

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church Galashiels

Scottish Charity SC006210

Useful Numbers

Interim Pastor

07958 713353

Vestry Chairman

01896 751474

Treasurer

01896 757114

People's Warden

01896 758017

PVG/Safeguarding Co-ordinator

07704 788689

Organist

01896 758017

Sunday Squad

01896 751484

Hall Bookings

01896 751694

Caretaker

: 07787 729639

Facebook page - St Peters Sunday Squad Church web site
www.stpetersgala.co.uk

Services

Sunday mornings

10.30am Sung Eucharist followed by tea/coffee

1st Sunday of the month

9.00am Super Squad

9.45am Family Breakfast

2nd Sunday of the month

6.00pm Healing/anointing service

4th Tuesday of the month during school terms

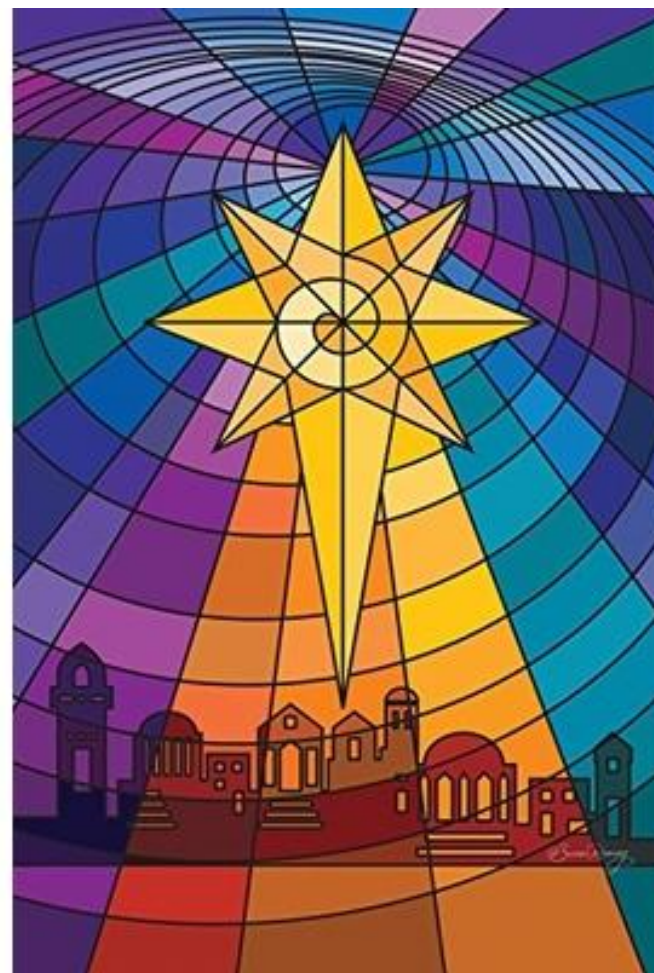
5.30 – 7.00pm Messy Church

Thursdays

10.00am Holy Communion service takes place in the hall

Last Friday of the month 5.00pm Choir practice

St. Peter's Church Magazine



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Shared Leadership Team

Susan Boorman Sheena Cossar Karen Ellis
John Maltman Nancy Muir Monica Reynolds

Church Diary December

Sun 2nd 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Wed 7th 7.30pm Advent Study group @ Nancy's
Thurs 8th 10am Communion
Sun 9th 9.00am Super Squad
 9.45am Family breakfast
 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 2.00pm Food bank meeting in hall
 6.00pm Healing service
Tues 11th 7.30pm SLT meeting @ Sheena's
Wed 12th 7.30pm Advent Study group @ Nancy's
Thurs 13th 10.00am Communion
Sat 15th 12.30pm Soup 'n' Pud lunch
 3.00pm Nativity rehearsal
Sun 16th 10.30 Nativity service
Wed 19th 7.30pm Advent Study group @ Nancy's
Thurs 22nd 10.00am Communion
Sun 23rd 10.30am Sung Eucharist, rev David Dalgligh
 6.30pm Service of lessons and carols
Mon 24th 6.00pm Christingle service
 8.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist, Rev Annie Naish
Tues 25th 10.30am Christmas Day Eucharist
Thurs 27th 10.00am Communion
Fri 28th 5.00pm Choir Practice
Sun 30th 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Rev Sarah Kilbey

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Christmas Services

Sunday 16th 10.30am Children's Nativity
Sunday 23rd 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 6.30pm Carol service
Monday 24th 6.00pm Christingle service
 8.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist
Christmas Day 10.30am Family Service

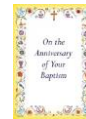


Emergency Prayer Circle

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
Call 01896 831418 or 01896 751484

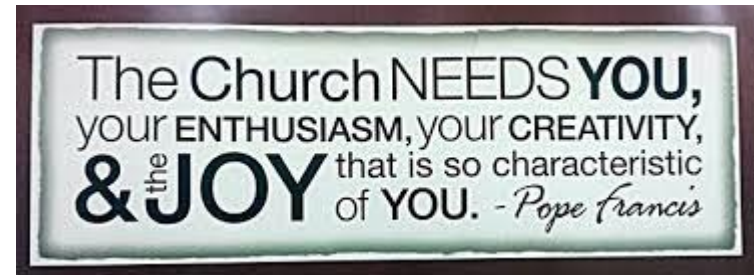


Prayer Tree
Roslynn, Darrin, Fiona, Ivy, Karina, James, Jaci, (William, Bethany, Katie & John), Jim, Ruth, Kris, Rebecca, Steph, Emily & Holly, Sadie, Joan, Jane, Sarah, Nigel, Jennifer, Kevin, Claire, Sheila, John, Fred, (Katie, Stephanie, Ted, April, Finn & Joan), Caitlin & her family, the Ellis family, 6 year old Joe and his family, Kerryanne & her family, Dominique, Bob, Maria, Andrew, Mirriam, Liz, Jessica



December Anniversary of Baptism

4th Isla & Jamie Gillespie 11th Ruairi Hogg
12th Ava Forrest 18th Kyle Hewitson



AGM

Following the AGM on Sunday 18th November there are some vacancies on the Vestry and other volunteering opportunities for church members.

Brian Pudner resigned as Chairman and John Marsden agreed to fill this post. Gordon Lounsbach resigned as secretary and the vestry will fill this post in the near future.

Beth Cumming is our new Alternative Lay Representative. Outwith the Vestry St Peter's needs a Buildings Convenor and someone to take Hall and Church Bookings.

Please do consider giving some of your time and skills to the running of our church.

What Can I Give Him?

What can I give Him,
poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I
would bring a lamb.

If I were a wiseman, I
would do my part.

Yet, what can I give
Him?

Give Him my heart!



This is the time of year that our children go in search of sheep. I don't *think* they'll find any hiding up trees like this lot! I suspect the sheep will be hiding in shop windows in Galashiels and the children have to identify where they are and see how many they can find. At the Christingle service the sheep are brought into church and taken to be placed round the Nativity display at the altar.



TO EVERYONE AT ST PETER'S, ST CUTHBERT'S AND ST JOHN'S CHURCHES AND ALL INVOLVED IN THE A7 CENTRE OF MISSION,

I write to introduce myself.

I am Simon Cake and I am the person you

have invited to be part of Centre of Mission and I am so pleased and excited at the prospect and am really looking forward to being with you all. Let me tell you a bit about myself and Oliver, my son; I have been married for 33 years but sadly lost Kathleen my wife to cancer in the early part of this year - so it is just myself and Oliver (who is 16.5) and our black & white cat – called Ben. (Ben is actually a girl cat but when he was small Oliver wanted a boy cat so she has the name Ben!!)

I love to walk, run, swim and when I get the opportunity I like to sail. The other things I enjoy are watching movies (I really enjoy comedy) and going out for meals.

My cooking skills aren't so good but they are improving, although Oliver would still prefer a Take-Away to my cooking any day!

Oh yes – I also have a train set. It was bought for Oliver as a wee boy – really it was for me and he was the excuse to buy it.

Oliver at the moment is at college taking a foundation engineering course and is unsure what he wants to do at the end of it. He has a girlfriend who seems to be the most important thing in his life just now – oh to be young!!

I've not always been a church-goer.

In fact it was quite late in my life and while serving in the Army that I accepted God.

When I was in the army my specialist work was in Ammunition and Explosive Ordnance Devices (Bomb Disposal) I've also been a Printer and worked in Logistics. The Army sponsored me to study for the Church – I think they felt it safer!

I can honestly say that moving to work whole-time for God has been the best move I have ever made.

I am a Church Army evangelist and have been a member of the Army since 1986.

My passion is very much for sharing our faith and being among people. I have been involved with Beach Missions, Holiday Clubs, Men's Breakfasts, Family Fun Days and lots of such work, alongside main-stream worship. We have worked in Yorkshire, Europe, South of England and the North East and of course we come to you from West Cumbria.

As I said at the beginning I am very much looking forward to being with you all and being part of the next step of our Churches' journey. The added bonus is that of coming to live in such a beautiful area of the country. I can't thank you enough for the support from your area that has already been shown to Oliver and I.

Please can I ask for your prayers for the A7 Centre of Mission and all our Churches as we step out together in Faith to share God's love to all we serve. And also for Oliver and I as we prepare to be with you.

With Every Blessing
Simon & Oliver Cake

Do you have any bookcases or double wardrobes or curtains that Simon might be able to use in the Rectory?

Approximate window sizes in the Rectory NOT curtain size.

(Measured in inches)	Width	Height	Rails	Remarks
FRONT ROOM	99	90	None	Drop 115
	76	90	None	Drop 115
STUDY	70	78	None	
LIVING ROOM	69	76	None	
BACK BEDROOM	53	53	Yes	outside of recess
	53	63	Yes	“ “ “
LARGE FRONT BEDROOM	53	68	None	“ “ “
	57	65	None	“ “ “
SMALL FRONT BEDROOM	53	65	Yes	fitted inside recess

Note: all the dimensions for the downstairs rooms were taken on the outside of the window recess so the shutters could still be used

Please let Mike Reynolds know if you can help. 01896 757114

Journey to Bethlehem



Soon after the angel's visit, Mary **and** Joseph were married. Mary was due **to** have her baby when they were told they had to go on a long **journey** to Bethlehem, which was where Joseph came **from**. This was because they had to pay a special tax. Mary had to ride on a **donkey** for a few days over the hills of Gallilee.

Nazareth



Bethlehem



Dear Friends

I know the pace is speeding up as we approach Advent and Christmas. I know too that you will have all sorts of plans in place to mark these two great seasons and I wish you well and assure you of my prayers.

If you didn't encounter the video Advent Calendar last year may I encourage you to take a look. On the Provincial website you will find a short video each day in Advent which, this year, follows the theme 'Our Place, Our World'. It is an invitation for all us to find a moment each day to stop and to focus on the things of God.

Please find attached a letter from Bishop Mark who writes as someone who has had a long-standing association with Aberlour Childcare when he was Rector in the area. The letter comes on behalf of the College of Bishops, encouraging us to see Aberlour Childcare as a worthy cause to support this Christmas not least because of its long association with the Scottish Episcopal Church. I fear this may come too late for some of us this year, but I hope you will find ways of supporting this important work in years to come.

With my blessings for a Holy Advent and a Joyful Christmas



Lay Representative Report

The Autumn Synod was held in Edinburgh on Thursday 25th October 2018.

The main part of the meeting covered the diocesan accounts and this was really well explained by Ian Lawson the diocesan treasurer. Ian and the Standing Committee had prepared a comprehensive report which detailed the reason behind the increase in quota for 2019 which is paid by each church to the diocese.

You may recalled, following last year's General Synod that there were changes to the canons on marriage and this included marriage of same sex couples. This has led to St Thomas's, Corstorphine deciding to leave the Scottish Episcopal Church, which has had a financial consequence for the rest of the diocese.

I don't want to bore you with finances but the diocese has had a budgeted deficit on General Fund of circa £13,000 for at least the last two years (16/17). The General Fund represents the day to day operations of the diocese and a recurring deficit is unsustainable, even if it is compensated by underspending on other funds. The budgeted deficit for 2017 had in fact been for a deficit of £22,000 but due to better than expected investment income and reductions in spending, it became a £12.6k deficit.

There has also been a transitional period for grants from the Provincial mission and ministry support. The amount has fallen from £61,000 in 2015 to £27,500 in 2017 however this amount is expected to increase over the next couple of years to around £40,000. This reduction has been picked up by the General Fund.

The long term aim is to return the General Fund to surplus however the budget shows a deficit of £12,500 for 2019, for the following reasons.

1) St Thomas's quota of £19,281 will end. About half of this is paid to the Provincial quota so the loss to the diocese is about £10,000 in 2019 and subsequent years.

2) The Standing Committee has usually restricted quota increases to 3%, this can fluctuate slightly due to each charges income. However for 2019 the recommendation is an increase of 5%.

3) significant additional Mission and Ministry expenditure is budgeted. Major projects include the developments in Berwickshire of a link between Eyemouth, Duns and Coldstream and our A7 Centre of Mission. Other projects include sponsorship of a mixed mode placement student, provision for discipleship trading and events, and the continuation of existing local ministry support programmes.

4) these projects use all the annual income from the St Hilda's fund and

more. With the reduction in the mission support grant from the Province, there is a cost to the General Fund.

5) a part time administrator will be employed to assist the Dean and the Bishop's Enabler of Mission. There will also be activities resuming in IME and CMD which were very reduced during 2018. I apologise for using abbreviations without any explanation - I can't find out what they stand for!

6) Provincial quota is 0.6% higher than last year.

7) a part time Diocesan communications coordinator has been appointed. The Standing Committee recommended the increase to quota of 5% so as to off set the immediate financial impact of the departure of St Thomas's.

There was some positive news from around the diocese from the Bishop's Enabler of Mission recalling the event Big Day, and the Youth and Children's officer reported back on Glen 18 where the children had a great time.

This report is a little longer than I had anticipated but I think it is important to explain the proposed increase in quota for 2019. Karen



To all congregations in the Scottish Episcopal Church

It's my great pleasure to write to you about an important and long-standing partnership with a Scottish children's charity; one which is especially close to my heart. I write this not just on my own behalf but on behalf of the College of Bishops.

As you may know, Aberlour Childcare Trust, as it's known today, was established in 1875 by Canon Jupp, one of my predecessors as Rector of St Margaret's, Aberlour. It was originally The Aberlour Orphanage but moved away from that work to become one of the foremost providers of children's support and development in Scotland. I have seen first hand the work of Aberlour and have met with many of the young people they work with and care for. I'm proud to say that we, as a church, have an association with Aberlour.

One way to help with this work is to find ways of raising the profile of Aberlour and to also find ways of supporting them. During Advent and Christmas many of our congregations will be organising Services of Light or Christingle services. Christingle was brought to the UK from Germany fifty years ago by The Children's Society, which supports children in England. Since then, members of the Church of England have raised millions of pounds for children through Christingle events. I know from experience that many children and families look forward eagerly to Christingle as one of their main Advent services.

Sadly though, many children and families in our communities around Scotland are facing a very difficult festive season. Aberlour has developed over 40 specialised services around the country to support them. Aberlour continues to provide loving homes for children through residential and fostering services; they give babies a brighter future by building confidence in their parents; they offer support to make life easier for families where a child has a disability and they help parents to recover from drug and alcohol misuse, poor mental health and domestic abuse, so their children can thrive. I believe it would be wonderful for our congregations to support such important work and that's why I'm suggesting we do so through our services this Christmas.

In recognition of the work that Aberlour does in our communities and in honour of 50 years since Christingle came to these shores, perhaps your congregation might consider supporting this wonderful Scottish charity, especially by fundraising through Christmas services.

The staff at Aberlour have said that they would be delighted to visit your congregations if you would like to hear more about the work they do. Just give them a call on 01786 450 335 or email hello@aberlour.org.uk

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

+Mar Moray: Primus

Health is living the life you have reason to value – you can have a disability and still be healthy. (Dr Phil Hammond on Countdown)