

News & Views

St Peter's, Lutton Place

September 2026

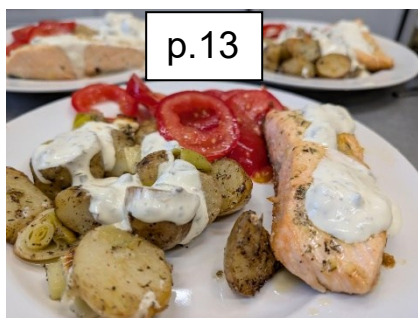




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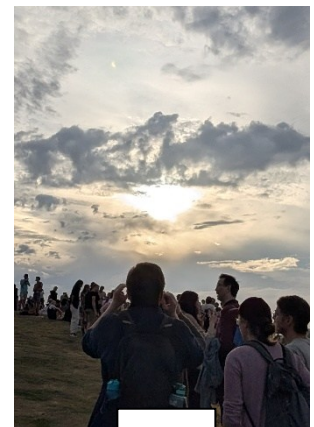
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From the Rector

Rev Nick Wills

Dear Friends,

I took the dramatic photo on the front cover on the evening of Sunday 19th July from Blackford Hill. It was frightening to see the sheer size of the flames on Salisbury Crags, which leapt to enormous height as the wind fanned them. It is sobering to think that, had the wind been in a different direction, the fire may have reached many homes in the area near our church. We should all be very grateful for the hard-working fire fighters who prevented a large wildfire from becoming even more dangerous.

Following the retirement of Rupert, I am delighted to inform you that the Vestry has appointed Sheila Chisholm to combine the role of Director of Music with her current post as Organist. Sheila and I had a very good meeting with the choir on Thursday 2nd July and discussed her vision of the choir going forward and some of the practicalities of her combining both roles. We are also delighted that Christian Wong will continue as our Organ Scholar for a fourth year, and he and Sheila will share the playing of the organ and together with Ian G, Christine B and possibly other choir members in the future, will share the conducting duties.

Christian's choral composition, *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart*, was awarded third prize in this year's Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival Young Composers Competition, judged by Cecilia McDowall. It was performed in Canongate Kirk along with the other prize-winning compositions and some of McDowall's anthems. In addition, as part of his prize for winning third place in last year's competition, Christian was commissioned to compose a piece that was performed as part of the Sacred Arts Festival at Church of the Sacred Heart, Lauriston Street on 19th August. (See page 10)

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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/>

Many of the activities for younger members of St Peter's were paused for the summer holidays but Children's Church continued, and Becky also led three Toddler Specials exploring the stories of three friends of Jesus; Andrew the fisherman; Mary the listener; Peter the Rock, through fun play, activities and interactive story telling. Our Toddler Group resumed on Monday 17th August with a really good turnout of many returning members, and some new faces, and Little Folk resumed on 23rd August. We encourage everyone to spread the word about both our very fun and friendly groups for Early Years Children!

Members of St Peter's met with the new Bishop of Edinburgh, Rt Rev Dagmar Winter, and her dog Tilda, as she called in as part of her walk around the Diocese on Thursday 30th July. See the photo on the inside cover.

Over the summer we were very sad to learn about the deaths of former choir member Nick Cowan and congregation member Judith Brearely, as well as Rev Ian Zass-Ogilvie, who was Rector of St Peter's, Lutton Place from 1988 to 2000. I know there are many people at St Peter's who are hugely appreciative of Ian's ministry, and I was also very grateful that he took the time to phone me and to encourage me when it was announced that I was to become Rector of St Peter's. His funeral is at St Peter's Church, Balsall Common, Coventry on 7th September, and we will make the link to the livestream available through the Saturday email for those who wish.

As we head into September, many of our regular events return. Weekly daytime Tuesday events resume on 1st September, and the Folk Open Mic and Singing Circle returns that evening too.

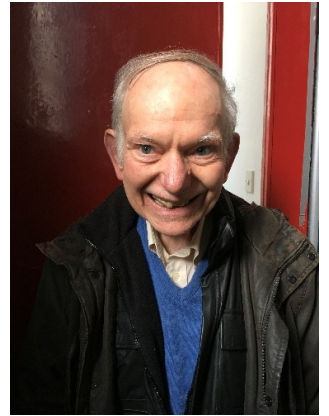
As the university term launches, we look forward to many of our students from last year returning and hopefully there will be new faces as well! We will hold our Welcome (back) student burger lunch after the 10.45am service on 20th September, and there will be a full programme of events for students and young adults throughout the term.

A new Confirmation Class will begin soon, with the Confirmation Service taking place on Sunday 21st February 2027. If you are interested in exploring this, I am very happy to discuss it with you.

During September we will be celebrating the Season of Creation, which culminates on 4th October with our Harvest Festival and simple soup lunch. We will be collecting food produce and cash donations for Newington FoodBank+.

Process this term will be following the theme of 'New', and on Sunday 13th September we will be reflecting on the Bible Verse of 2 Corinthians 5: 17: 'So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!'

Many Congratulations to Bill Polson, who having been part of the Edinburgh South Cricket Club for many decades has recently been made an Hon Vice-President! During his enormous contribution to the club since 1957, he had taken more than 500 wickets and scored almost 2500 runs for the club.



Finally, please see the article on the back page which extends our 'warmest' thanks to Philip and Liz M for their work over the summer constructing and installing guards for the hall heaters. They have done an incredible job!

With my prayers,

Your Rector,

Nick

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 fun activities based on the day's Bible theme are organised by Becky and held in the church hall with a group of PVG covered volunteers helping her to run the activities. Children and their leaders usually leave during the Gloria and return to the service in time for Communion.



Questions? Please speak to a Welcomer or to Becky before the service. Or you can email becky@stpetersedinburgh.org any time.

Toddler Summer Specials

Many children of our church family and Toddler Group enjoyed our three Summer Specials! During each session there were the usual toddler toys, games, the children went up to the church to hear Becky tell one of the three stories about the friends of Jesus and enjoyed related crafts: The stories were: Andrew the fisherman; Mary the listener; and Peter the Rock.



Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group has resumed and runs during term time each Monday and Thursday 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. Our international groups are very welcoming and friendly, with families from all over the world!



For more information about Toddlers please email Becky via becky@stpetersedinburgh.org.



Over the summer, Becky, Ann S, Grace, Elijah and Liz M did a magnificent job washing, disinfecting and cleaning all the toddler toys!



Congregational Burger Lunch

Sunday 20th September, *after the 10.45am service*

We hope as many of the congregation as possible will stay for the burger lunch - an opportunity for us all to Welcome (back) our students and young adults. (Various dietary options will be available.)

STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Starting on Tuesday 15th September, the group will meet every Tuesday evening during term-time with a varied programme of meals, games and Bible study.

After the 10.45am service on Sunday 20th September, we will be having a Welcome (back) lunch to welcome our students back.

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.



Process

*Our next Process service is on **Sunday 13th September**.*

These relaxed services are always different – sometimes reflective, sometimes interactive and always unique.

The theme for this term is 'New', with services exploring in different ways various aspects of 'New' things. In September, taking the recent solar eclipse as our starting point, we will be considering themes of light, darkness and rebirth. (See the two pictures of the recent solar eclipse taken from Blackford Hill on 11th August.)



As the services are planned each month, updated information is included in our Saturday emails and online: <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/process>

Music Notes

Sheila, Director of Music & Organist



Having been the Organist at St Peter's under Rupert's expert direction for the past 23 years, it feels extremely odd now to be the new Director of Music! It is however a great privilege to take on the role. My thanks go to the interview panel who, having put me through my paces, put their trust in me, and when the appointment was announced, I was deeply moved and encouraged by all the obvious delight and warm congratulations given by the choir and congregation. Thank you!!



Having been in charge of various choirs over the years, leading a church choir is not new to me. However, this new role feels quite different, and it is taking a lot of getting used to - is it *really* me who must now make the final decision??! - but as the weeks pass, I am settling into it and getting more used to the responsibilities it carries. Continuing from the excellent point to which Rupert had brought the choir, I look forward with excitement and anticipation to developing it further.

As Nick said in his letter, we are delighted that Christian will be continuing the Organ Scholarship over this academic year. Over the summer break when I was on holiday and then unexpectedly on leave due to a family bereavement, Christian has done an excellent job of playing the organ each week. I am extremely grateful indeed to Christian, Christine B and Ian G for sorting and agreeing who was doing what and therefore ensuring the music in our worship continued uninterrupted.

Looking forward, with Christian, Ian G, Christine B, and various other able conductors, organists and musicians in our choir, I would like to enable those who wish to take part in conducting and playing to have the opportunity to do so. I will be overseeing who does what, but please don't be surprised if more than one person conducts or plays the organ during a service.

Voice for Life

St Peter's being a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) choir, Voice for Life, an RSCM choir training programme, is incorporated into choir rehearsals with choristers having lots of fun learning many things; singing, reading music, aural skills, about services, liturgy, the Bible. Medals and coloured ribbons are awarded depending on what level has been gained.



Thursday Choir Rehearsals have now resumed.

- **Junior Choir** (for ages c. 7-18), **6.15pm – 8.00pm**. There will be a break around 7.00pm, and younger children can leave at that point. *Although Junior Choir and the RSCM programme 'Voice for Life' are no longer being split into two separate sessions, please be assured both are still as important with both being incorporated throughout the rehearsals and choristers still working towards goals and medals as before.*
- **Adult Choir** (for ages 17+), **7.45pm-9.30pm**

Weekly Sunday Rehearsals **10.00am** for the 10.45am service
Evensong Sundays **5.30pm** for the 6.30pm service.

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 enthusiastic all-age choir! Anyone interested in joining us is very welcome to speak to me after a service or email me at choir@stpetersedinburgh.org.



Choral Evensong

This is sung once a month and we hope that many will come and share this traditional choral led service. It will be held on Sundays 30th August, 27th September, 18th October and 22nd November.

Finally, my most grateful thanks to everyone for all the meaningful and kind messages of condolence, understanding and support on the recent death of my Dad. They are all much appreciated...

First Aid Courses

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



The next courses will be held from 9.30am-11.30am on Saturdays

3rd October (Resuscitation [CPR]) **10th October (Basic First Aid)**

Resuscitation (including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation [CPR], defibrillation, and treatment for anaphylactic shock and for choking)

Basic First Aid (bleeds, breaks, burns, falls and faints)

Prior booking is essential and if you are interested or want to chat, please contact Janice **by 19th September**. Email janice.allister@gmail.com

Webpage, <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/first-aid-training>

Congratulations to Christian Wong!

At the Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts, Christian our Organ Scholar, aged 15 when he entered his anthem '*Spirit of God*' for the Young Composers' Competition, was awarded 3rd prize, adjudicated and awarded by the renowned composer, Cecilia McDowall! This was especially impressive considering that the 1st and 2nd prizes were each won by composition graduates, and Christian was the youngest prize winning or Highly Commended entrant. At the concert in Canongate Kirk on Monday 17th August, several St Peter's supporters went to hear this beautiful, atmospheric and meditative work sung by the Sacred Arts Festival Singers.

The following Wednesday, several of our members went to The Sacred Heart, Lauriston Street, to hear the Singers in 'Celebrating Three Generations of Wesleys' (the family dynasty of hymn writers and composers). As well as original pieces this concert included three commissioned pieces by the three winners of last year's competition, of which, again among very stiff competition, Christian had won 3rd prize. Based on the hymn tune Gopsal and the words of Charles Wesley, 'Rejoice, the Lord is King', this style was totally different - joyful, uplifting and exciting.

We look forward to singing both pieces in the coming months!



Nick

Christian

Rupert

A THOUSAND THANKS

From Rupert, Director of Music, until his retirement on 29th June.

Now that I have settled down into a routine of life without choir rehearsals or choral services, I am able to write again to offer my thanks to the members of the congregation of St Peter's. In my previous letter I was able to mention Nick's sermon on my last day as Director of Music at the end of June, when he presented me with various items reflecting a land flowing with milk (in the shape of cheeses) and honey, to be washed down with various beers and wines, all of which were gifts from you, the members of St Peter's. I subsequently also received an enormously generous monetary gift as a further part of the congregation's leaving present.

In July, Elisabeth my wife and I were able to celebrate our Golden Wedding and took a short trip to places we had not previously visited – the World Heritage Site at New Lanark, a couple of National Trust venues nearby and on the anniversary itself, a trip in beautiful sunshine 'Doon the Watter' from Glasgow to Rothesay and back on the paddle steamer Waverley which is almost as old as I am, but in better condition. We treated ourselves to a splendid dinner the following evening and rounded off the excursion with a tour and a sumptuous tea at the Mackintosh Tearooms.

On our return to Edinburgh, we also hugely enjoyed a delicious Thai meal together with Nick and Becky at Nok's Kitchen near the castle.

The whole anniversary celebration was made all the more enjoyable as we were able to utilise funds from the most generous parting gift from the congregation at St Peter's, for which we are enormously grateful.

Walking Group If you would like to receive Walking Group emails with information about forthcoming and last-minute walks, email Janet or Sheila via the office.

Housebound, ill or would like a visit? If you, or someone you know, would like a visit or have not received Communion because you/they have been unable to come to Church, please let one of the Clergy or Pastoral Team know. Members of our Clergy and Lay Pastoral Team would then be happy to visit and/or 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.

FOLK OPEN MIC NIGHT AND SINGING CIRCLE



Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm

1st September

6th October

3rd November

Continuing to be a very friendly, encouraging and supportive environment to make music, our Open Mic and Singing Circle night has more of an emphasis on traditional folk song. Alongside everyone being very welcome to contribute and perform their own songs and/or music, there is also the opportunity for those present to join in singing a selection of folk songs, often accompanied on the piano, but also sometimes unaccompanied or with other instruments.

- 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!

In the Hall

Free

Confirmation Classes

Are you interested in exploring your Christian faith in a structured and supportive way with the thought to making a public commitment to it through being Confirmed?

If so, please speak to Nick about it asap as a Confirmation class will be starting soon.

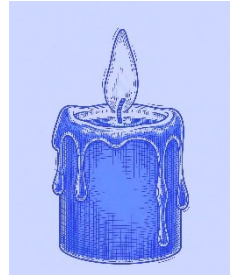
Vestry did not meet in July or August and will next meet in September.

TUESDAYS AT ST PETER'S

The Tuesday 'morning events' are all held in the hall during term-time on 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September; 6th, ~~13th~~, 20th, 27th October

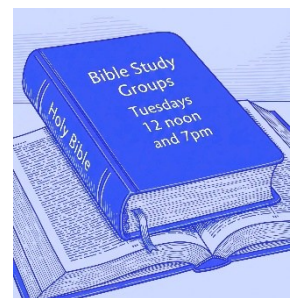
11.00am Morning Prayer Service *Nick Wills*

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*

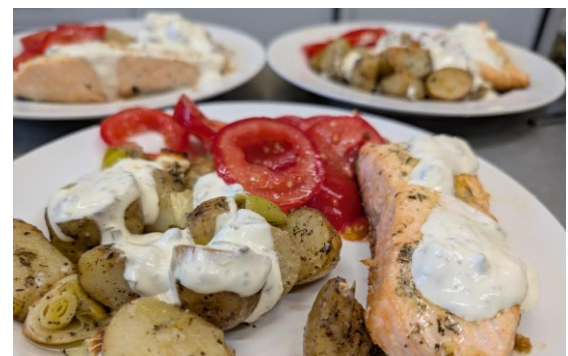
We shall be reading St John's Gospel together. Everyone is welcome! Engaging together, we learn more about God, listen to each other's ideas and experiences, and learn to recognise what God intends for us in our lives, church community, and in the world.



1.00pm Tuesday's Chewsday!

A freshly cooked two-course lunch to eat socially together - for congregational members, and is 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 £7, but we would not want this to be an obstacle to anyone who wants to join us.

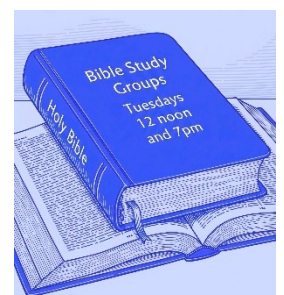


*Salmon with a Nordic Style caper sauce, new potatoes, leeks and tomatoes.
A lunch enjoyed last term.*

7.00pm Evening Bible Study Group

Donald Allister & Ruth Green Year-round (Choir Vestry)

Donald and Ruth write: All are welcome as we explore the Bible together. A series looking at the Acts of the Apostles. Every Tuesday at 7.00pm for an hour.



St Peter's Book Club

The Book Club meets in the Choir Vestry and one can just turn up to discuss the chosen book. It usually meets on the last Wednesday of the month from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.



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 and visitors are always welcome to come and discuss a wide range of titles. For more information, please contact the office, or see <https://stpetersedinburgh.org/book-club>

30th September *The Laws of Connection*, by David Robson (*Exploring how social connections impact health and longevity*)

28th October *Master and Commander, book 1*, by Patrick O'Brian

LITTLE FOLK

Following discussions with our regulars at Little Folk, an informal introduction to music through a mixture of nursery rhymes, song, stories and movement for Early Years children aged 0-6, we've taken the decision to end the Little Folk sessions on Sundays for now.



However we do really want to keep in touch with our Toddler families, especially those who have outgrown our regular groups, so we are thinking of doing more Special family events like the Christmas tree lighting, Crib service and Toddler Specials - so look out for some more events coming up in 2027 in holidays and at special weekends through the year!



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



Monday Group

The Monday Group will meet for the new season on Monday 14th September in the choir vestry at 3.00pm. This will be a Welcome Afternoon with chat over tea, coffee & biscuits. All are most welcome to our meetings, men and women of any age. Liz P may devise a silly game to help the afternoon go with a swing.

Our committee will be meeting before 14th September to discuss dates and details of our meetings for the next few months

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

Season of Creation and Harvest Festival

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



It will end on Sunday 4th October with our Harvest Festival, and after the 10.45am service we will also be having a congregational soup and bread lunch to which all are warmly invited.

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

The Harvest collection will be in aid of the Newington FoodBank⁺.

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

Helping Those in Need

Anyone who would like to help those in need are encouraged to volunteer with any of these charities, which are all essential for helping the needy and homeless. Our church policy is not to give money to individuals - we collect for, and some members both give financially and help at, these charities. Please let Nick, Sheila or Laura know if you are approached for money on the church or grounds. Thank you.

Newington FoodBank⁺

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. Useful items include pasta sauce, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cooking oil, shampoo, shower gel and razors.



Bethany Christian Trust & Edinburgh City Mission

Every night and five lunchtimes a 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/>

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>

Guide Dogs

By Hilary

Update on the trainee guide dogs which the church members have all helped us to 'educate'.

Harris, who was actually selected to become a stud dog for the association, has sired 123 pups and has now been retired from his role. He is staying with the family who have looked after him ever since he left us.

Clova is working in Dumbarton.

Birdie didn't qualify as she wasn't consistent at walking steadily and reliably. She is apparently living with a very active couple who have promised to make contact with us but haven't done so as yet. They are said to be delighted with her.

Dunsey has gone off to Nottingham as they need some dogs who are willing to walk slowly for clients. She was always happy on very busy city streets so should be fine there. Pups who live with us are very used to a busy environment. The world goes past our front door!

Amy, the golden retriever pup is now 5 months old and manages to sleep through almost every Sunday morning service so you should only notice her as we come into church and at coffee.



*Amy sleeping peacefully
alongside a friend.*

Stewardship

For information on how you can help to support God's mission and ministry in St Peter's through giving, or to update your tax status, please contact:

Treasurer Laura development@stpetersedinburgh.org

Contact Details Please remember to update any changed contact details we hold for you asap by contacting the office.
office@stpetersedinburgh.org

Eco-Matters

Eco tip for collecting softwrap *by Christine B.*

Like many of us, I collect and recycle the various softwrap materials that come with so much of our food. But it's sometimes quite messy to store and then take to a supermarket (most large ones have a collecting point and our local Co-op on the corner of Luton Place is very handy).

Then a family member discovered the Shrinker!*. It's a tub and plunger that squashes your wrap into your chosen liner (e.g. a bread bag) keeping it compressed. When full, you remove the bagful for recycling.

It's made of sturdy 100% post-consumer recycled plastic, measures about 23x10cm, is easily assembled and cost me about £29 from Wholly Shrink!. (You can get it cheaper on amazon but I chose to buy from the maker.)

It sits handily on a kitchen surface ready to receive whatever I give it. It was, for me, money very well spent. **The exclamation mark is part of the brand!*



Bishop Donald Allister's Bible Teaching Videos

From September until Advent, Donald's weekly YouTube videos will look at John chapters 13-19. A new Bible teaching video is uploaded to his YouTube channel each Monday. Once published, the talks are free to access and remain on the YouTube channel indefinitely.

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

Magazine Articles

Please email or submit your articles and photographs to Sheila asap. Thank you.

office@stpetersedinburgh.org

*The DEADLINE for the
October issue is
Thursday 17th September*

The Church Office There are 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.

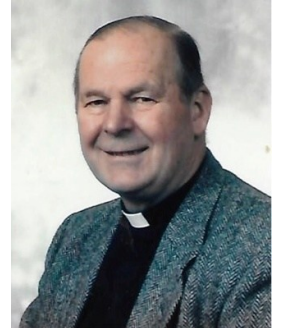
In Memory...

It was with great sadness that we heard about the deaths of:

Rev Ian Zass-Ogilvie March 1938 - 29th July 2026

Rector of St Peter's 1988-2000

During Ian's ministry as Rector here at St Peter's, his kindness, warmth, humour, generosity, care and strong faith constantly radiated from him, and he was much loved by those who knew him.



His fascinating life was very varied. Holding a 1962-1966 AKC, FRICS in Theology and Surveying at King's College London, he was ordained Deacon in 1966 and priested in 1967. During his remarkable ministry in various parishes over Scotland and England, he also used his knowledge as a Chartered Surveyor to establish and support several enterprises such as housing associations, helping the homeless in London, and was a founder member of Scottish Churches Housing Action. He was also much involved in various social building and agricultural research projects, and was latterly a pastoral tutor at St Chad's, Durham. Having borne a long illness with great strength, Ian will be greatly missed, and we remember in our prayers his wife, Jenny, and his sons, Andrew and David.

Nick Cowan 31st October 1940 - 30th July 2026

Nick's many passions included bee keeping, protecting the environment, sailing and music, both playing the clarinet and for many years singing in both our church choir and at the Robin Chapel. After receiving a Joint Honours in Philosophy and Politics, his varied life included a year of International Voluntary Service (IVS) in West Africa teaching English and Literature, Art, Music and mountain adventure.



In 1967 he was appointed as a Lecturer at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, primarily teaching Liberal Studies. Very interested in and teaching yoga for many years, his book 'Yoga in the Gospels?' (2019) explores a relatively little researched area of the philosophical and spiritual aspects of yoga and the common ground between Christian teachings and the spiritual side of yoga. He also qualified as an Osteopath. Nick will be greatly missed, and we remember in our prayers his sons James and Andrew, and grandchildren.

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 ♦ 6.30pm ♦ Process

Last Sunday of the month ♦ 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 no sermon, followed by a picnic lunch in the hall

Regular Activities in St Peter's

Sundays

10.00am-10.30am ♦ Choir Rehearsal

Mondays & Thursdays (*term-time*)

9.30am-11.30am ♦ Toddler Group ♦ in hall

Third Monday of the Month ♦ 3.00pm ♦ Monday Group ♦ in Choir Vestry

Tuesdays (*term-time*)

11.00am ♦ Prayer Service ♦ in hall

12 noon ♦ Daytime Bible Study Group ♦ in hall

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

Evening ♦ Student and Young Adult Group

Tuesdays (*year-round*)

7.00pm ♦ Evening Bible Study Group ♦ in Choir Vestry

Last Wednesday of the month

7.00pm-8.00pm ♦ St Peter's Book Club ♦ in Choir Vestry

Thursdays

6.15pm-8.00pm Junior Choir (*c. age 7-18, younger children can leave at 7.00pm*) ♦

7.45-9.30pm Adult Choir (ages 17+)

Sunday Readings

**The passages being read*

August 2026

Sunday 30th August & Thursday 3rd September Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity

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

Sunday 30th August Choral Evensong Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Exodus 12: 21-27 ♦ *Matthew 4: 23 – 5: 20 ♦ Psalm 119: 9-16

September

Sunday 6th September First Sunday in the Season of Creation

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

Sunday 13th September Second Sunday in the Season of Creation

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

Sunday 20th September Third Sunday in the Season of Creation

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

Sunday 27th & Thursday 1st October Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 ♦ Psalm 25: 1-8 ♦ *Philippians 2: 1-13 ♦ *Matthew 21: 23-32

Sunday 27th September Choral Evensong Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Exodus 24: 1-18 ♦ *Matthew 9: 1-8 ♦ Psalm 121

October

4th October Harvest Festival

*Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 ♦ Psalm 65 ♦ 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 ♦ *Luke 17: 11-19

Receiving the weekly notices and readings

To help save paper and the planet, paper notices and an order of service are not given out on a Sunday morning. Instead, at 3.00pm 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 receive these emails and would like to keep in touch, please fill in a yellow GDPR form, available at the back of the church, and give it to Sheila, a Welcomer, or hand it into the office.

Contacts

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Church Organisations and Groups

Servers' Guild	Bill
Monday Group	Liz P
Thursday Lunch Club (1 st Thursday)	Delia

All the above can also be contacted via the office.

Dates for the Diary

August

Sun 30th August Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Sun 30th August Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm

September

Tue 1st Usual Tuesday events resume ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm

Tue 1st Folk Open Mic Night and Singing Circle ♦ 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Thur 3rd Monthly Communion Service ♦ 11.00am

Sun 6th Little Folk ♦ 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Tue 8th Usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm

Sun 13th Process ♦ 6.30pm

Mon 14th Monday Group ♦ 3.00pm

Tue 15th Usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm

Tue 15th Students and young adults meet (*evening*)

Thur 17th October magazine deadline

Sun 20th Welcome (back) to Students burger Lunch ♦ after 10.45am service

Tue 22nd Usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm

Tue 22nd Students and young adults meet (*evening*)

Sun 27th Choral Evensong ♦ 6.30pm

Tue 29th Usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm

Tue 29th Students and young adults meet (*evening*)

Wed 30th St Peter's Book Club ♦ 7.00pm

October

Thur 1st Monthly Communion Service ♦ 11.00am

Sat 3rd First Aid Training ♦ 9.30am - 11.30am

Sun 4th Harvest Thanksgiving and Lunch after 10.45am ♦ 9.00am ♦ 10.45am

Tue 6th Usual Tuesday events ♦ 11.00am ♦ 12 noon ♦ 1.00pm ♦ 7.00pm

Tue 6th Folk Open Mic Night and Singing Circle ♦ 7.30pm - 9.30pm

The monthly Thursday Communion Service at 11.00am is always followed by a picnic lunch in the hall. All are welcome to bring their own picnic and join in!

Hall Heater Guards

During August, 15 heater guards for under the benches in the hall have been installed. These were designed by Philip and made by Liz M and Philip in the room at the back of the stage during July and August, and our most grateful thanks go to them both for the many, many hours they spent designing, making and installing them!

During construction 360 holes were drilled in wood by Liz to make joints, 30 hinges fitted, 60 magnets attached, 375 screws used, 6,480 wires cut to size the mesh and 240 staples to attach the mesh to the wooden frames.

Liz painted all the wood black so they are very unobtrusive and blend well with the benches. They should prevent anyone burning their hands on the pipes when attempting to retrieve toys and other objects which have gone under the benches. We hope you don't even notice that they are there!

Pictures: Above: Wood waiting to be painted black.

In the workshop in the meeting room on the hall stage.

In the picture below - "Spot the guard" shows one bench with a guard and one without. Can you tell which is which?

