

**St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church Galashiels**

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**Services**

Sunday mornings

8.30am Communion service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday only

9.30am Sunday Squad followed by tea & toast

10.30am Sung Eucharist followed by tea/coffee

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

10.30am Traditional Family Eucharist (no 9.30 service)

6.30pm Choral Evensong @ Holy Trinity, Melrose

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

6.00pm Healing/anointing service

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month

11.00am Communion service at Oakwood Park

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month April – October CPR card delivery

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday April to September

3.00pm Afternoon Tea Service

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month April – October CPR collection

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month during school terms

5.30 – 7.00pm Messy Church

Thursdays

10.00am Holy Communion service takes place in the hall

Last Friday of the month

5.00pm Choir practice

# St. Peter's Church Magazine



## July 2017

### Shared Leadership Team

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### Church Diary July

Sat 1st	8.00am Braw Lad's Breakfast
Sun 2nd	9.45am Family breakfast 10.30am Family service Joanna Smith
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Communion Service
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Sunday Squad followed by juice & toast 10.30 Sung Eucharist Rev Bob King 6.00pm Healing service
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am Oakwood Park Communion service
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm Afternoon Tea Service Rev Bob King 7.30pm Vestry meeting
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Communion Service
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am Holy Communion Rev Duncan McCosh 9.30am Sunday Squad followed by juice and toast 10.30 Sung Eucharist Rev Duncan McCosh
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm Bottle top sort
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Communion Service
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am Charlotte Smale's wedding
Sun 23rd	9.30am Sunday Squad followed by juice and toast 10.30 Sung Eucharist Rev Tim Morris
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm Messy Church
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am Communion Service
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm choir practice
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-4.00pm Strawberry Tea
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Sunday Squad followed by juice and toast 10.30 Sung Eucharist Rev Bill Elliot



*St Peter's Episcopal Church  
Galashiels  
Come and Join us for our  
Strawberry Tea 2.00- 4.00pm  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Luscious fruit & wonderful baking*



Today the Episcopal Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church elected the Rt Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness as Primus. Bishop Mark (56), who will now be referred to as The Most Rev Mark Strange, is the youngest member of the College of Bishops and was consecrated Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness in 2007. Bishop Mark succeeds the Most Rev David Chillingworth.

Brought up in Aberdeen, where he was both a choirboy and server at St Andrew's Cathedral, Bishop Mark studied Divinity at the University of Aberdeen, attended Theological College in Lincoln and has served in both the Diocese of Worcester and in the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness. For a number of years Bishop Mark was also Convener of the church's Youth Committee and ran the annual summer youth camps at Glenalmond. Bishop Mark takes up this role as a Primate within the Anglican Communion at a point where the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church has voted to permit same sex marriage, a decision which is expected to be on the agenda of the forthcoming Primates Meeting in Canterbury, a meeting which Bishop Mark will attend.

### Bishop Mark says

"I am humbled by the confidence shown in me by my colleagues and I will seek to serve the church as Primus with love and strength.

"I am deeply privileged to be the Bishop Moray, Ross and Caithness and am very aware that it has been 82 years since a Bishop of Moray became Primus. I pray that I may be worthy of this trust. I will continue to serve in my beloved highlands while I also step out into new and exciting journeys of faith in both Scotland and the wider international church."



Honeybees have hair on their eyes.

1 pound of lemons contain more sugar than 1 pound of strawberries.

The microwave oven was invented by mistake when an engineer testing a magnetron tube noticed that the radiation from it melted the chocolate bar he had in his pocket.



## Growing Together Roadshow



On 24th June, St Peter's church hosted the second Growing Together Roadshow which is making a tour of the Edinburgh Diocese.

Not fully knowing what the event involved several of us from St Peter's joined approximately 65 others from the diocese, mostly from the Borders but others attended from Edinburgh and Penicuik. After morning prayer and an opening introduction from Rev Annie Naish, the Bishop's Mission Officer, Bishop John presented five

key priorities which the Mission and Faith committee had discussed and selected.

These priorities were:

- Serving our communities
- Engaging all Generations
- Enabling mission
- Developing disciples
- Sharing faith

We were then asked to chose a priority and go to that group to discuss that topic firstly to see if we thought it was a priority for our life together as a diocese and area council and then to discuss our experiences good and bad, what resources we might require from the diocese and specific changes and progress which we would like to see.

It was great to discuss these topics with others from different churches and to hear the good and bad experiences which they have had. My hope was that we could collate these experiences so that if one church wished to try a new thing, such as community prayer response which we do, then we could pass that experience on to them and they don't have to start from scratch.

We had a discussion on our priorities and had the opportunity to feedback to the Bishop and Annie our thoughts and ended with the Eucharist.

I would recommend that if you able to attend the other roadshows, then please go along and enjoy the day. I am sure there will be some follow up events happening before too long, and there will be an opportunity for you to get more involved in the area council meetings and meet other folk from other churches.

Karen Ellis

## A Reminder about Collaborative Ministry

Collaborative Ministry is the route that St Peter's congregation agreed to go down some years ago. It involves members of the congregation working together at a local level to help sustain the mission and ministry of the church. It empowers congregations to participate as fully as possible in God's ongoing work of mission and ministry. Such participation is seen as the responsibility of the whole people of God.

Ministry primarily means all that pertains to the life of the congregation: worship, pastoral care, hospitality and welcome, outreach and the development of a local strategy for mission. Mission is participating in God's action to spread the good news of the Kingdom in word and action.

It is part of the vision of the people of God all working together which is important in the concept of collaborative ministry and in that sense the congregation plays a crucial role. The Episcopal Church however is governed by a clearly defined hierarchy with Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Congregations are not self-governing (congregationalism) but subject to the Canons of the church and therefore it is essential that a priest has both oversight of a congregation and is available to consecrate the Sacrament. The administration of the Sacrament, however, may be carried out by Lay people as well.

We are all are provided with unique gifts and talents through the power of the Holy Spirit. Those who are able are called to serve, regardless of status. As you will know, a "calling out" process took place in February 2014 and a shared leadership team was formed. It is now time for the current SLT to step down and a second calling out period is planned during July.

During July you are asked to prayerfully consider who you would call out to form a new team. This could include any member of St Peter's congregation including those who have just stepped down.

St Peter's church is still looking for an Area Rector with St John's and the vestries from St Peter's, St John's and St Cuthbert's will be meeting with the bishop at the end of June to discuss a way forward. Please continue to pray for our church and ask for God's guidance in this matter.

Karen Ellis



## Notes from General Synod

I recently attended my first General Synod which took place in Edinburgh with representatives from all 7 dioceses, both clergy and lay. It was a very full agenda for the two and half days and with many motions to be voted on but one in particular which appeared to warrant media attention.

Synod opened with the Eucharist and proceedings began with one addition – whether members would allow television cameras to film during the debate on Canon 31, Of the Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony. It was decided by vote that the cameras should not be present for the debate but could be present for the announcement of the secret ballot.

Canon 31 has been debated for several years and deals with the solemnisation of same sex marriage. In 2015 it was decided that the first reading of the revised Canon would be at General Synod in 2016. This deleted the first section of the canon, with its doctrinal definition of marriage (between one man and one woman), and added a conscience clause.

This conscience clause acknowledges that there are differing understandings of the nature of marriage. The secret ballot was in favour of the proposed changes and means that if clergy wish to conduct same sex marriages then they can. However if clergy do not wish to conduct such a marriage then they have that choice not to.

Vestries are considered a “group of persons with control” over church premises and therefore could decide that marriages between couples of the same sex should not be solemnised in their church. Guidance will be available and in these circumstances alternative arrangements should be made.

Other issues discussed included

- Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults – clergy and vestry members were encouraged to attend the training session.
- Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) will apply for membership of the Conference of European Churches.
- Approved proposals to review the Episcopal, Methodist, United Reform Partnership (EMU).

- Alternative Lay Representatives to become members ex officio of the Vestry of that congregation, unless otherwise provided in the constitution (as well as Lay Rep).
- Recognition that climate change action was needed and that fossil fuel investments should be avoided.
- Budget and quota reviewed.

All in all it was a very full two days, I didn't make the Saturday due to a three hour delay in getting home by train on Friday evening which left my energy levels very low. If anybody would like sight of the agenda and papers please let me know.

Karen Ellis

Invite your friends and neighbours to

## Holy Trinity Music Festival

Come and enjoy the first music festival  
to be hosted by  
**Holy Trinity Church,**  
High Cross Avenue, Melrose.

### Saturday July 22

Organ recital by Chris Achenbach  
7:30 pm. Admission £10.

### Sunday July 23

Festival Evensong,  
6:30 pm. Admission free, retiring  
collection.

### Monday July 24

Raucous Rossini  
7pm. Admission £10

## RAUCOUS ROSSINI

### Monday July 24, 7pm

Ensembles & solos featuring



Soprano

Barbara Cole Walton



Tenor

Max Fane

String trio:  
Violin - Cillian O'Breachain; Viola - Ben Kearsley;  
Cello - Victor Nekludov.

Supporting on piano:  
Chris Achenbach, Holy Trinity's Director of Music

**Admission £10, inc glass of wine**

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