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From the Rector

Rev Nick Wills

I hope that you have had a good summer. A warm welcome back to those who have been away, including returning students.

Since the last magazine went to press, our Junior Choir have received their Voice for Life medals: Catherine the Red ribbon, Emma the Dark Blue and Lennox the Light Blue. I greatly appreciate their commitment to the Choir and these awards reflect the hard work that they have put into the RSCM Voice for Life scheme, under Sheila's direction. (See page 7 for more.)

You may have noticed that work has begun on the Church Hall Roof, following the consultation period. Work started on 23rd August, and we hope that it will be completed within 6 weeks, although any building work is vulnerable to delays, particularly if there is extreme weather.

As we begin term-time activities we feel the absence of Kristee and her work with children, students and the wider community. We said goodbye on Sunday 9th July with a celebration of her time and many achievements at St Peter's. She goes with our thanks and blessings for her exciting new role at Volunteering Scotland.

Vestry will be prayerfully discussing how we move forward post-Kristee, balancing careful stewardship of our resources with a vision to build on our work with children with Children's Church during our Sunday services and midweek with our Toddler Group, as well as our student/graduate/young adult ministry. As things stand we will try to continue some of the activities previously run by Kristee with teams of volunteers but some events/sessions will inevitably not be able to run any more. If you would like to make your thoughts on this matter known, please

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speak to a member of the Vestry or email the Vestry secretary Janice before our next meeting on 6th September.

We will be launching a series of events/activities for students and young adults in the coming months, as some students return after summer and others begin their studies and their new life as a student, possibly in a new city or even a new country. I hope you will continue to make students welcome - for many, the breadth of age groups at St Peter's is appealing when they spend so much time with others of a similar age and life stage. Being part of a church family can be supportive for the young people at a potentially vulnerable time of their lives but there is also an opportunity for them to give back to the wider community alongside their studies by getting involved with church activities. Let's encourage them to share their gifts with us!

September marks the start of the Season of Creation, up to our Harvest celebration on 1st October, an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the beauty of Creation, and reflect further on our own responsibility in safeguarding it for future generations. (See page 16 for more information.)

There has been a series of lovely walks during the summer and I have been frustrated not to have been able to join as many as I would have liked - I know that those who have attended have really enjoyed them and for some, they have opened up previously unknown areas of our beautiful city and surrounds. Thank you to Janet Hodgson and Roddy Simson for organising and leading the walks. Photos of the Dean Village to Saughton Park via the Water of Leith walk can be found on the back cover. Two more beautiful and colourful autumn walks have been organised for September. Please see page 11 for details of these and check the Saturday email and our webpage for updates.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Nick

Photo by David Healey.
Thank you to David who is in the process of taking photos around the church!



Young Adults / Students

We look forward to welcoming back students who have made St Peter's their home in recent academic years, and to extending a very warm welcome to new students too. We will hold a series of special events throughout the year for students and young adults to get to know each other better and the first event will be a welcome burger lunch after the 10.45am service on Sunday 17th September.



Any students who want further details are invited to join our student email list. For more details speak to either Nick or Sheila, or contact the office.

Toddler Group

Our Toddler Groups run on Mondays and Thursdays during school term time, 9.30am – 11.30am. Cost is £1 per family per session and tea/coffee and snacks are provided.

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; childrenandfamilies@stpetersedinburgh.org



St Peter's Book Club

By Liz Hare, Book Club Participant

The Book Club next meets on Monday 25th September at 7pm, at Tricia's flat in St Leonards Crag. The book is 'Garden of Evening Mists', by Malaysian author Tan Twan Eng, telling the story of a woman who was imprisoned by the Japanese during WW II. To create a garden in memory of her sister, she learns gardening skills from a Japanese gardener.

New members are welcome, and all are encouraged to mark the part of the book they really liked or found interesting to give a focus for our discussion. The group usually meets on the last Monday of the month but they are having August off. For more information, please speak to or email Liz Hare via the office; office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Goodbye St Peter's!

By Kristee Boyd, Former Community Development Officer



When Sheila asked me to write a little something for the next magazine, I spent some time thinking over my years at St Peter's. There have definitely been some tough times for all of us, times of stress and conflict and times of sadness and loss. However, I realised that the main thing I will take away with me are the memories of the many kindnesses I have been shown during the past 7 years. The people who have picked up the phone and called or texted me to see how I'm doing in a tough time. The people who made me smile with a little joke on a Sunday morning or pulled me aside to offer a word of encouragement or to let me know they think I'm doing a good job. The people who have shared a bottle of wine (or two!) with me in commiseration or celebration - you know

who you are! And all the people who have supported various community events and initiatives during the last 7 years, as well as regular activities like Toddler Groups and Children's Church. I would like to thank you so much for this and to extend my love and best wishes to St Peter's clergy, staff, volunteers and to the wider congregation.

In my new role as Parental Employability Manager, I will be providing intensive employability support to parents who are New Scots (refugees, asylum-seekers, displaced people), as well as other parents from diverse backgrounds who are finding it difficult to access employment. Part of my role will involve partnering with various local organisations so you never know - our paths may cross again sometime soon!

If you wish to contact me, Sheila has kindly offered to forward relevant emails, so do contact her via the office (office@stpetersedinburgh.org).

Editor's note; We thank Kristee for her immense contribution to St Peter's and wish her well in her new job! She will be greatly missed. On her last Sunday, Nick presented Kristee with flowers, wine, and a voucher for a holiday on behalf of the congregation. We also thank Jane Sutherland, who baked a delicious cake for the occasion.

Music Notes

By Rupert Forbes, Director of Music



Choir rehearsals start up again following the summer break on Thursday 7th September, in the Church (enter via the hall). Junior Choir meets from 7pm–8pm, with the option of also attending the Voice for Life session with Sheila at 6.15pm. Adults join at 7.45pm until about 9.30pm.

We are always looking for new members, particularly in the lower voices. Experience in choral singing and sight-reading is an advantage though not essential. So please come along on any Thursday evening, or speak to the Director of Music, Rupert Forbes, after a morning service or email office@stpetersedinburgh.org.

VOICE FOR LIFE CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Junior Choristers worked very hard over the past academic year.

During the June Evensong, celebrating St Peter's Day, they were awarded their next RSCM Voice For Life Ribbons;

Lennox Brown - Light Blue Ribbon;

Emma Rednall - Dark Blue Ribbon

Catherine Rednall (*Head Chorister*) – Red Ribbon

Many congratulations to them all for gaining these awards. They are all very well deserved!

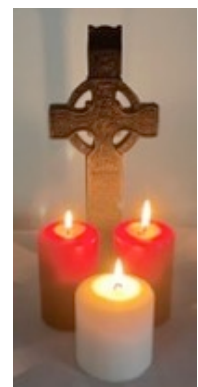


For information regarding Voice for Life, please speak to the organist, Sheila Chisholm or contact her through the church office at: office@stpetersedinburgh.org

CHORAL EVENSONG SERVICES



Choral Evensong will be held at 6.30pm on
Sundays 24th September
29th October
26th November.



This QR Code gives updates on the webpage about Evensong, including the music being sung.

Organ Scholarship

Applications are now being sought for a new Organ Scholar during the 2023-2024 Academic Year. The scholarship will be in the first instance for the duration of one academic year, with the potential option of renewal.

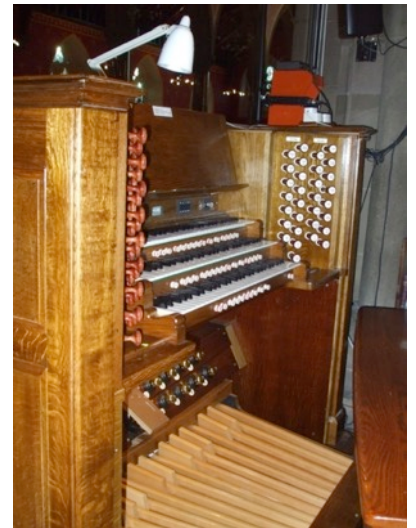


If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let them know, or ask them to contact Sheila or Rupert. More information can be found on the church webpage. <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/organ-scholarship-2023-2024-academic-year>

The purpose of the Organ Scholarship is to encourage aspiring organists to develop their skills as players and to extend their knowledge of the Anglican Church music repertoire and liturgy. Applicants do not necessarily have to be proficient organists but must at least already have a good standard of piano skills, and be keen to learn the organ.

The scholarship will cover the cost of 15 hours of organ tuition with Sheila, our organist. They will also have the option of receiving conducting tuition from Rupert, our Director of Music, and gaining some experience in conducting the choir.

The Organ Scholar receives no remuneration, but instead receives free organ tuition, optional conducting tuition, and a wide breadth of experience. When not involved in playing the organ, the scholar will be expected to sing in the choir.



Further information and an application form can be obtained from:
The Church Office; 14 Lutton Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9PE.
Or by emailing office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Applications should arrive at the latest by 15th September, 2023.

Auditions will be held at St Peter's towards the end of September, at a date to be decided. The successful applicant will begin at a mutually agreed date after the following week.

Hall Roof Update

By Laura Bird, Treasurer

After a few months recovering from the hall refurbishment, St Peter's has begun another upgrade to our buildings, this time the hall roof. We are enormously grateful to Valencia Community Fund for their £25,000 contribution to the new hall roof. Five years ago, then called Viridor, the same fund paid for the new flat roof over the Link building.

St Peter's is also fortunate to have received a gift of £3,000 from Benefact Trust, formerly Allchurches. The same fund also contributed to the cost of rebuilding the Link some five years ago.

The hall roof was a thrifty recycled job by our predecessors when they replaced the Victorian hall in the 1930's. Unfortunately the roof has not lasted as long as might be hoped and is due for renewal some 10-15 years earlier than expected.

By the time you read this, Pinnacle Roofing will have started to erect scaffolding. Please pray for a run of dry weather so the work can proceed at a good pace, unimpeded.

Befriending Craft Club

Come join us for crafts, coffee and chat in St Peter's church hall on Wednesdays 6th September and 4th October. We will meet from 10am-12 noon. In September we will make scented drawer bags using lavender from St Peter's garden, and 4th October will be a chance to finish or make previous projects. Don't worry if you are out of practice or have never made things before. We will all learn together and share skills.



Please confirm attendance with Laura; development@stpetersedinburgh.org or leave a message on the office phone 0131 563 8198.



All are welcome, bring a friend. Supported by Interfaith.

Walking Group

Due to space, the reports of our walks have been shortened.

The full accounts can be found online at <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/blog> and scroll down to 'Walking Group'.

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

The weather was lovely, and great fun was had by all who attended the walk celebrating St Peter's Day! It was from Musselburgh to Portobello, and finished with all who had arrived throughout the walk having their picnic or carry-out tea together.

Thursday 20th July

The top section of the Water of Leith from Balerno to Slateford

By John Smith, participant; Walk co-ordinator, Roddy Simson

Taking a route from Balerno, passing Currie rugby club, Malleny House, and on to the Lmyphoy Road, the view was spectacular as we could see over to Fife and the Pentland Hills above us. Cutting through the ancient graveyard at Currie Kirk, we joined the Water of Leith walkway. Following the river to Colinton, we then took a detour to visit the recently restored wrought iron fence designed by Phoebe Anna Traquair, who lived in Colinton and was internationally renowned for her work in the Arts and Crafts movement.



After a quick lunch we picked up the walkway passing through the old railway tunnel where the murals celebrate Colinton through the ages. The walk carried on through lovely old trees which were standing in their prime and finally finishing at Stockbridge.

I can fully recommend this walk. There is lots to see, it's basically flat as it follows the old railway line, and the bonus is that the Lothian 44 bus follows much of the route and it is easy to jump on and off depending on the length of walk you feel up to. Our thanks to Roddy for leading this walk.

Tuesday 8th August

Dean Village to Saughton Park via the Water of Leith.

By Hilary McDowell, participant; Walk co-ordinator, Janet Hodgson

Nine of us plus one little black pup, had a most enjoyable stroll with glorious weather and the sun shining. Janet made sure that we were all comfortable with the speed and terrain. We enjoyed the wild flowers and seeing how many berries there are on the holly bushes. (Some believe that forecasts a hard winter. I think it shows it was a favourable spring. We will see who is right. At least there will be plenty for the birds later in the year as well as some for Christmas decorations!) The herbaceous borders in Saughton Park were at their best.

It is an interesting exercise to see how so many different means of communications link throughout the City, whether road, cycle path, rail, canal etc. I suspect that those in the party who had not explored this path will want to undertake other stretches. Finding which bus connects at various places make it very possible to choose how far you want to walk and the views change so quickly.

We love this walk at all times of the year as it varies, depending on the season and, of course, the company! Thank you Janet for leading it.

The front cover picture of Dean Bridge was taken on this walk, and see the pictures on the back cover.

Future Walks

More information about these walks will be available in due course, but at least the dates can be put into the diary! More information about the two walks will be available in due course online: <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/blog> 'Walking Group'.

Wednesday 13th September, 11am

Almondell and Calderwood Country Park at East Calder

Co-ordinator: John Smith

Saturday 30th September, 11am

From Morrison's Haven / Prestongrange Museum to Cockenzie House

Co-ordinator: Janet Hodgson The walk will be about 1.5 hours.

If you would like more information about these walks, or 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! office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Stewardship

By Laura Bird, Hon. Treasurer

A big thank you to all who responded to St Peter's Stewardship Campaign this Summer.

All of you who give regularly are the backbone of this church enabling God's work through our community at St Peter's. We want to offer potential Christians a warm welcome at St Peter's. This includes spiritually, socially and financially. Being able to pay the gas bill and run the choir and community events are integral to that warm welcome. Thank you for taking God's mission seriously through your support for 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 and
Hon. Treasurer Laura Bird development@stpetersedinburgh.org

Monday Group

By Liz Philp

Our regular monthly meetings with speakers on Monday afternoons will recommence on 2nd October at 2.30pm in the hall. Bishop Donald will be taking a service of Holy Communion and will be giving us a potted autobiography of his life before St Peter's. All are most welcome.

The cost of annual membership of the Monday Group remains at £5. We would like to encourage all those who come and enjoy our meetings to become members. We ask £1 per meeting for members, but £2 from non-members. Our secretary, Pam Dugan, is working on putting together an interesting schedule for the rest of the year.

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

Email office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Revd Canon George Moffat

By Liz Philp

George Moffat celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his being ordained Priest on 25th August. George served as Curate at St Peter's under Fergus Harris during the late 1970s. Many congratulations were sent to George from St Peter's, and our thoughts and prayers are with him, his wife Peta, and their family on this special anniversary.



George & Peta Moffat at the King's Garden party, 2023

George was born and brought up in Hawick, his family were not Episcopalians but George joined the choir of St Cuthbert's Church and he felt drawn to the priesthood. After training at Coates Hall and then a BD while a curate in Falkirk, George went out to Papua New Guinea to teach at a theological college and it was there he was ordained priest in 1973. He met his future wife Peta, who was doing VSO teaching, in PNG – in a canoe crossing an alligator infested river! Returning to Scotland George became curate at St Peter's and Anglican Students Chaplain at Edinburgh University.

After three years at St Peter's, during which time their daughters Basilie and Zemirah were born (Peta started the first Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's along with Liz Philp), the Moffats moved firstly to West London, before George was appointed Vicar of South Elmsall, a coalmining town near Doncaster, at the time of the miners' strike. From there he moved to become Rector of a church in Manningham, Bradford, an area notorious for being the city's red light district, then latterly a largely Pakistani community. George was one of a group of people who helped to negotiate a peaceful end to the race riots in 1995 and again in 2001.

Largely as a result of this work he was appointed as a Chaplain to the Queen in 2001. From the strife of Manningham George moved in 2007 to the beauty of Wharfedale, he was vicar of Bolton Abbey for 6 years, finally retiring to the Forest of Dean in 2012. Although now also retired from his post of royal chaplain he and Peta recently attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace following the King's coronation.



The Cross and the Deer

By Richard Barnes

Two prominent buildings on the Royal Mile have their Christian name days this month. 1st September is St Giles day. 14th is Holy Cross, or in Old English and Scots Holy Rood day.

There are many stories associated with the instruments of Christ's Passion and Crucifixion, but at its heart Holy Rood day is a time to give thanks for the physical Cross, the wood and nails, on which Jesus the carpenter and Son of God suffered and died for our salvation. St Paul says it best in Philippians 2, especially verse 8 which gives us the Motet "*Christus factus est*".



Giles was a hermit in the forests of Provence at the end of the 7th century, his only companion a deer. Protecting her from a hunting party, Giles was shot with an arrow and wounded. The local king was moved by such sacrificial love, that he founded a monastery, which offers hospitality to pilgrims en route to Santiago de Compostela. Giles is patron saint of the outcast and disabled, those now labelled as 'the vulnerable'.

St Giles High Kirk was established, or rebuilt, in 1124 by David, King of Scots. Giles was a popular medieval saint showing the Church's caring ministry.

With a certain irony, a few years later King David was hunting in the woods east of Edinburgh. Thrown from his horse, he was about to be gored by a stag, when a glinting crucifix or a vision of the Rood startled the animal and David was saved. In gratitude he founded Holyrood Abbey nearby in 1128. The Abbey flourished for 400 years. The Royal Palace of Holyrood House was built alongside from 1500. By the end of the turbulent 16th & 17th centuries the Abbey was mostly in ruins.

Nowadays Holyrood is also synonymous with the Scottish Parliament. I wonder how many of our MSPs realise that they sit under the name of the Cross of Jesus.

The stories of Giles and David remind me of Psalm 42. "As pants the Hart for cooling streams" is the Scottish Metrical version. My favourite is Herbert Howells' sensuous setting "Like as the Hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God".

Helping Those in Need

Newington Foodbank *By Tricia Anderson*



Lives are being supported by more than food.

Someone from Shelter talks to those with housing issues; CAP (Christians Against Poverty) visit monthly as debt is an increasing issue and people need support and advice. A worker from Streetwork is often available to provide practical support. We often also give guests groups or activities that they can join. Edinburgh City Mission has recently employed a men's worker who attends each week to meet men to build relationships.

It all takes time: for guests to express their needs or to admit struggles. They also take time to join groups that would provide friendship or community or something to do. But the volunteers are accepting, kind and guests are made to feel welcome. Tea and biscuits are always served.

A gentleman, very thin and isolated has been coming to the foodbank. He's put on weight, is organising his days better with exercise as well as helping at an allotment. He's also joined the men's group so is less isolated. And has a part time job! His vouchers have come to an end but he says he'll still come for tea and a chat.

Yes, we need donations but we also need prayer. Lives can and are being changed. Popular things include fish and tinned meat, some healthy veg dishes. Oil is always taken. Toiletries are also popular with men's in shorter supply at the moment. But if there's something you like, someone else will too!

PS: The last four weeks produced 110 items with lots of ideal things! Thank you.

Fresh Start is always in need of various household donations. If you would like to help, please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church, or see their webpage; <https://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/>



Ukraine

Christian Aid offer assistance to Ukraine refugees;

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

Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)

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

Garden and Hedge Blitz

By Liz Mackay

We are delighted that our church garden is such a haven of tranquillity and/or fun for so many in the neighbouring community. Meanwhile, the garden hedge continues to grow higher and higher. Please come and help lower the hedge down a bit and shred the debris. We also need help processing old compost heaps and organising fresh ones.

Although regularly trimmed, the hedge needs cutting back periodically. In the spring it houses nesting birds, so we are keen to do the work in autumn.

Coffee and cakes for helpers, but please bring a packed lunch and we will eat in the garden together.

Thursday 21st September 11am - 1pm. Weather permitting.

Please contact the office to confirm your attendance office@stpetersedinburgh.org or speak to Liz Mackay.

Eco-Matters

Season of Creation & Harvest Festival

During September, we will be following the 'Season of Creation', or 'Creationtide', which will culminate with our Harvest Festival on Sunday 1st October. A community Harvest Lunch will follow the 10.45am service that day.

The Season of Creation reflects the commitment of our Church to respond appropriately to the global environmental and climate crisis, which has drawn attention to what has perhaps become a neglected aspect of our faith: that God created the world, that it is good, and that we, as human beings created in God's image, have a particular responsibility for the care of God's creation.

During the Season, at the 10.45am Sunday services, we will be using the Liturgy Book for 'Creationtide and Harvest'.



Shipping Roots: plant journeys through Empire

A review by Christine Bethune

The exhibition 'Shipping Roots' by artist Keg de Souza at the Royal Botanic Gardens of Edinburgh, ended on 27th August. This space of real beauty posed hard questions about human responsibility for past and future plant movement.

Terms such as colonial power and legacy, exploitation, theft, environmental impact, the rights of indigenous people, and biodiversity ran through the three stories told in the exhibition.

Blue Haze described the plantations of Eucalyptus species in British colonial India as a ready source of timber (London streets had eucalyptus paving and cobblestones!) and paper manufacture. With no natural herbivores to inhibit growth, these thirsty trees depleted the water table, affecting the whole ecosystem. Local people were unable to afford the timber they needed. The legacy of an invasive and destructive habitat persists long after the British left.

Green Hell told of the prickly pear (*Opuntia*), food of the cochineal beetle, imported from the Americas to Australia with the First Fleet in 1788 as an attempt to break the Spanish cochineal monopoly. The red dye was 'needed' for royal and clerical garb and above all the uniforms of the British army's 'redcoats'. But the British brought the wrong sort of beetle, so the whole project failed! Lack of predators ensured the rapid growth of huge impenetrable thickets, rendering land unfit for cultivation for decades. Only with the 1925 introduction of a predatory moth was the problem gradually brought under control.

Fleece Fugitives brought us closer to home. When Sir Walter Scott and George IV wore their respective tweed and tartan in Edinburgh in 1822, demand for these woollen fabrics soared. Galashiels mills struggled with demand using local wool, so fleeces were imported from around the world, especially quality merino from Australia. Tangled in the fleeces were alien 'hitchhiker' seeds and burrs, which during processing escaped downstream into local waterways. The more resilient survived. Some have become local problems, notably the pirri-pirri burr, a species of *Achaena*, which has successfully colonised Northumberland, including Lindisfarne.

We bear a heavy responsibility for our past. What of the future? Not all imports are bad! Our biodiversity has always been increased intentionally

or accidentally, from Roman imports to what clings to the soles of our own footwear.

However, for gardeners, today's fashion plant may be tomorrow's nightmare. *Rhododendron ponticum*, a former popular landscaping plant, has successfully invaded parts of Scotland. Its showy flowers and tough roots come with a cost. Japanese knotweed, now a notifiable plant, was introduced as a stately garden plant, and of course there is giant hogweed...

In global food production, wool shoddy is used in cultivating rhubarb and brassicas. Global species travel with it. What of cash crops to supply our tables grown in countries making land unavailable for local needs? Do we really need these green beans and baby sweetcorn?

To round off: the olive tree now on our mezzanine came from Sicily, rather than northern Italy where a virus damages crops. It has full UK and EU health certification.

Pastoral Care

By Rev Nick Wills, Rector

I am very happy to spend time with members of St Peter's when you have particular concerns or are facing difficult situations. Please feel able to speak to me to arrange a time to talk. I would be happy to meet you at my home or yours, or in a coffee shop, or to go for a walk if you prefer.

I also understand that sometimes you may feel it more appropriate to speak to either Sue or Donald, and I am grateful for their willingness to minister in this way.

If you, or someone you know, have not received Communion because you/they have been unable to come to Church, then members of our Clergy and Lay Pastoral Team would be happy to bring you Communion at home.

Please let Nick, Sue or Donald know if you hear of a member of St Peter's who is ill.

They can all be contacted via the office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Sunday Readings

**The passages being read*

September, 2023

3rd September Season of Creation 1

Jeremiah 15: 15-21 ♦ Psalm 26: 1-8 ♦ *Romans 12: 9-21 ♦ *Matthew 16: 21-28

10th September Season of Creation 2

Ezekiel 33: 7-11 ♦ Psalm 119: 33-40 ♦ *Romans 13: 8-14 ♦ *Matthew 18: 15-20

17th September Season of Creation 3

Genesis 50: 15-21 ♦ Psalm 103: 1-13 ♦ *Romans 14: 1-12 ♦ *Matthew 18: 21-35

24th September Season of Creation 4

*Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11 ♦ Psalm 145: 1-8 ♦ Philippians 1: 21-30 ♦ *Matthew 20: 1-16

24th September Evensong Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

*Ezekiel 33: 23, 33 - 34: 10 ♦ Psalm 119: 145-152 ♦ *Mark 9: 30-37

Bible Teaching Videos

By Bishop Donald Allister

Each Monday, Donald puts a new half-hour Bible teaching video online. The current twelve-part series on Romans will be followed by studies on the letter of James. The earlier ten talks on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount are still freely available, together with much material from his pre-retirement ministry, all at <https://www.youtube.com/@feedmysheep2023>



Donald welcomes comments, questions and suggestions

Magazine Articles

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

Thank you!

*The DEADLINE for the
October issue is
THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER*

Clergy Team

Our Clergy Team can be contacted directly and their contact details are on page 23.

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



The Office

There are currently no set office hours with Laura and Sheila working flexibly part-time, sometimes from home.



Laura Amongst a number of jobs, Laura covers finances, building maintenance and hall bookings. If you would like to book the hall please contact or email Laura; development@stpetersedinburgh.org



Sheila is the Church Administrator. She deals with anything concerning church matters and supporting the Clergy Team. Usually working on a Monday and Tuesday, and Thursday and Sunday mornings, church emails are usually attended to on Mondays and Tuesdays: 10am-5pm, and Thursdays 10am-1pm. The rest of her hours are taken up with other tasks.

Sheila's email: office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Rector's days off

Friday and Saturday are usually Nick 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. 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.

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.

Baptism

Nethan Shony Abraham

On 3rd July, 2023, Nethan, the son of Elza and Shony and brother to Niya, was baptized in St. James C.S.I Church, Kanam, in the Central Kerala Diocese, Kottayam. The Priest was Rev Das George, and they and their extended family had a very special day. We are delighted that Elza, Shony, Niya and Nethan worship here in St Peter's and we add our blessing to Nethan and his family.



In Memory...

Chris Paxton (26th July, 1929 – 28th June, 2023)

A stalwart member of St Peter's, Chris sang in our church choir for many decades, and was an active member of the Monday Group until earlier this year. Growing up on Hopetoun Estate with her three brothers Angus, Jimmy, and Robbie, Chris had very vivid memories of the war, where her father was Company Sergeant Major in the 16th/5th Lancers and served in the Eighth Army in North Africa. One day, while selling door to door in South Queensferry for the war effort, Chris knocked on one big door and ended up being introduced to King Haakon of Norway!



Chris had a job she found very rewarding as a nursing auxiliary at Forteviot House, an inpatient Mental Health Unit which was part of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, was well-read, and developed a love of opera, becoming a member of and performing with Edinburgh Grand Opera Company.

She and her late husband Dick were very generous hosts, and together with their three sons Mark, Willie and Duncan, their home was always full of fun, music and laughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with all her family and friends at this time.

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.

Second Sunday of the month (usually) ♦ 6.30pm ♦ Process

Last Sunday of the Month (usually) ♦ 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 September

Wed 6th Sept Befriending Craft Club ♦ 10am – 12 noon

Thur 7th Sept Said Communion Service ♦ 11am

Thur 7th Sept Choir & Voice for Life resume ♦ Usual times – see above

Sun 10th Sept Process ♦ 6.30pm

Wed 13th Sept Walking Group ♦ 11am

Thur 14th Sept October Magazine Deadline

Sun 17th Sept Welcome Burger Lunch ♦ after 10.45am service

Thur 21st Sept Garden & Hedge blitz ♦ 11am-1pm (Weather permitting)

Sun 24th Sept Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm

Mon 25th Sept St Peter's Book Club ♦ 7pm

Sat 30th Sept Walking Group ♦ Time TBC

Sun 1st Oct Harvest Festival ♦ 9am & 10.45am ♦ Harvest Lunch after 10.45am service.

People

CLERGY

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

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Lay Representative	Roddy Simson
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CHURCH ORGANISATIONS & GROUPS

Director of Music	Rupert Forbes
Organist & <i>Voice for Life</i>	Sheila Chisholm
Servers' Guild	Bill Polson
Toddler Group (Mon & Thur)	childrenandfamilies@stpetersedinburgh.org
Monday Group	Jane Sutherland
Thursday Lunch Club (1 st Thursday)	Delia Keir
St Peter's Book Club	Liz Hare
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Nethan Shony Abraham.**
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Saughton Park
See walk on page 10
Band Stand
Formal Garden

