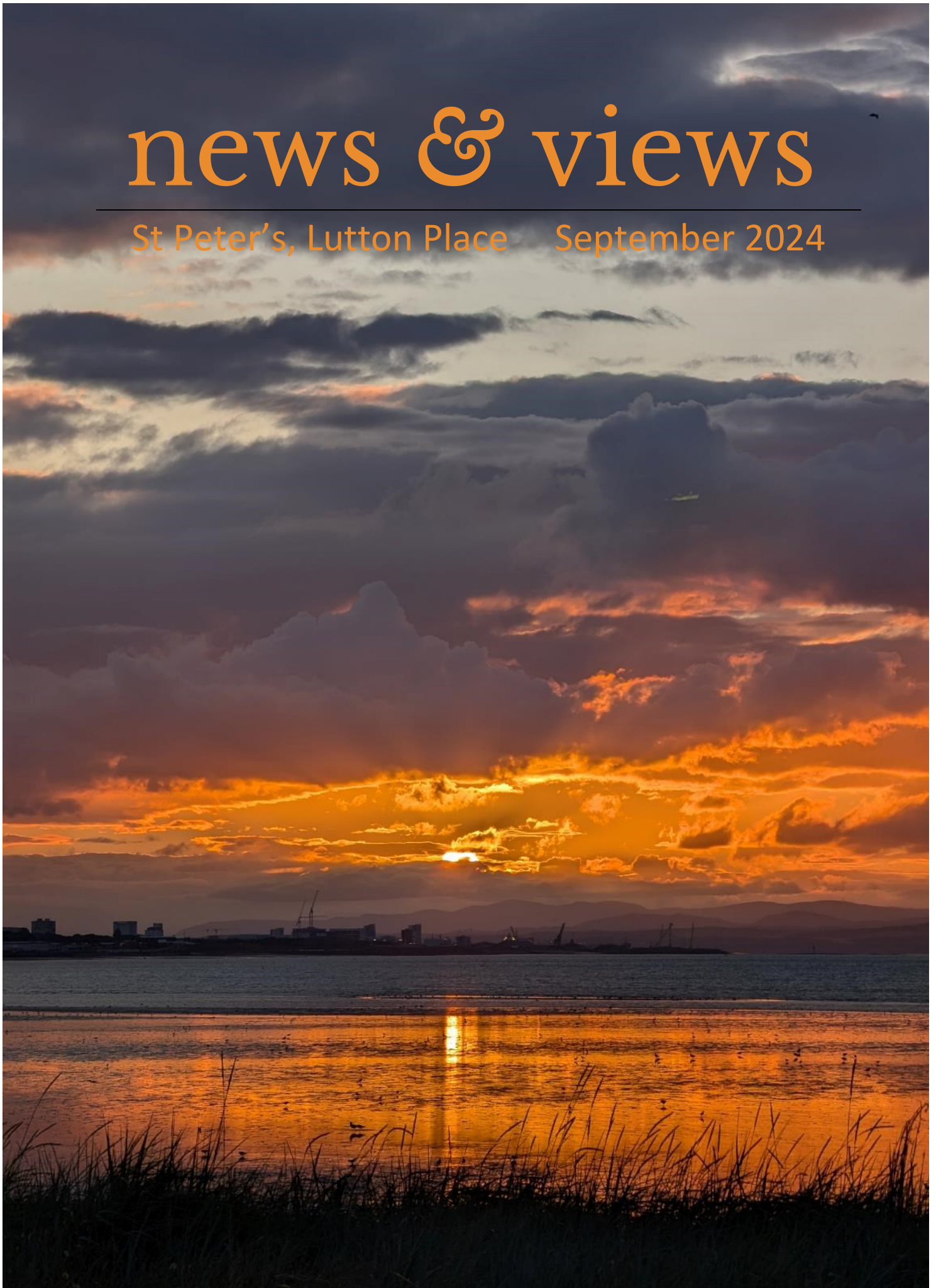


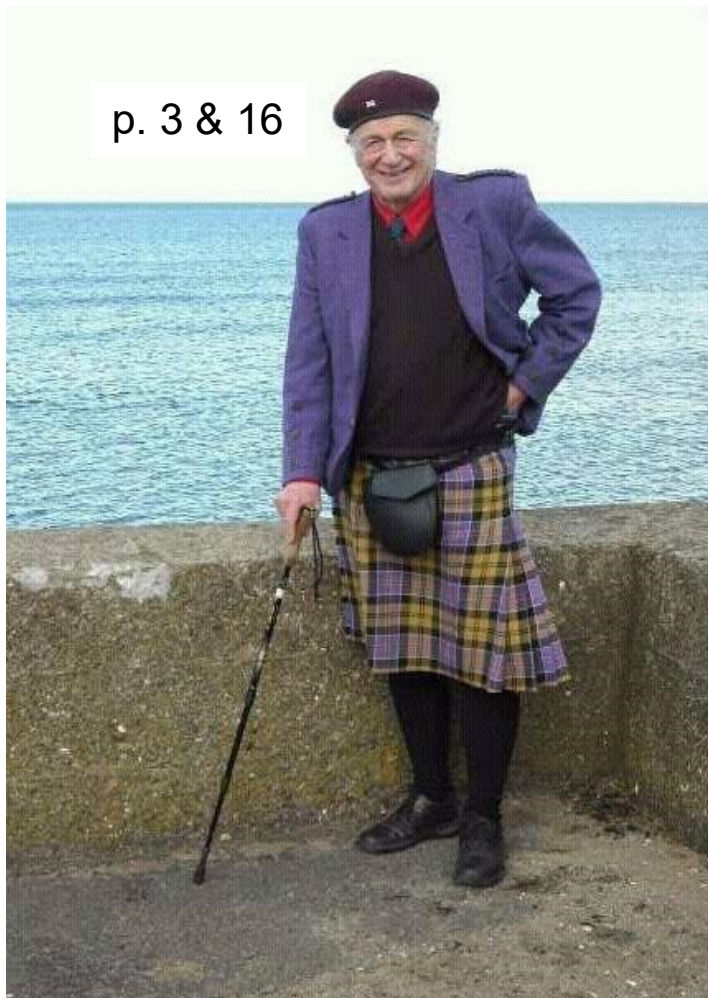
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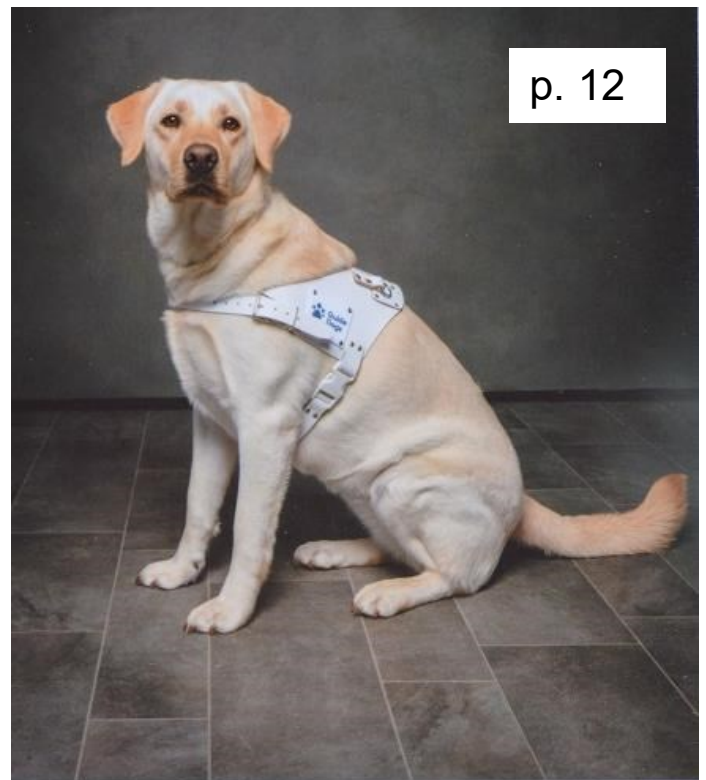




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From the Rector

Rev Nick Wills

I hope that you have had a good summer, and that those of you who managed to get away on holiday have enjoyed your break and returned refreshed.

It is with sadness that I share the news of the death of long-standing member of St Peter's, Dr David Stevenson. David's funeral on Monday 12th August was a celebration of his rich life, lived with great pride in his Scottish identity, with a generosity and engagement with the cultures of other nations. David knew more languages than just about anyone I had ever met, publishing academic articles in languages that he would modestly say that he wasn't bad in! The exact total is unknown, because, as he put it to me, "It would all depend on how many of the Malawian regional dialects that I speak would count as languages in their own right!" The music included words that David had written, set to the folk hymn tune "O Waly, Waly", which reflected on Jesus command that we love our enemies. The service concluded with "A Lament for David Stevenson", composed and played on the bagpipes by David's friend, Lindsay Davidson.

The service was followed by refreshments in the Hall, and then a Ceilidh. David had told me many times that that was what he most wanted! Friends and family sang and danced together. It was a wonderful and fitting farewell!

Sunday 25th August was Lenore Simson's final Sunday with us before she begins her training for ordained ministry at the Scottish Theological Institute. Lenore has extensive pastoral gifts, and a passionate and engaged Christian faith which we have all heard expressed through her intercessions, and I believe that she will be a real asset to the wider church in her future ministry. It has been a privilege to accompany Lenore on her journey so far, and our prayers go with her for this next stage.

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On Sunday 1st September we are also sending off our head chorister, Catherine R., who is heading to Robert Gordon University to start her studies in Architecture. Catherine will be hugely missed by us all. It has been great to see her develop as a chorister, and confidently sing solos. Together with her help to the Welcoming team and beautiful cards which have raised funds for different charitable causes that St Peter's supports, the choir and congregation will especially miss her wonderful singing voice. You will always be welcome back to sing in the choir during holidays from Uni, Catherine, but no pressure!

It has been a pleasure to have Fee Reynolds worshipping with us in recent months. Fee has a multi-faceted role within the Diocese, supporting Ministry and encouraging work with children and young people. Having originally been ordained in the Church of Scotland, Fee has recently been through the selection process for ordination in the Scottish Episcopal Church, and she will be ordained at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 29th September at 3.30pm. Fee will be serving her curacy alongside the Dean of Edinburgh, Frances Burberry, which means that we see a lot less of her, but St Peter's loss is definitely St Ninian's gain!

After the many "Goodbyes" of recent weeks, we will be entering a season of "Hellos" as the new academic year begins and students return and new ones arrive, as well as new staff and their families. We will be holding a "Welcome!" Burger Lunch on Sunday 15th September following the 10.45am service. We hope that all members of the congregation will want to stay so that we can give the best welcome possible to newcomers to us.

A big thank you to Janet H. for organising and leading a new series of walks in the coming weeks. The walks have been a really successful way for people to get to know others in the church better, and for newcomers to the city to get a better sense of the area. You can read more about the walks on page 7.

Finally, I am going to be heading off on (a quite overdue) Sabbatical later in the year. I will be away from November and will return to St Peter's at the beginning of March.

A big thank you to Sue and Donald for their support and encouragement, and their willingness to lead worship and provide pastoral care during my absence.

I hope to be refreshed and inspired and to come back full of ideas!

But there's plenty to be getting on with before then!

Nick

Congregational Burger Lunch

We hope as many of the congregation as possible will stay for a burger lunch after 10.45am service on Sunday 15th September. This is an opportunity for us all to welcome back our students and young adults.

(Various dietary options will be available)

Harvest Festival

During September we are following The Season of Creation, a season when we reflect on the commitment of our Church to respond appropriately to the global environmental and climate crisis. It will end on Sunday 29th September with our Harvest Festival. The Harvest collection will be in aid of the Newington FoodBank⁺. (See p. 14)



Useful things include sugar, instant coffee, biscuits, long-life milk, washing up liquid, pasta sauce, long-lasting nutritious meals, tinned fish or meat, beans, some healthy vegetarian/vegan dishes. Cooking oil is always required, tinned fruit, rice and custard are popular, with Nutella, peanut butter, nuts as a treat. Toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap are always required, with toiletries for men generally in shorter supply.

After the 10.45am service, we will be having a congregational soup and bread lunch to which all are warmly invited.

Children's Church

We always welcome children to our services.

At all services, children are very welcome to use and enjoy the activity and colouring-in station set up at the back of church, in the Children's Corner.

During the 10.45am Sunday service, for children who would like to join in, there are fun activities based on the day's Bible theme in the church hall. Organised by Becky, our Children and Young People's Worker, a group of volunteers help her to run the activities. Children and their leaders usually leave during the Gloria and return to the service in time for Communion.

If you have any questions, please speak to a Welcomer or to Becky before the service. Or you can email becky@stpetersedinburgh.org any time.

Young Adults & Students

We warmly welcome new students and young adults, and there is a varied programme of special events throughout the year for them to get to know each other better.



Any students or young adults who want further details are invited to join our student and young adult email lists. For more details speak to either Nick, Becky or Sheila, or email becky@stpetersedinburgh.org

Toddler Group

By Becky Wills, Children's and Young People's Worker

Our Toddler Group is for those aged 0-3 and runs from 9.30am – 11.30am on Mondays and Thursdays during school term time. Donation £1 per family per session and tea/coffee and snacks are provided. Our international groups are very welcoming and friendly, with families from all over the world!



Please note that due to the Edinburgh holiday, there is no Toddler Group on Monday 16th September.

If you know a family with young children who would like to join us, email: becky@stpetersedinburgh.org

Youth in Edinburgh Diocese

The Edinburgh Diocese Youth and Children Newsletter is published every 6 months. It celebrates what has been happening in congregations across the Diocese. The latest was published in Summer 2024, and can be found here: [Youth and Children Newsletter | Diocese of Edinburgh \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/Newsletters/Youth-and-Children-Newsletter)

For information about events, one can also contact Rev Fiona Reynolds, The Diocesan Advisor for Christian Life. Email: freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org or phone 0131 346 9089.

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Front Cover: A sunset view from Musselburgh. Taken by Rev Nick Wills.

Process

Our next Process service is at 6.30pm on 8th September. Taking the creation story in Genesis as a starting point, we will consider how we have exploited the environment before reflecting what changes we might make as individuals.



Our monthly creative, interactive and hopefully spiritually uplifting evening worship experience is open to all. We usually meet in the hall, but may move around the building, into the church, Millar Chapel, or outside if the weather is nice.

The service is from 6.30pm – 7.30pm, usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month, lasts about an hour, and refreshments are available afterwards.

Walking Group

On Saturday 7th September, Janet is kindly leading a walk along the Robert Louis Stevenson Way, from near Straiton. It starts at 10.30am. Please contact Janet directly if you plan to go and she will tell you where to meet.



She will also lead a walk on Wednesday 16th October.

For information about either walk, please contact Janet via the office: office@stpetersedinburgh.org.

If you have any other questions about the group, or would like to receive Walking Group emails, please speak to Sheila.

Sunflower Competition

How are your sunflowers growing?

Please let Laura know if you are going to enter the competition, which was in aid of Christian Aid. Email: development@stpetersedinburgh.org

July / August 2024 Vestry Update

By Janice, Vestry Secretary

Vestry members met on the 17th July in person. No meeting was planned for August.

The special activity days planned by Becky in the summer have been popular. The arrangement for Children's Church on Sunday mornings, where children come back in time for communion, continues well.

Our plans for a defibrillator continue. Janice completed a week-long instructor training and is now fully accredited to teach first aid including resuscitation and CPR. Iain J. gave valuable assistance in the first training session for Vestry members on 10th August. More will be planned. Even those with medical or nursing registration or who are first aiders already can be re-accredited. Please contact me if you are interested.

Vestry continues work on building maintenance of the church, hall and rectory. We continue to be grateful to contractors who serve us well.

Please continue to pray for your Vestry.

Our next Vestry meeting is scheduled for 18th September, a change from the first to the third Wednesday.

Stewardship

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 H and

Treasurer Laura via development@stpetersedinburgh.org

Magazine Articles

The October magazine is due to be issued on 29th September. Please email or submit your articles and photographs to Sheila, office@stpetersedinburgh.org
Thank you!

*The DEADLINE for the
October issue is
Thursday 19th September*

Music Notes

By Rupert, Director of Music



Following the summer break, Choir rehearsals recommence on Thursday 5th September, at 7 - 8pm for Junior Choristers (aged 8-18, unless their voice has changed) and 7.45pm-9.30pm for adults (aged 17+ and those whose voices have changed). There is also the option for Junior Choristers to attend Sheila's Voice for Life session, starting at 6.15pm. On a Sunday, we rehearse at 10am for the 10.45am service, and before Choral Evensong services at 5.30pm. New members are always welcome in the choir; simply come along on a Thursday evening at 7.45pm in the church, or for more information contact the Director of Music, Rupert Forbes via the office, office@stpetersedinburgh.org, or speak to him following a morning service.

Voice for Life

St Peter's is a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) choir, and Voice for Life is one of their training programmes. Following it, Junior Choristers learn many things; sing, read music, aural skills, about services, liturgy, the Bible, and have lots of fun in the process. Medals and coloured ribbons are awarded depending on what level has been gained. Voice for Life meets on Thursday nights from 6.15pm-7pm, and participants give it and Junior Choir a trial for a few weeks before starting to sing on a Sunday. For more information speak to or email Sheila at office@stpetersedinburgh.org.



Farewell to Catherine R., Head Chorister

Sunday 1st September marks the farewell service for Catherine who is departing to Aberdeen to study architecture at Robert Gordon University. Catherine has been a chorister for eight years, and our splendid Head Chorister for three years, during which time, apart from leading and encouraging the other junior choristers and singing regular services, she has sung a number of solos with increasing confidence over the years and also participated in various extra services and concerts.



We would like to thank her for her contribution to the choir over the years and also for the splendid artwork she has produced for St Peter's. We send her our best wishes as she embarks on the next stage of her life, and look forward to welcoming her back whenever she is in Edinburgh.



Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong is usually held on the last Sunday of the month. The next one will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 29th September.

St Peter's Book Club

The Book Club welcomes new members to discuss a wide range of titles. It meets in the Choir Vestry and one can just turn up to discuss the chosen book.



The following books are being discussed:

30th Sept 'Housekeeping' by Marilynne Robinson

28th Oct 'Infidel' by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

25th Nov 'War Doctor' by David Nott

For more information about the Book Club, please contact the office.

Not just Sunday morning!

By Richard

With the warm welcome at St Peter's, the Sunday Eucharist and Thursday Choir Practice have become the staples of my week since moving to Edinburgh 3 years ago.

But here I'd like to highlight the occasional, mainly monthly activities that add spice, in the hope that a few more people may give them a try too.

The St Peter's Walking Group has been an enjoyable way to explore parts of Edinburgh I wouldn't otherwise reach in friendly company.

The monthly Monday Group meeting always has an interesting speaker, followed by sociable conversation and refreshments.

I value the Communion Service on the first Thursday of each month for many reasons. It is usually in the more intimate space of the Millar Chapel. I have known the traditional Prayer Book liturgy for over 60 years, so I don't need my magnifier and a booklet to pray the words. The Cranmerian language is not just beautiful but, by using 2 or 3 words where one would do, it gives breadth and depth to the truths being expressed. For instance, 'a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world.' covers several theological bases.

Afterwards there's an optional lunch together nearby with time for conversation.

However, I can also make new connections. I have found a new symbolism in the way we receive Communion here post-covid. When the wafer intincted with a dark drop of wine is placed on my palm, I am reminded of the nail-pierced hands of Jesus. I might think about His suffering on the Cross, or Thomas needing that sign to confirm his faith in the risen Christ.

I also appreciate the Process services on the second Sunday each month. St John says that the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us, but sometimes our worship can become rather wordy again. I like that Process often contains a non-verbal activity. There have been olive tree planting, prayer stations and outside walks, playing Jenga, mosaic making and more.

Finally, I love Choral Evensong, usually on the last Sunday of the month. Over 60 years in scores of choirstalls I must have sung Evensong a thousand times, but it is always fresh. About 480 years on, it is perhaps Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's greatest gift to the Church. In a sense it wasn't really a new creation; more an inspired mash-up of the ancient monastic hours of Vespers and Compline. This put the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis together in a single evening service. An inspiration for generations of composers, choirs and congregations.

My thanks to all who work to make these activities happen for us at St Peter's.

Bishop Donald Allister's Bible Teaching Videos

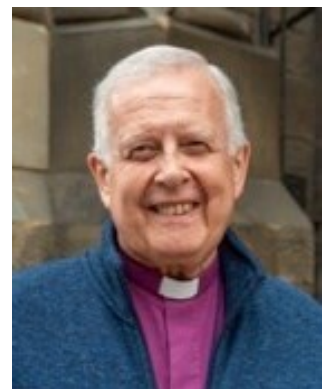
Donald uploads a new Bible teaching video every Monday to his YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@feedmysheep2023>

These are free to view, and it is fine to pass the link on to anyone who might be interested.

During September and October he will offer a nine-week series on chapters 7 to 10 of Mark's Gospel, each week looking at the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

If you find accessing and navigating YouTube difficult, Donald would be very happy to send you MP4 files of his talks, which should work on any modern computer or mobile phone. Please email him or ask him in Church.



The Nicene Creed: Then and Now

Please come and join us on Sunday 20th October (2pm–4pm) to discuss the history and relevance of Nicea, a uniquely enduring statement of Christian faith.



We regularly say the Nicene Creed in our worship, but where does it come from and why does it matter today? The Council of Nicea took place in 325AD, almost 1700 years ago, and dealt with one of the biggest threats to Christianity. That threat remains, and Nicea's solution is still crucially important to our faith.

Chair Rev Nick Wills

Speakers

Nicea and the role of Constantine.

Janet Sidaway (PhD, King's College London)

The Da Vinci Code and the Biblical Canon at Nicea.

Jacob W. Peterson (PhD, New College, University of Edinburgh)

We need creeds: Nicea for today.

The Rt. Rev Donald Allister, retired Bishop of Peterborough

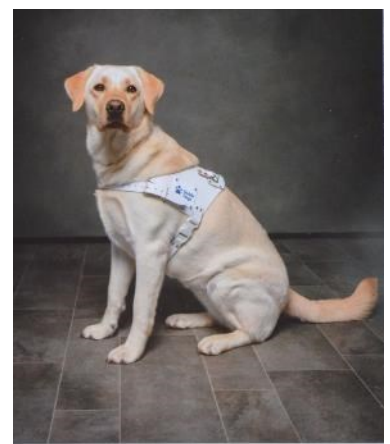
Janet, Jacob and Donald have each studied Nicea from different perspectives. This should be a fascinating and faith-strengthening afternoon.

Clova – Graduation

By Hilary

Many will remember Clova, the trainee guide dog pup who attended most Sunday morning services until mid-April 2023. Happily she qualified a few months ago and is now working with a lady in Dumbarton. Apparently she has the retired guide dog as company as the lady has chosen to keep her previous dog. Clova will be delighted with this.

Our previous GDBA (Guide Dogs for the Blind Association) dog, Harris, who was kept as GDBA breeding stock, has so far sired 73 pups in the last



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Clova's graduation photo.

16 months. He has some way to go to match his father's total of 193 over his life time! GDBA are very keen to maintain this blood line as there is a very high success rate for dogs qualifying from this particular golden retriever family.

Birdie is one of Harris's pups and she was off to Forfar at the end of August this year. We expect her to do well. Members who attend the 10.45 service know that she managed to sleep through most services quite happily and only gets up once the organ voluntary finishes! So you have all played your part in training a number of Guide dogs by ignoring our pups and so making us all feel very welcome!

Eco-Matters

Vanishing insects *by Christine B.*

Where are butterflies and wasps this year? I had far fewer spring butterflies and only sporadic sightings before August; since then, very reduced varieties and numbers - none to enter in The Big Butterfly Count. Eating outside would usually be punctuated by fending off wasps, but not many try to share my plate, and only one needs help to escape from the house. Bees are busy in the garden but definitely not so many. Hardly any moths collide with windows after dark or come inside.

Decline in 2024 is probably due to the cool damp spring (the wettest since 1986) and summer, which lowered the winter survival rate. Insect populations tend to have boom and bust years, but uncertain seasonal changes are now more frequent as climate change increases its impact. The whole insect world is affected, not just wasps and butterflies. Traditional 'pests' like aphids are essential for bird food and so on up the food chain, but imbalance will occur if their predators (such as wasps) decline. Habitat loss is slowing in the UK as more land becomes protected, but our governments have no strategy for pesticide reduction.

A wider perspective comes from a paper just published on tropical beetle vulnerability. Here's a link to a review of the paper by the Natural History Museum. <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/news/2024/august/tropical-beetles-unknown-to-science-at-higher-risk-of-extinction.html>.

I was struck by this: "Imagine ... a forest in Scotland where there were red squirrels, Scottish wildcats and golden eagles... Now imagine the forest was cut down and replaced with a park, where there were rats, mice and pigeons.

There would still be two types of mammals and one kind of bird, so the biodiversity might be assumed to be the same. But rats, mice and pigeons are found everywhere while the other animals play a unique role in the ecosystem and are only found in a few places, so they are more at risk.”

But we can still make a difference! Those of us with gardens are part of a huge habitat resource in the UK, despite many being turned over to plastic grass or paving. We can go on planting plants for pollinators, making ponds however small, and leaving grass to grow long. We can actively support organisations and policies campaigning and encouraging swift action on these environmental issues.

Should we consider avoiding garden lighting which can contribute to light pollution, disorientating wildlife? Lights which are mains-run, very bright and set high are the worst culprits. Solar lights with a warm tone are apparently less disruptive, if hooded and set low on the ground.

Christine and Anna are always happy to hear of actions and solutions!

Helping Those in Need

Newington FoodBank⁺ by *Fiona A., a Volunteer*

A foodbank should not be necessary in our society. But this week, this month, this year it is. And for our guests, it is.



So we continue to be enormously thankful for our faithful volunteers, and for donations of food and funds. But the Thursday mornings when we open our doors are as much about conversations as about helping the hard-pressed put food on the table.

James* comes because he enjoys a chat over a free cup of coffee. Brian* welcomes the opportunity to escape from a bleak hostel to spend time amidst friendly faces. Conversations range from cross stitch to favourite biscuits to Rachmaninov. I might pray with a young mum who is struggling to find a way to work and look after her young children. Another guest is just out of prison, and might be signposted to Junction 42, who do brilliant work supporting folk in such a situation. Simon* has started reading his Bible, encouraged by Edinburgh City Mission's men's worker, and is now going to a church. A representative of Christians Against Poverty is also there regularly to offer support to those enmeshed by debt.

A quiet interlude gives an opportunity for other conversations too: how can we be more effective in helping those who visit our foodbank? How can we avoid simply being a sticking plaster? How can we enable people to free themselves from the circumstances which underpin their needs? There are no easy answers. But in the meantime, Newington Foodbank will be there to welcome our guests, and the conversations will continue.

**Names changed to protect identities.*

Fresh Start

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:

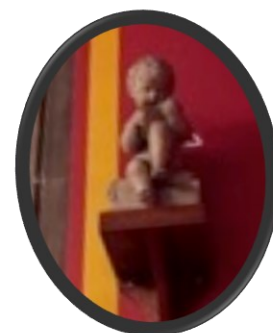
<https://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/>



Books for Bairns

A project to gift the joy of books to children 'One Child and One Book At A Time'.

Please put any picture books (that are in a good condition) into the box at the back of church, or hand them into the office.



Thank you to Liz M. who regularly delivers our books to the South East Foodbank in Burdiehouse, South Edinburgh!

For more information about *Books for Bairns*, see:

<https://stpetersedinburgh.org/books-for-bairns>

Ukraine and Middle East Crisis Appeals

Christian Aid offers 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>

Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal

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

Church Family

Baptism

Congratulations to Kat F., who was baptised on Sunday 4th August.

In Memory...

David Stevenson (6th January 1933 – 3rd August 2024)

A long-standing member, David was known locally to many as 'the man in the purple kilt'. Until failing health prevented him, he regularly attended church and frequently played his bagpipes at ceilidhs and church events. A highly respected doctor, advisor and educator, David helped, encouraged and influenced hundreds of medics around the world. He travelled and worked in numerous countries including India, Cameroon, Iran, Sri Lanka, and Jamaica, and his roles in public health at both Liverpool University and Edinburgh University were inspirational. Accolades included senior awards for his work with leprosy patients in Malawi.



The words of a hymn he wrote expresses succinctly the heart of his faith, writing: *I do not claim, The certainty, That I am saved, But I may hope For Clemency, That by Thy Grace, My sins and faults, Be wiped away. Yet I must strive, To do my best, To follow you, And serve my friends And you require, That I as well, Must love and help, My Enemy.*

Please remember in your prayers David's wife Rie and his extended family.
If you would like a copy of a fuller tribute, please email the office.



*Entrance to St Peter's,
painted by
Catherine Rednall,
January 2024*

Sunday Readings

**The passages being read*

September 2024

1st & Thur 5th Sept First Sunday in The Season of Creation

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9 ♦ Psalm 15 ♦ *James 1: 17-27 ♦

*Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

8th Sept Second Sunday in The Season of Creation

Isaiah 35: 4-7a; Psalm 146; *James 2: 1-10, 14-17; *Mark 7: 24-37

15th Sept Third Sunday in The Season of Creation

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 116: 1-8; *James 3: 1-12; *Mark 8: 27-38

22nd Sept Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation

Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 54; *James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a; *Mark 9: 30-37

29th Sept & Thur 3rd Oct Harvest Thanksgiving

*Joel 2: 21-27; Psalm 100; Philippians 4: 4-9; *John 6: 25-35

29th Sept Choral Evensong Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Joel 2: 21-27; Psalm 100; Philippians 4: 4-9; *John 6: 25-35

6th October Twentieth Sunday of Trinity

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

Liturgy Books

Large print Liturgy Books, and for those who find it easier to read on coloured paper, copies on yellow, pink, green and blue paper are available at the back of church. Please let a Welcomer or Sheila know if you would like it to be printed in another specific colour, or as a colour large print.

Email: office@stpetersedinburgh.org

What is a QR Code? On a Smartphone, open the camera and point it at the square. Click on the link that appears and you are taken directly to the given webpage, which will have more information!



Dates for the Diary

Services

Sundays ♦ 9am ♦ Holy Communion ♦ Traditional language, usually 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, usually 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

Thur 5th Sept Monthly Communion ♦ 11am

Thur 5th Sept Choir & Voice for Life resume ♦ 6.15pm; 7pm; 7.45pm

Sat 7th Sept Walking Group ♦ 10.30am

Sun 8th Sept Process ♦ 6.30pm.

Sun 15th Sept Congregational Burger Lunch to welcome back our students and young adults. ♦ After the 10.45am service.

Mon 16th Sept No Toddler Group

Thur 19th Sept October Magazine Deadline

Sun 29th Sept Harvest Festival ♦ 9am & 10.45am, with soup lunch

Sun 29th Sept Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm

Mon 30th Sept St Peter's Book Club ♦ 7pm

Please note that our AGM will be held after the 10.45am service on Sunday on 27th October.

Clergy

Contact details for our Clergy are on page 20.

Rector Rev Nick Wills
(days off Friday and Saturday.)

Associate Clergy Rev Sue Whitehouse
Bishop Donald Allister



Nick is 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.

The Office

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

Laura Amongst several 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. She works 20 hours a week, usually working on Monday and Tuesday, and Thursday and Sunday mornings. Church emails are usually attended to on Mondays and Tuesdays: 10am-4pm, and Thursdays 10am-1pm. The rest of her hours are taken up with other tasks. Sheila's email: office@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.

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