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Services

Sunday mornings

10.30am Holy Communion 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 – September 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

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Church Diary October

Tues 1st 7.30pm MLT meeting
Wed 2nd 7.30pm House group
Thurs 3rd 10.00am Communion
Fri 4th 7.00pm Cursillo @ Coldstream
Sun 6th 9.45am Family breakfast
10.30am Harvest Family Service
followed by bring & share lunch
Tues 8th 7.30pm Vestry meeting
Wed 9th 7.30pm House group
Thurs 10th 10.00am Communion
Sat 12th Soup 'n' Pud lunch
Sun 13th 10.30am BB's induction service
6.00pm Healing service
Mon 14th 6.30pm Bottletop Sort
St Peter's Food Bank week
Wed 16th 7.30pm house group
Thurs 17th 10.00am Communion
Sun 20th 10.30am Holy Communion,
Tues 22nd 5.30pm Messy Church
Wed 23rd 7.30pm House Group
Thurs 24th 10.00am Communion
Sun 27th 10.30am Holy Communion, Rev John Evans
Mon 28th 6.30pm Bottletop sort
Wed 30th 7.30pm house group
Thurs 31st 10am Communion

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The Crockett family are deeply grateful for all the love and prayers shown to them by our friends at St Peter's during Helen's recent illness. We were especially touched by the magnificent flowers. Helen is making a good recovery after some pretty intricate surgery and we cannot speak too highly of the care

she received at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow. You are all wonderful people!

Vestry Update

The Vestry met jointly with the MLT on 17th September. Most of our time was spent working on the Mission Plan. We reviewed the ideas generated so far and started to identify a vision for our church for the next five years, the strengths we had to build upon and the steps we needed to take to advance towards that vision.

We also confirmed the date for the next church AGM – Sunday 24th November during the main service time. We heard that work on the church roof is progressing well and, weather permitting would be completed by the end of the month.

Mission Planning Update

In September we've been listening to different people and generating ideas for inclusion in our church's five year mission plan. During October the Vestry will be consolidating these into a draft plan which we'll share with everyone for comment in November.

If you've not already had a chance to tell us your ideas, or would like to see the questions we've been using to generate ideas then please speak to John Marsden.

Please also continue to pray for this Mission Planning process, that God may reveal a clear vision for the future to our church. Thank you.

John Marsden, Vestry Secretary September 2019



Flowers for Harvest

Decoration of the church will take place on Friday 4th October at 7.15pm. All are welcome to come along and help.

Harvest Family Service

The Sunday 6th Oct service will be a family service and breakfast will be served beforehand. As it will be World Porridge Day on Thursday 10th, porridge will be served at the breakfast. All are welcome to decorate their porridge with fruit.





The refurbishment work at St John's, Selkirk starts on 2nd September. Please keep the congregation and those doing the work in your prayers during the time that the work is taking place.

Invitation from St John's, Selkirk

1. 'Travelling On' is the St John's Christian study course which is run every autumn and to which we would be delighted to welcome participants from our sister churches. This year we will be studying two 5-part modules - 'The Story of the Early Church' Part 4A) and 'What in the World is Wrong (Part 6). Part 4A will be on Tuesdays 1st, 15th, 29th Oct, and 12th, 26th November, 14.30-16.00 at 11 Shawpark Road, Selkirk. Part 6 will be on Wednesdays 16th, 30th Oct, 13th, 27th Nov and 11th December, also 14-30-16.00 at the same address. The study material is available via the St John's website (www.stjohnselkirk.org.uk), but through a password protected link, so anyone who would like to join either study group (or both) would need to contact me by email to get the password. Participation is free. The course involves provided preparatory reading before sessions and group discussion at the sessions.

2. St John's is holding its annual harvest lunch at The Woll on Sunday 6th October, 13.00 for 13.15, and would be delighted if any members of our sister churches would like to join with us. The cost is £16.95 for two courses, and those coming need to make their menu choices in advance from the following:
Mains: (A) Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding; (B) Seared Fillet of Cod; (C) Chicken Breast in White Wine Sauce; (D) Vegetarian Mushroom Bake
Desserts: (E) Sticky Toffee Pudding; (F) Fruit Pavlova.
Payment to be made on the day, but we need to know numbers and choices from the menu by the 30th September. Again, people can contact me by email if they would like to come.

e-mail David Sceats dsceats@gmail.com if you are interested in either the study course or would like to attend the Harvest Lunch

Some of you will have heard Elspeth's talk on Sunday 1st September before she left to start a new job in Switzerland. Here are some of the highlights. (I can let you see a copy of the full version)

Setting out on the next stage of my life

"I can't quite believe this day has come. Four weeks ago, I was asked if I would like to be today's speaker as it is my last day here at St Peter's, for four months at least. My first thought about speaking today when I received that email was, "what a great way to close this chapter in my life and open the next. Sharing my journey with some of my closest friends and family, and even some of my employers."

The idea of me standing in front of you all to deliver this a few years ago would have been panic attack inducing for me. I make no secret of my battles with depression and anxiety.. I am one of those, however, that everyday tasks induce anxiety. Simple things, such as going to work, shopping or even just leaving the house can seem daunting.

When I arrived here at St Peter's seven years ago, anxiety already had a grip on my life. I'm sure many of you can remember me hating people standing too close and hugging was completely out of the question

Not long after I began regularly attending services I was asked if I would like to serve at the altar. A scary thought, but I accepted because after all I wouldn't be the only one up there. I was terrified that I would make a mistake, despite John's having more confidence in my abilities than I did and I have to thank him for continually encouraging me to carry on.

I then started to attend Cursillo weekends where I allowed myself to open up a little more to people and stop seeing them all as the enemy. I let people hug me and not only spoke with individuals that I had never met before but lived with these people eating, relaxing and praying together. In the grand scheme of things this may appear to be a small thing but I know many of you were shocked when I came back and embraced you during the Peace.

