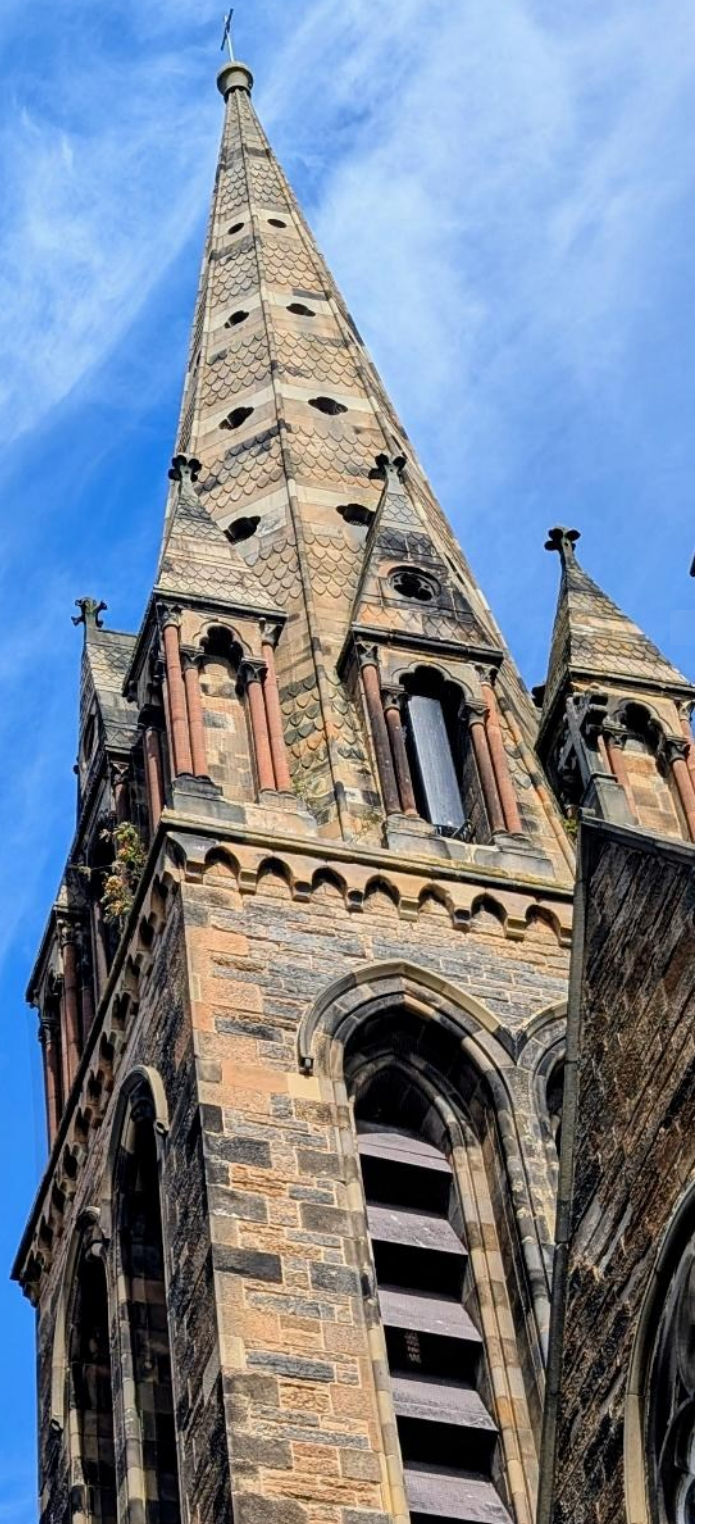


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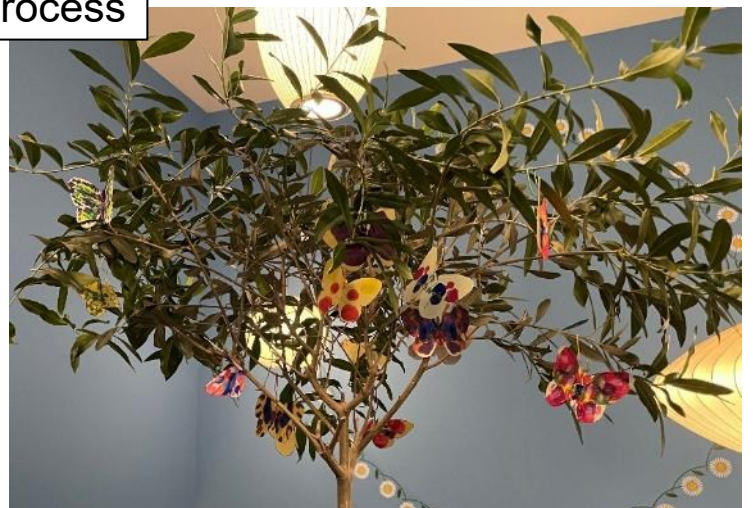
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From the Rector

Rev Nick Wills

As the new academic year starts at the university, so we have entered a season of new ventures at St Peter's. We welcomed back new and returning students with a burger lunch on Sunday 14th September. A big thank you to Jacob and Ruth T. in particular for their help and support. It has been lovely to get know some new students and we hope that they feel welcome here at St Peter's as they settle into life in Edinburgh.

On the same evening, our September Process service took the theme of 'All things new!'. We reflected on the transformation of a chrysalis into a butterfly. You can read about it on page 6.

We began a new pattern of Tuesday events on 16th September. At 11am, we held our first new morning prayer service, which gave an opportunity to join in a simple liturgical act of worship in the Millar Chapel, listen reflectively to Scripture, and pray for our church, those in need, and the world. Sue W then led a new daytime Bible study group in the hall, which gives an opportunity to learn from and with each other as the Bible is studied together. Meanwhile, myself and Liz M were busy at work in the kitchen preparing our first Tuesday's Chewsday! lunch. On the menu the first week was smoked salmon in a lemon cream sauce tagliatelle, followed by apple crumble and custard. The following week we cooked Coronation chicken, baked potato and salad, and poached pear with chocolate sauce for dessert. There is a suggested donation of £6 for those who join us. To help us with numbers for catering, we ask that you let us know if you are going to come, and especially if you have specific dietary requirements. Ruth and Donald continue to lead the evening Bible study group, which began earlier in the year, and which is flourishing.

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days before it is heard or dealt
with. Webpage;*

<https://stpetersedinburgh.org/>

Also on the 16th September, at 7.30pm, we held our first Open Mic night, hosted by Adam Holmes. Several members of our church family sang or played, and we also enjoyed delicious cakes baked by Olga from Ukraine, and Ruth G. We had a great time!

On Sunday 21st September, we launched 'Little Folk', a music based group especially for young children and their parents and/or carers. Sheila, Becky and I had a great time and were delighted with the turn out. Many of those who came were families we previously knew at Toddlers, and it was great to see them again, as well other new faces.

Our next lunch after church on a Sunday will be following the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 5th October. See the next page for more information about this.

Our AGM on Sunday 26th October, following the 10.45am service, is especially important. It is an opportunity to reflect on the church's year, to take stock, and to look to the next stage of our journey together. There is also the opportunity for the church to elect our Vestry members. If you feel able to serve the church in this way, taking on the responsibility of a Trustee of St Peter's, then please speak to me, or a member of the Vestry, to learn more about it. See pages 12 and 13 for information about the AGM, and what is involved in being a Vestry member.

A big thank you to those who have served on our Vestry this year, and especially those who are now coming off Vestry: Christian A, Chris H and to Janice, who has also serviced diligently as our Vestry Secretary for 4 years. We also thank Laura, Sheila and Janice for all the extra work that the AGM entails. I greatly appreciate their hard work to facilitate this important exercise in transparency and accountability.

With my prayers,

Nick

Editor's note;

Many congratulations to Nick, who on Sunday 28th September celebrates the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood!

We thank him immensely for his invaluable ministry and contribution to St Peter's over the past 5 years!

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival on 5th October ends the Season of Creation, a season when we have been reflecting on the commitment of our Church to respond appropriately to the global environmental and climate crisis. Our Harvest collection will be in aid of the Newington FoodBank+. (See p. 17)

Useful donations include coffee, sugar, biscuits, breakfast cereal, cooking oil, shampoo/shower gel, washing up liquid, soap powder. There will also be a retiring collection and donation box with Gift Aid envelopes for those who wish to use them.



In the hall after the 10.45am service, all are warmly invited to the congregational soup lunch.

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 in the Millar Chapel, where the Children's Corner is during the scheduled work in church.

During the 10.45am service, children and their leaders usually leave for Children's Church in the hall during the Gloria and return to the service in time for Communion. Fun activities based on the day's Bible theme are organised by Becky, our Children and Young People's Worker, and a group of PVG covered volunteers help her to run the activities.

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

Youth & other Events in Edinburgh Diocese

For information about all Diocesan events, including for children, please contact Rev Fiona (Fee) Reynolds, The Diocesan Advisor for Christian Life. Email: freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org or phone 0131 346 9089.

LITTLE FOLK

Traditional rhymes and folksongs

A relaxed and fun introduction to music through a mixture of song, stories and movement!

- For all young children
- Meets in church on Sundays during term-time:
28th Sept 5th & 26th Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd Nov
- 3.00pm-4.00pm
- Led by Sheila, Nick & Becky
- £2 per family per session
- Finishes with refreshments



All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is in charge of them, and who we also encourage to join in!

Please ask Becky, Sheila or Nick if you have any questions.

Process

Our service on Sunday 14th September explored 'All things new!'. After an explanation about how at the first Process service, on 11th June 2023, an olive tree was planted as a sign of hope, those present wrote on a paper butterfly a memory of a 'first thing' they experienced. On top of this, the butterflies were then painted and placed on the olive tree that now lives in the Link.



Our next service is on Sunday 12th October, 6.30pm–7.30pm. We gather in the hall for this contemporary evening service, which is reflective, sometimes interactive and always different! The service lasts about an hour, and refreshments are always shared afterwards.

As the services are planned each month, updated information is included in our Saturday emails and online: <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/process> If you would like to be part of the team who creates the services, please speak to Nick!



Tuesdays in St Peter's

See Nick's letter on p. 3 about the Tuesdays held in September!

11am Morning Prayer Service Nick Wills (Millar Chapel)

30th September; 7th, 21st, 28th October; 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November.

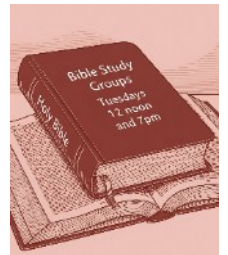
An opportunity to pray together for St Peter's, and those in need in our local community, our nation and the wider world.



12 noon Bible Study Group Sue Whitehouse (Millar Chapel)

30th September; 7th, 21st, 28th October; 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November.

Everyone is invited to come and join in. Reading scripture is one of the fundamental ways in which we can learn more about God and respond to the presence of the different persons of the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - in our lives and church community.



No prior knowledge is required. Scripture is there for each of us to engage with. Reading together allows us to listen to each other's ideas and experiences as we grow in our faith and learn to recognise what God intends for us in the world today.

1pm Tuesday's Chewsday! (Church Hall)

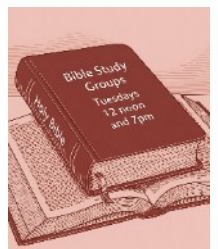
30th September; 7th, 21st, 28th October; 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November.

A freshly cooked two-course lunch to eat socially together - for congregational members, and we hope it will be especially attractive to those who attend the 12 noon Bible Study Group. *It would be helpful if you could please let the office know by the Sunday before if you plan to come, especially if you have any dietary requirements.* There is a suggested donation of £6, but we would not want this to be an obstacle to anyone who wants to join us.



7pm Bible Study Group Ruth Green & Donald Allister (Choir Vestry) *Weekly year round*

No prior learning is required, just an enthusiasm to engage with the text, bringing our fervour for the writing together with our questions and doubts.



Nick, Sue, Donald, Ruth, and Sheila in the office can all be emailed at office@stpetersedinburgh.org.

Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group runs from 9.30am–11.30am on Mondays and Thursdays. It is for those aged 0-3. All children must be accompanied by an adult, who is responsible for their own child/children at all times. Donation £1 per family and tea/coffee and snacks are provided.



Due to the Edinburgh School half-term and an in-service day, in October there is no Toddler Group on Monday 13th, Thursday 16th, and Monday 20th October



Our international groups are very welcoming and friendly!

If you would like to attend or have any questions, please email Becky via becky@stpetersedinburgh.org.

Students & Young Adults

We warmly welcome students and young adults to all our community activities. There is also a varied programme of events specifically for our growing group, usually held on Tuesday evenings. So far there has been the Welcome (Back) Burger lunch, a Folk Music Open Mic Night, and a fun evening of games together with sharing a meal.



Future events include:

30 th September	Quiz night at Steel Coulson
7 th October	Bible study
14 th October	Quiz night at Steel Coulson
21 st October	Folk and Acoustic Music Open Mic Night
28 th October	Games / meal
4 th November	Bible study



(Please check where the games and Bible study events will be held.)

Any students or young adults who want further details are invited to join our student and young adult email and WhatsApp lists and hear about the forthcoming activities. You can also speak to Becky or Nick, or email becky@stpetersedinburgh.org.

FOLK AND ACOUSTIC MUSIC OPEN MIC NIGHT



Hosted by Adam Holmes,
one of Edinburgh's finest folk and roots musicians.

Tuesdays 21st October & 18th November

Our first night was greatly enjoyed by all who went, and it was wonderful that, along with Adam, a number of people played/sang and participated!

- Do you want to share and listen to folk and roots standards and maybe some new and original music?
- Are you talented and creative, and looking for an outlet to share your skills and learn from others, in a supportive atmosphere?

If so, come and let's create Edinburgh's friendliest Open Mic Night together!

7.30pm-9.30pm In the Hall Free

St Peter's Book Club

The Book Club meets in the Choir Vestry and one can just turn up to discuss the chosen book. The group usually meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7pm.



The next meeting is on 29th October, and the book is *The Smoke Jumper* by Nicholas Evans, who also wrote *The Horse Whisperer*.

Even if you do not come to the group, if you have read something of interest, please do let the group know via the office email!

New members are always welcome to discuss a wide range of titles. For more information about the Book Club, please contact the office, or see <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/book-club>

Music Notes

By Rupert, Director of Music



Do you enjoy singing?

Choral music lies at the heart of the worshipping life of our church, and we sing a wide variety of Anglican repertoire. We would love you to join our four-part choir!

We rehearse on a Thursday evening, and new members are very welcome in both the junior choir (age 8-17) and adult choir (age 16+). For more information about joining the choir, where to meet and the commitment required, please speak to me after a morning service, call me on 0131 664 3030, or email me at rupert@rof27.plus.com.

Thursdays 7.00pm–8pm: Junior Choir; 7.45pm - 9.30pm for adults.
Sundays 10am for the 10.45am service, and 5.30pm when Evensong.

Junior Choristers meet before junior choir and follow the RSCM Voice for Life programme, where medals and ribbons are awarded as various targets are reached. For more information about this, please speak to Sheila, our Organist, after a service or email her at office@stpetersedinburgh.org.



Choral Evensong

In 2025, Choral Evensong will be held at 6.30pm on 28th September, 19th October and 23rd November.
Not in December but our Carol Service is on the 14th December.

Magazine Articles

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

Thank you!

*The DEADLINE for the
November issue is
Thursday 16th October*

Walking Group

The walk Janet H kindly organised up Blackford Hill had to be postponed and will be held at some point!



Janet would also be delighted if you would let her know the days / times which would suit you for walks so she can plan accordingly. If you would like to receive Walking Group emails with information about forthcoming and last-minute walks, please speak to or email Janet H or email Sheila via the office.

Monday Group

The group met on Monday 15th September at 2.30pm. Some members were unable to go due to illness or away on holiday but 10 people came. We were pleased to see each other after the summer break and there was much convivial conversation. The changed venue was fine. We enjoyed coffee and cakes & biccies. There was a discussion about future activities, but nothing definite decided. We will meet again on Monday 20th October and thereafter on the third Monday of the month.

All are most welcome to our meetings, men and women of any age. For those who wish to become members the annual subscription is £10. Suggested donations at meetings are £1 for members and £2 for non-members – but in these cash-free days we wouldn't turn anyone away!

For further information about the Monday Group you can contact Jane or Liz P via the office.

Weekly email to keep in touch

About 3pm each Saturday an email with the weekly notices, together with the Sunday readings, Collect and Year's Mind is sent to our congregational members.

If you attend services but do not already receive these emails and would like to keep in touch, please fill in a GDPR form, available at the back of the church, and give it to Sheila, a Welcomer, or hand it into the office.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 26th October, c. 12.15pm, following the 10.45am service

By Janice, Vestry Secretary

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 26th October 2025 after the 10.45am service. The meeting will commence in the church hall at around 12.15pm, following the 10.45am service, and will be chaired by Nick. The main purpose of the meeting will be to receive the Annual Report and Accounts.

The business of the meeting will also include: the election of four constituent members of the congregation to act as members of the Vestry; the election of a Lay Representative, Alternate Lay Representative; and the appointment of an independent examiner (to audit the annual accounts).

The meeting will also deal with any other competent business, notice of which should be lodged with myself or Nick prior to the meeting.

The names of all candidates seeking election to the Vestry, as Lay or Alternative representatives, together with their proposers and seconders, should be lodged with myself or Nick prior to the meeting, and in any event no later than midday Saturday 25th October. I'm happy to receive nominations for all positions electronically – please email me via the office if you wish to receive a nomination form by email. Forms will also be available from the back of church.

As required, copies of the Annual Report and Accounts will be available to view prior to the AGM. We aim to have them ready for distribution on 12th October 2025. Also available from that date will be copies of a draft minute of last year's AGM.

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

Following is useful information for those considering standing for Vestry. The links are clickable in the email and online versions of the magazine.

Vestry is an elected group of congregational members who work together to serve the church.

What is Vestry responsible for?

- Vestry members are the Trustees of the church and have legal responsibilities and obligations to OSCR (the regulator for Scottish charities)
- The life of the church
- Supporting the Clergy and congregation
- Being receptive to hearing and discussing different views
- Being up to date with the responsibilities regarding Safeguarding
- Ensuring the welfare of the paid staff and volunteers
- Being aware of issues and directing them to the appropriate person
- Buildings: Church, Rectory, Curate's flat
- Community issues & connections
- Relationships with the national Church

Vestry Agenda for meetings

The Vestry Secretary will normally send you the Agenda a week before the meeting.

Useful information to read;

If you would like a printed copy of any, please ask Sheila in the office to print them for you.

- **Safeguarding**

The SEC Safeguarding manual and policy can be found online here.

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/safeguarding/>

- **Responsibilities of Vestry Members**

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-resources/vestry-responsibilities/responsibilities-of-the-vestry/>

- **Governance, Accounting and Charity Matters**

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-resources/vestry-responsibilities/>

- **Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005: Guidance for Vestries**

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-resources/vestry-responsibilities/charities-and-trustee-investment-scotland-act-2005-guidance-for-vestries/>

- **For other information about being a Vestry Member, please see:**

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/?s=Vestry+Members>

Funding for the Roof Repairs

By Laura, Treasurer

St Peter's is grateful to the three funders who have offered to help with the cost of replacing rotten roof timbers.

National Churches Trust, Wolfson Foundation and the Provincial Grants fund have all stepped up to help us pay for vital repairs to the church roof.

A few years ago the joint between the roof and the tower let water in. This was enough to set off a case of dry rot. Although the leak was quickly and easily patched, cutting out the rotten timbers is a more complicated job. Mary Thorburn Ltd was appointed lead contractor following a competitive tender process.

As you can see there is scaffolding inside and outside the church. On the underside, the joiner has removed the old timbers and replaced with matching Douglas Fir. The new wood is very blonde compared to the 165-year-old stained boards and joists. Outside, the roofers have rebuilt the lead gutter to throw water off at that tight inaccessible spot. They have re-laid the slates, including the distinctive band of fish tails.



Now the new timbers need to settle down before they are stained and stencilled to match the existing daisy design on the underside of the roof.

As part of our National Churches Trust grant, we need to ensure the building is open to members of the public in addition to regular services. Sheila, Nick and Becky have started a weekly children's music class in church.

In addition, we have always welcomed anyone who would like to look round the church and we now have signage outside to encourage visitors.

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:

Treasurer Laura development@stpetersedinburgh.org

Saint Ninian Declaration

On 16th September a historic declaration of friendship between the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Catholic Church in Scotland was signed in Edinburgh, allowing them to work more closely together in future.

The declaration supports a deepening relationship between the two denominations, making greater co-operation possible while acknowledging that there are differences between the two churches. It was signed by Archbishop Leo Cushley on behalf of the Conference of Bishops of the Catholic Church in Scotland and by the Most Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Joint signings took place at Edinburgh's two 'St Mary's' cathedrals, first at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in York Place, and then at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Palmerston Place. [The signing during Choral Evensong at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral can be watched again here.](#)

Archbishop Leo Cushley said: "This declaration is not only for us, but for the people of Scotland whom we are called to serve. By deepening the friendship, we strengthen our common witness to the Gospel in a world that longs for hope and reconciliation. True friendship does not demand uniformity, but grows through honesty, trust, and love.

"As we sign this declaration, we are saying to our people: let us walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Let our unity in Christ be a sign of God's love for all. May this moment encourage us to look outward, shoulder to shoulder, as friends and partners in mission."

Bishop Mark Strange said: "Through this act we in the Scottish Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches are committing to walk forward together as friends, on the same journey of faith that Ninian started over a thousand years ago. It gives us an opportunity to focus on what we share, and to trust that Christ calls us all to listen, to learn, and to serve this land as descendants of Ninian, side by side." The Declaration can be read at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Saint-Ninian-Declaration.pdf>

The signing follows the strengthening of links between Scotland's three largest Christian denominations in recent years, through the Saint Andrew Declaration between the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church (2021), and the St Margaret Declaration between the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church in Scotland (2022).

Eco-Matters

Tram network: Granton to RIE extension & Public consultation

by Christine B.

Several months ago Anna highlighted the consideration being given by planners as to whether the tram extension to Granton should include the Roseburn Path, formerly a rail route. It's a wildlife corridor and much loved space for families, walkers, runners and cyclists. At the same time, the tram network is a valuable asset to sustainable travel in our city, reducing the need for cars, and the plan includes provision for a path alongside the proposed route.

Other options present difficulties in terms of engineering and cost - such as building a new bridge near the Dean Bridge (the existing bridge is not strong enough). And that's before anyone has agreed who should pick up the bill!

The public consultation about the Granton extension is open until 17th November 2025: you can find it with links to the three main sections of the proposed new route under consideration here:

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/tram-north-south/>

Residents can also give their views at in-person drop-in sessions. Details of these sessions can be found on the Consultation Hub. We, the people of Edinburgh, are strongly encouraged to make our voices heard.

Section 1 Granton to the city centre.

Section 2 City centre to BioQuarter and Royal Infirmary.

This part of the proposed route would affect St Peter's. It would begin at Princes Street, cross the North Bridge, and run through Nicolson Street, Newington and on to Cameron Toll, then out towards the BioQuarter and the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

Section 3 Potential extensions to Midlothian and East Lothian.

There's a useful summary on the Cockburn Association website:

<https://www.cockburnassociation.org.uk/news/help-shape-edinburghs-tram-future/>

The campaign to save the Roseburn Path is here:

<https://www.savetheroseburnpath.com/>

Helping Those in Need

MacMillan Cancer Support

Many congratulations to Robin Stewart, one of our members, his three children and nephew, who on 30th August successfully hiked the Rob Roy Mighty Hike Marathon (42km) through the Trossachs. This was in memory of his wife Kirsty, and in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Between them they raised over £5,000!



Kirsty & Robin

Bethany Christian Trust & Edinburgh City Mission

These charities jointly run a van distributing food, hot drinks, and clothes to the homeless on the streets of Edinburgh. It goes out every night, and five lunchtimes a week. As the weather gets colder, there is a need for clothes to distribute. Donated clothing should be adult sizes, and in reasonable condition. Suitable items include, shirts/tops, sweaters, or fleeces, hoodies, and trousers or joggers. Waterproof, and warm jackets are also good, as are blankets or sleeping bags. Also required are socks, and underwear, ideally new, but clean is acceptable. Anything that can't be used will be recycled.



Bethany
Christian
Trust



<https://edinburghcitymission.org.uk/ministry/care-van/>

Newington FoodBank⁺

The donations that keep appearing in the box at the back of church each week are all greatly appreciated! They particularly need sardines, cooking oil, custard, coffee, sugar, biscuits, shampoo and shower gel.



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/>



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>

In Memory...

Professor J. Michael Rotter

31st October 1948 - 9th August 2025

Nick writes;

It was a privilege to lead the funeral and thanksgiving services for Michael on 3rd September at St Peter's. I always appreciated Michael's friendliness, approachability and sense of humour. He was one of those very rare people who whilst being very intelligent and being the world's leading expert in his field, was always interested in what others thought and had to say. Chats with Michael could range over so many different topics and were always interesting and fun. I will personally greatly miss Michael's warmth, faith, encouragement and support for all that we are doing here at St Peter's.



Full obituaries to Michael were published in both the University of Edinburgh website and the Scotsman. The QR code gives weblinks to the University Obituary <https://eng.ed.ac.uk/about/news/20250826/announcing-passing-professor-j-michael-rotter>, which also links on to the Scotsman obituary.

Please continue to hold Sue and Michael's family in your prayers.

Bishop Donald Allister's Bible Teaching Videos

Each Monday, Donald uploads a new Bible teaching video 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 the autumn months Donald's YouTube Bible teaching will take us through another frequently ignored but important part of scripture, the "pastoral epistles". In these letters, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus, the apostle Paul, approaching the end of his life, passes on his wisdom and priorities for the future generations of the Church. Not to be missed!

Regular Services in St Peter's

Sundays ♦ 9am ♦ Holy Communion ♦ Traditional language, no music and sometimes no sermon.

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

2nd Sunday of the month (*usually*) ♦ 6.30pm ♦ Process

Last Sunday of the month (*usually*) ♦ 6.30pm ♦ Choral Evensong

Tuesdays (*during term-time*) ♦ 11am ♦ Prayer Service ♦ no music or sermon

1st Thursday of the month ♦ 11am ♦ Holy Communion ♦ Traditional language, no music and usually no sermon ♦ followed with a picnic lunch in the hall

Liturgy Books for Services

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. if you would like it printed in another specific colour, or as a colour large print, please let a Welcomer or Sheila know.

Summary of regular activities in St Peter's

Sundays (*term-time only*)

♦ **3.00pm-4.00pm ♦** Little Folk

Mondays & Thursdays (*term-time only*)

♦ **9.30am-11.30am ♦** Toddler Group

Third Monday of the Month ♦ 2.30pm ♦ Monday Group

Tuesdays (*term-time only*)

♦ **11.00am ♦** Prayer Service ♦ weekly in Millar Chapel

♦ **12 noon ♦** Daytime Bible Study Group ♦ in Millar Chapel

♦ **1.00pm ♦** Tuesday's Chewsday! ♦ lunch in the hall

Tuesdays (*weekly year round*)

♦ **7.00pm ♦** Evening Bible Study Group ♦ in Choir Vestry

Last Wednesday of the month (*usually*)

♦ **7.00pm ♦** St Peter's Book Club

Thursdays

6.15pm Voice for Life ♦ **7.00-8.00pm** Junior Choir ♦ **7.45-9.30pm** Adult Choir

Sunday Readings

**The passages being read*

28th Sept & Thur 2nd Oct Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation

*Isaiah 32: 14-18 ♦ Psalm 146 ♦ 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 ♦ *Luke 16: 19-31

28th September Choral Evensong Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Ezekiel 37: 15-28 ♦ *1 John 2: 22-29 ♦ Psalms 120 & 121

5th October Harvest Thanksgiving

*Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 ♦ Psalm 126 ♦ 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 ♦ *Matthew 6: 25-33

12th October Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity

*2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15 ♦ Psalm 111 ♦ 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 ♦ *Luke 17: 11-19

19th October Nineteenth Sunday of Trinity

Genesis 32: 22-31 ♦ Psalm 121 ♦ *2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5 ♦ *Luke 18: 1-8

19th October Choral Evensong Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Proverbs 4: 1-18 ♦ *Mark 10: 35-45 ♦ Psalm 141

26th October Twentieth Sunday of Trinity

Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22 ♦ Psalm 84: 1-6 ♦ *2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 ♦

*Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday 2nd & Thur 6th November All Saints Day *(transferred from 1st Nov)*

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 ♦ Psalm 149 ♦ *Ephesians 1: 11-23 ♦ *Luke 6: 20-36

Dates for the Diary

Events in September

Sun 28th Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm-4.00pm

Sun 28th Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm

Tue 30th Morning Prayer Service ♦ 11.00am

Tue 30th Daytime Bible Study Group ♦ 12 noon *(Millar Chapel)*

Tue 30th Tuesday's Chewsday! (lunch) ♦ 1.00pm

Tue 30th Evening Bible Study Group ♦ 7.00pm *(Choir Vestry)*

Tue 30th Students and young adults event ♦ Quiz night at Steel Coulson

Events in October

- Thu 2nd** Monthly Thursday Communion ♦ 11.00am
Sun 5th Harvest Festival ♦ 9am & 10.45am ♦ Congregational soup lunch after the 10.45am service.
Sun 5th Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm-4.00pm
Tue 7th Morning Prayer Service ♦ 11.00am
Tue 7th Daytime Bible Study Group ♦ 12 noon (*Millar Chapel*)
Tue 7th Tuesday's Chewsday! (lunch) ♦ 1.00pm
Tue 7th Evening Bible Study Group ♦ 7.00pm (*Choir Vestry*)
Tue 7th Students & young adults ♦ Bible Study ♦ *Check where with Becky*
Sun 12th *No Little Folk*
Sun 12th Process ♦ 6.30pm-7.30pm
Mon 13th *No Toddler Group*
Tue 14th *No morning Tuesday events*
Tue 14th Evening Bible Study Group ♦ 7.00pm (*Choir Vestry*)
Tue 14th Students & young adults ♦ Quiz night at Steel Coulson
Thu 16th *No Toddler Group*
Thu 16th November Magazine deadline
Sun 19th *No Little Folk*
Sun 19th Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm
Mon 20th *No Toddler Group*
Mon 20th Monday Group ♦ 2.30pm
Tue 21st Morning Prayer Service ♦ 11.00am
Tue 21st Daytime Bible Study Group ♦ 12 noon (*Millar Chapel*)
Tue 21st Tuesday's Chewsday! (lunch) ♦ 1.00pm
Tue 21st Evening Bible Study Group ♦ 7.00pm (*Choir Vestry*)
Tue 21st Folk and Acoustic Open Mic Night ♦ 7.30pm-9.30pm
Sun 26th AGM ♦ after 10.45am service
Sun 26th Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm-4.00pm
Tue 28th Morning Prayer Service ♦ 11.00am
Tue 28th Daytime Bible Study Group ♦ 12 noon (*Millar Chapel*)
Tue 28th Tuesday's Chewsday! (lunch) ♦ 1.00pm
Tue 28th Evening Bible Study Group ♦ 7.00pm (*Choir Vestry*)
Tue 28th Students & young adults ♦ Games & meal ♦ *Check where with Becky*
Wed 29th St Peter's Book Club ♦ 7.00pm

Events in early November

- Sun 2nd** Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm-4.00pm
Tue 4th Usual Tuesday events; 11.00am, 12 noon; 1.00pm, 7.00pm
Tue 4th Students & young adults ♦ Bible Study ♦ *Check where with Becky*
Thu 6th Monthly Thursday Communion ♦ 11.00am

Clergy

Our Clergy can all be contacted via the office.

Rector Rev Nick Wills

Associate Clergy Rev Sue Whitehouse

Bishop Donald Allister

Rev Ruth Green



Nick



Sue



Donald



Ruth

Nick and all the Associate Clergy Team are very happy to spend time with members of St Peter's who have concerns or are facing difficult situations.

Please feel able to speak to any of them to arrange a time to talk. We are 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 Sue, Donald or Ruth 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. If you want to see either of them in the office, please make an appointment.

Laura Amongst several jobs, Laura covers finances, building maintenance and hall bookings.



If you would like to book the hall please 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



Clergy and Staff

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Children's & Young People's Worker Becky
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Hall Bookings / Development Laura
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Administrator / Magazine Sheila office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Church Office Sheila or Laura 0131 563 8198

(Please note, messages left on the office answer machine may take a few days before they are heard and dealt with.)

Director of Music Rupert

Organist & Voice for Life Sheila office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Church Officers

Vestry Secretary Janice

Treasurer Laura development@stpetersedinburgh.org

Lay Representative Jan

Alternate Lay Representative Roddy

Finance Convenor Ralph

Works Convenor Liz M

Connect Becky becky@stpetersedinburgh.org

Sacristan Liz M

Fire Warden Pam

Church Organisations and Groups

Servers' Guild Bill

Monday Group Jane

Thursday Lunch Club (1st Thursday) Delia

All of the above can be contacted by emailing office@stpetersedinburgh.org



The Millar Chapel,
dedicated to
Basil Millar,
Rector of
St Peter's,
1954-1971.

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Richard.*