to Kristee and the families for their patience during this period.

Thank you to Rupert and the choir, who led us in an evening of music to celebrate the life of the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of his birth. Rupert introduced the evening, and various anthems and hymns throughout, and gave us a flavour of the life of a composer who has been so central to the Anglican choral tradition. Thank you to Rupert, Sheila and the choir for all the hard work you put in to make the evening so successful.

By the time you read this our AGM will have happened on Sunday 23rd October. Thank you to Janice Allister, our Vestry Secretary and Laura Bird, our Treasurer for all their hard work in the run up to the meeting, preparing our Report and accounts, and to Duncan McKinnell, our former Treasurer, for his continued support through this process. Thank you to everyone who has served on our Vestry and to those willing to step forward to continue/join for the year ahead. (As I'm writing this in advance, I can't be any more specific than that, as it would be a bit "North Korea" to talk about election results before they have even been held!)

The Walking Group have met for the final walks of 2022, two local walks each setting off from Blackford Pond. The co-ordinators of these walks, Janet and Roddy, have written accounts of them, which you can read on pages 10 & 11.

The Walking Group walks have given an opportunity for us to welcome and get to know each other, and especially newcomers, better, as well as introducing them to the beautiful countryside and coastal scenery around Edinburgh, and some of the many leafy urban walks around the city. A big thank you to everyone who led a walk for us this year.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of Alec Mann this month. His active involvement in the Walking Group, with his extensive knowledge of the local area, will be much missed, as will his contribution as part of the team who keep our church gardens as such a positive asset for both our church and the wider community. Our prayers and condolences are with Alec's family at this time.

Our service of Remembrance will this year fall on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am, as we remember the Fallen together. This year, of course, the gratitude that we have for those who sacrificed themselves for our freedom is given added resonance by the horrific spectre of war returning to Europe, and the determined resistance of the people of Ukraine.

May this season of reflection be meaningful and helpful to us all,

Your Rector,  
Nick

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## Young Adults / International Students

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

We have had some lovely get-togethers over the last month, including the Student Welcome BBQ at St Peter's, some guided walks around Edinburgh, followed by a drink in a local pub and, most recently, skittles bowling together at The Sheep Heid Inn. (See the photo on the inside cover.)



Our next event will be a Day of the Dead themed Mexican meal, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, to celebrate Halloween. If you are a new student or young adult and you would like to join us for upcoming events, please speak to Rev Nick Wills or Kristee after the Sunday service, or email Kristee at [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).

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# Children's Church

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

Despite ongoing work in St Peter's hall, Kristee and a second adult will do their best to provide something fun for the children during the 10.45am service - sometimes, it will mean an activity at the back of church, other times we will be in the garden or in the small hall. We will decide each week, based on numbers, ages and weather! Please speak to Kristee if you have any questions or concerns. All children are welcome to join us 😊

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# Vestry Update, October

*By Janice Allister, Vestry Secretary*

Vestry members met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October at the Rectory.

We continued to prepare for our AGM which will be held after the 10.45am service on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. This time we had a first view of the main reports. Laura Bird, our Treasurer, gave hers orally following the annual summary in September. All members on the email list should have received a copy of the other reports from groups this first week of October. If not, please let Sheila at the office know.

The services continue in a regular pattern, with a traditional said Communion at 9am and a more modern Communion service, with choir and sermon at 10.45am every Sunday, a traditional Communion at 11am on the first Thursday of each month and Evensong at 6.30pm on the last Sunday of each month. The Harvest service, with gifts for the Newington Food Bank was much appreciated, as was the lunch afterwards! There have been several enquiries about kneelers and pew cushions. The cushions should have been reinstated by the time you read this. Please help yourself to a kneeler from the new pile as you come into church if you would like one.

*[Editor's note: Following this decision, Liz Mackay went to put the cushions back in church but discovered several are frayed or have holes. She is currently repairing them before they will be returned to church.]*

We are sorry that the survey and replacement of the sash windows at Hope Park Crescent is so delayed. They have been authorised and we thank our tenants for bearing with inconveniences.

Work on the Hall continues apace, thanks to the helpful contractors. We are looking forward to receiving our regular groups and new benches and cupboards. Fresh bookings continue to be received. We are grateful for the patience and adaptability of hall users while this work continues. The roof re-slating, with some disruption outside, will commence soon. We will be reviewing heating requirements in Spring 2023 once the effect of the new insulation is assessed.

The Ukrainian refugee family, to be looked after by Nick and Becky at the Rectory, has not yet arrived. Work is to begin to convert the upper floor of the Rectory from attic space to heated rooms to house refugees from Ukraine. This work may be continuing after the guests have arrived.

Nick gave us an update of his work as the Assistant Honorary Anglican Chaplain at Edinburgh University. Students have joined us on Sundays and some are becoming the mainstay of the welcoming team. Please help them feel at home.

We pray for all these considerations.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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## St Peter's Book Club

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

St Peter's Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month, over Zoom. We are currently reading *The Gate of Angels* by Penelope Fitzgerald. Due to some scheduling difficulties, we have decided to skip our scheduled October Zoom meeting and to instead meet face to face in November for a book discussion and 'break up' before the busyness of December!

If you have joined us for Book Club over the last year, you are most welcome to join us for the face-to-face meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

We will resume our regular Book Club meetings over Zoom next year. Please contact Kristee for more details at [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).

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# Music Notes

By Rupert Forbes, Director of Music



## CHORAL EVENSONG SERVICES

Choral Evensong usually takes place on the last Sunday of the month. However, in order to avoid a clash with the Tree Lighting Ceremony, being held on Advent Sunday which this year falls on 27<sup>th</sup> November, Choral Evensong has been brought forward by one week to 20<sup>th</sup> November.

*Future dates of Choral Evensong*

**2022:** 30<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November,

**2023:** 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## CAROL SERVICE

Giving some advance notice, our Carol Service this year is being held at 6.30pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## CHOIR

New members are always very welcome to join the choir and can either simply turn up to the church for the 7.45pm-9.30pm Thursday evening rehearsal, or for more information, speak to or email Rupert.

Young singers up to the age of 16 are welcome to join the Junior Choir which rehearses on a Thursday evening from 7.00pm–8.00pm, with an option of joining the *Voice for Life* sessions which are run by Sheila Chisholm from 6.15pm–7.00pm.

Junior choir members join the adult choir to sing at Sunday morning services, rehearsing at 10.00am for the 10.45am morning service. The choir sings Choral Evensong usually on the last Sunday of the month, rehearsing at 5.30pm for the 6.30pm service, and also occasionally at other events.

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*If you or your child are interested in joining the choir, please contact Rupert.*

*For information about Voice for Life, please contact Sheila.*

*Both can be contacted via [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)*

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# Monday Group

*By Jane Sutherland, President*

Our regular monthly meetings with speakers on Monday afternoons recommenced on 17<sup>th</sup> October with an illustrated talk by Liz Philp entitled "Around the World 1974 – 1976". Liz explained that during Lockdown she had laboriously digitised her hundreds of slides and then thought "what do I do with them?" When she told her daughter that she was giving a talk to the Monday Group, Anna said "Mum, you are just showing off!". Liz acknowledged that this was possibly true, but that she partly wanted to remind herself that she was not always a little old lady polishing the brasses at St Peter's, but once did fun things and visited interesting places.

It was fascinating seeing Liz's numerous slides and hearing of her travels during those years. It started with crossing the USA, then across the Pacific on a P&O liner, travel in Australia during two years living there, visiting all the states and territories of



Australia plus trips to Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan and New Zealand. Finally the trip back to the UK overland on public transport through Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. Then by a direct bus from Kathmandu to London, camping, haggling in local markets for food and visiting countries now considered unsafe for travellers, including Kashmir, Afghanistan and Iran. Thank you, Liz, for a great afternoon! See a selection of photos on page 23.

*Bullock carts in India*

Our meetings continue to be held at 2.30pm in the Hall. We ask only £1 per afternoon for members, but £2 from non-members. Refreshments are served at the end. Annual membership of the Monday Group is £5; we would like to encourage all those who come and enjoy our meetings to become members. On 12<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Christmas Party for members – now there's an incentive to join!

Our next talk is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November when the speaker will be John Graham. All are welcome to this meeting.

For further information about the Monday Group you can contact our president Jane Sutherland or secretary Pam Dugan, via the office:

[office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

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# Walking Group

*Many thanks to our walk co-ordinators, who have led two interesting and varying walks through The Hermitage of Braid!*

## **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** *The Hermitage of Braid*

*By Janet Hodgson, co-ordinator*

### **Roamin' in the Gloamin' by the Bonnie Banks o' Braid**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> October a band of walkers set off from one of the entrances to the Hermitage of Braid Nature Reserve around 6pm. Having been a very wet morning we were blessed by dry, mild and calm weather. The walk skirted Blackford Pond with the swans and cygnets resting, past the allotments uphill and down to the Braid Burn which was flowing quickly. We took a side path and came down by Hermitage House built in 1785 by architect Robert Burn (no Rabbinic relation). Nearby we saw the Dovecot which once had about 2000 nest boxes to house the pigeons which were eaten by the family in the big hoose. The garden area just below it has been restored and is well worth a visit.



The Hermitage area was gifted to the city for use as a public park and is another delightful space which we can all use with many side paths worth meandering along. There are many lovely old trees with wonderful shapes and the leaves were just starting to show their autumnal colours.

We walkers continued on by the burn until we finished our evening walk at Braid Road. A great breath of fresh air.

## **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** *Blackford Pond to Swanston & back.*

*By Roddy Simson, co-ordinator*

Eight members and friends of St Peter's met at the car park beside Blackford Pond on Saturday 15th October for the final planned St Peter's walk of 2022, on a walk to Swanston village and back. On the way we passed the Hermitage of Braid mansion house built in the 1780s and now home to the City of Edinburgh council's Natural Heritage Service. The mansion's ice house, garden and Dovecot (described above by Janet) were all on our route and made for an interesting addition to our walk,

particularly the detailed explanation of how the still intact ice house kept food cold, thanks to its layers of insulation, underground running water and its location on a north facing slope. Having walked through the Hermitage of Braid, we then connected quickly to Braidburn Valley Park following Robert Louis Stevenson's route from his home in Swanston to Edinburgh.

In 1935 5,000 Girl Guides planted cherry trees in a trefoil shape to commemorate King George V's Silver Jubilee and we were also able to see the remains of the outdoor theatre whose seats were made from a natural grassy bank facing a stage bounded by trees on three sides and the Braid Burn on the fourth. Many outdoor performances were hosted here from 1937 and through the 1940s. As we left the park we turned sharp left and continued a gentle ascent to Swanston, passing Comiston Springs House, a small building dating from 1676, which contains a cistern and pipes from five nearby springs. Each pipe has a carved animal above it, thought to be put there to make it easier to tell which pipe connected to which spring. The animals include a hare, a peewit, a swan and a fox. This saw the beginning of Edinburgh's first ever piped water and the pump house was finally decommissioned in 1945.

We continued on our way in a fairly straight line to the historic village of Swanston where we had refreshments at the Swanston Brasserie. Retracing our steps to Blackford we had a brief shower of rain in contrast to an otherwise dry day with beautiful views and good conversations throughout. Thanks to everyone who came and made it such an enjoyable day.



Hopefully we will have plenty more St Peter's walks in 2023. I would thoroughly recommend coming, if you are able, as it is a great way to get to know people and enjoy the outdoors for a few hours.

*With the days drawing in, we have had the last walk of 2022. We thank all those who have led walks, and look forward to more starting in 2023! If you would like to hear about any 'last minute' walks that may be arranged over the winter and are not already on the Walking Group email list, please email the office and ask to be added to it. [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)*

Details of forthcoming and previous walks can be found online at, <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/st-peters-walking-group>

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# Toddler Group

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

Due to the hall renovations, we have been operating in St Peter's Garden for the last few months. We hope to be able to return to the hall after the midterm break, resuming on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

We will keep Toddler Group families posted as to when the hall is ready for us to use again. We run during term time, Mondays and Thursdays, 10.00am – 11.30am. All parents, grandparents and carers are most welcome to bring their little ones along.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Toddler Group mailing list, email Kristee: [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).



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# Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, which is Advent Sunday, we will be holding our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5pm. It is very child-friendly with carols, refreshments and a variety of activities for the children.

All are very welcome!



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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  
December / January issue is  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November*

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*Front cover photograph, Hermitage House, taken on a church walk by Aderonke Shoyinka.*

# Afghan Community Meal

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

Thank you to all who volunteered at, or attended, our Afghan Community Meal on 8<sup>th</sup> October! It was a huge success - so much so that we were scrambling to find extra chairs and tables during the course of the event!

Local Afghan/Pakistani restaurant *Shinwari* catered the event and the food was delicious. Despite the additional unexpected diners, people pulled up chairs and created space for each other and, ultimately, a good time was had by all!



We don't yet have a final figure on the money raised, which will be used for St Peter's work with refugees, but we will know sometime soon. We are very grateful for the support of Edinburgh City Mission and Building Bridges, who helped to make this community meal such a success.

We have some ideas for Community Meals in the new year, including a Ukrainian Community Meal, which is in the early planning stages. Make sure you join us for our next one!



*Azif, the owner of Shinwari.*



*Seyar, the translator, Pall Singh & Rev Nick Wills*

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# Newington Foodbank+

## Harvest Thank you!

*By Tricia Anderson*

Newington Foodbank were completely bowled over by the generosity of St Peter's following the Harvest service. There were literally 6 wheelbarrows of goodies, which heroic Liz Mackay somehow delivered.

I have been asked to say an big thank you to the church: for your donations, your support and for your prayers. Thank you! It's gifts like these that mean we can provide for those who struggle.



*Fiona Anderson, who leads the Newington Foodbank wrote last month:*

## Food for and thought

Julie\* had been to Newington Foodbank+ for a few weeks. But last week was different.

‘I just came to say “thank you”’, she said. And it was a thank you not so much for the food but for the welcome, the listening ear, the suggestions for further help. I have been privileged to be alongside her over these few weeks, to pray with her and welcome her to church.

Julie is not out of the woods yet, but she is determined to be positive, and it's heartening to see modest improvements in her situation.

Much as we might grieve the necessity for foodbanks in our affluent but desperately unequal society, there is much to celebrate each Thursday at the Foodbank+ hosted at Community Church Edinburgh by Newington Churches Together in conjunction with Edinburgh City Mission. A great team of enthusiastic and empathetic volunteers ensure there is always a warm and friendly welcome.

Each week we are blessed with an abundance of food – with fresh produce through FareShare supplemented by supplies from Edinburgh City Mission's Storehouse and generous donations. Some fresh food is provided as well as the usual store cupboard items. So lots of good nutritious food for our guests to take home with them.

Newington Foodbank+ is pioneering 'the pantry model'. Guests are welcomed by name, and have a coffee or tea as we chat to see how their week has been, to listen to their news and signpost any other support that might be helpful, such as advice on benefits or housing or debt. Then



one of the food room team will show them what's available this week – while guests choose for themselves what they want and fill their bags.

'It's so much better,' says Steve\*, a food room helper. 'We realise that some of the food we'd been bagging up week by week just wasn't what people wanted. Now we know that people take only what they want and can use. And it also gives us more of an opportunity to chat with our guests.'

Newington Foodbank+ is offering a great service within our local community. Our guests may leave laden with supplies, but we hope that we may also help to lighten their loads in other respects.

We very much appreciate the support from all our volunteers, many of whom are from Newington Churches Together. Newington Foodbank+, formerly Basics Bank, has also been well supported by members of these churches with donations of food. With changes in systems of supply and demand over time, we now find that, as well as contributions of produce, donations of money are useful, allowing greater flexibility in meeting the needs of our guests. If you would like to make a donation, please see your church's NCT representative who can advise on the best way to do this.

Fiona Anderson, Mission Strengthenener at Newington Foodbank+

\*Names changed to maintain anonymity

*Tricia Anderson is the St Peter's representative to Newington Foodbank+. If you have any questions, or would like to donate to the Foodbank+, please speak to Tricia. She can be contacted via the office.*

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# New Scots Christmas Appeal

*By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer*

For quite a few years now, St Peter's has been involved in delivering Christmas hampers to refugees and asylum seekers across the city. This wonderful initiative has been adjusted slightly this year, as many of the New Scots in Edinburgh do not yet have access to cooking facilities, as they are housed in hotels. As such, a Christmas Hamper filled with rice, lentils and other such ingredients is of little use to them.

Instead of hampers this year, vouchers will be distributed, alongside a smaller physical gift. Like last year, each 'hamper' will cost £40. The good thing about delivering a voucher and a small welcome gift is that you will not need a car to deliver the hefty double-bags across the city, as we have previously! Delivery will now be possible via bicycle or on foot.

Please bear in mind though, that New Scots generally live in the outer areas of the city, so you might need a bus trip as well! If you want to help with deliveries and/or to pay for a hamper, please contact Kristee at [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org).



*Some of the Christmas Hampers in 2021*

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## Fresh Start

*By Pat Whike*



FreshStart has started accepting duvets and pillows again, as long as they are clean with no stains. It is in need of various household donations: dishes, cutlery, pots & pans, cleaning items, small electrical items such as toasters, kettles, irons, etc.

If you would like to help, please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church, or see <https://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/> and click on 'items we can use'.

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# Eco-Matters

St Peter's has been awarded the Eco Congregation Silver Award. To find out more about being an Eco Congregation, see its Webpage,

<https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/creation-time/>



## Inspirational quotes for eco living!

*By Anna McKinlay and Christine Bethune*

This month Anna has been looking at well-known writers and speakers who have each in their way found ways to encourage us all to make a difference - even when it feels as if anything we do is only a drop in the ocean.

One website, *Dare to be a Wild Flower*, a sustainable travel blog covering topics such as backpacking, rock climbing, conscious adventure travel ('Leave no trace') and zero waste, includes many sustainable lifestyle tips. It's from a women's perspective but contains much relevant to anyone.

Anna found this post at <https://daretobeawildflower.com/sustainability-quotes-to-inspire-eco-friendly-living/>, headed *42 Powerful Sustainability Quotes*. We've chosen three to give you a taste:

*Dr Jane Goodall, conservationist:*

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make."

*Pope John Paul II:*

"The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."

*Archbishop Desmond Tutu:*

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

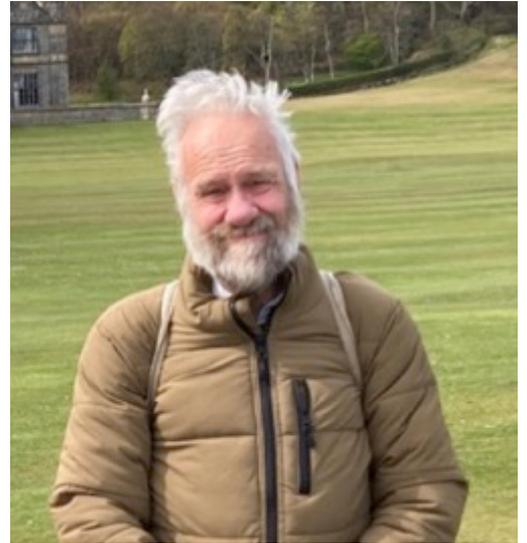
*You might like to look at some of the other material. What would your 'powerful sustainability quote' say?*

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# *In Memory...*

## **Alec Mann (1951 - 2022)**

Humble and unassuming, Alec was a faithful member of St Peter's, and amongst a variety of things was a stalwart and very keen member of the Monday Group, and of the Walking Group where he led a number of walks. He had the most amazing historical and factual knowledge of Edinburgh, and kept our church garden grass beautifully mown.



He did not do small talk, but preferred to help out rather than chat. If he was made aware of something needing doing, he was obliging and helpful, usually quietly disappearing afterwards without waiting for thanks.

Outwith St Peter's, Alec had worked as a software developer for agriculture, and was for many years very involved and respected in a number of cycling groups including SPOKES, and as a Trustee of the Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links (FoMBL).

We are deeply saddened at his recent sad and unexpected death and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. We remember in our thoughts and prayers his mother Mary, brother Robert, and his sister Rosemary.

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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.

If you would like to book a Pastoral visit with Nick, please contact him directly. He would especially like to bring Home Communion to those who have not received Communion because they have been unable to come to Church.

Nick can be contacted via the office: [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

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# Keeping in Touch

We 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 keep in touch, please email Sheila via the church office; [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org).

Sheila and Laura continue to work flexibly part-time, mostly working from home. The office telephone number is 0131 563 8198. Messages may be left on the office answer machine, but please note it may be a few days before it is heard or dealt with.

*The Ministry Team can also be contacted via the office*

Rev Nick Wills

Rev Sue Whitehouse

Kristee Boyd, [communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org)

*The most up-to-date information can be found on the website: <http://stpetersedinburgh.org/> and blog: <http://stpetersedinburgh.org/blog>*

*If you have moved, have a new phone number, or are not sure whether we hold your contact details, please contact Sheila in the office. She will then be able to update our records. Thank you!*

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# Helping Ukrainians

Various charities are helping Ukrainian refugees, including

**Sanctuary Foundation** <https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/>

**Christian Aid**

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

**Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

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# Sunday Readings

*\*The passages being read*

## November

### **6<sup>th</sup> November      A Season of Reflection & Remembrance, Trinity 21**

Job 19: 23-27a ♦ \*Psalm 17: 1-9 ♦ 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 ♦

\*Luke 20: 27-38

### **13<sup>th</sup> November      Remembrance Day**

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

### **20<sup>th</sup> November      Christ The King**

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 ♦ Psalm 46 ♦ \*Colossians 1: 11-20 ♦ \*Luke 23: 33-43

### **20<sup>th</sup> November      Choral Evensong, Christ The King**

\*Isaiah 4: 2 – 5: 7 ♦ Psalm 110 ♦ \*John 6: 1-15

### **27<sup>th</sup> November      Advent Sunday**

\*Isaiah 2: 1-5 ♦ Psalm 122 ♦ Romans 13: 11-14 ♦ \*Matthew 24: 36-44

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## Office Hours

Sheila works part-time as Administrator on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, with emails regarding church usually being attended to on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the rest of her hours being taken up with other tasks. She works flexibly, mostly working from home.

If you need to see her at the office, please arrange a time with her to be there. Email, [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

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## Rector's days off

In this day and age when technology means everyone can be contacted constantly, the SEC policy is that all serving Clergy should have two days off a week. Friday and Saturday are 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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# Dates for the Diary

## Services

**Sundays ♦ 9am ♦ Holy Communion ♦ Traditional language with no music or sermon.**

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

**Usually Last Sunday of the Month ♦ 6.30pm ♦ Choral Evensong**

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

## Regular Activities

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

**Thursdays (*In Church.*)**

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

**Last Monday of the Month ♦ 7.30pm ♦ Reading Group (*On Zoom*)**

## Special Events in November

|             |                        |            |   |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|---|
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Oct</b> | Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm                          |
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Oct</b> | Student /Young Adult Mexican Evening ♦ 7.30pm     |
| <b>Thur</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>Nov</b> | Communion Service ♦ 11am                          |
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>13<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Nov</b> | Remembrance Sunday Services ♦ 9am & 10.45am       |
| <b>Mon</b>  | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Nov</b> | Monday Group ♦ 2.30pm                             |
| <b>Thur</b> | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Nov</b> | December/January Magazine Deadline                |
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Nov</b> | Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm                          |
| <b>Mon</b>  | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Nov</b> | St Peter's Book Club ♦ 7.30pm                     |
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Nov</b> | Advent Sunday ♦ Tree Lighting Ceremony ♦ 5pm      |
| <b>Thur</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>Dec</b> | Communion Service ♦ 11am                          |
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Dec</b> | Confirmation Service led by Bishop John ♦ 10.45am |

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*For information on how you can help to support God's mission and ministry in St Peter's through giving, or to update your tax status, please contact:*

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Hon. Treasurer        Laura Bird            [development@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:development@stpetersedinburgh.org)

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# People

## CLERGY

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Rector           | Rev Nick Wills     |
| Associate Priest | Rev Sue Whitehouse |

## DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Lay Representative           | Liz Philp    |
| Alternate Lay Representative | Roddy Simson |

## CHURCH ORGANISATIONS & GROUPS

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Director of Music   | Rupert Forbes          |
| Organist & <i>Voice for Life</i>                          | Sheila Chisholm        |
| Organ Scholar   | Ifeanyichukwu Ezinmadu |
| Servers' Guild  | Bill Polson            |
| Toddler Group (Mondays & Thursdays)                       | Kristee Boyd           |
| Monday Group  | Jane Sutherland        |
| Thursday Lunch Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11.00am) | Delia Keir             |
| Social/Outreach COG Convenor, Fair Trade                  | Liz Hare               |

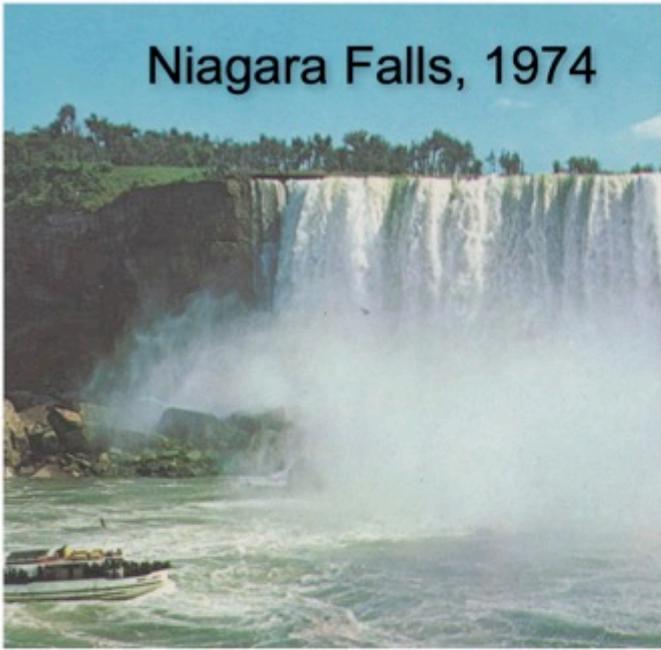
## CHURCH OFFICERS

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Vestry Secretary                | Janice Allister  |
| Hon Treasurer                   | Laura Bird <a href="mailto:development@stpetersedinburgh.org">development@stpetersedinburgh.org</a>                        |
| Gift Aid Secretary              | Chris Hodgson  |
| Community Development Officer   | Kristee Boyd<br><a href="mailto:communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org">communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org</a> |
| Buildings Manager/Hall Bookings | Laura Bird<br><a href="mailto:development@stpetersedinburgh.org">development@stpetersedinburgh.org</a>                     |
| Administrator/Magazine          | Sheila Chisholm <a href="mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org">office@stpetersedinburgh.org</a>                             |
| Sacristan                       | Liz Mackay   |
| Fire Warden                     | Pam Dugan  |
| Finance Convenor                | Ralph Garden   |
| Works Convenor                  | Liz Mackay   |

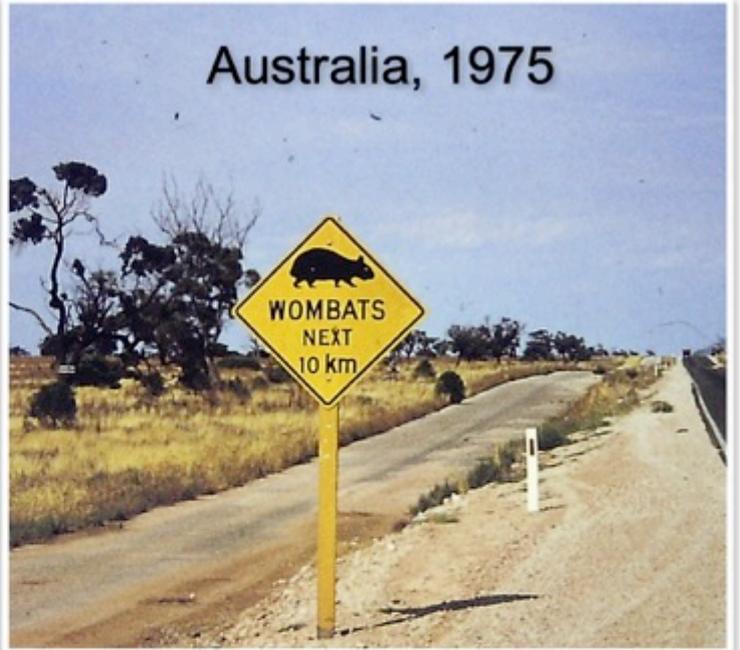
All these people can also be contacted via [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org) or phone 0131 563 8198. *A message can be left on the answer machine, but please note it may be a few days before messages are heard and dealt with.*

*A selection of photographs shown by Liz Philp to the Monday Group. See p. 9*

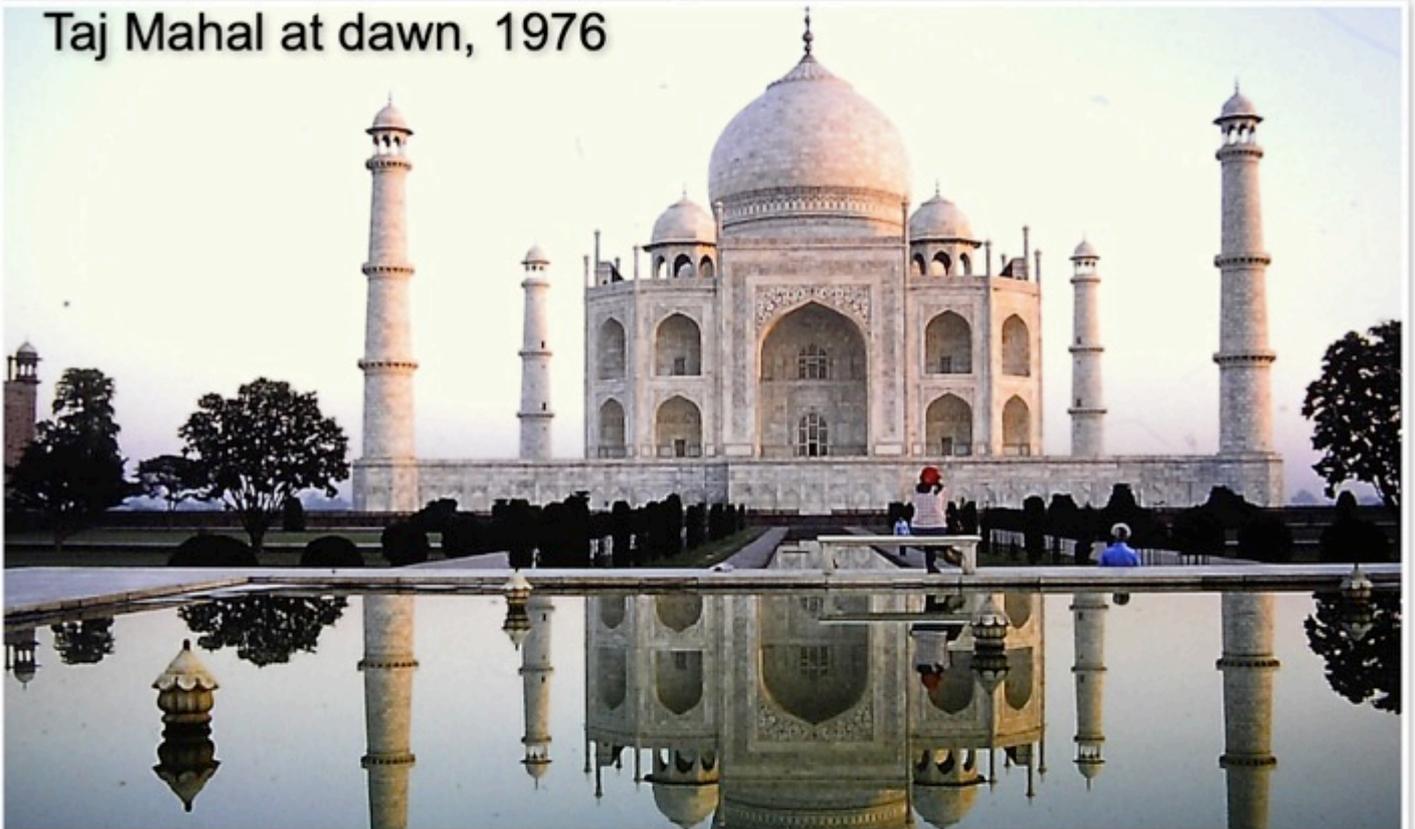
Niagara Falls, 1974



Australia, 1975



Taj Mahal at dawn, 1976



Working elephant in teak forest



Thailand.

Afghanistan.  
Bowling to Mecca



