News & Views

St Peter's, Lutton Place
November 2026



St Peter's Lutton Place

Christmas Tree Lighting

Carols in the garden & hall
Mince pies and mulled drinks in the hall
Children's crafts

Sunday 29th November
4.30 pm

All welcome!

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Esther's card above uses these two angels found in our stained-glass windows…

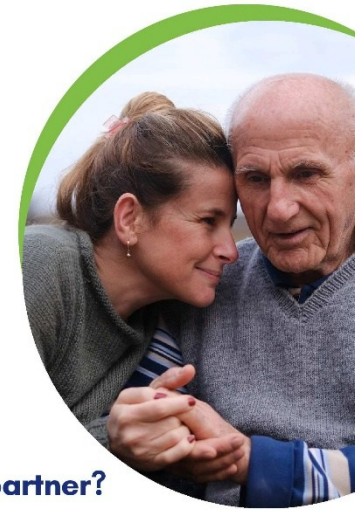


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From the Rector

Rev Nick Wills

Dear Friends,

The nights are getting longer, the weather is getting colder, and it is starting to really feel as though we are experiencing a proper autumn this year with many trees already shedding their leaves.

The move towards autumn comes alongside our Creation Season and Harvest Festival Season in church, and I would like to thank Liz M and Jane S for decorating the church so beautifully for our Harvest Festival. Thanks also go to everyone who helped with setting up, preparing the food, serving and clearing up for the Harvest lunch on Sunday 4th October, and to those who gave to the Newington FoodBank+. It was a great occasion, and all the help and generosity was very much appreciated.

Our Open Mic Night on Tuesday 6th October went very well again. We have a lovely group of people who regularly attend now, and it has been wonderful to see young performers blossom in this friendly and supportive atmosphere. The next Open Mic night is on Tuesday 3rd November, and it would be lovely to see some new faces there.

It has been great to see our student and young adult group grow again this year. A real highlight of this term so far was a wonderful BBQ on 20th October hosted for us by Sue R at which she introduced many to traditional South African Boerewors for the first time. It was a really lovely evening and we are all very grateful to Sue for her amazing hospitality and generosity. It is also really encouraging that all of the group want to be part of the Confirmation Course, including those who have already been Confirmed, and also to see so many of them contributing to the life of St Peter's Church through involvement on various rotas.

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It was a joy to share with Jacob and Meagan as we welcomed Ellie into the family of the Church through Baptism on Sunday 25th October. We have a growing number of young families in our Church, and there are more Baptisms to come!

November will begin with our church AGM following the service on Sunday 1st. A big thank you for their contribution to Hilary and Janet S who are stepping down as Lay Representatives and Vestry Members. The next magazine will have a report of the meeting.

The following Sunday, 8th November, is Remembrance Sunday and as usual we will have an Act of Remembrance and the two minutes silence. The situation in the world reminds us that we should never take the peace that was won at such a cost for granted.

Our November Evensong will feature the setting of Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, commissioned by the choir as a gift to Rupert Forbes, to mark his lifelong contribution to church choral music. We hope that you will join with us, and Joanna and Rupert for this very special service.

On Advent Sunday at the end of the month, we will again hold our Tree Lighting ceremony with carols outside and in the hall, followed by refreshments. This is a lovely community event and in recent years we have seen an increase in the number of young families attending. To make this more suitable for the very smallest children, we have moved the time forward this year to 4.30pm.

One of our members, Iain J, is a volunteer member of the Bethany Care Van which provides food, first aid and warm clothing to Edinburgh's homeless community. To support this work, there is now a box at the back of church for donations and you are encouraged to donate any spare warm clothing. If you would like to know more, see page 12, or speak to Iain, especially if you would like to volunteer yourself.

With my prayers,

Your Rector,

Nick

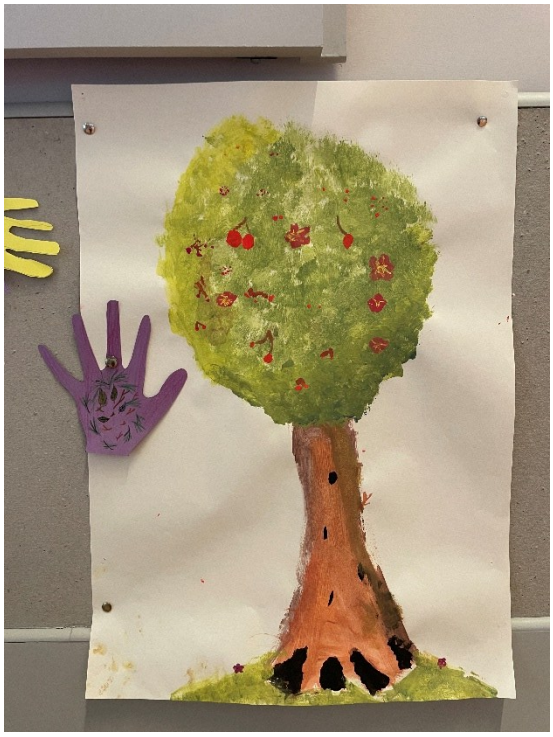
Children's Church

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.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed.

Toddler Group



Our Toddler Group 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!

Please see page 6 about our annual Tree Lighting, which is very toddler friendly. **This year, it will start at the earlier time of 4.30pm**.

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

STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

The recent BBQ hosted in Sue R's garden was a wonderful evening! It was fun trying South African Boerewors for the first time, and great fun was had by all. Thank you, Sue, for opening your garden to us!



The group meet every Tuesday evening during term-time with a varied programme of meals, games and Bible study.

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.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday November 29th, 4.30pm *(Note the earlier start time!)*



To mark the start of Advent, at the earlier time of 4.30pm on November 29th, which is Advent Sunday, we will be holding our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

We switch on the lights on the tree in the church garden and then move into the hall to sing more carols and enjoy festive refreshments. It is very child-friendly with lots of community carol singing and children's craft activities.

All are very welcome!

Magazine Articles

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

Thank you.

The DEADLINE for the ***December / January*** *issue is* ***Thursday 19th November***

Remembrance Sunday



On Sunday 8th November, we will hold an Act of Remembrance at the 9.00am and 10.45am services, as we remember the fallen together.

The gratitude that we have for those who sacrificed themselves for our freedom continues to be given added resonance by the horrific spectre of war that continues to spread in Europe and the Middle East.

Process



Our Process service on Sunday 8th November is entitled **A New Heaven and a New Earth**: a reflective service for Remembrance Sunday. We will listen to 'The Armed Man: a Mass for Peace' by Karl Jenkins, with various optional creative responses. A chance to hear this powerful choral work in full.

In October our theme was **New Horizons**, exploring through prayer and readings our relationship with the earth. Alongside creation stories from Genesis - where Adam, created from fruitful earth, is sent, after his disobedience, to cultivate cursed and harsh earth - we heard two poems as possible responses to these texts: 'Soil' by R. S. Thomas and 'Digging' by Seamus Heaney.

Imagery of earth, pain and toil lets us observe the struggle of generations to harvest food and warmth (turnips, potatoes, peat). Heads are down, hemmed in by hedges, oblivious to the 'new horizons' of the wider world beyond.

Roddy's vivid description of the Sky Garden at Liss Ard in Ireland colourfully evoked the sense of lying down and seeing nothing above but the wide sky. Learning from the past we can, like Heaney, look up and choose to 'dig' in other ways, and enjoy a more holistic connection with the earth that sustains us.

There will be no Process service in December, and the following service is on 10th January. These relaxed services are always different – sometimes reflective, sometimes interactive and always unique. As the services are planned each month, updated information is included in our Saturday emails and online: https://stpetersedinburgh.org/process

Vestry Update, October 2026

By Roddy, Vestry Secretary

Vestry decided not to have a weekday meeting this month but did meet briefly after church to approve the accounts. We will also meet after the AGM to discuss various administrative issues and welcome new members.

Our AGM is being held on Sunday 1st November, and a report will be included in the next magazine.

Monday Group

On Monday 12th October Rev Sue Whitehouse celebrated a service of Holy Communion for a fairly small group of us. This was followed by the usual tea, coffee, biscuits and convivial chat. We thanked Sue for coming at fairly short notice.

Our next meeting is on Monday 16th November when Joe Gilhooley will be showing us a selection of his excellent photographs of East Lothian and beyond. Joe has given us talks before; he produces calendars and will be taking orders after his talk. These have proved very popular in the past.

All are most welcome to our meetings, men and women of any age. We now meet regularly once a month in the choir vestry at 3pm – usually, though not always, on the third Monday of the month.

For further information about the Monday Group you can contact Liz Philp by emailing the office.

Walking Group

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

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.

Music Notes

Sheila, Director of Music & Organist



Choral Evensong

Sunday 22nd November, 6.30pm

Our next Choral Evensong will be a very special one! It is the first time that the choir will sing the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis that we commissioned for the retirement of our recently retired Director of Music, Rupert Forbes, in recognition of his inspirational 30 years at St Peter's, and a lifetime of contributing to church music.

We are delighted that Rupert will be returning to conduct. Entitled 'St John's Service', it was composed by his niece, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, who to our pleasure will also be joining us for the service. After the service there will be refreshments at the back of the church for all to enjoy, and we hope that many of the congregation will join the celebration.

With our Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 20th December, there will be no Evensong in December. The next one will be on 31st January 2027.

Would you like to join the choir to sing in our Carol Service?

Several members in our congregation have mentioned that they would like to sing in the choir but cannot commit on a regular basis. With this in mind, this year, we offer an opportunity for non-choir members who wish to join the choir for the Carol Service. They would have to commit to 5 Thursday rehearsals, when we would be rehearsing for it. Details of which Thursdays to attend will be given to those who express an interest.

Any singers interested in joining the choir for this, or to sing regularly, are very welcome to speak to me after a service or email me at choir@stpetersedinburgh.org

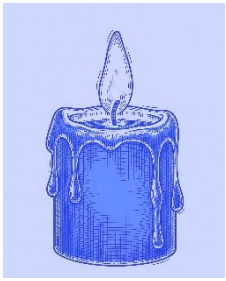
Regular Thursday Choir Rehearsals

Junior Choir *(for ages c. 7-18)*, **6.15pm – 8.00pm**. There is a break around 7.00pm for choristers who stay on, with younger ones able to leave then.
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.

TUESDAYS AT ST PETER'S

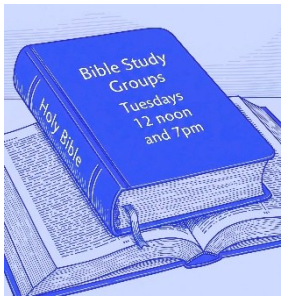
The Tuesday 'morning events' are all held in the hall during term-time on *3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November 1st, 8th, 15th ~~22nd~~ December*



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 are 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, especially attractive to those who attend the 12 noon Bible Study Group.



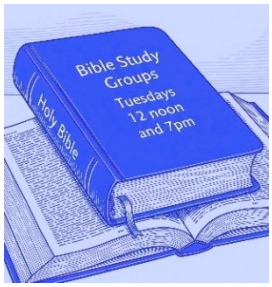
Oven Baked Cod with a Pine Nut, Rosemary and Lime compound butter, on a bed of Cauliflower Puree, with Buttered New Potatoes.



Liz Mackay's Baked Cheesecake.

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.

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.

FOLK OPEN MIC NIGHT AND SINGING CIRCLE



Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm

3rd November 1st December

All are welcome to our very friendly, encouraging and supportive environment to make music!

Alongside those who wish 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

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. *(Not in December)*

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

Books	**25th November**	The Island	Victoria Hislop
	27th January	Sealwoman's Gift	Sally Magnusson

Charity Christmas Cards *(See the pictures on the inside cover.)*



Esther has embroidered two designs, a Mother and Child, and Three Angels, the latter inspired by windows in St Peter's. They've been printed as Christmas/greetings cards and will be sold during coffee after 10.45 Sunday services from mid-November. Cards are blank inside, £1.50 each / £5 for four, with money raised going to charity.

Helping Those in Need

Anyone who would like to help those in need is 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.

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 warm 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/
For more information, please speak to Iain J.

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! Useful items include 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/

Ukraine and Middle East Crisis Appeals

Christian Aid Emergency Appeals, including humanitarian appeals for Ukraine, the Middle East and many other countries in desperate need.
https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies
Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)
https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal

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 *(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 no sermon, followed by a picnic lunch in the hall

Regular Activities in St Peter's

Sundays

10.00am-10.30am ◆ Choir Rehearsal
10.45am-12 noon ◆ Children's Church at the 10.45am service

Mondays & Thursdays *(term-time)*

9.30am-11.30am ◆ Toddler Group ◆ in hall

Second or 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+)

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.

Sunday Readings

**The passages being read*

November - A Season of Reflection & Remembrance

Sunday 1st and Thursday 5th November All Saints Day
Revelation 7: 9-17 ◆ *Psalm 34: 1-10 ◆ 1 John 3: 1-3 ◆ *Matthew 5: 1-12

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday
Job 19: 21-27 ◆ Psalm 90 ◆ *1 Corinthians 15: 51-57 ◆ *John 6: 37-40

Sunday 15th November Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity
Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 ◆ Psalm 90: 1-12 ◆ *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 ◆ *Matthew 25: 14-30

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King
Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 ◆ Psalm 95: 1-7a ◆ *Ephesians 1: 15-23 ◆ *Matthew 25: 31-46

Sunday 22nd November Evensong Sunday next before Advent
*Daniel 5: 13-30 ◆ *Revelation 11: 15-18 ◆ Psalm 110

Sunday 29th November and Thursday 3rd December Advent Sunday
Isaiah 64: 1-9 ◆ Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18 ◆ *1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 ◆ *Mark 13: 24-37

Sunday 6th December The Second Sunday of Advent
*Isaiah 40: 1-11 ◆ Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 ◆ 2 Peter 3: 8-15a ◆ *Mark 1: 1-8

Advent Candles
As we light the Advent Candles, each Sunday has a particular focus which places the coming of Jesus into the story of God's saving relationship with God's people through the ages:

Advent Sunday Patriarchs & Matriarchs Advent 3 John the Baptist
Advent 2 The Prophets Advent 4 Mary

Sun 29th Nov	**9.00am**	Said Communion
Advent Sunday	**10.45am**	Communion with hymns and choir
	4.30pm	Tree Lighting Ceremony
Thur 3rd Dec	**11.00am**	Monthly Thursday said Communion
Sun 6th Dec	**9.00am**	Said Communion
2nd Sun of Advent	**10.45am**	Communion with hymns and choir

Bishop Donald Allister's Bible Teaching Videos
Donald's YouTube videos, currently looking at St John, are uploaded each Monday to https://www.youtube.com/@feedmysheep2023

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Alternate Lay Representative	*Awaiting election at the AGM*	
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Sacristan	Liz M	
Fire Warden	Pam	

Church Organisations and Groups

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

All the above can be contacted via the office.

Dates for the Diary

November

Sun 1st AGM ◆ in the hall after the 10.45am service ◆ c. 12.15
Tue 3rd Usual Tuesday events ◆ 11.00am ◆ 12 noon ◆ 1.00pm ◆ 7.00pm
Tue 3rd Folk Open Mic Night and Singing Circle ◆ 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thur 5th Monthly Communion Service ◆ 11.00am
Sun 8th Remembrance Sunday with Acts of Remembrance ◆ 9.00am,10.45am
Sun 8th Process ◆ 6.30pm
Tue 10th Usual Tuesday events ◆ 11.00am ◆ 12 noon ◆ 1.00pm ◆ 7.00pm
Tue 10th Students and young adults meet ◆ evening
Mon 16th Monday Group ◆ 3.00pm
Tue 17th Usual Tuesday events ◆ 11.00am ◆ 12 noon ◆ 1.00pm ◆ 7.00pm
Tue 17th Students and young adults meet ◆ evening
Thur 19th December / January magazine deadline
Sun 22nd Choral Evensong ◆ 6.30pm
Tue 24th Usual Tuesday events ◆ 11.00am ◆ 12 noon ◆ 1.00pm ◆ 7.00pm
Tue 24th Students and young adults meet ◆ evening
Wed 25th St Peter's Book Club ◆ 7.00pm
Sun 29th Advent Sunday ◆ 9.00am & 10.45am
Sun 29th Tree Lighting ◆ 4.30pm *(Please note the earlier start time.)*

December

Tue 1st Usual Tuesday events ◆ 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
Tue 8th Usual Tuesday events ◆ 11.00am ◆ 12 noon ◆ 1.00pm ◆ 7.00pm
Tue 8th Students and young adults meet ◆ evening

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!

Receiving the weekly notices and readings

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, 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.