

# News & Views

St Peter's, Lutton Place  
March 2026

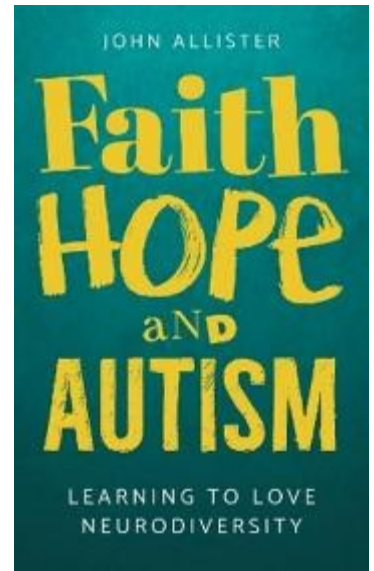




p. 8



p. 13



p. 16



Murals of a wasp and a badger...

See Walk on 21<sup>st</sup> February

p. 15



---

# From the Rector

*Rev Nick Wills*

I have just come back from a lovely holiday with Becky. We returned to New Zealand to catch up with friends there and see more of that beautiful country. We both had a wonderfully relaxing and inspiring time: in particular visiting Christchurch's Cardboard Cathedral was a highlight which will stay with me for a very long time. It was very moving to be in such a hopeful space full of light, which really stripped the form of a Cathedral back to its bare essence. It was also sobering to reflect on the way in which the building was so clearly designed around the flow to emergency exits which provided a completely different perspective on what it means for a church to be a sanctuary. (*See the front and back cover pictures.*)

Thanks to Sue, Donald and Ruth, who looked after the services and provided pastoral cover during my absence.

On my return to St Peter's, I announced on the 1<sup>st</sup> March that Ruth has been asked to join the team at St James' Goldenacre and was licensed as Associate Priest on that Sunday. A big thank you to Ruth for all she has contributed to St Peter's, in particular through her work as part of the Toddler team and leading the evening Bible Study Group alongside Donald, as well as leading worship and preaching. Michael will also be worshipping with Ruth at St James's, and he goes with our grateful thanks for his contributions to the life of St Peter's including leading the counting team and preparing the weekly Bible readings for services.

While I was away, the Diocese of Edinburgh Electoral Synod elected The Right Reverend Dr Dagmar Winter to be our new Diocesan Bishop. You can read more about Bishop Dagmar on page 11. Please pray for her as she prepares for her new ministry in Edinburgh.

---

## News & Views

*March 2026*

---

---

## St Peter's Lutton Place

*Edinburgh*

SC017358

The Scottish Episcopal Church

*The Most Rev Mark Strange  
Acting Bishop for the Diocese  
of Edinburgh.*

---

---

## Church Office

14 Lutton Place

Edinburgh

EH8 9PE

[office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

Tel No: 0131 563 8198

*Sheila and Laura work flexibly part-time. Messages may be left on the office answer machine, but please note it may be a few days before it is heard or dealt with. Webpage;*

<https://stpetersedinburgh.org/>

---

As Lent continues, there are opportunities to study the accounts of the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ at our daytime and evening Bible Study groups. See page 10.

Our Lent retiring collection is for Newington FoodBank+ which we support alongside other churches in Newington Churches Together.

Details of our Holy Week services can be found on the inside back page, as can information about the early morning services during Holy Week with Newington Churches Together, and the annual Good Friday Walk of Witness.

Thank you to Janet H., who led a walk on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The route included Saughton Gardens, Pinkhill and the Water of Leith. It was timed so those interested would be back before the Six Nations! On page 15 you can read about this and see the forthcoming walk on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Many members of our church have undergone training in First Aid and Resuscitation led by Janice Allister. The next opportunity to take part in the training, provided free of charge, will be on Saturday's 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of March. See page 14.

Finally, Rupert Forbes, our Director of Music, has informed us of his decision to retire later this year. See page 8. His final service will very fittingly be on our Patronal Festival, St Peter's Day, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We will be celebrating Rupert's immense contribution to the worshipping life of St Peter's of over 30 years, as well as a lifetime of involvement in church music. Thank you, Rupert!

During very uncertain times on the global stage, I wish you all peace.

Your Rector,  
Nick



## **Daffodils on Mothering Sunday**

On Mothering Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, little bunches of daffodils will be given to the congregation as they leave church.

Thank you to Sue W for organising this, Rupert for the greenery, and to the team of helpers who will help to put the bunches together!

If you would like to help with this, please let Sue W. know, and meet in the church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am. Many hands make light work!

---

*Front and back cover photos by Nick Wills; Christchurch's Transitional Cathedral, New Zealand, where much of the building's structure is made out of cardboard!*

---

# St Peter's Lent Appeal

## Newington FoodBank<sup>+</sup>



Our Lent Appeal is again supporting Newington Foodbank Plus, based just around the corner at the Community Church. After losing significant funding from Edinburgh City Mission in 2024, in 2025 they had a deficit of £4000. With the cost of living continually increasing, it is hard for many, and for those with less, the choices prove to be starker...

After each of our services during Lent there is an opportunity to give financially through a retiring collection for the Newington Foodbank<sup>+</sup>. For those who wish to Gift Aid their donation, Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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

The items particularly required this month are: tinned meat, pasta sauce, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cooking oil, shampoo, shower gel and razors.

---

## 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 Sunday 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](mailto:becky@stpetersedinburgh.org) any time.

---

# Toddler Group

Our international group is very welcoming and friendly, and runs during term-time 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.



*Toddlers meet throughout March but due to the Easter holidays, not on Mondays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> April, or Thursdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April.*

*However, see below about the Easter crafts and egg hunt being held during the holidays!*



## Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt

*for our Church and Early Years children aged around 6 and under.*

On **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** from 9.30am-11.30am, Becky, our Children's and Young People's Worker, will lead an Easter egg hunt (in the garden if weather permits) and Easter crafts for all children of our Church family and Toddler Group who are aged around 6 and under.



There will also be a child-friendly retelling of the Easter story - and possibly even an Easter treat! Amongst the themed activities, there will also be time for free play.

All are welcome!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

*If you would like to attend or have any questions about any of our children's work, please email Becky via [becky@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:becky@stpetersedinburgh.org).*

---

# 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 (*meeting throughout the whole of March but not on Sundays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> April.*)
- 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.*

---

## 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 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.



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.

If you are interested in joining this group, please speak to Becky or Nick, or email [becky@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:becky@stpetersedinburgh.org).

---

# Music Notes



*By Rupert Forbes, Director of Music*

It is with much sadness that I have decided to resign my position as Director of Music at St Peter's as of the end of June 2026. The past thirty years have been enormously enjoyable and rewarding and I hope have also served to bring a wide range of music to enhance services at St Peter's.



I should like to thank all current and past members of the choir for their enthusiasm and commitment over the years and in particular I am most grateful to Sheila who has been a wonderful source of support and encouragement for so many years.

Choral music has been central to my life for some 75 years, and I will miss it profoundly, but it is now time to bring this phase of my life to a close.

*A note from Sheila...*

*The contribution Rupert has made to St Peter's over the past 30 years has been immense and he will be hugely missed by all! Most especially by me. Since arriving as Organist in 2003, he has been wonderful to work with. His musicianship is inspirational, knowledge of Church music unsurpassable, and words cannot express how grateful I am for his constant encouragement, support and friendship. Thank you!*

*There will be a proper thanks and farewell to Rupert in June.*

## English Sacred Choral Music

There is currently a bid for English Sacred Choral Music to get UNESCO Living Heritage status, thus safeguarding the future of our choral tradition.

The wish is for 'English Sacred Choral Music' to be recognised as a Living Heritage in the UK's 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' inventory.

A living practice of collective music-making characterised by a distinctive choral sound and a rich body of repertoire, it originated in English cathedral and collegiate foundations and has become a defining element of cultural life in the UK, expressed through cross-denominational liturgical services and secular performances. For more information, see:

<https://www.cathedralmusictrust.org.uk/unesco-living-heritage/>



**Choral Evensong** will be held at 6.30pm on Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> April.

We hope that many will come and share this traditional choral led service. Still being in Lent, the music on 22<sup>nd</sup> March is more reflective.



**Music for Choral Evensong on 22<sup>nd</sup> March,**  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings Romans 5: 12-21; Luke 22: 1-13; Psalm 34  
Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis The Second Service Byrd  
Anthem Ave Verum Corpus Byrd  
Responses Byrd; Lord's Prayer Stone  
NEH 253 The duteous day now closeth (Innsbruck)  
NEH 244 Glory to thee, my God, this night (Tallis's Canon)

## Do you enjoy singing?

For information about joining the choir, where to meet and the commitment required, please speak to me after a morning service, or email me via the office.

### Choir 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.

**Voice for Life** for St Peter's Church family children age c. 7-18.

Thursdays 6.15pm-7.00pm (*If interested, please speak to Sheila.*)

---

## Process

The Process service on 8<sup>th</sup> March has as its theme 'Peace with the world'.

We will 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>



---

# TUESDAYS AT ST PETER'S

The morning events are all held in the hall on

3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March; 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April

## 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*

During Lent, this group is following Jesus through the events of the week before his crucifixion as they are described in St Mark's Gospel from chapter 11. 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)*

During Lent, this group is studying John chapters 18 and 19: the arrest, trials, crucifixion and burial of Jesus. 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.



---

# 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 from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.



The upcoming books are

**25<sup>th</sup> March**      *Colonialism: a moral reckoning* by Nigel Biggar

**29<sup>th</sup> April**      *Fully alive: tending to the soul in turbulent times* by Elizabeth Oldfield. A book that makes you think about what motivates you and what is really important in life today.

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>

---

## Bishop of Edinburgh-Elect

### Right Reverend Dr Dagmar Winter

Bishop Dagmar was elected by the SEC Electoral Synod on 14<sup>th</sup> February and will take up her new post at the end of May. Consecrated as a bishop in 2019, she is currently Bishop of Huntingdon (a suffragan bishop), and since 2023 has also been the Acting Bishop of Ely. The Bishop-Elect accepted the post following a meeting of the Electoral Synod in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, where she received over half of the votes in each house, with clergy and lay representatives from congregations across the diocese voting.

Of British and Swiss-German descent, Bishop Dagmar studied at the Universities of Erlangen, Aberdeen and Heidelberg, and was ordained in the Diocese of Rochester as deacon in 1996 and as priest in 1997. Alongside her pastoral ministry, she has a particular interest in the New Testament, and is Vice-President of the Conference of European Churches which runs a number of projects, especially *Pathways to Peace*.

More detailed information about Bishop Dagmar is on the Edinburgh Diocese Webpage: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/2026/02/new-bishop-elected-for-the-diocese-of-edinburgh/>

---

# Monday Group

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February we met in the Choir Vestry at the later time of 3.00pm for a Quiz Afternoon. Three teams competed with Liz P. as the quizmaster. There were four rounds – Biblical Families, Scottish History, World Geography and a Picture Round of photos of musical instruments to identify. Liz showed off smugly by being able to list all the sons of Jacob, which she was made to learn off by heart in primary school. When she recited this list to her daughter, who was visiting for half-term, Anna said “What use has this been to you in your life, Mum?” The answer had to be “Well, actually, none at all!”

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, again at 3.00pm in the Choir Vestry. Ralph and Margaret G. will be giving an illustrated talk on their recent visit to Sri Lanka.

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.

---

## Finance at St Peter's Update

We thank Michael G. very much for all his help over the past year overseeing the weekly counting and retiring collections.

With new software in the office, the task of tracking weekly collections has become much simpler, but we still depend on a brilliant team of eagle-eyed counters to tot up and bank general and charitable collections every fortnight. The counter's rota is now organised alongside other weekly rotas.

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](mailto:development@stpetersedinburgh.org)

---

# FOLK AND ACOUSTIC MUSIC OPEN MIC NIGHT

Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April

7.30pm-9.30pm In the Hall Free



The first three Open Mic evenings held so far have been greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Alongside non-St Peter's members, it was super to hear members of our congregation playing harmonica, piano, trumpet, violin and sing!

- 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!*

---

## Eco-Matters

### A carbon fast in Lent? *By Anna*

God's first instruction to humans, in the Bible, is caring for his creation. Lent is traditionally a time to fast and focus on God. Could we consider a carbon fast in Lent? Living more simply, and finding new ways to reduce our carbon footprint?

An organisation called Climate Stewards have weekly information with a different focus for each week of Lent - further information can be found here.

<https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

---

## Magazine Articles

Please email or submit your articles and photographs to Sheila,  
[office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org) Thank you.

---

*The DEADLINE for the  
April issue is  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March*

---

# First Aid Courses

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



*The next courses will held be on*

**14<sup>th</sup> March (Resuscitation [CPR])**

**21<sup>st</sup> March (Basic First Aid)**

Prior booking is essential and if you would like to take part, please email her at [Janice](mailto:Janice).

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

## Defibrillator

Did you know that since being installed in our garden in March 2025, the Scottish Ambulance Service has sent a 999 caller to get our defibrillator six times?

Although not actually used, we are helping our local ambulance service to save potentially save lives!



## When phoning 999 if someone collapses;

1. The call handler will ask where you are and what has happened.  
*The key symptom to say is that the patient is not breathing.*
2. Give the emergency services the code on the defibrillator door.  
*The caller will then give you another code to open the door and access it.*

## Immediate actions in an Emergency when someone collapses;

1. Is the person breathing?
2. If not breathing, start cardiac massage.  
*(30 compressions to 2 rescue breaths.)*
3. As soon as you can, call for help.
4. Phone 999 - *say the patient is not breathing.*
5. Ask someone to fetch the defibrillator while you continue the cardiac massage and rescue breaths.

# Walking Group



**Walking Group, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Time and venue TBC**

Janet H. is leading a walk, and more information about it will be available nearer the time.

## **A recent walk...** *led and report by Janet H.*

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 10 of us left for a walk from the north end of Balgreen Road in Corstorphine. The weather was fair, no wind, not too cold and we were hoping the rain forecast for later in the day would not appear early. We walked west to the edge of Carrick Knowe golf course and onto the trackbed of the old Corstorphine railway branch line, now a well surfaced path. We passed the platforms of the former Pinkhill Station which had served the zoo. The station was open from 1902 to 1968 and the former booking office can be seen on the bridge above. We followed the track then headed south to reach the path along the southern edge of the golf course which follows the line of the tram. There are good views over to Corstorphine Hill and east to the Castle and Edinburgh's skyline.

From just past the old Jenners Depository with its distinctive sign and the tram stop we crossed over the road and through the Balgreen Tunnel which has been beautifully painted with animal pictures transforming a previously gloomy tunnel. Next, we reached the Water of Leith path which wasn't too muddy. There were still plenty of snowdrops and the odd crocus.



From here we entered Saughton Gardens which are well worth a visit. As well as a rose garden, herbaceous borders, topiary and a physic garden there is an old restored bandstand and, importantly, a café run by the 4 Square social enterprise which supports homeless people. Suitably refreshed we negotiated bus diversions to get back and all before any rain, and in time for the rugby! The walk was about 4.5km.



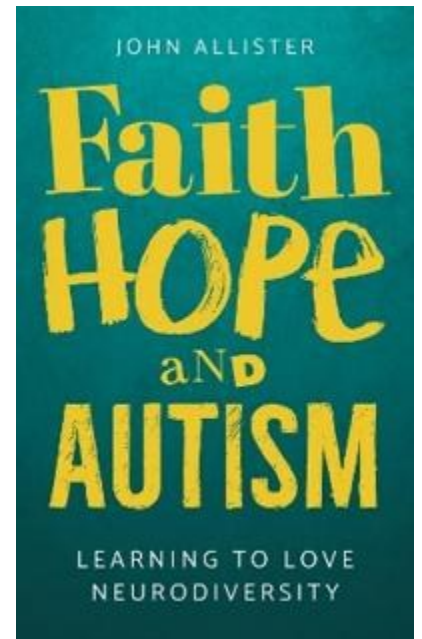
*If you would like to receive Walking Group emails with information about forthcoming and last-minute walks, please speak to or email myself or Sheila by emailing the office.*

---

# *Faith Hope and Autism*

Neurodiversity is big news these days, especially in its most common forms, ADHD and Autism. ***Faith Hope and Autism*** is a new book looking into this from a Christian and church perspective. If the author's surname seems familiar, John Allister is Donald and Janice's son, a vicar in Nottingham, and someone who knows this subject from within.

Well written, personal, biblical, and very moving: this should be a real help to autistic people, especially Christians. It may well become the first place to go if churches want to become friendly and welcoming to autistic people.



## ***Faith Hope and Autism***

John Allister

Canterbury Press

---

# Donald's Pilgrimage to Jordan

*Donald Allister*

Last July I wrote about a trip I hoped to lead to Jordan this coming October. I am sorry to report now that I have decided to cancel this. I have written in more detail to those who expressed interest in coming: in short, it hasn't been possible to find a tour operator who will meet my specifications at what I consider a reasonable price. I'm used to doing this in Israel and the West Bank, with suitable hotels, comfortable travel, and a strong focus on biblical sites.

Hopefully Jordan, which wants to develop western tourism including Christian pilgrimages, will see a growth in the necessary infrastructure and tour operators before too long.

For now, my apologies for any disappointment caused.

---

# 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 ♦ 3.00pm ♦ 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**

---

# Rev Ruth Green

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Rev Ruth Green was licensed as Associate Priest at St James' Goldenacre. We will still see her at St Peter's for occasional 9am and evening services, but her main commitment will now be at St James'.

We shall miss her, but we wish her well as she formally begins that new ministry.

---

## Helping Those in Need

### Newington FoodBank<sup>+</sup>

The donations of non-perishable food and basic toiletries that keep appearing in the box at the back of church each week are gratefully appreciated! Individuals can also take donations directly to the Foodbank at Community Church on Thursday mornings. The items particularly required this month are: tinned meat, pasta sauce, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cooking oil, shampoo, shower gel and razors.



### 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

Every night and five lunchtimes week these charities jointly run a van distributing food, hot drinks and clothes to the homeless. Required is adult sized clothing in a reasonable condition to distribute; shirts/tops, sweaters/fleeces/hoodies, trousers, joggers, warm waterproof jackets, socks, underwear, ideally new but clean, blankets and sleeping bags. <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>

---

# 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, please let one of the Clergy or Pastoral Team know as members of our Clergy and Lay Pastoral Team would then be happy to bring you Communion at home. Please also 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. 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 March, Donald is continuing his series on the Gospel of John.

## *In Memory...*

**Ruth Hepburn 9<sup>th</sup> May 1938 - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

After attending Sciennes Primary School, Boroughmuir High School, followed by Pitman Secretarial College, Ruth emigrated to New Zealand for several years before returning to Edinburgh to look after her ill father.

Her parents ran a General Grocer Store just off the Meadows, and her happy childhood included being in the Girl Guides and attending St Peter's, which she continued to do for many years. She was also a member of the Monday Group. An intrepid traveller, Ruth visited many countries and enjoyed cycling both in the Borders and further afield, particularly to Loch Lomond and Rowardennan Youth Hostel. Interested in sewing, gardening and cooking, she also took a great deal of interest in her nephews and nieces.

She will be greatly missed by her wide family and friends.



---

# Sunday Readings

*\*The passages being read*

## March

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March      Second Sunday in Lent

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

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March      Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17: 1-7 ♦ Psalm 95 ♦ \*Romans 5 1-11 ♦ \*John 4: 5-42

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March      Mothering Sunday

\*Exodus 2: 1-10 ♦ Psalm 34 ♦ Colossians 3: 12-17 ♦ \*John 19: 25-27

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March      Fifth Sunday in Lent

\*Ezekiel 37: 1-14 ♦ Psalm 130 ♦ Romans 8: 6-11 ♦ \*John 11: 1-45

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March      Choral Evensong      Fifth Sunday in Lent

\*Romans 5: 12-21 ♦ \*Luke 22: 1-13 ♦ Psalm 34

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March      Palm Sunday (*Liturgy of the Palms*)

Isaiah 50: 4-9a ♦ Psalm 118: 19-29 ♦ \*Philippians 2: 5-11 ♦ \*Matthew 21: 1-11

## APRIL

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April      Maundy Thursday (*11.00am and 7.30pm*)

Exodus 12: 1-14 ♦ Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 ♦ \*1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 ♦

\*John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April      Easter Day

\*Acts 10: 34-43 ♦ Psalm 118: 14-24 ♦ Colossians 3: 1-4 ♦ \*John 20: 1-18

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April      The Second Sunday of Easter

\*Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 ♦ Psalm 16 ♦ 1 Peter 1: 3-9 ♦ \*John 20: 19-31

---

## 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.

---

# Dates for the Diary

## MARCH

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>** Usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm  
**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>** Folk Open Mic Night ♦ 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
**Thur 5<sup>th</sup>** Monthly Communion, 11am  
**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** Process ♦ 6.30pm  
**Tue 10<sup>th</sup>** All usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am, 12 noon, 1.00pm, 7.00pm  
**Tue 10<sup>th</sup>** Student / Young Adult group  
**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** First Aid training (Resuscitation [CPR]) ♦ 9.30am-11.30am  
**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** Preparing daffodils for Mothering Sunday ♦ 10.00am  
**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** Monday Group ♦ 3.00pm – 4.30pm  
**Tue 17<sup>th</sup>** All usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am, 12 noon, 1.00pm, 7.00pm  
**Tue 17<sup>th</sup>** Students & young adults event  
**Thur 19<sup>th</sup>** April Magazine deadline  
**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** First Aid training (Basic First Aid) ♦ 9.30am-11.30am  
**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm  
**Tue 24<sup>th</sup>** All usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am, 12 noon, 1.00pm, 7.00pm  
**Tue 24<sup>th</sup>** Students & young adults event  
**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** St Peter's Book Club ♦ 7.00pm  
**Sat 28<sup>th</sup>** Walking Group ♦ Time TBC  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday ♦ 9.00am and 10.45am  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Tue 31<sup>st</sup>** All usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am, 12 noon, 1.00pm, 7.00pm  
**Tue 31<sup>st</sup>** Student / Young Adult group

## APRIL

- Thur 2<sup>nd</sup>** Last Toddler Group before Easter holidays ♦ 9.30am-11.30am  
**Thur 2<sup>nd</sup>** Monthly Communion Service ♦ 11.00am  
**Thur 2<sup>nd</sup>** Maundy Thursday Service ♦ 7.30pm  
**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>** Good Friday Walk of Witness ♦ 9.00am *from Newington Trinity-Mayfield*  
**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>** Good Friday Service of Reflection and Contemplation ♦ 7.30pm  
**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** Easter Day ♦ 9.00am and 10.45am  
**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** *No Little Folk*  
**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> / Thur 9<sup>th</sup>** *No Toddler Group*  
**Tue 7<sup>th</sup>** *No usual Tuesday morning events*  
**Tue 7<sup>th</sup>** Evening Bible Study Group ♦ 7.00pm  
**Tue 7<sup>th</sup>** Open Mic Folk Night ♦ 7.30pm - 9.30pm

---

# Clergy and Staff

Rector Rev Nick Wills

Associate Clergy Rev Sue Whitehouse  
Bishop Donald Allister  
Rev Ruth Green

Children's & Young People's Worker Becky

[becky@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:becky@stpetersedinburgh.org)

Hall Bookings / Development Laura [development@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:development@stpetersedinburgh.org)

Administrator / Magazine Sheila [office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

## Church Officers

Vestry Secretary Roddy

Treasurer Laura [development@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:development@stpetersedinburgh.org)

Lay Representative Jan

Alternate Lay Representative Hilary

Finance Convenor Ralph

Works Convenor Liz M

Connect Becky [becky@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:becky@stpetersedinburgh.org)

Sacristan Liz M

Fire Warden Pam

## Church Organisations and Groups

Servers' Guild Bill

Monday Group Jane

Thursday Lunch Club (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) Delia

*All of the above can be contacted by emailing*

[office@stpetersedinburgh.org](mailto:office@stpetersedinburgh.org)

# Holy Week and Easter at St Peter's

Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9am (said) 10.45am (& music)



Services of Holy Communion celebrating the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem. It reminds Christians of the wish to welcome Jesus into our hearts, and the willingness to follow him.

Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April



11.00am (said) 7.30pm (with music)

Service of Holy Communion, commemorating Jesus's institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper.

Deriving from the Latin word 'mandatum' (command), the word 'Maundy' reflects on the words Jesus spoke, which are written in John 13: 34; 'A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you'.

Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.30pm



A service of Reflection and Contemplation for Good Friday

*(Picture painted by Catherine Rednall)*

Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April



9am (said) 10.45am (with music)

Services of Holy Communion joyfully celebrating the life the Risen Christ shares with us all.

## Holy Week with Newington Churches Together

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.45am

Newington Churches Together are holding their Holy Week breakfast meetings again, and all are welcome: Daily at Newington Trinity - Mayfield (corner of Mayfield Road and West Mayfield), 7.45am for a short service led by a minister from a different church each day (Donald Allister on the Monday), 8.00am for a fellowship breakfast of cereal and rolls. Let's get together with our Catholic, Church of Scotland, Methodist, and Salvation Army friends.

Good Friday Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Walk of Witness 9.00am

Join with Christians from local churches for the annual Walk of Witness beginning at Newington Trinity - Mayfield, leaving after breakfast.

*Inside the Transitional Cathedral in Christchurch, New Zealand. The structural columns are made from cardboard tubes. It was designed by the Japanese architect, Shigeru Ban, and completed in 2013. (p. 3)*

