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**Services**

Sunday mornings

9.30am Sunday Squad followed by tea & toast

10.30am Sung Eucharist followed by tea/coffee

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

6.30pm Choral Evensong @ Holy Trinity, Melrose

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

6.00pm Healing/anointing service

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

8.30am Communion service, April - October

9.45am Family breakfast

10.30am Family Eucharist (no 9.30 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



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£1 Recommended donation per issue



## CHARITY



### Christian Aid

As you know I have taken over from Karen Ellis as the Christian Aid rep from St Peter's. The Soup 'n' Pud raised "265.92 and the recent Quiz Night £69. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

The Government's response to the DEC appeal has doubled these donations.

Susan B



Mary's Meals was our chosen charity for the retiring collection at our Harvest service.

You will be delighted to learn that we raised £200. Thank you to everyone who contributed as this will help the charity continue to feed children – they have passed the 1 Billionth meal!!

Below are the porridge faces that were made at the Family Breakfast. This was a challenge set by Mary's Meals as most of the food served to children all over the world is based on their local form of porridge.



The guessing game – estimating how far Thomas Kyababa travelled in an average month as he visited 15 schools each week was quite a challenge. The distance travelled by the school feeding officer was 1274miles.

Mary Christie's estimate of 1076 miles was the closest guess. Other guesses were Beth Cumming – 633 miles, Karen Ellis at 2827 miles and Muriel Lounsbach at 3100 miles. Thanks for taking part.

## News from Bishops Enabler of Mission

**Mission Shaped Intro course this Autumn.**

**Come with others from your church or individuals welcome too.**

**Six Mondays 6 Nov. – 11 Dec. 7.30-9.30pm**

**Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW**

Our world and our lives change at an ever faster pace, but how can the church respond to this change? Are new ways of engaging with people and being church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century possible? If so, what might they look like?

*Mission Shaped Intro* is a creative six session course using videos and stories to help explore mission and church life in our current context.

To book or for more details contact Rev Annie Naish, Bishop's Enabler of Mission on [mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org)  
Or 0131 346 9089

Hopefully this course will be run in the Borders next year.

## Proposed work with the Church Army

Following our congregational meeting with Kerry Dixon, Church Army, and Annie Naish, Bishop's Enabler of Mission, we may think that things have gone quiet. However the Bishop, Annie and Kerry are continuing discussions and the Church Army leadership group is meeting in December. There is no firm proposal, the finances haven't been worked and we are some way from knowing if this will go ahead. Hopefully things will become clearer in the New Year and any further updates will have more details in them.

Please continue to prayer for the church and a clear way forward.

## NOTICE OF AGM

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER @ 10.30 SERVICE**

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING**

**THE REPORTS FROM VARIOUS CHURCH GROUPS WILL BE  
ISSUED THE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING**

After David Bethune's talk about how we should all be doing our bit to help protect the planet for future generations I found this project which gives us hope that there are people out there who do care and are doing things to improve the situation

### Waste plastic used to make recyclable shelters for displaced people

Scientists at the University of Bath have developed recyclable plastic-based



shelters to help people displaced by natural disasters such as hurricanes.

The environmentally-friendly shelters are being developed and tested by researchers at the University of Bath and plastics company Protomax. They are cheap, made from recycled waste plastic, which can easily be used again, and

are easy to construct, researchers say. Each shelter measures 3.6 by 4.8 metres, providing a temporary space to shelter or family, or several can be linked together. David Coley, professor of low carbon design at the university of Bath, said: "From the milk bottles to the ice-cream tubs we throw away each day, these waste plastics could provide a recyclable shelter solution to those people who have been left without a home.

One of the recyclable plastic-based shelters at the test site (University of Bath/PA)



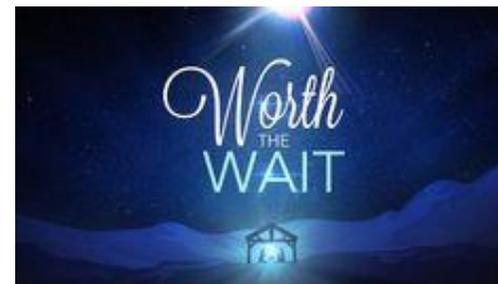
"The damage plastic causes our oceans and environment is clear to see and by using waste plastic to construct these shelters, we are not only helping put a roof over people's heads but also playing our own part in reducing the impact of waste plastic." More than eight million tonnes of

plastic is dumped into oceans each year, with over 90% of sea birds having pieces of plastic in their stomachs.

The shelter's panels are made from a variety of waste plastics, including those that pollute the oceans.

Nico Stillwell, from Protomax, said: "A shelter built from Storm Board marks a step up in shelter design, from tent to an interim home. "The weather proof boards provide a level of insulation and security that a tent simply cannot achieve.

"Storm Board has the dual purpose of cleaning up the environment and providing jobs and shelter where it is needed.



## Advent Stillness

Pausing to Reflect Waiting with God Open to Receive

Quiet morning for reflection

**Saturday 25 November 2017**

**10.15 am to 1.30 pm**

(Registration from 10.00am: ending with sharing lunch at 1.00pm)

**Ormiston Parish Church**

*The programme will be led by members of the Lantern Group, who share a common interest in the Ignatian way of prayer and spiritual development.*

*Donations welcomed to defray expenses.*

*It is helpful if you let us know you plan to come  
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[www.thelanterngroup.org](http://www.thelanterngroup.org)*

## MESSY CHURCH 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### Coventry Cathedral's welcome...

*(This isn't original to us – but is something we regularly print on the front of our service booklets which has been widely reported and much appreciated...)*

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion.'  
*(We're not that keen on it either!)*

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the Cathedral.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost on the ring road and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and you!



Dear Jesus  
Please keep people safe because  
they don't have a home, food, water,  
sanity, safety.  
A. men

Dear Jesus  
please keep me  
safe from ISIS and  
AKS

## **SLT**

I have been asked 5 questions as a member of the Shared Leadership Team. These questions are to let you know a bit about me, and how I came to be who I am.

Q1 Where did you grow up.

I grew up, along with my two sisters, in Measham, a small, ( not quite so small now), mining village in Leicestershire. I attended the local primary and junior schools before moving three miles up the road to Ashby- de- la Zouch to start my senior schooling. We led a happy but uneventful life surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. My life changed in 1962 when I left home to pursue my nursing career. I worked in various fields nursing, midwifery, health visiting and district nursing.. It was a career I loved, ( most of the time), and where I spent the whole of my working life.

Q2 What is the most interesting place you have visited?

We have visited many foreign countries but the one place I love is much nearer to home, Edinburgh, with its cosmopolitan feel, culture and green open spaces in the city. Sydney in Australia comes a very close second with its wonderful kangaroos and ibis which wander about in the local parks, Sydney opera house, and of course the wonderful weather.

Q3 Who in history do you most admire?

This is a difficult question to answer as there are so many worthy people deserving of my admiration. The one I have chosen is Marie Stopes, born in Edinburgh in 1880. An educated woman, she was an author and campaigner for women's rights. She was also the first female academic on the faculty of Manchester University. She is chiefly known for founding the 1<sup>st</sup> birth control clinic in Britain which was run by midwives. In March 1921 she opened her 1<sup>st</sup> free clinic for married women in Holloway London, followed by another five in cities across the UK, her last being in Swansea in 1943. It was she who gave many women the knowledge and freedom to choose when to have their children, (very hit and miss in the early years). Marie Stopes is still widely known and revered today especially in midwifery circles. In 1976 Marie Stopes international was established and began working overseas. Today there are 452 clinics in over 40 countries.

Q4 Why is your Christian faith important to you?

I suppose the earliest I was taken to Church was 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1946 – my Christening day. I was Christened at our village Church St Laurence Church Measham, and was taken to morning service every Sunday by my parents. When I was old enough we went to Sunday school, which was on

Sunday afternoon. I became a member of our Church choir, was confirmed there on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1959, and married there in December 1969. After our marriage we lived in Leeds. The Church continued to be a big part of our life We regularly attended St Mary's C E Church in Whitkirk Leeds and our three children were Christened there. The Church has always been a constant in our life and has sustained and supported us when things were good but also through the most difficult times. Moving to Scotland in 1981 saw us move to St Peters, a smooth transition with little difference in the service. We immediately felt so welcome there and have continued to do so.

Q5 When you look back at your life, what has given you the most pleasure?

Many things. Although I received a secondary education I still went on to achieve my SRN SCM HV and District Nursing qualifications. Sharing my life with Mike and our three children and grandchildren. Having the health and strength to travel and also enjoy our beautiful local countryside. Being satisfied with all we have, and knowing that my faith can, and does help to sustain me and allows me the freedom to make choices many are denied.

Monica Reynolds

## **FROM ST PETER'S VESTRY**

Diocesan Secretary Godfrey Robson, reports that he had hoped to have a detailed paper for the 3 Vestries, setting out details, costs etc, which we need in order to progress i.e. to show our respective congregations. However things are progressing, albeit a little more slowly, than we would have hoped. However Godfrey says that he, Kerry and Annie Naish are working hard and so he hopes that more progress should be seen shortly.

Brian Pudner, Chairman of the Vestry

## **AGM**

As always there is a need for members of the congregation to become involved on the Vestry. There are about 10 meetings each year and there is no compulsion to attend them all but it is the best way of communicating the needs of various groups in the church. A chat after a service is usually very brief and often forgotten as more than one issue can be raised and it is too informal. Please do think about putting your name forward especially if you are a parent of a Sunday Squad child as your input into matters which relate to services etc for the next generation is vital for the future of St Peter's.

Nomination forms are available from Brian