

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church Galashiels

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Useful Numbers

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Hall Bookings

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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

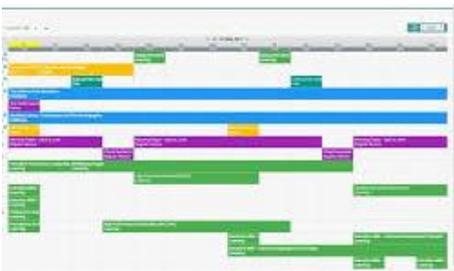
Susan Boorman Sheena Cossar Karen Ellis
 John Maltman Nancy Muir Monica Reynolds

Church Diary February

Fri 1st 8.00pm – 8.00am BB’s sleepover
 Sun 3rd 9.00am Super Squad
 9.45am Family breakfast
 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 Thurs 7th 10am Communion
 Sat 9th 12.30 Soup ‘n’ Pud
 Sun 10th 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Rev John Evans
 2.00pm Food bank meeting in hall
 6.00pm Healing service
 Mon 11th 7.00pm BB’s meeting
 Thurs 14th 10.00am Communion
 Sun 17th 10.30 Sung Eucharist
 Mon 18th 7.30pm SLT meeting @ Sheena’s
 Thurs 21st 10.00am Communion
 Fri 22nd 5.00pm Choir Practice
 Sat 23rd Clean up Rectory
 Sun 24th 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Rev Sarah Kilbey
 Mon 25th 6.30pm Bottle top sort
 Tues 26th 7.30pm Vestry meeting
 Thurs 28th 10.00am Communion
 Sun 30th 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Rev Sarah Kilbey
 Fri 1st March 7.00pm World Day of Prayer @ St Peter’s
 Sun 3rd 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 Tues 5th 6.00pm Shrove Tuesday pancakes in hall

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BOOKING THE CHURCH AND/OR HALL FOR MEETINGS



From the start of February I am very happy to say that Al Christie will be taking over the booking of the church and hall for the various groups that use our facilities. Contact Al via e-mail maryandal@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01896 755480



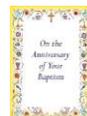
Emergency Prayer Circle

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



Roslynn, Darrin, Steph, Emily & Holly, Joan, Sheila, (Katie, Stephanie, Ted, April, Finn & Joan), the Ellis family, 6 year old Joe and his family, Miriam, Andrew, Liz, Helen. Simon & Oliver, (William, Bethany, Katie & John), Patricia

Please e-mail additional names for inclusion to smstcg1945@gmail.com unless otherwise stated they will remain on the prayer tree for two weeks



February Anniversary of Baptism

13th Leyton Robertson



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 23rd February
 We need to make sure that everything is ready, clean and tidy for Simon and Oliver (and Ben the cat) to move in to the Rectory on Monday 25th February. Talk to Karen if you will be available.

CHURCH FLOWERS

I am sure we are always delighted with the arrangements of the flowers in the church. There is a rota but I think we frequently forget to put our names down to help or even forget to put the date in our diaries and then don't show up to do them. This means that the majority or the work is done by Karen and she gives many hours of her time to arrange the flowers and keep them watered.



I know I was stunned by the beauty of the church over the Christmas period. I was also stunned to discover that Karen had done it all without any help and it took her about 6 hours to make St Peter's look wonderful for all the extra services when we have a lot of visitors attending. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude – so THANK YOU KAREN.



Hi Sheena

Thank you for your recent visit to our shop and for your interest in our knitting group.

We hold our group on a Friday morning between 10am and 12am approx. It is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting or crochet. We have in the past even had some people who did a bit of

embroidery. We have very experienced knitters, intermediate knitters and some beginners. More than happy to help anyone learn this new craft. It is a lovely group of all ages which seems to keep growing each year. It was started by myself as a community based project to help with loneliness, depression, loss of confidence etc. and has become a staple part of my shop on a Friday morning.

There is tea/coffee/biscuits supplied. Free of charge although we do put a donation tin out should any one wish to place a small donation. This year we used money from the donation tin to put a hamper of food to the Hope Charity.

Our knitting group makes things that we can put to other good causes - for example, we knit twiddle muffs that we give to the unit at the BGH for Dementia/Parkinson and premature baby hats. This year we also knitted/crocheted 100 poppies for our remembrance window which was a talking point with customers. We've made pom pom's to decorate Douglas Bridge when we first opened with St Peter's Brownies not only helping make some pom pom's but also they had the honour of cutting our ribbon on our opening day.

The aim of my shop is to be very much community focussed as I am a strong believer in this.



Christine Swinney, Shop Manager, British Red Cross, Galashiels



IN THE STEPS OF THE CELTIC SAINTS

Charity worker Dr Mark Calder will begin 14 ultramarathons to retrace the steps of Celtic saints. It will take the 36-year-old over ancient pilgrim routes in Scotland and Northern England over the next 8 months.



He will be on St Cuthbert's Way - Melrose to Lindisfarne - from 20th March.

Mark, who works for Embrace The Middle East, is raising funds to help refugees who fled Daesh return to their homes through his Running Home 2019 challenge.

He said: "There are similarities between pilgrimages and ultramarathons – they have these intense highs and lows. The total distance of 1,725 miles of the Pilgrim Ways is the same as the distance from Baghdad to Damascus to Beirut to Jerusalem to Tel Aviv to Cairo and back to Baghdad – the capitals of the countries where Embrace the Middle East works. There's this idea of journeys being transformative – it's a chance to think about the actual saints whose footsteps I'll be following in. It also ties in with the aspiration of homecoming for these refugees in the Middle East who have been displaced by war. I want to take the pilgrimage aspect seriously and use it for a time of reflection"

A friend will provide help and drive a support motor home. To donate, visit the page www.runninghome2019.co.uk.



Yes I know it is a bit early to be thinking about Easter however the Meaningful Chocolate Company needs to know how many Fai Trade eggs need to be made this year and have asked us to order what we need for the church as soon as possible.



We will need some for the Super Squad children and Messy Church but some of you might like to order some for your families. There is a sheet at the back of church for you to sign. Thanks **Sheena**

ATC Talks

At our service on Sunday 20th January members of the ATC came to give the talks they had prepared for Remembrance Sunday. (They couldn't give them on 11th November last year because the time of the Parade in Galashiels was changed and so the Squadron was unable to attend our service in St Peter's) The talks were based on the three centenaries being commemorated in 2018



100 Years of the RAF

The RAF was founded on 1st April 2018, just at the end on WW1. It was formed by the merging of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service and was the largest air force in the world.

The RAF was founded by Hugh Trenchard, 1st Viscount Trenchard. One of the first bases was at RAF Andover, where the original college was. Cranwell, started in 1919, is still the location of initial training for RAF officers.

There have been many heroes over the century. Edward 'Mick' Mannock was the highest scoring ace of WW1 and James 'Jonny' Jonson in WW2. Douglas Bader served in WW2 in spite of losing both legs in a pre-war flying accident. Guy Gibson, the leader of the audacious Dambusters raid, had initially been rejected by the RAF. Ronald J. Mitchell created the Supermarine Spitfire which entered service in March 1936.

The first jet was the Gloster Meteor introduced in July 1944.

By 1974 the force was using the most modern fighter technology in the Panavia Tornado. The RAF is currently using the Tornado GR4. The base at RAF Leuchars was home to the tornados after the Cold War. It was also the first base for the Eurofighter Typhoon, the RAF's current front-line fighting tool which entered service in March 1994. It has guarded our airspace for 25 years.

Other aircraft used by the RAF today are – the Voyager for tanker transport, the Hercules and Atlas for cargo and several helicopters to aid in the front line.

that the Holy Spirit surrounds us at all times, what other reaction would you expect?

Street Pastors undergo a considerable amount of training. Much of this is done locally, although we also tap into training elsewhere, often in Edinburgh or Stirling. There are some twelve training modules to be covered over two years.

Street Pastors is an amazing way of bringing Christ's peace to our streets. Why not come out as an observer for a few hours to experience what happens?

Duncan Cameron (co-ordinator) Tel: 01896 758248



STORIES FROM THE STREETS

"In January 2018, I was out with the Hawick patrol. It was in the early hours and the temperature was -3 degrees. We came across a young man who was slumped across a bin, intoxicated. He was unable to tell us his name, nor was he able to tell us where he lived, just indicated that it was somewhere" over there...."

We assisted as best as we could but felt helpless, we knew we couldn't just leave him as hypothermia would quickly set in. We also prayed quietly to ourselves, asking for God's intervention. Within three minutes a car drew up, and out came his mother and brother who were looking for him!"

At the station in Galashiels, a couple came off the train and headed towards the Interchange. The lady double backed to speak to the team. She said she had been brought up in the Church but had fallen away and become 'the black sheep' of the family, taking drink and Valium. The team assured the lady that God still loved her 'whether she liked it or not' and offered to pray for her, which she readily accepted. At 1am, the team prayed with the lady outside the Interchange. The team leader gave the lady a copy of 'The Father's Love Letter' to look at in the morning.

In July 2018, towards the end of a patrol in Galashiels, a little before 3am, two groups were arguing with each other, with the potential for the situation to escalate. The Team Leader prayed openly with the team for The Lord's peace to come down onto the streets. Within a couple of minutes....it started to rain

One of the main areas is Overhaugh Street where the night clubs are situated. The team usually have a break about 1am and the patrol normally finishes around 3.30am.

Each team has a 'team bag' which carried various pieces of equipment. Items include: flip flops, foil blankets, woolly hats, wipes, water and a first aid kit amongst others. Each team member also carries a large supply of lollypops! Lollypops are an amazing tool to open up conversations and defuse situations. We have given away more than 8000 since we started! Flip flops are a lifesaver to young ladies who have been wearing high heels all night and are suffering the effects, often walking in bare feet. Over 1300 pairs issued! In Hawick the patrol spends quite a bit of time at the Howegate, where large numbers of youngsters often gather. Hawick also has a nightclub in Baker Street, and it's normally there that the team gather around 3am when the night club closes.

Street Pastors is interdenominational, and it's a real privilege to be working with folk from so many different Churches. A Street Pastor must be a minimum of 18 years of age; there's no upper age limit and there are Street Pastors in the UK who are in their 80s!

One of the misconceptions about Street Pastors is that we there to 'Bible bash'. This just isn't true. It is an important rule of Street Pastors that we will not bring up or push our faith with people, we are there putting Christian principles into action, taking the love of Christ onto the streets. However, if someone does bring up faith matters, then yes, we will talk to them at whatever level is appropriate. You would be amazed at the conversations which have occurred! Young people are interested in Christianity and faith. We regularly pray with people on the streets, and this is done at their request, we don't in any way try to force anything on them. This is just one example of how God works with us on the streets!

Another misconception is that Street Pastors can be dangerous work and that we must receive a lot of abuse. In fact, the opposite is true. Every Street Pastor will tell you of the amazing welcome that they receive on the streets. Hugs and 'selfies' are the order of the day. In nearly three years of being out on a Saturday night I cannot think of ever having had abuse, and others will say the same. There is a total respect for Street Pastors and the work we do. And when you think

During WW2 the force was greatly expanded and is still regarded as one of the world's leading air powers in spite of being reduced from 2,200 to 192 frontline aircraft.
Lewis Scott



Centenary of the end of WW1

We go back to 11th November 1918 to the Armistice between Germany and the opposing Allies when the guns fell silent. Remembrance Day is not the end of the war rather it is a step in the ending of the

Great War – the war to end all wars which we now know as World War 1.

Initially the protagonists were the central powers consisting of Germany, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) and the Allies – The British Empire, France, Belgium, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Greece and Japan. Later on Italy (1915), USA and Brazil (1917) joined the Allies. Though neutral till 1918, 140,000 Chinese labourers worked on the Western front and half a million in Russia.

Different countries signed peace treaties at different times. 3rd March 1918 Russia signed a treaty with the Central Powers, 15th March Bulgaria signed an armistice with the Allies, 30th October Turkey signed an armistice and Austro-Hungary on 3rd November. Before a peace treaty was signed 5 German seamen were shot on 21st June 1919 after they had scuttled their ships in Skapa Flow. A week later Germany signed the Treaty of Versailles with the Allies – Austria signed on 10th September, and Bulgaria on 27th November. Hungary didn't sign till 4th June 1920, China didn't sign a treaty till 1921, and it took until 1923 before Turkey signed.

While we in the UK commemorated the Armistice on Remembrance Day every year we should remember that it was only the end of the hostilities which technically could have erupted again until proper Peace Treaties were signed by all combatant countries.

Dave Critchlow

(Space has restricted Dave's article to information regarding the Armistice and Peace Treaties which saw the end of WW1. I have printed his talk and palced it on the notice board at the back of church if you would like to read it in full)

**Celebrating 100
years since women
won the right to vote**

Centenary of the Representation of the People Act

If it were not for WW1 I probably wouldn't be speaking here today. WW1 was a catalyst in

women's rights because women had to take over the jobs of the men who went to war. This includes dangerous work in the munitions factories.

After the war ended in 1918 The Representation of the People Act was passed which allowed 8.5 million women who were over 30 and met specific property requirements, to vote. This Act also gave men over the age of 21 the right to vote.

In 1921 the Equal Franchise Act gave women the same voting rights as men.

During WW2 unmarried women between the ages of 20 & 30 (increasing to 43) were conscripted to help with the war effort.

1956 legal reforms meant that female teachers and civil servants were paid the same as their male colleagues.

1958 women entered the House of Lords

1967 Sex discrimination Act makes it illegal to discriminate against women in work, education and training and the Employment Protection Act makes it illegal to sack a woman because she is pregnant or on maternity leave .

1979 Margaret Thatcher became Brittan's first female Prime Minister.

1980 Women can apply for a loan in their own name.

1982 Publicans can no longer refuse to serve women.

1986 Women can work night shift in factories and retire at the same age as men.

1994 Rape in marriage becomes a crime. Part-time workers gain equal rights.

1998 EU Human Rights Act enshrines equality for everyone.

2016 Women can serve in ground combat roles in the military.

These laws have been passed but we still need to work at putting them into practice.

Thank you for listening Tara Brennan



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Border Street Pastors started its first patrol in Galashiels in June 2016. Since then, we have had a patrol every Saturday night in the town (with the exception of one Saturday in early 2018 due to the Beast of the East and one Saturday last December when team members were iced in and couldn't get into the town). In January 2017 we started a once a month patrol in Hawick. In addition, we have also helped at a number of Rugby 7s, although not at the 7s themselves, but in the towns, where there can be drink related issues; also, the Braw Lads Gathering in Galashiels and Hawick Common Riding. A total of 176 patrols to date (23rd January 2019). The way Street Pastors works is very simple. Teams of trained Street Pastors go out (in our case on a Saturday night) to Listen, Care and Help folk who are enjoying the night time economy of our towns. Each team has a minimum of three people in it, with at least one man and one woman on the team. Each team member commits to going out once a month.

In Galashiels we meet up at Trinity Church and spend some time getting ready and most importantly, time in prayer. We also have people who act as Prayer Pastors. A Prayer Pastor comes to the base to pray with us before we go out, then returns home, but is on call to pray into situations as they occur. This is vital work, as all that we do is based in prayer. There have been numerous times when prayer has resolved situations on the street. Quite often it is only after the event, when the team looks back at what happened, then realise that things 'happened' once prayer had been used. To see prayer working in the early hours of the morning is truly amazing and a real privilege.

In Hawick, the team is based at 'The Well', a hall in the town centre which belongs to the Baptist Church.

After meeting at 10.30pm, the team will go out around 11pm, following a call to the Police to check if there is anything that we should be aware of. In Galashiels, the team concentrates on the town centre. Places that they will visit include High Street, Bank Street, Channel Street, the railway station and underneath Tesco.