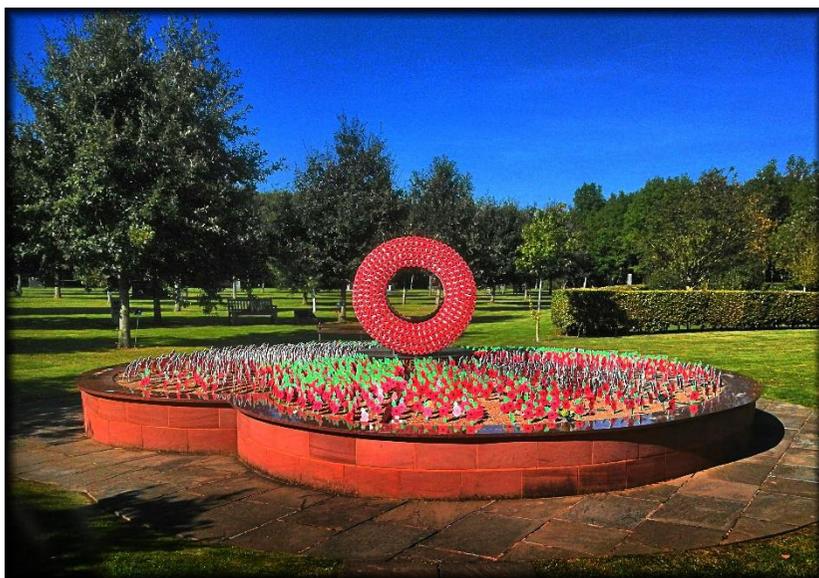


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Church Diary November

- Sat 2nd 8.30 – 11.00am Men's Breakfast all welcome (please phone 07710 523856 if you are coming)
- Sun 3rd 9.45am Family breakfast
10.30am Family Service
- Tues 5th 7.00pm Messy Church planning in hall
7.30pm MLT meeting @ Sheena's
- Wed 6th 7.30pm House group @ Nancy's
- Thurs 7th 10.00am Communion
- Fri 4th 7.00pm Bingo Quiz social evening, all welcome
- Sun 10th 9.00am Said Communion
10.30am Remembrance service with ATC
6.00pm Healing service
- Mon 11th- Fri 15th St Peter's Food bank duties
- Mon 11th 6.30pm Bottle top sort
- Tues 12th 7.30pm Vestry meeting
- Thurs 14th 10.00am Communion
- Sat 16th Soup 'n' Pud lunch
- Sun 17th 10.30am Holy Communion
- Tues 19th 5.00pm Galashiels Fellowship of Churches meeting @ Gala Baptist Church 6.30pm
- Thurs 21st 10.00am Communion
- Sun 24th 10.30am Holy Communion,
Church AGM
- Mon 25th 6.30pm Bottle top sort
- Tues 26th 5.30pm Messy Church
- Thurs 28th 10.00am Communion
- Sun 1st Dec 9.45am Family breakfast
10.30am Family Service

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2019
Annual
General
Meeting

SUNDAY
24TH
NOVEMBER
10.30 AM



Simon's Pause for Thought

Romans 10:14-15 (NIVUK)

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!



Ministries

I have this verse pinned to my wall as a reminder to myself that I share a Ministry with everyone here at St Peter's. It is not just my ministry.

Our God calls us all to share his love to those he asks us to be with. We have all been called and sent to share God's love. As the nights draw in and the weather get colder it is even more important to make attempts to share God's warming love by our witness of kindness and compassion.

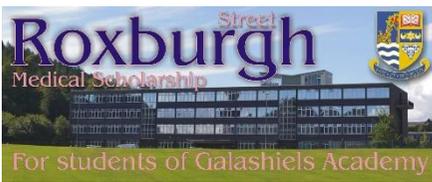
As we look to developing our Mission Action Plan, perhaps we can pray for all the groups that use our facilities. Perhaps pop in and say "Hello is there anything we, the church can do for you?" offer to pray for them and invite them to services – any service, not just Sunday morning. Don't interrupt their activities, but offer coffee. Maybe pop into a neighbour and invite them for coffee.

You and I part of God's Team, sent to share the Good News of God's love to all.

I'm really grateful to all of you that I am part of the team at St Peter's and for all the hard work that you do.

We are all part of God's Team.

Thanks again, Simon



Rosie McLeman of Galashiels Academy - our first recipient of support from the Roxburgh Street Medical Scholarship.

Rosie said " I have always found joy and satisfaction in helping people and it would be an honour to have a career which would allow me to do this. I have enjoyed school from an early age, and I have always strived to do the best I can. Over the past two years I have worked extremely hard in my exams and along with support from my family, friends and teachers I achieved the grades that would allow me to apply for medicine. I am fortunate enough to be head girl at Galashiels Academy and this role allows me to voice pupil opinions, organise events, and speak at awards ceremonies, all of these tasks and the skills I acquire within them will help me in becoming a doctor. In my spare time I play in my school hockey team and I play in the local brass bands; Gala Town Band and Peebles Burgh Silver Band. Both of these things provide an opportunity for me to relax but also, I get to meet lots of new people and gain valuable teamwork and communication skills. This scholarship has allowed me to study advanced biology and chemistry at Selkirk High School which I love while also still being heavily involved with all aspects of student life at the Academy. I am so thankful to Roxburgh Street Surgery for giving me this scholarship and helping me to pursue my dream of being a doctor."



Kevin Ryalls, Headmaster, Galashiels Academy says:

"The support from the Roxburgh Street fund is hugely significant for Rosie. Rosie wants to be a Doctor, and is on track so far with her Higher results in S5 and university tests so far. Rosie needs Advanced Highers this year and attends Selkirk High School to do some of her studies.

Rosie has played a full part in the school and town. For example, she has played hockey for the school in a team that succeeds on a national level, and she plays in the town band. She volunteers at the Food Bank and Rosie is also our Head Girl following a process of votes, hustings and interviews. These commitments make the travel between Selkirk and Galashiels very challenging to be Head Girl and to keep going in the hockey team. The funds means that Rosie can attend training and vital school classes. Put simply, this makes it easier for Rosie to maintain her health and wellbeing, keep on top of commitments in school and have more time for her studies."

BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINERS

Are you aware that you can take your own containers to various supermarkets and stores so that you don't need to have your food, from fruit and veg to cheese, meat and pies etc. from the deli counter, wrapped in several types of non-recyclable plastics? JUST ASK



You can recycle aluminium foil but you can only do that if there is enough for the recycling processing machines to identify it and separate it.

So save your foil and when you've got a ball the size of a tennis ball or bigger, then put it in the recycling.



It looks like foil, but is it really? To ensure that it is foil, do the scrunch test first. If it stays crumpled up, it is foil, if it pops back out, it is likely to be foil covered plastic and this cannot be recycled as it cannot be separated from the plastic.



Come and join Susan's annual social evening on Friday 8th November at 7.00pm. £2.00 per person including supper. Get a team of 4 together for an evening of fun and hilarity and you might even win a prize!

From Al's talk to BB's – October 2019

One of the biggest challenges I faced when I was young was understanding everything about the life of Jesus. I learned all about his life at school and at Sunday school and B.B. bible class but I found it really difficult to get my head round it all.

How did he manage all these miracles?

Why did his disciples just drop everything and follow him?

What does heaven look like?

What language do they speak in heaven?

Are all of the stories about him really true?

These were all questions I found hard to answer.

I asked loads of people loads of questions and some were able to help, but I was still puzzled.

Eventually I asked my Granny.

Now boys when you are puzzled Grandpas are O.K. Mums and Dads are good but the people who really know the answers are Grannys.

My Granny said that it was understandable that I found it all difficult. Most young people do. I am sure most of you do. In fact, some of the adults probably still find bits difficult.

She told me that I had to trust the bible, that all of the stories were true and that as I grew older I would find that out. She said that when times were tough Jesus would be with me. But the thing that stuck with me most of all was that she said praying to Jesus was important and that you could pray to him anywhere. I said to her that I thought that you had to be with people that knew how to pray to pray to Jesus. She just laughed and said that I was wrong. Jesus listens to us when we pray no matter where we are, in the street, in the park, at home, at school.

And do you know she was right.

I often speak to Jesus in the car or when I am out with Fletcher's dog Bramble or when I am sitting in the house. And you don't need to speak out loud, he knows what you have in your head if you are speaking to him, so it is easy.

But the thing she said to me which I really remembered was that as well as speaking to Jesus you have to listen to him. He won't speak out loud but if you open your mind to him he will answer your prayers. The older I get the more these things are true. He is with me when things get tough, in fact he is with me all of the time. And he does speak to me in my head and in my heart.

All you do have to listen and all of a sudden something you have been worrying about becomes less of a problem.

The big challenge with Jesus is to be patient because sometimes the answer does not come right away and sometimes it is not immediately obvious.

So, boys, you need to listen to what you are told about Jesus and trust what adults say about him whilst you are young. As you get older be sure that he will come to you and be with you for the rest of your lives.



As we make our way, often wearily, to work,
or hop into the car and do the weekly shop,
we think of those who through the night
while we were asleep have stacked the shelves,
made safe the roads, transported goods,
kept factories running, cared for the sick and dying.
Bless them with the rest that they deserve and need,
and may we be thankful for the work they do
that makes our lives each day a little easier.

Lord, bless our journey through this coming week.

May the pace be steady, paths made safe,
no obstacles impede, and conversations
with fellow travellers be fruitful and uplifting.

Lord, bless our journey through this coming week.



A Bedtime Story from the People's Friend

“If you are not sleeping as well as you used to, it might be worth ditching the e-book and read a real book at bedtime.

Sleep specialists now know that the blue light given off by electronic gadgets – including e-books – reduces melatonin and can affect your ability to fall asleep. Studies have shown that people who read on a tablet take longer to fall asleep and longer to wake up the next morning, and spend less time in REM sleep (active sleep, when we process emotions, learn, consolidate memories and dream the most), than those who read a paper book.”



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 2nd November 8.30-11.00am
Call Simon to let him know that you are coming.

Ethel's knitting stall in Why Not?



During November and December there will be a table in Why Not? in Channel street where you can buy some beautiful items knitted by Ethel. The money she raises from sales will be given to support the Foodbank

The bug & hedgehog hotel has been revamped using the last year's Christmas tree. The lower section has space for hedgehogs. There is another section behind the hotel has been made from branches which is also suitable for hedgehogs. The rest of the hotel is made from pallets, canes, logs with drilled holes, corrugated paper and straw. The variety of materials will hopefully encourage insects to live as well as bees. The hotel is topped off with slates and moss. Snug as a bug in a rug!





Hymn 43 Count your blessings

My mother was a Baptist until she married my Dad in 1939. He was a local Methodist Preacher and worked as Deputation

Secretary for Dr Barnardo's Homes before becoming a minister in the Congregational Church. She was a Domestic Science Teacher, before marriage, and Dressmaker. Very talented. It was so very sad that she died aged 67. I have lovely memories of her singing Baptist choruses to me as a child. One of her favourites was 'Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done' and another verse 'when upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged thinking all is lost, count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done'. We have to thank Johnston Oatman for the words. I wonder if he had the words of John 10 going through his head? 'I am the good shepherd' He was born near Medford, New Jersey April 21st 1850. His Father, a local merchant, was an excellent singer with a powerful voice. Johnston tried to follow in his footsteps but he didn't have the voice his of his Father. At the age of 19 he joined the Methodist Church, became a local preacher, and eventually became ordained after he had worked in the Life Insurance business. He married Wilhelmina Reid. They had 3 children. Rachel, Miriam and Percy. One day he had what we could call a 'lightbulb moment' these days. Realising he was never going to be a singer like his Father he decided to WRITE hymns. It is recorded that some 200 hymns flowed from his pen every year, finally topping the 5000 mark. 'Count your blessings' was composed in 1897. He died in New Jersey in 1936. His talent lives on through his songs and his ministry continues.

Keep Singing! John (& Widget)



Many thanks to Karen who keeps the church looking beautiful with her flower arrangements. If you can help by taking a turn to decorate the church or by supplying flowers please let Karen know.

A follow-up from Homeless Sunday talk.

Songs of Praise on Sunday 20th October featured people called Red Letter Christians.

One of the American founders stated that he was appalled when the results of a large survey of non-religious 18-30 year olds responded to the question "What does Christian mean to you?" with words such as anti-gay, anti-feminist, anti-environmentalist, hypocritical, self-satisfied, ... the words loving and caring were never mentioned.

It appears that many Christians today have moved to being BELIEVERS rather than DOERS.

The movement is expanding across denominations in the UK as we are encouraged to remember that Jesus tells us to do as he did. Social justice is at the root of caring for others. We have to remember that he was always reminding the Jewish religious leaders that looking after people was more important than following the letter of the law – the believers rather than doers of the time.

“Woe to you, Pharisees, and you other religious leaders. Hypocrites! For you won’t let others enter the Kingdom of Heaven and won’t go in yourselves. And you pretend to be holy, with all your long, public prayers in the streets,” (Matt 23: 13)

I could only find Red Letter bibles in the King James version but I guess we can mark our own copies of other versions to highlight Jesus’ message in the language of today.

I must admit I felt supported after my talk on Homelessness and that my feelings regarding social justice are as right today as they were in biblical times.

Red-Letter Christians constitute a [non-denominational](#) movement within Christianity. "Red-Letter" refers to [New Testament](#) verses and parts of verses printed in [red ink](#), to indicate the words attributed to Jesus without the use of quotations.

While many Christians throughout [church history](#) have defined themselves as emphasizing the teachings of Jesus, this modern movement was initiated by [Jim Wallis](#) and [Tony Campolo](#), who felt the [religious right](#) spend too much time on two issues: [abortion](#) and [homosexuality](#). They believe Christians should be paying attention to Jesus' words and example by promoting biblical values such as peace, building strong families, the elimination of poverty, and other important [social justice](#) issues. They believe that these are the issues that Jesus spoke of directly, and therefore these issues should be social and political priorities.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

At the request of the College of Bishops, a Celebration of the Eucharist to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in the Scottish Episcopal Church is being held on Saturday 14th December 2019 at 2.00pm, at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. The Rt Rev Anne Dyer, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, will preside at the Eucharist and the Rev Canon Dr Anne Tomlinson, Principal of the Scottish Episcopal Institute, will preach the sermon.

The service is open to any who wish to attend. If you plan to attend, please e-mail womenpriests@scotland.anglican.org so that organisers have an indication of likely numbers.

There is no onsite parking, however there are several public car parks nearby:

Car Parks in Perth

On-street

Very limited, but you might be lucky! First 15 minutes free, but thereafter £1.20 per hour, standard for all Perth Council parking.

Closest to Cathedral Off-street Car Parks:

Thimblerow Car Park, Paul St, PH1 5QT off-street

1-4 hours: £1.20 per hour; Up to 6 hours: £7.30 (5-minute walk from Cathedral)

Kinnoull Street Multistorey 37 Kinnoull St, PH1 5GE

£1.20 per hour (5minute walk from Cathedral)

Canal St Multistorey, 55 Canal St, PH2 8LD

£1.20 per hour (10-minute walk from Cathedral)

Bell's Sports Centre 63 - 103 Hay St PH1 5HS

2 hours 70p; 5 hours 80p (8 minute walk from Cathedral)

Two hours' free parking at St Catherine's Retail Park PH1 5XA.

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Services

Everyone is welcome to attend any (or all) of our services

Sunday mornings

10.30am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee

1st Sunday of the month

9.45am Family Breakfast

10.30am Family service

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