



St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh

MAGAZINE



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St John's — A community of welcome in the Borders

Dear Reader

With the year drawing to an end, this magazine looks both backwards and forwards. Backwards, on a year of considerable activity with a number of innovations that we seem to have taken on board without 'strikes' or 'walk-outs', and which will probably become 'traditions' in coming years; and forwards to a year that will no doubt present us with more challenges and new perspectives.



One of the changes we have embraced is the change to this magazine. The coloured cover is an obvious one, but the content also has changed to reflect more about the things we do and the people we are. Contributions are always welcome from anyone, so don't wait to be asked; just speak to one of the magazine team.

Have a Joyous Christmas and may 2019 bring Peace and Love to us and all the World

*A child is born, a son is given:
He sleeps on earth who rules in heaven.
Who is this child?
Where is this heaven?
Both come alive where love is given.*

The Iona Community



THE PRIE-DIEU

O God our Father, we remember that the followers of Christ were first called Christians because people noticed that they were different from others. Help us to realise that we, too, must be easily recognised if we are to bear your name. Strengthen and guide us, we pray, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Amen

FROM REV'D ANDREW

Well that didn't go as planned!!! As I write, I'm lying in a bed at the Western General Hospital hooked up to a chemotherapy pump and watching far too much daytime television. This certainly wasn't the plan.

They say that life is what happens while you are busy making plans, and I suppose living life is the plan for now.



Many of you will have had extended periods of illness or hospitalization and know that there is nothing like it to bring us back to the basics of being a fleshed, fragile human being. The concerns of the day become so basic and it certainly puts priorities into perspective.

The hard part for me is in letting go ... letting go of the immediate plans we've been stirring up together and handing them over to you capable and faithful people. Letting go of worrying about the small functional details. Letting go of the possibilities that were starting to arise around the town, but trusting that at the other end possibilities will still remain and new ones birthed.

For all of us I think it's a time to live in the now of it all and not get distracted by worries or anxieties for the future. I think the best thing the folk of St John's can do is get on with the simple task of loving each other in community.

Come to things. Worship together. Stay for the cups of coffee and chat. Greet the visitor. Find excuses to gather. Keep serving in the faithful loving way you serve. Look for the blessings of God in the drop of rain off a window ledge and in the gentle hands of the people God sends your way.

Be blessed, because you are already a blessing for me.

Andrew

FOOD BANK

The Food bank has seen a rise in the number of food parcels required in the area since Spring. This seems to be due to crises caused by changes to the way in which the benefits system is organised and mirrors what has happened at most food banks in the country. Our 845th parcel was distributed recently. Of these, 130 have been delivered this year.

People are referred to us for many reasons, mostly these: health problems which make employment unlikely; family crises; in full time work but wages insufficient to support a family; sudden incapacity with work supplying little or no sick leave; loss of a job or a long wait for benefits.

One of our saddest calls was to a youngster discharged from the care system because of a 16th birthday. Lost and alone in a bed sit, dazed by the sudden enforcement of adult self-responsibility and very vulnerable, we had fears for their ability to survive the shock and loneliness of this transition.

The most common responses to receiving a parcel are 'I'm sorry to ask for a parcel' and 'I'm sorry to trouble you.' Our deliveries are made by five teams of two people who donate the use of their own cars and fuel to this work. Seven of us are retired and feeling our age a bit but whilst we can still carry things up steps and stairs we hope to continue!



Mostly, we take and answer calls between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm then go to the store to make up parcels and the shops to buy fresh food (from cash donations) before delivering in the early evening.

We are an unusual food bank in that we deliver parcels to houses rather than run as a kind of shop. Partly this is due to restricted space for storage; goods would have to be moved out of the cupboard and a team of staff would have to be present several times a week to work as other food banks do, and partly because we are trying to support people whose circumstances are difficult enough already. A family food parcel is likely to consist of at least three heavy bags which are difficult to manage for clients who are unlikely to have cars.

Again, we thank the donors in the Jedburgh, Oxnam and Ancrum group of churches and people from those churches who kindly collect donations and deliver them to us.

Donations can be dropped off at St John's, St Mary's churches and Jedburgh Old & Trinity, in the church buildings or their halls, and at Jed Fitness Centre in the foyer.

Gerrie Fay

*Jedburgh Churches Together Food
Bank Coordinator*

RECYCLING

It is not every church that invariably has an overflowing basket of milk bottle tops in the porch to greet you as you come in, but it has been a familiar sight at St John's for a number of years now.

The collecting of milk bottle tops was started in 2012 by the Rev'd Duncan McCosh, at that time Rector of St Peter's Church in Galashiels; it was originally to raise money specifically for the Margaret Kerr Unit at the Borders General Hospital but now it supports palliative care generally throughout the Borders.

We collect washed milk bottle tops (only *milk* bottles please), which get taken to St Peter's Church by Steve McLachlan. There they are sorted by volunteers who spend 2½ hours each month checking them before they are passed on to a local firm in Charlesfield who pay around £500 a ton for them; there they are dyed black, melted down and turned into tiny chips that are then sent to a Jedburgh firm and used to coat fibre optic cables.

Over the years 5-7 million tops have been collected and approximately £1000 is raised annually through this means. We

would like to see this grow, so encourage your friends and neighbours and perhaps St John's can become a collecting point for Jedburgh.

How many milk bottle tops does it take to weigh a ton?!

Another chance to recycle has also been on-going for some time, and that is used postage stamps. Not so easily come-by as they used to be, they are still collectable and Kathleen Turnbull (taking over from Marion), will be pleased to accept any that come your way and will pass them on to the Bible Society in Edinburgh. They need to be cut or torn with the envelope backing still attached.



HALLOWEEN ON THE HIGH STREET

The evening of October 31st saw the High Street closed to traffic as traders opened their doors to welcome local young folk with their parents/carers with a 'treat'. Most of the children wore fancy-dress as did some of the adults and everyone enjoyed the occasion.

Churches Together in Jedburgh decided to join in the celebrations this year and members got together to give away 'goody bags' which included sweets and a Christian message of the real meaning of Halloween.

The 'goody bags' were so popular they all disappeared very quickly!

(The name Halloween is derived from All Hallows' Eve, the evening before the Christian holy days of All Hallows Day - also known as All Saints' Day or Hallowmass - on 1st November and All Souls Day on 2nd November. Since the time of the early Church, major feasts in Christianity had vigils that began the night before.)



MY LIFE AT ST JOHN'S

Marion Anderson has moved to Lauder and she tells us here of her life at St. John's.

Gordon and I arrived in the Borders from North Yorkshire in 1981 with our six children to farm Edgerston Tofts, and were welcomed by St John's Rector, Rev David Maybury.

Farming took most of our energy. Our two older daughters left for university, the three sons to Jedburgh Grammar and Rachel to Glen Douglas. Grace married in St John's in 1983. Gordon's parents had come to live with us and their funerals were at St John's as was Gordon's in 2009.

We became involved with community life at Edgerston and St John's. Gordon, a Lay Reader since 1958, continued in that role. We were Vestry members and representatives on Churches Together in Jedburgh over the years. In the 80's and 90's St John's had an active Christian Aid Committee, an Adult Study group and a good mixture of denominations for the Lent Studies. I loved being a flower arranger, helping at Coffee Mornings, sales of work, Snack and Chat in homes, cleaning, having the joy of pastoral visiting and leading intercessions. St John's gave me the opportunity to be a representative at two Provincial Conferences - Glasgow and St Andrew's - hearing about the work of the wider church. I became part of the Cursillo movement



where small groups meet for mutual support, encouragement and fellowship. This blessing has introduced me to Episcopalians throughout the Borders and Province.

The Roman Catholic Sisters began Alpha in Jedburgh. Following a training day in Perth and after much prayer, an Alpha Supper and course ran in the Jed Thistle Pavilion, then in Kenmore Hall. Thus my large scale catering in Jedburgh began, though I'd been on catering teams at Scripture Union camps previously. The monthly Church Lunch in JCAC followed.

I'm leaving Jedburgh to live with family in Lauder. It's sad to leave at this exciting time of change and challenge through Messy Church, witness in schools and other outreach ventures - may the Lord's name be made known.

"Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ".

HARVEST



On the weekend of 5th, 6th and 7th of October St John's held a weekend of Harvest celebrations.

Friday 'Messy Church' had a harvest theme.

Saturday afternoon saw working dog displays on the playing field beside the Rugby Club's Thistle Room, followed by a splendid hot Harvest Supper for 60 provided by St John's ladies. Helen and Colin Wilkins organised a very superior raffle. One prize was auctioned by its winner raising £30 for the Indonesian Earthquake Appeal. The raffle made £175 and total raised at the supper was £576.

Sunday morning harvest celebrations continued with Prayer and Praise on the Feast day of St Francis, with a Blessing of Animals, including a terrapin, hawk, chicken, cat and various dogs.



Harvest gifts went to the Food Bank, the sick and elderly. A successful weekend ... Thanks to all who helped.

UPDATE FROM HONOR & HECTOR HALFORD-MacLEOD

FROM HONOR

This summer a team of five Durham University students, including me, had the privilege to work in Zambia on the University' Drama Outreach Programme. We spent three weeks in the southern province of Livingstone and two weeks in the capital city of Lusaka.

In Livingstone our daily placement was with Kwathu Homes Orphanage; a school and orphanage for children placed into care by social services, where I taught in the baby and reception class.

Our second placement was at David Livingstone High School. Our sessions there included playing drama games with the students and directing an abridged production of Romeo and Juliet.

We also participated in the rich musical and choral culture which is ever-present in Zambia and spent several evenings at the Reformed Church of Zambia, singing with the choir.

On our days off we explored the iconic Victoria Falls, Chobe River Safari in Botswana and visited the home of our peer leader to

enjoy a traditional Zambian meal, where I tried some caterpillars! I wasn't a huge fan.

In Lusaka we conducted drama placements in the fountain of Hope orphanage and school and here we worked with the children to devise a play loosely based on 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin', which I directed.

Our Lusaka church placements included Mtenderi village church where we sang on Sunday and volunteered in the church's school. Another was singing in the Sunday morning service with the cathedral choir in Lusaka cathedral where I had the privilege of conducting.

A highlight was singing with Zambian all male octet 'Golden City', learning everything by ear and singing in Bemba, one of the 73 Zambian languages. It was pretty complex stuff. Amazingly, among our projects and exploring, I had some free time, so offered my help at local health clinics. In Livingstone I worked in the tiny Maramba clinic which caters for a catchment of 40,000 people! I worked in the under-fives clinic, weighing hundreds of babies every day.

In Lusaka, I helped with HIV and STI testing at the Fountain of Hope's orphanage clinic. This inspired me to set up a series of talks to the older orphans about sanitation, hygiene, sex-ed and disease prevention. The boys and girls had so many eager questions: I had to do a fair amount of myth busting!

Thank you so much to everyone who donated money to make this project happen. I am so grateful for the experience and I really appreciate all your help. It was a privilege to spend this time in Zambia and I plan to visit again to continue some of the projects I started.

FROM HECTOR

The St Chad's College Chapel Choir from the University of Durham toured Chicago with a busy schedule of concerts and services which were all well attended by enthusiastic American audiences. Our principle aims were to celebrate choral church music and support the worship in the churches and cathedrals in which we sang. Throughout the week we performed in the First Presbyterian Church at Lake Forrest, the Sky Chapel, St James' Cathedral and Holy Name Cathedral, the latter of which had thousands in attendance (apparently all

regular congregation). A highlight for me was to go to the Sky Chapel, aptly named with its location at the top of a skyscraper; we were told it is the highest place of worship within in a man-made structure in the world.

When we weren't performing or rehearsing we did manage to blow off some steam in the city indulging in some impressive activities such as the river architectural tour and the glass box at the top of the Sears Tower. In the sweltering summer heat we even managed to catch some rays on the beach and swim in Lake Michigan. The Chicago deep based pizza, a local delicacy, was as vast as you can probably imagine and I think I am still recovering from the excessive portion sizes. I enjoyed in particular visiting the Navy Pier on the lake side for an impressive fireworks display.

The choir learned much on tour and the sound hugely improved. The generosity of so many people enabled me to join the choir overseas which has aided my development as a musician. Thank you very much for your support of the tour.



Website :
www.stjohnsjedburgh.org.uk

NOTICEBOARD

This magazine is also available on our website, along with loads of further information about St John's in Jedburgh.

9 Dec 12 noon AGM after the 10.30am service
23 Dec 3:00pm Carol Service, with refreshments in the Centre after

Christmas Eve

24 Dec 6.00pm Messy Christmas Family Service at the Town Hall
11:30pm Midnight Mass (Choral)

Christmas Day

25 Dec 10:00am Christmas Morning Eucharist
30 Dec 10:30am Feast of St John the Evangelist
6 Jan 10:30am Epiphany



REGULAR DATES

Old School Lunch 12.30pm in the Centre on 30 Jan and 27 Feb
Sewing Group 10.00am in the Centre on 5 Dec, 16 Jan, 6 + 20 Feb
Choir Practice 6.15pm in Church each Friday. All welcome to join in
Messy Church 1-3:00pm at the Kenmore Hall on 1st Friday each month

DINNAE FORGET !!

ST JOHN'S SPRING COFFEE MORNING 2019

Saturday 23rd March

10:00 - 12:00

Royal British Legion Hall, Jedburgh

Further details to come in pew leaflets nearer the time.

Contact Liz Kiteley on 01835 or info@wellrig.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE !

ALL CHANGE AT VESTRY

We give thanks for the faithful service of Gerard Henry, David Ogilvy, Margaret Grover and Bärbel Gledhill.

Gerard has served St John's as Property Convener for many years as Property Convener. He has had oversight of the care and maintenance of the Church and Rectory. He has worked with Vestry to implement the recommendations of the Quinquennial Reviews and ensured the ongoing care of our buildings.

Margaret and Bärbel have been Vestry members for the past three years. David has also served St John's on Vestry, being its Chairman during the last interregnum. As well as this, David has been our Synod Representative, having a voice on behalf of our church at Diocesan Synod. Synod meets twice a year in November and February. David was also a member of our Borders Regional Council.

Our future Synod Representative, Property Convener and two Vestry members will be announced after St John's AGM, held in early December.

Thank you David, Gerard, Bärbel and Margaret!



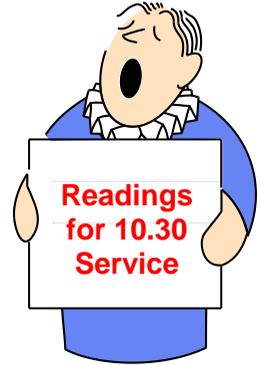
Saint John's Church – Services

SUNDAYS

9.00 am Holy Communion 1970 Scottish Liturgy
 10.30 am Sung Eucharist 1982 Scottish Liturgy

THURSDAYS

10.00 am Holy Communion
 Also Communion on important saints' days



READINGS FOR 10.30am SERVICE

Date	Readings
09/12/2018 Advent 2	Baruch 5:1- 9 Luke 1:68-79* Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
16/12/2018 Advent 3	Zephaniah 3.14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6* Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
23/12/2018 Advent 4	Micah 5.2-5a Luke 1:46b-55* Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45
24/12/2018 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
25/12/2018 Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12) John 1:1-14
30/12/18 John, Apostle & Evangelist (tr. from 27/12)	Exodus 33:7-11a Psalm 117 1 John 1 John 21:19b-25
06/01/19 The Epiphany (tr. from 6/1)	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
13/01/19 Epiphany 1: Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Date	Readings
20/01/19 Epiphany 2	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
27/01/19 Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (tr. From 2/2)	Malachi 3:1-5 Psalm 24 Hebrews 2:14-28 Luke 2:22-40
03/02/19 Epiphany 4	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30
10/02/19 Epiphany 5	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
17/02/19 Epiphany 6	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
24/02/19 Epiphany 7	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38
03/03/19 Sunday before Lent (Epiphany 9 readings)	1 Kings 8:22-43, 41-43 Psalm 96 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1b-10

*denotes a Canticle replacing the Psalm

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We are always keen to receive articles from you for inclusion in the magazine. The deadline for anything to be included in the Spring magazine is **17th February**.

Lighting a Candle is a Prayer:

*when we have gone, it stays alight,
kindling in the hearts and minds of others
the prayers we have already offered.*

Lighting a Candle is a Parable:

*burning itself out, it gives light to others.
Christ shows us how to live
so that we shine as lights in the world.*

Lighting a Candle is a Symbol:

*of love and hope.
Jesus said 'I have come as light into the world
that whoever believes in me
may not remain in darkness'.*



From the Registers

Funeral

August 22nd Alan Foster Mundell

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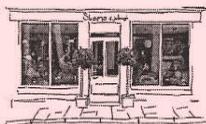
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