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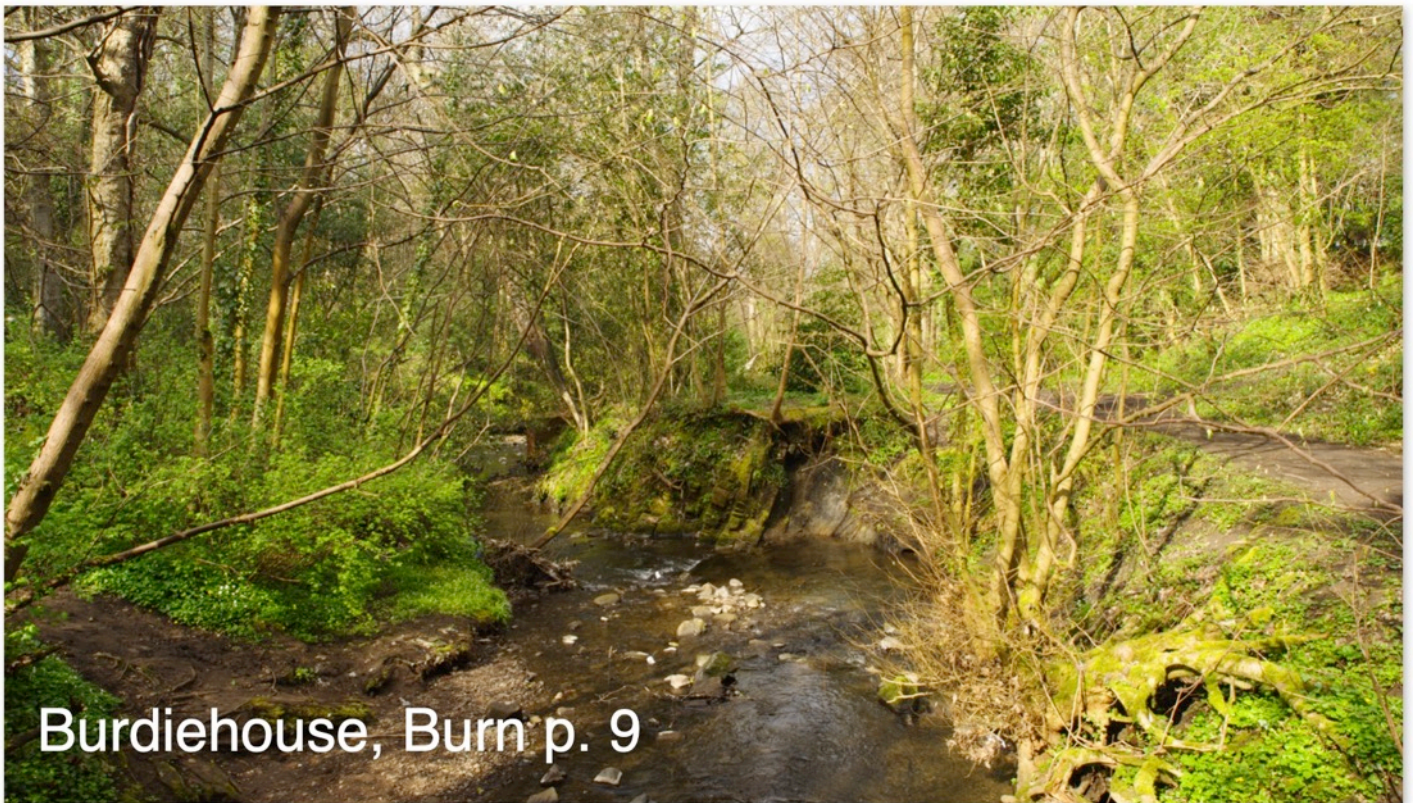
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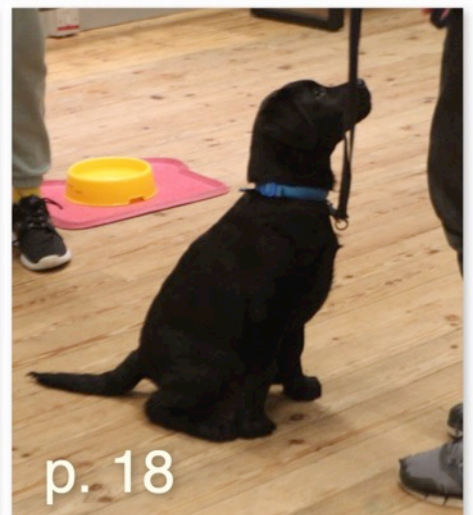
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From the Rector

Rev Nick Wills

As we approach May with its myriad bank holidays, longer days, growth of foliage and (hopefully!) yet more pleasant weather, I hope it can be a season of new growth and joy for St Peter's community too.

Thank you to the Community Outreach Group (COG) and others who are working hard to deliver a fun Summer Fair on 13th May from 10.30am to 2pm - I hope this will be an event that our local and church communities can enjoy together. There will be many opportunities to support and help in various ways, so please get involved if you are able.

Many enjoyed our latest community meal, a joyful and delicious celebration with the Gambian community. Many thanks to Kristee and team for the hard work bringing these events together.

I am delighted that Bishop Donald Allister has agreed to join our Ministry Team here at St Peter's. We will all benefit enormously from his wisdom and his preaching and teaching ministry, and Sue and I both welcome him warmly and look forward to ministering alongside him. See page 5 for details of Bishop Donald's YouTube videos of meditations, sermons and Bible teaching.

On Ascension Day, 18th May at 8pm we will be returning to the beautiful church at Crichton to celebrate a Festival Communion. We would love to see many of you there to join with the local community, and our choir and myself as we represent St Peter's.

As May draws to a close, we will be celebrating Pentecost at our Communion and Evensong services on Sunday 28th May. It has been customary at St Peter's for people to wear red on Pentecost Sunday, if they wish to although there is no compulsion.

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As I mentioned in my last letter, plans are progressing for a new creative evening service on the second Sunday of the month (alongside our regular traditional monthly Evensong on the last Sunday). We have had an initial meeting with those who have expressed interest in being a part of developing this service and we are now working towards a launch in June. Further details to come, but we very much hope that this service will be a chance to worship in an inspirational setting, with a focus on imagination, creativity and beauty, as well as being challenging and thought-provoking. There will be plenty of opportunities for interaction and sharing gifts and skills so please chat to me if you are interested or would like to know more. There may be points of familiarity to Iona/Wild Goose and other Celtic patterns of worship, or some of the creative/alternative worshipping communities that have grown and developed in recent decades, but we hope that it will have its own life and inspiration, unique to our community here at St Peter's.

Thank you to Janet Hodgson for leading the first official walking group walk of the new Spring/Summer season and we look forward to a variety of active and challenging walks, as well as gentler sociable strolls - we hope there will be something to enable everyone who would like to, to join with others in the beautiful surroundings we are lucky enough to find ourselves in. (See pages 9-11) Thank you to all the team who are putting these walks together for us all to enjoy.

In an advance notice, we are looking forward to celebrating St Peter's Day together with a special Festival Evensong with our choir on the Sunday preceding, Sunday 25th June, and an accessible walk and picnic on the evening of St Peter's Day, Thursday 29th June. Many of you joined us on St Peter's Day last year for a walk from Musselburgh to, and along, Portobello promenade, followed by a picnic or Fish and Chips, and we will arrange something similar for this year. More details in next month's magazine.

With continuing student ministry, children's church and the toddler group growing, plus lots of regular activities throughout the week (see the articles in this and every magazine), it is a joy to me that we are so active and inclusive, as part of our witness to the love of God in Jesus. I know the notices slot on a Sunday can be long, but it is a testament to our community that there's so much going on and I want to share it!

Your Rector,
Nick

Bible Teaching Videos

By Bishop Donald Allister

One of the things I hope to offer St Peter's is some Bible teaching. Here's a starter.

Over the last month, I have put together a YouTube channel with around 360 Bible talks I did for Peterborough Diocese in my last three years there. That includes: a 5-10 minute meditation on each of the Psalms, a 10-15 minute teaching sermon on each Sunday Gospel reading of the three-year cycle, a number of series of half-hour talks going through books of the Bible, and two series of half a dozen short talks for those preparing for ordination. In due course I will add new teaching material: next up is likely to be a series of half-hour talks I am putting together for Hereford Cathedral on the Sermon on the Mount.



I am very happy to make all this material available free of charge to anyone who would like to watch it. YouTube is a useful tool, but has strange link addresses. This one should get you to my introductory talk <https://youtu.be/tSVEhjiNuvA> or if you search 'Bishop Donald Allister' in YouTube you should find all the material: go to Home and it should then be organised into self-explanatory playlists.

Where to start? Maybe the little series on the Four Gospels, or (for an Easter Theme) the ordination talks on John 20-21. Help yourself. Use them individually or in groups. (And I'm always happy to answer questions or to hear comments or suggestions.)

Enjoy your Bible.

Congratulations to Janet McKinnell!

Many will remember Janet, who was our Lay Reader for 10 years before she left in 2020. In recognition of her work as Warden in developing Lay Reader ministry in this diocese, and supporting other dioceses in various ways, the recent Diocesan Synod confirmed the wish of the Cathedral Chapter to make her an Honorary Lay Canon.

Her Installation will be in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 14th May at 3.30pm, during Choral Evensong. All who wish to attend are welcome to attend. Congratulations Janet!

Music Notes



By Rupert Forbes, Director of Music

Sing for the King

The anthem which the choir will sing during Communion on Sunday May 7th, “The Mountains Shall Bring Peace”, to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, is a commission from the Royal School of Church Music to my niece Joanna Forbes L’Estrange, whose St Helen’s Setting we are currently singing.

Joanna writes:

I chose these particular verses from Psalms 72 and 149 because they reflect not only King Charles’ faith but also something of his well-documented passion for nature - *‘the mountains shall bring peace’* - and music - *‘let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp’*. It is generally believed that Psalm 72 was the coronation hymn for the King of Judah; the words speak of the king’s role in relationship to his people and to God. Best of all is the third verse which in the King James version reads *‘The mountains shall bring peace to the people’*. In such a turbulent time for our world, this struck me as the ideal title.

Central to the commission brief was to write a big, singable tune, the kind of memorable melody which anyone and everyone can enjoy singing.

It is no coincidence that whenever the word ‘King’ appears in the text, the melody lands on C for Charles. However I didn’t want the whole piece to be in the key of C. Instead I chose Bb, which always strikes me as a very regal key. In the opening phrase the emphasis is not on the word ‘King’ but rather on ‘Thy’; the point is that we are imploring God to give our King His judgement.



CHORAL EVENSONG SERVICES

Choral Evensong will be held at 6.30pm on Sundays 30th April, 28th May and 25th June. We hope that many will come and share this beautiful service.

If you and/or your child are interested in joining the junior or adult choirs, please email Rupert via the office.



(The QR Code gives updates about Evensong, including the music being sung.)

Summer Fair Saturday 13th May

By Liz Hare, Convenor of COG

Our Summer Fair is on Saturday 13th May, 10.30am-2pm. With your support we will have all the usual stalls (bric-à-brac, tombola, books, plants etc.), competitions, music, refreshments, barbecue, and bouncy castle.

Being run by Community Outreach Group, if you can help at the Fair, please let Liz Hare know asap, and put the date in your diary! Donations can be given to Liz at church, or she can collect.

All proceeds will be split between Sunflower Scotland, a charity that brings food to frontline villages in Ukraine, (<https://sunflowerscotland.co.uk/>) and to the work for Community Outreach in St Peter's.

Liz Hare can be contacted via the office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Ascension Day Thursday 18th May, 8pm

In Crichton Collegiate Church, Pathhead

On the evening of Ascension Day, we will once again be returning to Crichton Collegiate Church for a sung Eucharist service, led by Rev Nick Wills, and with our choir singing.

This is an ideal opportunity to see a beautiful ancient church that is not often open! Although currently closed for maintenance work, if you go earlier, you can also walk along to see the ruins of Crichton Castle.

Young Adults / Students

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer



It's been lovely to get to know so many students and young adults over the course of the year! We have one more event to come before the summer break - a trip to St Andrews on the 21st of May. All students and young adults are most welcome. More information to come soon!

If you are a student or young adult and you would like more information, or to go on our mailing list, please speak to Rev Nick Wills or Kristee after the service or email Kristee: communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org

Children's Church

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

Children's Church runs during the 10.45am service, when Kristee and a second adult take the children down to the hall for some crafts and activities. We usually stay in the hall until the end of the service, and Communion is brought or a blessing is given to those in the hall. However, if you would prefer for your child to rejoin the congregation in time for communion, please do let us know!

For children who wish to stay in church, there is an activity and colouring-in station set up at the back of church for them to enjoy during services.

Toddler Group

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

Our Toddler Groups run on Mondays and Thursdays during school term time, 9.30am – 11.30am. Cost is £1 per family and we provide tea/coffee and snacks. Our groups are very welcoming and friendly, with families from all over the world!



If you know a family with young children who would like to join us, email Kristee for information; communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org

St Peter's Book Club

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

Our April book has been *If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat* by John Ortberg. We have one more book to read before we take a break for the summer! We have decided to read a classic for this book - Charlotte Bronte's *Villette*. We meet in person, at Tricia's house, on the last Monday of each month at 7pm.

If you would like to join us on 29th May, please email Kristee at communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org. All are most welcome!

Walking Group

We have had the first official walk of 2023, and thank you to Janet Hodgson, who led the walk. If you would like to hear up-to-date information about them, and are not already on the Walking Group email list, please email the office and ask to be added to it!

Saturday 15th April; Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park to Ellen's Glen

by Janet Hodgson, Walk co-ordinator

On Saturday 15th April several of us set out on a fine afternoon for a walk through Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park - now a local nature reserve. Although this route cuts across busy south Edinburgh it is hidden away, off road apart from one brief crossing.

We started on Burdiehouse Road, an area once renowned for its limestone deposits; three lime kilns remain nearby. The name Burdiehouse is thought to be a corruption of Bordeaux as a result of the number of French immigrants associated with Mary Queen of Scots. We meandered along by the burn with the trees just starting to come out, plenty of wild garlic to be foraged. Lasswade Road was crossed where there had once been a hamlet of Broken Bridge, then we re-entered the park and continued following the burn to Ellen's Glen.



This area was once Stenhouse hamlet but in the 1960s the council named a large estate on the other side of town 'Stenhouse' so the name was changed. Ellen was the sister of a Robert Alexander who owned much of the land, and on one cottage he engraved 'Ellen's Glen'. The road running through Ellen's Glen and the lanes at its start and finish are the remnants of the Via Regis or King's Highway, which was first mentioned in 1283 as an ancient path used by the monks from Melrose and Newbattle Abbeys as their route to Edinburgh stopping at Liberton Kirk. The road was also used by the Gilmerton carters taking coal, lime or sand into Edinburgh. Returning empty, the horses raced down the hill and one very



large stone, a pall post, remains today which was to prevent the cart wheels from damaging the buildings.

From there we entered the very shady Moredun Woods with their carpet of beautiful wood anemones to end at Gilmerton Road.

Future Walks

Wednesday 10th May; Foraging/Litter Pick Walk, 6.00pm-c.7pm

Walk co-ordinator Kristee Boyd

Save the date for this guided 'foraging walk' with a little bit of litter-picking thrown in to make you feel like an especially good person (for the day, at least!).

Christine Bethune is kindly guiding us on a walk to help us to identify edible plants here in Edinburgh. She stressed that we may not actually be taking them home, as dogs frequent the inner city paths and we have to be careful where we pick them. However, at the least you will leave with some new knowledge about local plants. Laura will also be sharing her knowledge and she has used some funding to purchase litter-pickers for us to use. Meeting and starting at the Milton Link stop (Lothian Buses 2, 4, 49), the last before Asda at The Jewel (buses 2, 4, 5), we will finish at Duddingston Road West and head up to Peffermill Road for buses 2, 14 and 30. If you like, bring a snack to eat on the way. Please contact Kristee for more information and/or to let her know if you are going.

Email: communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org

Saturday 27th May; Blackford Glen Road to Swanston, 2pm

Walk co-ordinator Roddy Simson

This walk to Swanston will start at Blackford Glen Road, at the junction at the start of Liberton Brae. It is 3.5 miles each way - all uphill there and obviously all downhill on the way home! None of this route is too steep and the paths are reasonably good. If the numbers are known by the previous Wednesday (24th), the Swanston Brasserie could be booked for coffee.

Lothian Buses 7, 37 and 47 all take you to the start of the walk. You could also get a bus at the far end on Oxgangs Road (4 and 400). Therefore, the walk can be flexible and if one wishes, one can only do half of it - either the outward part, or join halfway to walk back.

For more information, or to say you are going (including if you want to join halfway), please email Roddy Simson via the office.

Email: office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Saturday 10th June; Linlithgow Loch, Time TBC

Walk co-ordinator Liz Mackay

A walk around Linlithgow Loch, which is a very easy and fairly flat path. Led by Liz Mackay, one can easily get to Linlithgow by train, bus or car share. More details will be available in due course, but if in the meantime you have any questions, please speak to or phone Liz.

Thursday 29th June; Congregational Walk for St Peter's Day

Following from the success of last year's Congregational Walk to celebrate St Peter's Day, we plan to hold another one. Further details will follow in due course, but please put the date into your diary!

Gambian Community Meal

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this lovely evening, including setting up, welcoming, clearing and cleaning and those who came along to support the event. Also, a special thank you to Ian Gibson for popping by on his break to sort out the sound system and to David Healey for coming along and taking photos before rushing home to his own dinner!

Catered by *Bantaba Afro Caribbean Restaurant*, the food was amazing, as were the interviews of Dominic, Fatou and Gambian musician, Abdullah. I've since been contacted by the Gambian Community in Edinburgh asking if we can put on an event together sometime soon. This is great, as it's precisely why we are doing these meals - to form new connections and friendships with our neighbours here in Scotland!

We have a couple of ideas for future community meals in the works, including an Iranian meal, so stay tuned!

(More pictures can be found on the back cover.)

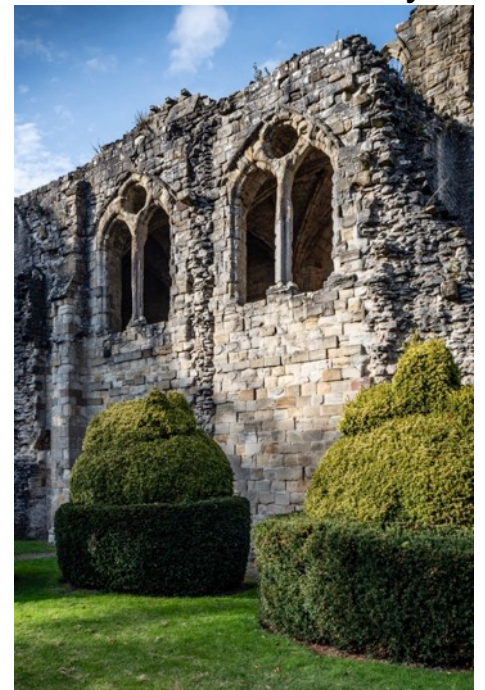


Photography and St Peter's

By David Healey

That we live in a visual age is so obvious it doesn't need stating: since the first permanent photograph was made in France in the 1820s, photography's influence over nearly 200 years as a visual art form and medium of communication has been incalculable. We use it from everything to capturing our precious memories... to sending our messages across the world. Once Kodak told us to 'always carry a camera': now most of us do carry a phone-camera which (despite their limitations) if used with skill can capture great images.

Spend a few moments looking at church and cathedral websites and you will see just how very differently parishes and churches use photos (some hardly at all) to show their communities their buildings, life, activities and show something of the Christian faith lived out. Over the coming weeks I will be taking photos of everything from events to stained glass so that the staff will have a wider range of images for use (subject to the usual consents*) on the website, in *News and Views*, and on posters, leaflets etc. Churches need photos not only of buildings, people or activities. Sometimes you need a photo to illustrate an idea such as prayer, which is more easily done with a photo of e.g. a stained glass image or a prayer book's worn pages.



So don't be surprised if you see me with a camera and tripod. I am not a pro-photographer; my background is in the marketing of photographic products and photographic education. I have though been a keen photographer since my youth, yet am still learning to manage light, which is any photographer's greatest skill.

*Contact the church office to make sure your consent form is up to date, or if you have never completed one.

Photo: Wenlock Priory, Shropshire, which dates from as early as 680AD.

David has also taken a number of the photos found in the magazine. We thank him very much for allowing us to use them, and for his expertise!

Befriending Craft Sessions

By Kristee Boyd, Community Development Officer

St Peter's, together with Edinburgh Interfaith, has set up a series of Befriending Craft Sessions for the months ahead. We run one craft session per month, with the option of a craft activity (or your own project), a cuppa and good conversation. Edinburgh Interfaith is working with some local organisations to refer individuals who may be in need of social connection. However, members of St Peter's are also welcome to let me know if they know anyone who is somewhat socially isolated and would like to join us. Some members of St Peter's also attend each month, and we've been having a lot of fun! So far, we have made mandala art, pressed flower lanterns, clay pinch pots and origami flowers.



Our May craft session will be Mosaic Art. This will take place on 31st May, 10am-12 noon. If you want to ask more, please email Kristee at communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org.

Monday Group

By Liz Philp

At the AGM on Monday 17th April the Committee were re-elected unanimously – President: Jane Sutherland, Secretary: Pam Dugan, Treasurer: Liz Philp, Committee members: Margaret Garden, Jennifer Milligan and Ann Stevenson. For those wondering where the money raised at the Silent Auction will be going two donations were agreed - £200 to the St Peter's Church Hall roof renovation and £200 to the charity of this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal, St Nicholas Seminary in Cape Coast, Ghana who are building a water filtration plant which will benefit local institutions and provide an income for the seminary. It was agreed that we will continue to meet monthly in the afternoons.

The AGM was followed by an illustrated talk by Lesley Main on the Pilgrim Way in Fife. We learned that this 64 mile walk was very popular from the 11th to 16th centuries with pilgrims visiting the bones of St (Queen) Margaret in Dunfermline and St Andrew in St Andrews. Many of Fife's

roads and villages were established to accommodate these pilgrims who were seeking salvation and healing, but also adventure. Starting in either Culross or South Queensferry, then merging at Dunfermline, the route was reopened in July 2019 and can be done in 9 easy stages, collecting bronze discs after each section of the route.

The Annual Members' Lunch will be on May 22nd at the Elginhaugh Restaurant. We will resume regular meeting in October. If anyone can give an interesting talk or knows somebody who can, please contact our secretary, Pam Dugan.

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

April Vestry Update

By Janice Allister, Vestry Secretary

The Vestry met on 5th April, just before Easter.

The reflective Lent series was appreciated. Other series of studies may take place at Creationtide and in Advent. It was wonderful to be able to plan in person services and events.

There is steady progress on several other fronts.

We remain grateful to Wojtek and his team who continue to support building work and repairs. Laura and Sheila are also kept very busy listening to people and co-ordinating tasks.

The Ukrainian family at the Rectory, whom Nick and Becky have welcomed, continue to settle in well.

Consultation about the roof repairs finished on 19th March. There were several challenging questions and discussions which we welcomed. A "Canon 35" application has now been made to the Diocesan Buildings committee, which we hope will be approved so that work can commence soon.

We cannot forget the financial implications of this and other repair work.

A limited programme of Fringe events in August is still being considered.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for 3rd May 2023.

Please pray for all these concerns.

Saint Nicolas of Myra, Ankara

By Rev Chris Martin

Susie and I have been here in Ankara for almost four days, doing supply work at the Anglican church for the four Sundays of Easter. The current chaplain, Canon Arun John, an Indian, is away for a month with his father in India.

Ankara is an enormous city of some 5 to 6 million people, all built since 1926. Atatürk chose to make this remote, primitive railway junction, high up on the Anatolian plateau, the capital of the new secular Republic of Turkey. This was in place of historic Constantinople (now Istanbul) which was too closely associated with the [bad old days of] the Ottoman Empire. Our apartment is high up on the south side of the city, and looks out across rolling hills of modern, pale-coloured apartment blocks. There is a huge amount of building going on. Where the ground is too steep to build on, vacant plots of grass and stones are inhabited by packs of big, but friendly, wild dogs. They are handsome Anatolian sheepdogs, which are not available to export.



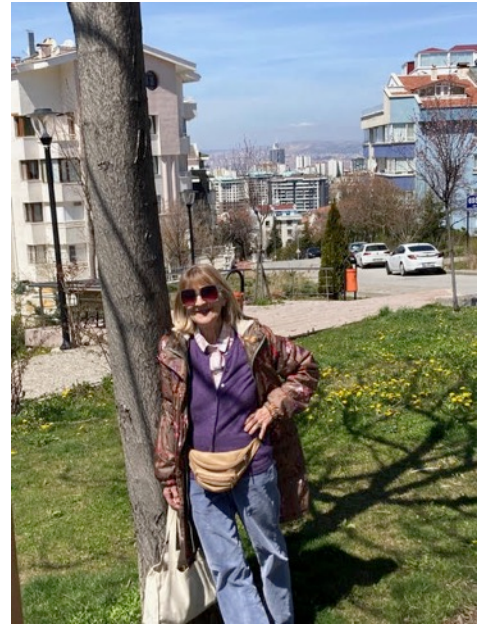
Saint Nicolas of Myra is an attractive, stone-built, modern, single storey chapel. It is in the grounds of the British Embassy, which means that access is through a double security gate where a guard checks your passport against the list. Those who wish to attend church have to register, with their passports, by the previous Thursday. Which rather militates against casual churchgoing! The church is about half an hour's walk from the apartment, mainly downhill, down the busy Rabindranath Tagore Caddesi, which is full of eateries and small supermarkets.

There has been an Anglican presence in Turkey for centuries. But the Ankara chapel dates from about sixty years ago. It was built within the Embassy compound with most of the money donated by Americans. We had lunch with Ron, one of the founding fathers yesterday. The congregation has gone up and down over the years. Susie and I were last here for Advent and Christmas 2019 when the church was recovering from a schism caused, in part, by the influx of a large number of Iranian refugees. But there were tensions among the Iranian diaspora, and

eventually all Iranians were banned from the compound, which dramatically reduced the size of the congregation.

Yesterday morning there were 18 of us, variously from the UK, South Africa, the United States, the Netherlands, Ghana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The service was Common Worship Holy Communion. Singing is from *Anglican Hymns Old and New*. The organist is Zeynep Balkanlı, Turkish, a Muslim, and delightful. She has been playing at church for about 15 years. The diversity of the Diocese in Europe is always a delight.

While we are here we plan to visit Atatürk's enormous mausoleum and the Roman Baths. Also the old quarter around Ulus, the Citadel, and possibly to go down to Istanbul on the train. I was first there as a hitch-hiker some 60 years ago.



Susie in Ankara

Christian Aid Sale



The highly popular annual Christian Aid Sale, held in St Andrew's and St George's West Church begins on Saturday 13th May, from 10am-4pm. The following week it is open from Monday 15th until Friday 19th May, 10am-3.30pm, with a late night opening on Thursday 18th until 7pm.

It is requested that any donated items are taken to St Andrew's and St George's West Church on George Street between 9am and 8pm on 8th-10th May.

Items for sale include books of every kind, paintings / drawings / prints, collectables, linen, household goods, printed ephemera, stamps, postcards, sheet music, records, CDs, DVDs, toys, games, jigsaws, and many other things too!

Further Information can be found on their website:

www.standrewsandstgeorgeswest.org.uk, Church office: 0131 225 3847

Christian Aid Week is from 14th-20th May. Christian Aid envelopes will soon be available in church, and there will be the opportunity to give via these envelopes on Sundays 14th and 21st May. Please place any donations into a Christian Aid envelope and place it into the offering basket. Thank you.

Giving to St Peter's

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:

Gift Aid Secretary Chris Hodgson office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Hon. Treasurer Laura Bird development@stpetersedinburgh.org

Eco-Matters

Online Returns *By Anna McKinlay*

Many people do their clothes shopping online. It is estimated that in Australia, about one third of clothes bought online end up being returned, and this rate is as high as a half in some countries. This results in lots of extra delivery vehicles on the road, plus lots of parcels are flown internationally around the world.

I was disheartened to learn that many returned items aren't resold, but are sent to landfill, as it's often more profitable than going to the effort of repackaging them. Food for thought!

Eco-Congregation Scotland Event: Friday 12th May, 7pm **Climate Change is Here to Stay. Now what?**

Bethany Sollereder will address the question of what ecotheology has to offer if climate change is inevitable.

Held in St Ninian's Episcopal Church, 40 Comely Bank EH4 1AG.

All welcome but please let admin@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk know if you hope to attend. More information can be found at: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgzGsmNRJwwsNfBQBskgLpbChglrV>

Diocesan Environmental Group

The Edinburgh Diocesan Environment Group is helping to support and encourage churches to work towards Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030.

The group is led by Bethany Nelson, and you can email her at bethany@psandgs.org.uk. Their website can be found at <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/environment/>

Puppy Classes in St Peter's Hall

By Katie Thompson, Dog Coach

Dog School Edinburgh, part of Dogs Trust, the UK's leading dog welfare charity, has been teaching weekly dog training classes in St Peter's main hall since 2021.

Dog School training courses provide essential advice about training and behaviour to help owners avoid common pitfalls that can lead to problems further down the line.

Finding the hall wide and spacious, it can accommodate classes of up to 6 dogs.

In 2021, 13,100 dogs around the UK completed a Dog School course, many of them in St Peter's church hall.

Meet Gilbert, the 12-week-old Labrador, who attended Dogs Trust Dog School puppy classes at St Peter's. Gilbert's owner, Rachel, tells us:

"The Dogs Trust classes at St Peter's gave us all such a good base to start from. I'm not sure who enjoyed them more - us or the puppy! We certainly all really looked forward to the weekly class.

All the Dogs Trust coaches were so helpful, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic. Julie, the main coach, was amazing and seemed to have the dog whispering touch about her. Gilbert learnt lots of helpful new skills and some fun tricks. We were given homework to work on after the classes. This really helped us focus on all the good behaviours!

Gilbert has continued with the great start the classes gave us. He's very sociable and loves seeing all his doggie friends. We've recommended the classes to lots of fellow puppy owners as we thought so highly of them".



Magazine Articles

Please email or submit your articles and photographs to Sheila asap to office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Thank you!

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*The DEADLINE for the
June issue is
THURSDAY 18th MAY*

Concert for Organ and Flute

Friday 19th May, 7pm-9pm, Tickets £10-£15

This concert for organ and flute being held by Scottish Arts Club in St Peter's, features Michael Bonaventure on organ and Richard Craig on flute. Michael is my predecessor here, and sometimes deputises on a Sunday morning.

It is a new project called "PNEUMA", the duo of flautist/improviser. Funding from Creative Scotland was given to pursue the project, with Michael and Richard joining forces to combine their experience in promoting contemporary and new music.

The programme will include pieces by Edward McGuire, Iain Matheson (who lives in Rankeillor Street), Karlheinz Stockhausen ("Tierkreis"), and a flute solo of earlier music by Guillaume de Machaut, played by Richard. Additionally, Michael and Richard have both composed new works for flute and organ combination, and both of these will also be featured.

For further information about the programme, and to purchase tickets see the Eventbrite Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-bonaventure-richard-craig-music-for-organ-and-flute-tickets-617611812557>

Tickets will also be available at the door.

Helping Ukrainians

One year on from the start of the humanitarian disaster as a result of the war in Ukraine, if you would like to contribute, various charities are supporting Ukrainian refugees. These include:

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

Christian Aid offer assistance to Ukraine refugees who are fleeing the deadly violence.

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

Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)

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

Office Hours

Sheila works flexibly part-time, mostly working from home. Her working hours as Church Administrator are usually on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, with church emails usually only being attended to on Monday (10am-4pm), Wednesday (10am-4pm) and Thursday (10am-3.30pm), the rest of her hours being taken up with other tasks. If you need to see Sheila at the office, please arrange a time with her to be there.

Email: office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Laura works flexibly part-time. Amongst a number of jobs, Laura is in charge of all the hall and church bookings and if you would like to book these or see her at the office, please contact Laura directly.

Email: development@stpetersedinburgh.org.

Kristee works flexibly part-time. She coordinates a range of groups and activities. These include children's church, toddler groups, activities for students and young adults, community meals, befriending craft group, book club, and St Peter's work with refugees. For further information about these groups please email:

communitydevelopment@stpetersedinburgh.org

Keeping in Touch

Each Saturday evening the service information and notices are emailed out to congregational members. If you do not already receive these emails and wish to keep in touch, please email Sheila via the church office.

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.

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.



Our Clergy Team can be contacted via the office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Rector

Rev Nick Wills

Associate Clergy

Rev Sue Whitehouse and Bishop Donald Allister.

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.

The most up-to-date information can be found on the website:

<http://stpetersedinburgh.org/> and blog: <http://stpetersedinburgh.org/blog>

Pastoral Care

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

If you would like to book a Pastoral visit with Nick, please contact him. 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

Sunday Readings

**The passages being read*

May, 2023

7th May

Easter 5

Acts 7: 55-60 ♦ Psalm 31: 1-5,15-16 ♦ *1 Peter 2: 2-10 ♦ *John 14: 1-14

14th May

Easter 6

*Acts 17: 22-31 ♦ Psalm 67: 7-18 ♦ 1 Peter 3: 13-22 ♦ *John 14: 15-21

18th May

Ascension Day

(In Crichton Collegiate Church, Pathhead)

Acts 1: 1-11 ♦ Psalm 93 ♦ *Ephesians 1: 15-23 ♦ *Luke 24: 44-53

21st May

Sunday after Ascension

*Acts 1: 6-14 ♦ Psalm 68: 1-10,33-36 ♦ 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11 ♦ *John 17: 1-11

28th May

Feast of Pentecost

*Acts 2: 1-21 ♦ Psalm 104: 25-35, 37 ♦ 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 ♦ *John 20: 19-23

28th May

Evensong

*Joel 2: 21-32 ♦ Psalm 139: 1-11 ♦ *Acts 2: 14-21

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

1st Thursday of the month ♦ 11am ♦ Holy Communion ♦ Traditional language with no music or sermon.

Regular Activities

Mondays & Thursdays ♦ 9.30am-11.30am ♦ Toddler Group (*Term-time*)

Thursdays (*In Church.*)

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

Last Monday of the Month ♦ 7pm ♦ St Peter's Book Club

Events in May

Thur 4th May Said Communion Service ♦ 11am

Wed 10th May Foraging / Litter Pick Walk ♦ 6pm

Sat 13th May Summer Fair ♦ 10.30am-2pm

Thur 18th May Ascension Day Service ♦ *Crichton Collegiate Church* ♦ 8pm

Thur 18th May June Magazine Deadline

Fri 19th May Organ & Flute concert ♦ 7pm-9pm

Sun 21st May Student /Young Adult Group ♦ After 10.45am service

Mon 22nd May Monday Group Annual members' Lunch

Sat 27th May Walking Group ♦ 2pm

Sun 28th May The Feast of Pentecost ♦ 9am ♦ 10.45am ♦
Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm

Mon 29th May St Peter's Book Club ♦ 7pm

Wed 31st May Befriending Craft Session ♦ 10am-12 noon

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People

CLERGY

Rector	Rev Nick Wills
Associate Clergy	Rev Sue Whitehouse
	Bishop Donald Allister

DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES

Lay Representative	Roddy Simson
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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 st Thursday)	Delia Keir
Social/Outreach COG Convenor, Fair Trade	Liz Hare

CHURCH OFFICERS

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

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Gambian Community Meal, 22nd April, see page 11.

