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Services

Sunday mornings

9.30am Sunday Squad followed by tea & toast

10.30am Sung Eucharist followed by tea/coffee

1st Sunday of the month

6.30pm Choral Evensong @ Holy Trinity, Melrose

2nd Sunday of the month

6.00pm Healing/anointing service

3rd Sunday of the month

8.30am Communion service, 3rd Sunday only

10.30am Family Eucharist (no 9.30 service)

2nd Monday of the month

11.00am Communion service at Oakwood Park

3rd Monday of the month April – October CPR card delivery

3rd Tuesday April to September

3.00pm Afternoon Tea Service

3rd Wednesday of the month April – October CPR collection

4th 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

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Church Diary September

Fri 1 st	7.30pn Cursillo meeting @ St Peter's 9.30am Sunday Squad
Sun 3 rd	10.30am Sung Eucharist Rt Rev Dr John Armes Commissioning of next Shared Leadership Team
12.30	Celebration Church Family Lunch 6.30pm Choral Evensong @ Holy Trinity, Melrose
Thurs 7 th	10.00am Communion Service
Sun 10 th	9.30am Sunday Squad 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Rev Kerry Dixon, Church Army 6.00pm Healing Service
Thurs 14 th	10.00am Communion Service
Sat 16 th	12.30 Soup 'n' Pud lunch
Sun 17 th	8.30am Holy Communion Rev Duncan McCosh 9.45am Family breakfast 10.30 Family Eucharist Rev Duncan McCosh
Mon 18 th	CPR delivery 11.00am Oakwood Park Communion service 7.00pm Bottle top sort
Tues 19 th	3.00pm Afternoon Tea Service
Wed 20 th	CPR collection
Thurs 21 st	10.00am Communion Service
Sun 24 th	9.30am Sunday Squad 10.30 Sung Eucharist, Rev Sarah Kilbey
Tues 26 th	5.30pm Messy Church
Thurs 28 th	10am Communion Service
Fri 29 th	5.00pm Choir practice
Sun 1 st Oct	9.30am Sunday Squad 10.30 Sung Eucharist, Harvest Thanksgiving 6.30pm Choral Evensong, Holy Trinity, Melrose

*Forgive others not because they deserve forgiveness,
but because you deserve peace.* Anon.



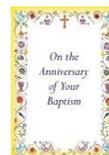
Emergency Prayer Circle

This is a group in the church which prays for people at times of special need. If you know of a member of your family or a friend facing crisis or difficulty who would be grateful of such confidential support

Ring Muriel on 01896 831418 or Rhona on 01896 751484



Roslynn, Aimee, Rosemarie, Darrin, Fiona, Ivy, Karina, James, Jaci, William, Bethany, Katie & John, Jim, Ruth, Kris, Rebecca, Ian and Oliver, Steph, Emily and Holly, Sadie, Tony, Gina, Billy, Fred, Joan, Jane, Robin, Charles, Sarah, Lynn, Nigel, Darcy, Muhamid, Jennifer, Helen, Kevin, Claire, Joyce, Gordon. Lesley, Ian, Rachel



September
14th Aaron Malone
16th Annabell Williams



From Sunday 20th August our Family service will take place on the 3rd Sunday each month. The chairs will be set up in a circle so that there is space for the children and everyone can see what is happening. We need to encourage the children to be part

of the regular congregation and this is a good way of bringing the generations together to worship our Lord. The Eucharist will be brought round to everyone by the servers.

There will be breakfast at 9.45am between the 8.30 and 10.30 services. Do come and get to know each other better

Come and join us for breakfast at 9.45am before the Family service – bacon and/or egg rolls, jam or marmalade, tea, coffee or juice all mixed in with laughter and fellowship



To the entire members of St. Peters Church
Warm greetings to you all from Nigeria,
It's been over 6months since I left Scotland. And a lot has happened since I returned home. Here's a brief update on what I have been up to so far...



I used the first few months to settle in and adjust to living with my parents again. It wasn't long before word had gotten around that 'Simi was back from the UK' and I started getting phone calls. I took out time to do some travelling to visit friends and relatives and spend time with my eighteen month old nephew. It was wonderful to see them all and I enjoyed all the fuss and all the food!!

My first job came through in April; I was required to make 10 bridal robes for a wedding. Since then, I have done a couple of jobs and gotten referrals from friends, family and some of my church members. So I have been pretty occupied. I am currently working from a spare room in our family home- small but convenient. Running the business on my own has its challenges but nonetheless fulfilling. I'm constantly learning discipline, diligence and most of all patience.

I have been telling my tales of Scotland, my friends and Church to anyone who cares to listen (in fact I'm still blown away by the love and warm reception I received from you all). The other day, I saw a documentary about Lindisfarne on BBC and I couldn't contain my excitement as I kept yelling "I've been there...I've been there!" I feel so fortunate and grateful that I've had some exciting times in the UK.

I miss your smiles and hugs, I miss the hour-long services, morning tea and chat, soup and pud! Gordon and Muriel have been faithfully sending me the Church magazine which keeps me updated and gives me a sense of belonging. I'll still love to visit Galashiels someday and I hope to find you all well.



Returning to Nigeria has been better than I anticipated. Before leaving the UK, I spent so much time worrying about what to expect once I return. I cannot say I have everything figured out but I am determined to trust God as He orders my steps. Just as Martin Luther King Jr. said "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step" I have learnt (still learning) to ask God to enable me take the "first step" in every endeavor of my life.

God bless you all. Love, Simi

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P.s I have inserted a few pictures of my outfits ☺☺



FROM ST PETER'S VESTRY

In selecting the second SLT, for St Peter's Church, we followed the usual process of asking the congregation to submit their nominations anonymously. Then Interim Pastor Geoff Mason opened the envelopes, with the help of a member of the congregation. Geoff then approached those names 'top of the list' – to find those willing to serve - and this is how we have a New SLT. I am sure you will all agree that the initial SLT has functioned extremely well in their period of office. However as Al Christie will not be joining the second SLT, now is a good time for us to say thank you to ALL members of the SLT, not only for the first team which is about to be replaced, but also to all members of the new team, Susan Boorman, Sheena Cossar, Karen Ellis, John Maltman, Nancy Muir and Monica Reynolds, which will be commissioned by Bishop John on Sunday 3rd September.

The process for finding a Rector for St Peter's continues, with Bishop John closely involved. He hopes that a joint solution can be found for the three episcopal churches of St Peter's, St John's of Selkirk and St Cuthbert's of Hawick. Individually none of these churches can afford to support a full time Rector. This action is ongoing, when we have anything to be reported, rest assured we shall announce it to you ALL!

On the building front, it has been noticed that the church building requires a lot of remedial work to be carried out. In order to quantify the detail of this the vestry has commissioned a quinquennial review. Such a review is overdue and needs to be in place before we start to look for funding for the work, mainly on the roof and the stonework.

In the meantime, thanks to the SLT, and the vestry, parish life continues much as normal."

Brian Pudner, Chairman of the Vestry



Developments at St Peter's

I was hoping to be able to update you with an article written by +John and the Church Army but this hasn't appeared yet. So this piece is based solely on my notes and understanding of the meeting which was held on 29th June with the vestries of Selkirk, Hawick and Galashiels with the bishop and Rev Kerry Dixon of the Church Army.

After the disappointment of the link with the Scottish Episcopal Institute and St Mellitus College not going ahead, the working party of St John's and St Peter's met and it was suggested that we could look into working with the Church Army who are involved with Episcopal churches in Dundee and Argyle. Initially St Cuthbert's, Hawick was not going to be included but due to the offer of augmentation from the diocese they are now included in this new proposal.

The Church Army can help to refocus and grow a church. It is an Anglican organisation and predominantly lay with a number of ordained ministers. It sends out two people so that there is more resource and sets up a Centre of Mission enabling people to share our faith. There is a Lead Evangelist who would be ordained and a Pioneer who would be a lay person. They would work with the church to look at a plan and then devise a way of how this can be achieved. This may involve "doing church" in a different way to what we are used to and is not all about more bottoms on seats. It would be very much a partnership with the diocese and the churches involved and is aimed at trying to fan the flames of anything that emerges.

The Church Army look at a five year commitment of funding with 50% from the churches involved and a review after three years. It is hoped that by the end of the 5 years the church would be renewed and that the model of church should be sustainable so can continue.

Discussions are still in an early stage and a budget needs to be worked out which will include housing, stipend, pension and expenses plus funding partners may have to be found.

Nothing has been agreed yet but St Peter's vestry has discussed this new partnership and think it is a good way forward. Kerry will be here on 10th September and I would encourage you to come and listen to what he has to say. We have proved our resilience in maintaining the church so far and this new venture could aid us to move forward.

Karen Ellis

11. Joseph God will add to me 12. Benjamin - Son of His right hand

Now notice what happens when the meaning of the names are combined, in the same order, into a paragraph:

"I will praise the Lord (for) He has looked on me (and) granted good fortune. Happy am I (because) my wrestling (God is) making me to forget. God hears me (and is) joined to me. He has purchased me (a) dwelling. God will add to me (the) Son of His right hand."

These names describe the story of the church's struggle, redemption, victory, and marriage to the Lamb. Also notice how it says "God shall come down" and "God purchased me".

Perhaps a theologian reading this would care to comment for a future edition of this magazine.



Enjoy a cup of coffee and a nap!

Seriously! According to the People's Friend there is such a thing as a "coffee nap"

When you don't want to snooze in case you are awake half the night, then try the following:-

Make a strong cup of coffee, drink it, then settle yourself somewhere comfortable

for a nap. Because the caffeine in coffee usually takes about 30 minutes to be absorbed in the gut and transported to the brain, you can nap with full confidence that the caffeine will wake you up after about that length of time. Not only that you should also be quite alert when you wake up!

Sleep experts don't recommend caffeine after 3.00pm so plan your naps before then.



9th September Abbey Consort's concert in Monteviot House at 7.30

Hidden Revelation in the Genealogy from Adam to Noah

The following was given to me from a nonbeliever who found it on an American website – T.R.U.T.H. Group

The names in the genesis have meanings that when put together from the bloodline from Adam to Noah tells the Gospel.

Genesis 5 lists the genealogy of Adam as Adam, Seth, Enosh, Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech and Noah. Ten in all.

There is another interesting idea that has been put forward, specifically that the meanings of the ten names in Noah's lineage have significance--sort of a Second Gospel:

Adam - Man

Seth - Appointed

Enosh – Mortal

Kenan – Sorrow

Mahalalel – The blessed God

Jared – Shall come down

Enoch – Teaching

Methuselah – His death shall bring

Lamech – Despairing

Noah – Comfort and rest

Put together, this could be as follows:

Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow, (but) the blessed God shall come down teaching. His death shall bring (the) despairing comfort and rest.

There is no way that this is by accident. Also there is no way Jewish rabbis contrived to hide a summary of the Christian gospel in a genealogy within their own venerated Torah. I believe this shows design by the Holy Spirit in the text.

This is also found in the names of the 12 tribes of Israel in Revelation 7. Here are the names of the tribes that make up the 12 (in the order listed in Revelation chapter 7), together with the meaning of each name:

1. **Judah - I will praise the Lord**
2. **Reuben - He has looked on me**
3. **Gad - Granted good fortune**
4. **Asher - Happy am I**
5. **Naphtali - My wrestling**
6. **Manasseh - Making me to forget**
7. **Simeon - God hears me**
8. **Levi - Joined to me**
9. **Issachar - Purchased Me**
10. **Zebulun – Dwelling**



Hello everyone - please forgive me for contacting you in such an impersonal way but the team at the Filling Station in the borders would like to make this event as widely known as possible. I know perhaps some of you won't be involved in The Filling Station, which happens the first Monday of every month in Melrose, but could I ask you to please make the folks in your churches and the churches you represent aware of this event.

The purpose of the Filling Station is to unite Christians across the denominations and theological divides so we can encourage and inspire one another in our local churches. Our aim is to bring quality and inspiring speakers and musicians to encourage and motivate us and also give opportunity to as many folk as possible to engage with other Christians from around our churches. We have a regular group of folk who support and attend our meetings but we often meet folk across the borders who tell us 'we wish we'd known about this!'

Our next meeting after the Summer break is on Monday September 4th at 7.30pm in the Corn Exchange Market Square Melrose - and this month Rob and Marion White from Cheshire will be coming to speak and share with us. Rob was the senior minister at Poynton Baptist Church and as the leaflet explains has worn many hats over his lifetime. They will be coming to inspire and equip us and we'd dearly love you and your folk to join us.

I hope you will be able to support us, but if not thank you so much for taking the time to read this.

God Bless

Arthur Hembling



Would you get out of the Boat was the question a few weeks ago, considering I'm sitting in an office in the port of Grangemouth, the answer is; I was never in the boat!! Anyway the big question would be and considering everyone has a growing hectic life with ever increasing demands and pressures, IF asked what would you do? This has been the question for myself regarding the SLT, I have already done nearly three and a half years now and who is counting, it would be so easy just to let someone else take over but life is never easy. A friend of mine was round at the house the other day that is a joiner and hit the nail on the head by saying; you just keep on going, Great advice. So it looks like I'm around for the next few years for better or worse but we work as a team. We all support each other bringing various strengths and weakness, we all have the same aim and that is the life of St Peters to do our bit. So If asked, please help out.

John Maltman



Glen '17

Glenalmond is the Scottish Episcopal Church Youth Camp. You go for a week in July and spend the time meeting new friends and learning about your faith. You are put in house groups according to age. The house group names are related to the theme of the week; fantastical beasts and where to find them. There are two leaders who look after you and your house group. You meet in your house group two times a day to look at the verses of the psalm and do activities according to those verses. The rest of the day you are doing activities. There was; swimming, lemonade and lawn games, scavenger hunts and lots more. You do three activities a day. Those activities help you to meet new people as well.

Every day we had worship which is given to a house group to organise and run. My house group did ours on verses 7-14 from Psalm 139. It was about not being able to escape God so we focused on the story of Jonah and the whale. Worship can be anywhere; in the chapel, the theatre, the playing fields or the houses. We wanted to use the swimming pool to act out Jonah and the whale, but we started in the charms corridor. We gave each house group a small boat to keep until we got to the pool, we read the Psalm, we did a prayer and started to read the story of Jonah and the whale. When Jonah was running away from God we all followed him on his journey to the pool. When everyone got to the pool we finished reading out the story while we had other members of the house group acting it out in the pool with an inflatable kayak and some pool noodles (the whale!). Each house group had written a prayer and put it in their boat to put in the pool. Each house group's worship sessions were very different and fun.

Every day was roughly the same format except the Wednesday. On Wednesday, we had house group in the morning but all afternoon we had the amble. The amble this year was Fantastical Battles. We spent a couple of hours designing and making a fantastical creature to battle with. My group made a two-faced banjo playing girl. The only twist was you needed to trade and buy for the things to make your creature. We won our battle after three hours of trading and making. After the battles were won we got to go on the huge slip 'n' slide (basically a massive tarpaulin down a hill

with a hose that you slid down). It was so much fun and a few injuries came out of it (but no one leaves Glen without a bump or bruise).

Every night there was some sort of activity for the whole camp to join in with. On Sunday, we had Fantastical Feuding, which was a competition in groups to see who was the most creative and competitive and who knew their fantastical beasts. On Monday, we had the ceilidh which was so much fun and it was so full of energy that I think we could have gone for a few more hours. On Tuesday, we had a murder mystery where we had to figure out who was the murderer. It was a lot of fun. On Wednesday, it was the disco where there was lots of dancing, singing, photos and fun. On Thursday, we had the film night we watched "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them". On Friday, it was the talent show where lots of secret talents were shown to everyone.

Overall, I had a great week and met some incredible people who made my experience amazing. I am hoping to go again next year. It was one of the best weeks ever. I would like to thank the vestry and congregation for helping to pay for my week away.

Freya McLeman



LIGHTING THE BORDERS
Borders' Heritage Festival
7.30p Saturday 2nd September,
Free entry/donation

Old Parish and St Paul's Church

Tuuslaujalat Finish Choir, Langlee Community
Choir and the Gala Water String Quartet

Mass choir performances including part of the celebration repertoire for the centenary of Finnish independence. The Gala Water String Quartet will give a premier performance of "South of Scotland" a new composition inspired by the town of Galashiels by Eric Falconer.

N.B. The church car park will only be available to blue badge holders.