

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church Galashiels

Scottish Charity SC006210

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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

3rd Tuesday of the month April – October 3.00pm Afternoon Tea 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/hymn choosing

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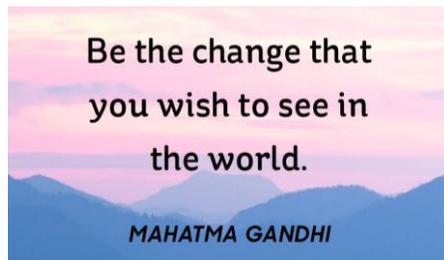
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Church Diary June

Sat 1st 2.00pm Food Bank Meeting
Sun 2nd 9.00am Super Squad
 9.45am Family breakfast
 10.30am Sung Eucharist,
Thurs 6th 10.00 am Communion service
Sat 8th 12.30 Soup 'n' Pud lunch
Sun 9th 10.30am Pentecost Eucharist Rev Simon Cake, followed
 by bring and share lunch – everyone welcome
 6.00pm Healing service,
Wed 12th 7.30pm Study group @ Sheena's
Thurs 13th 10am Communion
Sat 15th 2.00pm Fair Trade Big Brew afternoon tea
Sun 16th 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Tues 18th 3.00pm Afternoon Tea service
Wed 19th 7.30pm study group
Thurs 20th 10.00am Communion
Sat 22nd 2-5.00pm Messy Church parade preparation
Sun 23rd 10.30am Sung Eucharist,
Tues 25th 7.30pm Vestry meeting
Wed 26th Braw Lad's Fancy Dress parade
Thurs 27th 10.00am Communion
Fri 28th 5.00pm Choir practice/hymn choosing
Sat 29th 8.00am Braw Lad's Breakfast @ St Peter's
Sun 30th 10.30am Sung Eucharist Joint A7 Centre of Mission
 service @ St Peter's followed by bring and share lunch

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From the Diocese

The 36th Annual Report of the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) for the year ended 31 December 2018 is now published and can be accessed on the SEC website at the following address/link: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/36th-Annual-Report-Final-2.pdf>

In addition to the Annual Report, the Agenda and Papers for this year's General Synod are now also available on <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/General-Synod-Agenda-Papers-2019-1.pdf>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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General Synod takes place between Thursday 6th and Saturday 8th June in St Paul's & St George's church, 10 Broughton Street, Edinburgh

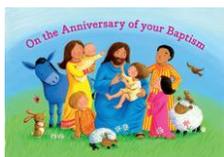


Emergency Prayer Circle

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, Simon & Oliver, (William, Bethany, Katie & John), Patricia, Martin & Sarah, Susan Black



June Anniversary of Baptism 1st Archie MacDonald
26th Mackenzie Leitch



VISIT TO ROSE GARDENS AT CAROLSIDE

Carolside is an 18th century mansion set in beautiful parkland one mile north of Earlston. Normally only open to the public during weekends from May to July, a visit has been arranged for Friday 28th June at 2.00pm for the churches making up our Centre of Mission to go and see the lovely roses for which the gardens are best known and enjoy the wonderful setting in the Leader Valley.

The entrance costs £6 (children free) and in addition afternoon tea and cakes will be provided for £5 each.

If you would like to come, please let me know by Sunday 23rd June so that I may let the owners know how many of us to expect. E-mail me at Christine@braeburn.co.uk

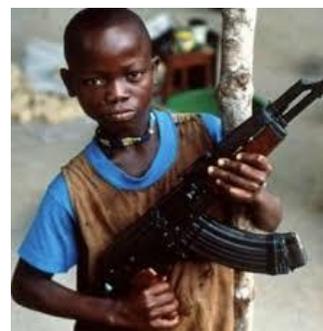
I would suggest that people share cars.

According to their brochure, all profits support the work of Marie Curie and St Andrew's church in Kelso.

Pause for thought.

I once took a group of young people aged between 17 and 22yrs old on an Expedition to Uganda. They were going to work in the orphanages. Help young War Children Soldiers to become kids again.

The young people accompanying me were what I class as last chance Home Office rejects. Hardened young people who had fallen foul with the law. Coming with me and some Army colleagues was their last chance to turn themselves around. Any way to cut a long tail short I remember Dave a 19 yr. old who was up for a major assault charge going out with me and a local social and youth worker to a village out in the Bush. Along



a dirt road miles from anywhere. We meet these kids about 13yrs old with Kalashnikov Rifles slung around them. Very Scary. They DIDN'T know how to laugh or have fun. They only knew war and how to kill. We had to win their trust. Anyhow over 3 or 4 days we began to gain their trust.

One day the Social Worker looked at Dave and said to him

"What would you do with these Kids?"

Dave said to me "hay Boss he's asking you a question". I said "no Dave he's asking you not me."

This threw Dave into a panic

"Me he said. No one asks me ANYTHING." He was quiet for a bit and then said "let's play football with them."

It worked.

From Dave being asked a question and being able to contribute in a positive way turned Dave's life around.

Sometimes if we give people a chance and recognise them as a person and listen to them, people will respond. Perhaps we shouldn't be too quick to jump to conclusions about people and put them into boxes and label them.



Some personal musings on what life seems to have thrown at me over the years and shaped the way I think and do things.

This is not something I have ever really thought about until someone asked me what my background was – was it military or civil service or some other route that made me think and do things the way I do. (Yes to both- military husband and worked in the civil service, very young (less than 7) responsible escorting Mother travelling for long distances with complicated and varied modes of transport) a precise and fixed manner, no deviation or discussion – just get on with the job!! This rather surprised me as I had thought I was fairly flexible about most things. Returning to Africa when my children were young they did remark that it must be because I spent my early childhood and teenage years in Kenya and Uganda (apart from boarding schools in Kenya and Edinburgh where doing what you are told when you are told is a given and becomes ingrained unless you have a rebellious nature) that I was different from some parents and wasn't fazed by finding monkeys in the trees in the garden and expected them (the children not the monkeys!) to do things when told (not asked!!) I guess I am still a bit like this and so apologise if I have appeared thoughtless and offended anyone. It has not ever been my intention, and I do hope it comes across that I am prepared to listen to other folks' points of view and change the way I see things. I know I have a tendency to see something that needs doing and just go ahead and do it without checking that I am doing what is actually needed and not just what I think is required!! Feel free to make me call a halt.

I used to be quite timid and shy so kept my head down and got on with things and learned to cope on my own when my husband was away at sea and I was a part-time single parent with family members in another country. As he had wanted a son my father taught me how to look after cars and power tools so I was quite good at DIY. Mike just let me get on with whatever project I had on the go at the time and was a great support in both practical and social/community involvement. Including running a small holding though he wasn't there the day I had to persuade the family cow that she wasn't a dog and had to reverse her down the steps and back out of the kitchen and into her field!! He encouraged me to go to college after my sons were born and I subsequently ran a day nursery for 3-6 year olds.

News from the Vestry

The Vestry had a full meeting in May.

We reviewed the suggestions from the congregation for spending a £1,000 legacy and are planning how to take forward the best ideas. Suggestions included spending the money on outreach in Galashiels; improvements and repairs in the church, to the toilets, to the driveway/car park and to the remembrance garden and vestry.

We agreed to co-opt Freya McLeman to the vacant position on the Vestry to give a young person's perspective.

We also heard that the church's finances were on track and agreed a regular expenses budget for next year of £36,480 which we anticipate will be covered by expected income. Repair work to the church roof was agreed.

Following a request from the Diocese to standardise names across the diocese the SLT has been renamed the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT).

The Vestry accepted Simon's challenge that we should prepare a five year Mission Plan. We'll keep you informed and involved.

John Marsden, Vestry Secretary

Vestry Members

John Marsden Vestry Secretary, Mike Reynolds Treasurer
Nancy Muir, Karen Ellis, Sheena Cossar, Wendy Smale
Yvonne Spawforth, Freya McClemman



Are you planning a party, fundraiser, meeting, wedding, concert or other activity that could take place in our building – either the church, the hall or both?

Please contact Elizabeth Watret on 01750 23207 or 07780 009355 or elizabeth.watret@gmail.com

to find out if the dates you require are available.

Once booked, personally contact Caretaker, Phil Todd on 07787 729639 to arrange access to the building, setting up chairs etc. how to dispose of rubbish and other waste.

If your booking is for a series of sessions please ALWAYS contact Elizabeth to tell her if your contact details have changed or if you don't require the building for a short time (e.g. during school holidays)

If the Church requires to use the building for a wedding, funeral or other service you may need to forgo meeting on occasion.



The Mission to Seafarers Scotland

The Mission to Seafarers Scotland work throughout Scotland caring for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs.

In Scotland there are over 90 ports and although the Mission to Seafarers' do not have a permanent presence at every port we can be contacted by phone, email or Facebook any time day or night. We deliver our service through one full-time Chaplain and a band of ship visiting volunteers who are all accredited by the Merchant Navy Welfare Board (MNWB). Through our network of Chaplain and Volunteers we offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to seafarers through ship-visits and at our seafarers' centre in Grangemouth. In addition, we are supported by many other volunteers throughout the country who knit woolly hats, deliver talks and Sea Sunday addresses.

Our Seafarers centre in Grangemouth docks remains open 24/7 and is equipped in a home from home style where we welcome seafarers from all over the world. Within the facility we offer free Wi-Fi, television, tea and coffee as well as pool, table tennis and all the facilities one would hope to find away from home. We also have guitars and an electronic keyboard for their use. The centre is used by between forty and fifty seafarers a week which is a significant percentage of the seafarers who come to the port. We are working on making the centre much more well-known with the seafarers coming into the port.



We recognise that the port is over two miles from the furthest berth to our Seafarers Centre and about three miles from the local Asda which many seafarers use. We now provide a one-way free taxi service. This takes seafarers from their ship to either the centre or Asda they then make their own way back to



the vessel. In the last twelve months we have supplied 788 taxi journeys. In addition to this we have also invested in a vending machine where we sell products at cost.

All this of course costs and so our current campaign is a way of funding it; "R U 1 in a 1000" is where we are looking for people to support us by £10 a month through a standing order.

Every week we visit in the order of 15 ships excluding cruise ships. They include; bulk carriers, container ships, oil tankers and gas tankers arriving at Braefoot Bay, Hound Point and Grangemouth docks.



When we board these vessels, we take with us a supply of woolly hats, phone cards, Bibles and fridge magnets with our Facebook details. We have Bibles in 14 languages so are able to accommodate most seafarers. Every hat we receive is given away to seafarers (Men and Women) who enter our Scottish ports. Last year we handed out over 8,000 hats and this year we hope to reach 10,000. You may be surprised to know that there are about 20,000 seafarers who make use of the Scottish ports every year (and this is a conservative estimate).

We know that the hats knitted prayerfully and with love are very much appreciated, not just by the seafarers but by the Chaplain and the volunteers who see the pleasure in the seafarers faces when they are given a hat.



A seafarer's life is really quite a lonely life and so let me end with the words of one of our seafarers:

"May God also remember you and your organization on this day for your immense support. I can't imagine how horrific and stressful sea life will be more than it already is without you guys.. On behalf of Moritz Schulte we are forever grateful to you.

Godwin, Moritz Schulte Easter 2019 (21 April)"

And may I also thank you for the support you are giving us.

With every blessing

David Graham-Service, Director and Trustee