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From the Rector

Rev Nick Wills

The lights of Christmas are fading into the past, and we are nearly a month into 2026 already, as I write this.

Our annual community Tree Lighting Ceremony (see page 14) was a real success. It was great to see the hall full of families and people from all generations, singing and sharing in the event together. It was especially pleasing to see so many people from some of our year-round community events represented there – such as the Open Mic nights, Little Folk, Toddlers and our student work, as well as many members of our church family. As well as the singalong of favourite carols, inside and out, one of the singers we have met through our Open Mic, Annie Booth, sang and played a mixture of Christmas favourites. She has a stunning voice, and it was lovely to be able to invite her to the event. Her support act was Elijah and some of the other toddlers singing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" which can't have failed to melt even the most Grinch-like of hearts! A big thank you to everybody who made the event such a success: collecting, setting up and decorating the trees, decorating the Hall for the season, leading the music, preparing the refreshments and serving them to people in their seats.

In the run up to Christmas there was a return of the Wreath Making Workshop, organised by Laura, including making the beautiful wreath that hung on the church gate during Advent. And the Monday Group held their special Christmas meeting with fun games and festive food.

Our annual Carol Service was as atmospheric and beautiful as ever – thank you to Rupert, Sheila and the choir for all their hard work and skill to support our worship.

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At our Crib service, Becky told the Christmas story using Maggie's knitted angels and Nativity set in an informal, interactive way to a lively group of our Toddler and church families – it was well attended and enjoyed by all, as were our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Thank you to everyone who brought in a “present” for me to unwrap and incorporate into the Christmas story – I hope it was as much fun for you as it is for me! During Advent and Christmas we had a retiring collection for the vital work of Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF). £318, with Gift Aid still to be added, was raised, thank you for your generosity.

The weekly Tuesday events have been going well, before and since Christmas, with a loyal core group attending our Daytime Prayer Service, in the Millar Chapel (currently in the hall, see below) bringing vital prayers for our church's vision and ministry, our city and the world in turbulent times. This is followed by an encouraging daytime Bible Study Group, led by Sue, and Tuesday's Chewsday, a freshly cooked, two course lunch, in the hall together with sociable chat. Let me know if you would like to join us, so that we can ensure we have enough food and the right diet for you. Lunches are £6. My most grateful thanks to Liz M who is a magnificent support each week – helping to cook, serve, clear up, and also bringing a delicious pudding!



On Tuesday evenings the other Bible Study Group, led by Ruth and Donald, continues and during Advent they studied the Gospel as found in Isaiah.

Alongside this have been regular Tuesday Student events – with a cycle of meals at the Rectory, pub quiz nights (with a very respectable record of a couple of wins and quite a few second places!), Bible studies and the monthly Folk Open Mic Nights.

These music nights have been lovely. They have been “dry events” (non-alcoholic hot drinks and cakes instead of a bar), and the atmosphere has been as friendly, open and enjoyable for audience and performers alike, as I had hoped. It has been appreciated by local creatives and musicians looking for a welcoming space, and it's been great that some from our church family have been amongst the regular contributors. Our host Adam Holmes is a warm and generous enabler and a wonderful musician. We need a few more people to come and buy coffee and cake for it to be sustainable long-term, but we feel that it is building and we will reach that point soon if it continues to grow. We hope that it will grow into an Edinburgh fixture in the modern folk scene. The Open Mic Folk Nights will return on 3rd March and 7th April.

In other news, you may have noticed Philip's excellent A-board for notices outside church – made entirely from recycled items found around the church grounds! Thank you, Philip.



Less positive is news that problems with the electrics in the Millar Chapel have meant that, as a safety precaution, we can only use one of the portable heaters. This has effectively ruled out its use during the recent exceptionally cold winter spell, as the stone building can feel colder inside than outside on some days and is never really warm. My hope is that we will install underfloor heating before next winter so that we can continue to enjoy the beautiful worship space for our midweek services and meetings, and as a great play space for our smallest children during 10.45 services.

It has been a delight to have Rev Ruth Green as a key part of our clergy team this past year at St Peter's but she is also in demand across the Diocese. She is going to be helping more at St James' Goldenacre, so will be around less, but will still be helping with the Thursday Toddler Group, evening Bible Study Group and some services. Thank you for all that you do for us at St Peter's, Ruth.

In January I was thrilled to be able to baptise Fox and Orion, and then James, on successive Sunday mornings at our 10.45 service, and welcome them into them church family – wonderful events to start 2026, celebrating with both families and the whole St Peter's community.

We also send our warmest congratulations to Meagan and Jacob, on the birth of their daughter Eleanor, and look forward to meeting her.

Finally, looking forward, Ash Wednesday is on 18th February, with a Communion service at 7.30pm to begin the season of Lent and a time of reflection, repentance and spiritual discipline as we prepare for Easter. The two Tuesday Bible Study groups will both continue with their own approaches to the season, and both welcome new members who want to study the Bible during Lent. (See page 9 for more information.)

With my blessing and prayers for a meaningful and enriching Lent, and a hopeful pathway towards the light and growth of spring and Easter. It is on its way!

Your Rector,
Nick

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 18th February, 7.30pm

A reflective and meditative service of Holy Communion to mark the start of Lent.



During it, we are reminded that, in our Christian lives, we seek to realise the death of Jesus so that God may be glorified in our worship and through our witness in the world. We are also reminded of our baptism, and how Christ's death on the cross may clearly be shown in our lives.

We come before God in penitence, reflecting on our life in Christ. We pledge ourselves to observe this season of self-examination, discipline, and self-denial with sincerity, prayer, and reverent reflection on Holy Scripture, seeking God's purpose for us, and modelling our lives on the example of Christ Jesus.

St Peter's Lent Appeal

Newington FoodBank⁺



Our Lent Appeal is again supporting Newington Foodbank Plus, based just around the corner at the Community Church. After all our services during Lent there will be an opportunity to also give financially through a retiring collection for the Newington Foodbank⁺. For those who wish to Gift Aid their donation, Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of the church.

With the cost of living continually increasing, it is hard for many, and for those with less, the choices prove to be starker...

Donations of non-perishable food and basic toiletries are gratefully appreciated and can be left at the back of the church.

Particularly needed are: sardines, cooking oil, custard, coffee, sugar, biscuits, shampoo and shower gel.

Front cover photo; A grove of native Kahikatea / White Pine trees, taken by Nick Wills on his sabbatical in Aotearoa / New Zealand, 2025. It is the tallest growing native species in New Zealand.

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 in the Children's Corner.

During the 10.45am service, children and their leaders usually leave for Children's Church in the hall during the Kyrie / 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.

LITTLE FOLK Traditional rhymes and folksongs

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

- For all Early Years children aged 0-6.
- Meets in the hall on Sundays during term-time
(not on Sundays 15th and 22nd February)
- 3.00pm-4.00pm
- Led by Sheila, Nick & Becky
- £2 per family per session
- Finishes with refreshments



All children must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them, and whom we also encourage to join in!

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



[About Little Folk](#)

TUESDAYS IN ST PETER'S

The morning events are all held in the hall on

3rd, 10th and 24th February; 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March

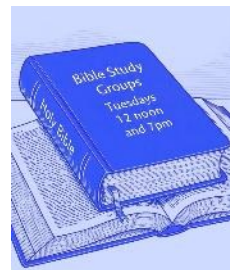
11.00am Morning Prayer Service *Nick Wills*

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 Daytime Bible Study Group *Sue Whitehouse*

Everyone is invited to come and join in - no prior knowledge is required. Reading scripture is one of the ways in which we can grow in our faith. We engage together, learn more about God, listen to each other's ideas and experiences, and learn to recognise what God intends for us in our lives, church community, and in the world.



1.00pm Tuesday's Chewsday!

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.

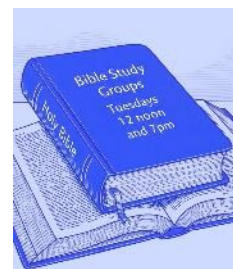


7.00pm Evening Bible Study Group

Ruth Green & Donald Allister

Weekly year round (Choir Vestry)

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.



Bible Study during Lent

Both the daytime and the evening Bible study groups will be thinking seasonally, as the Evening group did during advent. Neither is a 'Lent Course' in the traditional sense, but through two different Gospels they will both be studying the Passion narrative.



*Picture painted
by Catherine Rednall*

From Sue

The Daytime Bible Study Group will follow Jesus through the events of the week before his crucifixion as they are described in St Mark's Gospel from chapter 11. This will cover the weeks of Lent and anyone who would like to come especially for that will be very welcome.

From Donald and Ruth

The Evening Bible Study Group will probably finish Ephesians on Shrove Tuesday, and then for the Tuesdays in Lent we will be studying John chapters 18 and 19: the arrest, trials, crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Despite it being Lent, we will continue to offer hot drinks and biscuits!

Toddler Group

The Toddler families all greatly appreciate the angels that Maggie had kindly knitted for giving out before Christmas - *Thank you Maggie for so kindly doing this!* They were also used by all during the Crib Service - see page 15.

Our international group is very welcoming and friendly, and runs on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am–11.30am. 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 half-term holiday, there is no Toddler Group on Monday 16th and Thursday 19th February.



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

STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS

We have a lovely group of students and young adults who during term-time have a regular schedule of Tuesday evening activities. These include meals, Bible Studies, Pub quizzes and the Open Mic Folk Music nights. It is great to meet regularly and to get to know each other well, while becoming a strong and supportive group, who also challenge each other.



Please note: we will not meet on Tuesday 17th February.

We are delighted that some of our students have also joined in with wider church activities such as welcoming, serving coffee after services and joining the Process service planning team.



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.

Process

Our January service began with listening to the famous passage on times and seasons from Ecclesiastes 3 and immortalised in the 1960s song 'Turn, turn, turn' by the Byrds. We reflected on important times and seasons in our lives and on how we use our time. Writing down and illustrating personal significant events led to some lively interesting discussion!



*Process is taking a break for February
and will return on Sunday 8th March, 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.



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

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 7.00pm.



The upcoming books are

25th February *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak.

25th March *Colonialism: a moral reckoning* by Nigel Biggar

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 Forbes, Director of Music



Choral Evensong will be held at 6.30pm on 22nd February and 22nd March.

Please note that the March Evensong has been moved to the 4th Sunday of March.

We hope that many will come and share this traditional choral led service.

Alongside the Sunday 10.45am services, the choir will also be singing at the Ash Wednesday service at 7.30pm on 18th February.

Do you enjoy singing?

For information about joining the choir, where to meet and the commitment required, please email me via office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Rehearsals are held on:

Thursdays 7.00pm–8.00pm: Junior Choir; 7.45pm - 9.30pm for adults.

Sundays 10.00am for the 10.45am service, and 5.30pm for Evensong.

Vestry Update January

By Roddy, Vestry Secretary

Vestry met on Wednesday 21st January and Thomas was welcomed on as a member. We had a full agenda and started with looking at the best options for a bank account that will give us a good rate of return for money not held in stocks and shares, but can also work well for the complexity of having multiple trustees.

Our fixed term contract with British Gas comes to an end in March and we would like to find someone who will help us to resolve the issue of the phantom meter as part of the new contract. Nick explained this in some detail at October's AGM.

It is lovely to have small children in the church with all the blessings and responsibilities that brings. One of the urgent issues is to ensure that the heating pipes in the hall give adequate protection for the vulnerable while allowing access for cleaning. We stood in the hall considering a range of options and have asked the buildings committee to action this.

As we come into spring it is lovely to imagine the trees in the garden in full bloom. Unfortunately, however, one of our trees is growing from the tower. The buildings committee have been asked to find a specialist company to deal with this matter in a cost-effective way.

Finally, the Vestry agreed on a date in March for an away day. Meetings are full of important business, so it is important for us as a group to have an opportunity to think strategically about our church with its practical problems but also many joys. Do please continue to pray for us.

Walking Group

By Janet H.



During the winter months the walks have been suspended, but 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 email Sheila via the office.

Monday Group

By Liz P.

We celebrated at our Christmas party on Monday 15th December with shortbread & mince pies and silly games. A good time was had by all.

On Monday 19th January Rev Ruth Green took a service of Holy Communion followed by a presentation entitled "Accepting Our Mortality". Her introduction was: *"Most of us avoid discussing death at all, but it's really useful to prepare ourselves and consider how our faith helps: we all want to die well, but what does that mean?"* There was a very good attendance including quite a few non-MG members. Ruth talked about the fact that many people have difficulty talking about death, even though it is obviously inevitable for us all, and bereavement also causes problems, people don't know what to do or say when someone's loved one has died. She quoted some surprising statistics about the large percentage of the Scottish population who have not made a will nor signed a Power of Attorney; nor have the majority of the population written down what they would like for their funeral. Ruth handed round questionnaires for us to take home and fill in about what preparations we should make to help our loved ones and also the church when we go.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16th February when we will be having a Quiz Afternoon.

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 email Jane or Liz P. via office@stpetersedinburgh.org

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

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Advent Sunday 2025, many families and people from all generations gathered together for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, which once again was a great success. Alongside our church family, it was wonderful to see so many people from our various regular weekly community events.

After switching on the lights on the tree in the church garden and singing a couple of Christmas Carols, everyone moved into the hall to sing lots more community Christmas Carols alongside the children who enjoyed a variety of Christmas craft.

While the children went up to the church for a short spell to hear Becky tell the Christmas Story around that tree, Annie Booth, who has been coming to our Open Mic nights, sang some Carols and Christmas songs in the hall, accompanying herself on the guitar and piano, and children from Little Folk sang Twinkle twinkle little star.

Our most grateful thanks go to:

- All who came and supported it.
- Becky and our Connect group who organised and oversaw the evening.
- The students who served the refreshments, helped to set up, clear up and oversaw the busy craft table.
- Rupert, who compered outside.
- Nick, who compered inside.
- Christina who played the community Carols on her violin along with Sheila on the piano.
- All those who organised, collected, put up and decorated the two trees.

It was a true testament to the wonderful community spirit of St Peter's!

*Annie Booth playing
the guitar while singing
Christmas Carols and
Christmas songs.*



Crib Service

The Crib Service was well attended by families involved in our congregation, Little Folk and Toddler Group. Becky's informal and fun telling of the story was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all. She incorporated the angels Maggie had kindly knitted for the Toddler Group, and everyone sang a couple of Christmas Carols.

(See the photos on the front inside cover.)



First Aid Courses

Janice Allister has already run several practical first aid courses for initial training or upgrading skills.

The next courses will be on 14th March (Resuscitation [CPR]) and 21st March (Basic First Aid).



Prior booking is essential and if you would like to take part, please email office@stpetersedinburgh.org.

You can also read more on our webpage, <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/first-aid-training>

Eco-Matters

No more milk tops required

By Liz P.



For several years now we have been collecting milk bottle tops for charity. There was a box at the back of church for you to hand in bags of them. Unfortunately I have to announce that we will no longer be collecting these bottle tops.

The main organiser of the collection, Brian Barry of Borders Bottle Tops for Charity, died suddenly while on holiday in Canada. Brian drove his own van covering a huge mileage to uplift tops from hubs in Falkirk, East Lothian, Edinburgh and even Newcastle. Volunteers then sorted them and they were

sold by the tonne to Border Plastic Recycling Ltd near St Boswell's, who ground them up into small pieces somewhat similar to coffee granules which they dispatch all over the world. One major use is insulation for deep sea cables. However nobody from the small team of volunteers was prepared to take over Brian's job and they have decided to wind up the operation. They wrote to thank all those who have saved their milk bottle tops for the charity and to tell them that tops should now be recycled via your own recycling bin.

My contact from Newington Trinity Church who collected the bottle tops from me has tried in vain to find an alternative place to which to take them, as have I. Apparently the best plan is to replace the tops on the rinsed-out bottles and put them directly into your green recycling bin but if you have some you have already collected you can't put them into the bin in a plastic bag, you need to put them in a paper bag. The plastic used for these tops is, we understand, top recycling grade, and so we do hope the council organises for them to be recycled efficiently. It takes many millions of tops to weigh a tonne - and they were sorted and bought by the ton! Our contributions helped. Thanks for your previous donations.

The Big Plastic Count

By Christine B.

A family member drew my attention to The Big Plastic Count during the week 9th-15th March. I've missed it in previous years (it started in 2022) but this year I intend to participate. Perhaps other readers might like to as well. The idea is to record every piece of **packaging** plastic we throw out during the week, whether it goes into recycling or landfill.

The count will use the collected data to put pressure on government to legislate to tackle plastic waste.

As we know, plastic production uses fossil fuels and is a major factor in climate change and pollution. The tendency is to throw responsibility on the consumers (us) rather than on the producers.

The reason for the count is that, sadly, much of the plastic we try and recycle doesn't in fact get recycled and ends up burned, in landfill, or sent abroad.

The website states: "Only the government can make the changes we need to solve the plastic problem – like putting policies in place to limit plastic production and prioritise reusable packaging that caters to everyone's needs."

There is lots of background and practical information on the Big Plastic Count website, including FAQs, to help participants (individuals, schools, businesses...) record and submit data. There are certain exemptions such as dog poo bags and nappies, essential medical and healthcare products like blister packs. Also exempt are items like juice cartons which are made of mixed materials.

To sign up, go to <https://thebigplasticcount.com/> This advance notice gives me at least time to prepare and get informed!

Helping Those in Need

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/>



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. There is a need for clothes to distribute such as shirts/tops, sweaters, or fleeces, hoodies, and trousers or joggers. Waterproof, and warm jackets are also good, socks, and underwear, ideally new, but clean is acceptable, and blankets or sleeping bags. Donated clothing should be adult sizes, and in reasonable condition. <https://edinburghcitymission.org.uk/ministry/care-van/>



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>

Our Church Family

Baptisms

11th January 2026 Fox and Orion

18th January 2026 James

In Memory...

Please keep in your prayers the following families and their friends.

Ruth Hepburn 9th May 1938 - 19th January 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the recent death of Ruth Hepburn. Her funeral will be held in St Peter's on Monday 9th February at 2.30pm. One of our long-standing members, Ruth was best known for attending the Sunday early morning service, although due to ill health she had unfortunately been unable to attend for a few years.



The following deaths were announced in the November to January magazine. All will be greatly missed by their family, friends, and members of St Peter's.

Willie Waitt 6th May 1927 - 30th September 2025

Willie and his wife, Kathleen, both joined St Peter's soon after they were married in 1960. At the time, Basil Millar was the Rector. Willie served on the Vestry for a number of years, during the time when the church was being re furbished, and helped to run many fund raising activities including a Burns Supper.

Being a P. E. Teacher, he loved the outdoors so when St Peters Day was celebrated by climbing a Munro both Willie and Kathleen naturally joined the group! For years he also worked in the church garden

keeping the grass cut and maintaining the lawn mower. Willie was 92 when he died and would often say how fortunate they were having such lovely friends and family and living in such a lovely house and district.



Professor Donald McKean 27th July 1933 - 1st October 2025

Donald moved to Edinburgh in 1992, after retiring from his position as Professor of Chemistry at Aberdeen University. Generations of non-conformists before him would have been shocked at his becoming Episcopalian, but Donald found a welcoming community of faith at St Peter's. He became fully engaged with the life of the church. He was very active in the garden, believing it created a welcoming space for the local community.

He was behind the creation of the Aslan garden, seeking out sculptors for the lion and the stone table. He hoped many children would come there to play. His love for DIY was also put to good use in many maintenance jobs, including balancing precariously on make-shift contraptions to change light bulbs in the high ceilings.

Losing his eyesight in his 80s meant many of things he had enjoyed doing were no longer possible.

However, the music at St Peter's was something he could continue to appreciate and gave him much joy right to the end of his life. He died peacefully at home last September at the age of 97. Donald was married to his wife Marian for 71 years; he had 4 daughters and 11 grandchildren.



Nancy Smith 23rd October 1929 - 2nd October 2025

Nancy grew up in Balcarres Street and attended Boroughmuir School. After leaving school, she was working in Cameron's Chemist in Bruntsfield when she met the local policeman, Ian Smith. They married in 1951, moved into a flat in Dalkeith Road, and brought up their three children.

After returning to work, several jobs included a laboratory technician at Liberton High School, an ECG technician at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and finally at the Sick Kids Hospital. Although excursions became much more difficult with age and infirmity, she loved taking her grandchildren to Jenners' café, attending St Peter's, and reading and completing the daily newspaper crossword. Almost reaching her 96th birthday, she died at the Chamberlain Nursing Home in Bruntsfield, peacefully and with great dignity.



Clergy

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

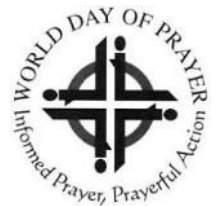
The Office There are currently no set office hours with Laura and Sheila working flexibly part-time, sometimes from home. If you want to see either of them in the office, please make an appointment.

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> Once published, the talks are free to access and remain indefinitely. Throughout February and March, Donald is continuing his series on John's gospel.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March *at the Edinburgh City Salvation Army Citadel, East Adam Street, Time TBC*



The 2026 World Day of Prayer focuses on Nigeria, drawing its inspiration from Matthew 11: 28-30, and reflects on the theme, "I will give you rest".

The World Day of Prayer is an international, women-led, ecumenical movement that shares the hopes, concerns, and prayers of women from around the globe. The women of Nigeria have created a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties.

The day begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa, and is truly a worldwide day of prayer and a powerful demonstration of global solidarity.

Regular Services in St Peter's

Sundays ♦ 9.00am ♦ 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 (*term-time*) ♦ 11.00am ♦ Prayer Service ♦ no music or sermon

1st Thursday of the month ♦ 11.00am ♦ 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*

February

Sunday 1st and Thursday 5th **Candlemas, Presentation of Christ in the Temple**
Transferred from 2nd February

*Malachi 3: 1-4 ♦ Psalm 84 ♦ Hebrews 2: 14-18 ♦ *Luke 2: 22-40

Sunday 8th February **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 58: 1-12 ♦ Psalm 112: 1-9 ♦ *1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 ♦ *Matthew 5: 13-20

Sunday 15th February **Sunday before Lent**

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ♦ Psalm 119:1-8 ♦ 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 ♦ *Matthew 5:21-37

Wednesday 18th February **Ash Wednesday**

*Isaiah 58: 1-12 ♦ Psalm 51: 1-18 ♦ 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6: 10 ♦

*Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Sunday 22nd February **First Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 ♦ *Psalm 32 ♦ Romans 5: 12-19 ♦ *Matthew 4: 1-11

Sunday 22nd February **Choral Evensong** **First Sunday of Lent**

*Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 ♦ *Romans 10: 8b-13 ♦ Psalm 119: 17-32

Sunday 1st March and Thursday 5th March **Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 12: 1-4a ♦ *Psalm 121 ♦ Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 ♦ *John 3: 1-17

Weekly email to keep in touch

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.

Magazine Articles

Please email or submit your articles and photographs to Sheila,

office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Thank you!

*The DEADLINE for the
March issue is
Thursday 26th February*

Please Note, the March magazine will be issued on 8th March

Dates for the Diary

FEBRUARY

- Sun 1st** Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Tue 3rd Usual Tuesday events (*p. 8*) ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm
Tue 3rd Student / Young Adult group
Thur 5th Monthly Communion ♦ 11.00am
Sun 8th Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Sun 8th *No Process service*
Mon 9th Ruth Hepburn's funeral ♦ 2.30pm
Tue 10th Usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm
Tue 10th Student / Young Adult group
Sun 15th *No Little Folk*
Mon 16th *No Toddler Group*
Mon 16th Monday Group ♦ 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Tue 17th *No Usual Tuesday daytime events or Student / Young Adult group*
Tue 17th Evening Bible Study Group ♦ 7.00pm
Wed 18th Ash Wednesday Service ♦ 7.30pm
Thur 19th *No Toddler Group*
Sun 22nd *No Little Folk*
Sun 22nd Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm
Tue 24th Usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm
Tue 24th Student / Young Adult group
Wed 25th St Peter's Book Club ♦ 7.00pm
Thur 26th March Magazine deadline

MARCH

- Sun 1st** Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Tue 3rd Usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm
Tue 3rd Folk Open Mic Night ♦ 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thur 5th Monthly Communion ♦ 11.00am
Fri 6th World Day of Prayer ♦ Time TBC ♦ *Edinburgh City Salvation Army Citadel*
Sun 8th Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Sun 8th Process ♦ 6.30pm

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