



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

We have finally achieved our aim of having the magazine printed in colour throughout, at a price we can afford. We would welcome your comments on the New Look.

With Fr Andrew still unavailable for “front-line-duties”, although doing pretty well, life at St John’s continues unabated as you will see, building on last year’s events and implementing others that had been planned.

Last August at the Feast of Dedication, we drank a toast to ‘The Good Ship St John’s’. Now, we are temporarily without a helmsman to steer that ship and being in that position is never an easy place to be; but as any good yachtsman will say:-

*When you stand in a storm and the wind does not blow your way
You adjust your sails*



The Prie-Dieu

Almighty God, who sent your Son, the Light of the World, to guide us through the troubled waters of this life, help us to follow His guiding light so that we may steer a true course all our days and come at last to your heavenly harbour; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



LET IT BE

So by the time of publication I hope I will have completed the fourth and final round of chemotherapy and possibly be well into the Stem Cell Transplant Process that will tie all the parts of my treatment together.



I must say I am so blessed by the outpouring of prayer, support and love over the last few months. So many people who want to help make the process as easy as possible in very practical ways as well as the tangible blanket of prayer and love surrounding me.

I really believe that the covering of prayer that is being offered locally, internationally and by people of all sorts of faith tradition (or little or none) has meant I have travelled pretty aggressive treatment with so few major side effects.

Of course I am also immensely grateful for the dedication and skill of all the medical professionals who have cared for me. The NHS is often beleaguered and sometimes maligned but for me they have been the hands of God's healing touch - even if most would never consider themselves as such.

Possibly the biggest challenge is too much time on my hands to think, worry, plan, imagine, dream, hope and sometimes despair. Some of you might be rolling your eyes wondering what he's going to come up with next ... but I must admit that despite the rough and tumble of my mind, the overwhelming message I get from our loving God is just "let it be and let it be love"

So I'm trying to sit with that, look for the moments of blessing where God's love is shown and trust that together we will jump back on the horse of community and ministry when the time is right.

May the peace and blessing of our loving God surround you, those that you love and most importantly those you find hard to love, this day and always.

Andrew

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www.stjohnsjedburgh.org.uk

NOTICEBOARD

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

March 6th Ash Wednesday 10:00am Holy Communion
March 23rd Coffee Morning 10:00am Royal British Legion Hall
March 31st Mothering Sunday
April 7th Passion Sunday
April 14th Palm Sunday
May 30th Ascension Day

Lent Study Groups

Weekly from March 8th 7:30pm Lynwood, Honeyfield Road
Weekly from March 18th 2:30pm Loftus Room, St Mary's Church

Lent Lunch April 12th 12:00 noon in the Kenmore Hall

REGULAR DATES

Old School Lunch 12:30pm in the Centre, last Wednesday each month
Sewing Group 10:00am in the Centre on 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month
Choir Practice 6.15pm in church each Friday. All welcome to join in
Messy Church 1:00-3:00pm at Kenmore Hall, 1st Friday each month

† † † HOLY WEEK AT ST JOHN'S † † †

April 17th 6:00pm Stations of the Cross & Compline
April 18th **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
6:00pm Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar
April 19th **GOOD FRIDAY**
10:45am Walk of Witness leaves Old Parish Church
Finishes at St John's with coffee & hot cross buns.
2:00 - 3:00pm Time of Meditation in the Church
April 21st **EASTER DAY**
9:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Sung Eucharist

FROM THE SHARP END

The approach of Christmas is like the last page of some mad Rossini overture: a series of excitable chords getting louder and faster until the final big one whacks you round the head.

For the Choir, 2018 saw three services in a row at which musical expectations were elevated above the routine: the Carol Service on Sunday afternoon, the Midnight Service late on Monday and the Christmas morning service on Tuesday – with barely the chance to draw breath in between, let alone hold a choir practice. So it was very satisfying to see a sizeable congregation at each and to hear some good reports.

In Andrew's absence the other seat up at the sharp end on Sundays and Thursdays has been filled by clergy from the Edinburgh Diocese, to whom we are extremely grateful: John Evans, Ursula Stone, Tim Morris, Jenny Wright, Pip Blackledge and Margaret Pedersen, and by local Lay Reader Rosemary Wilson. As I write, we are at the start of a new rota organised by the Dean, Frances Burberry,

which will see many of those faces reappearing, together with that of Bishop John. It has been a delight to deal with them all in making the weekly arrangements, and it is a tribute to their flexibility and adaptability (and perhaps also to the welcoming nature of St John's) that things have gone so well.

Our services at the major festivals are an important part of our presence in Jedburgh. And not only services in the Church, as Ruth's report on Messy Christmas elsewhere in this issue reminds us! I repeat what I wrote in the pew sheet on the last Sunday of the year: *Many thanks to the celebrants, preachers, singers, organists, flower-arrangers, sacristans, chalice-bearers, servers, organisers, intercessors, readers, candle-lighters, welcomers, bread-and-wine-bringers, collection-takers, door-unlockers, ramp-placers, heating-adjusters, refreshment-providers, Messy Churchers, Christingle-makers, livestock-handlers, tree-decorators, and all the others who helped to make this Christmas such a time of welcome and celebration for St. John's, our many visitors and the wider community.*

Paul Beck

A LOVE LETTER FROM THE FLOWER LADIES



Throughout the year at St. John's, we have always enjoyed our beautiful church being enhanced by the gift of flowers.



Those of us who help in the season's arrangements give much time and love in the preparation and continuing care of the flowers week by week so that all who visit may enjoy the blessings of God's gift.

At special times of the year such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest, the little team of flower ladies get together and decide on the choice of colours available and appropriate for the occasion. Thanks to the many who give money in the famous blue tin for the flowers; this goes a long way in making the choices possible.

In the intervening months of the year flowers for the altar stand have been gifted by members of the congregation as per the rota. However, sadly the numbers have been depleted over the past year and there are gaps to fill for the months of October and November.

The Flower Ladies would love your help and creativity for the coming year to enable the church to always have flowers which bring love, joy and hope and beauty to all.

With our thanks.

KT, J S-B, HT



LET'S DO IT!

The first Sunday in December, Jedburgh held a Street Market, which was a first for the town. We appealed for items to sell on our stall, and were overwhelmed by the selection from knitted goods to wood turning, home produce to crackers for pets and jewellery, all was so generously given.



It was a bitterly cold day, but the High Street soon became alive with the decorated stalls resembling those we have seen on German Street Markets, but alas no stall selling hot roasted chestnuts, or mulled wine. Some of the local charities were represented as well as stalls selling food, and that seemed to disappear fairly rapidly. On our stall we were all in good form wearing the hi-viz jackets and displaying the Church banner, and soon customers were looking through the goods and making their choices. We soon realised that since it was a first, the public were not sure what to expect, so they came with loose change in their pockets, which showed by the sale of the cheaper items. Although a money raising event, it was more important that we were making a presence in the community, and it was cheering to hear people say what St John's meant to them.

If there are to be further street markets in the town and we take part, we know to aim at selling attractive items possibly priced at around £2.00. I am sure the Community Council also learned from this first, but the general consensus was that the layout would have been improved if the stalls had been in a line down the centre of the High Street, giving better access to each stall. I think those of us helping all enjoyed ourselves, and we had a good supply of mince pies and fudge to keep us nourished.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year Christian Aid Week is from 12th - 18th May.

Christian Aid will focus this year on provision for vulnerable mothers and babies in Sierra Leone.

St John's Christian Aid representative is John Ogilvie, who is a member of Vestry.

Nearer the time, events organised for the week will be publicised on the pew sheets. There will not be a House to House collection this year.

ABERLOUR – Scotland's Children's Charity

Early in January, three of us from St John's met with the Service Manager at the AberLOUR House in St. Boswells to hand over the money collected by the church during Advent.

AberLOUR started as an Orphanage, but over the years has developed a wide range of services for young people and their families. Their home in St. Boswells caters for up to four severely disabled young people at a time, giving respite care. Caring for such children is a 24/7 commitment, and places a heavy toll on families where there may be more than one disabled child. Each bedroom is equipped with a different type of bed catering for the needs of the child using them, and some have overhead rails to help move the severely disabled. There is a lounge, where we met the team of carers and one young boy who had come down from Edinburgh to be looked after for the day. He was very disabled and he was blind and had to be strapped into his wheelchair. We were shown into another room where the Manager was awaiting quotations to have it made into a Sensory Room. That, and her desire to redecorate the rooms were her main fund raising



projects at present. She explained that colour, light and texture are very important in the lives of such young people, so equipment and decor need to reflect that.

This year, there was a change in the nature of our annual giving. Vestry was asked to help the unit at St Boswells specifically, and the Manager explained that the young people who go there are not able to open and appreciate a Christmas parcel; so monetary gifts to enhance the house would be very much appreciated. We were able to hand over the magnificent total of £350 from St. John's and a big "THANK YOU" goes to all concerned.

Until now, I was unaware of the extensive work that AberLOUR provides for young people and their families where there is need of help and support on so many levels. I know personally of a young person living locally who is unable to speak, is doubly incontinent and unable to walk

who regularly goes there for respite. How wonderful that must be for her parents to know that she will be cared for so professionally and lovingly.

To find out more go to www.aberlour.org.uk to read how Aberlour started and the services they provide today.

Joan Hodges



ST JOHN'S COFFEE MORNING

**BRITISH LEGION HALL
SATURDAY 23rd MARCH 2019
10-12pm**

Now that Winter is (hopefully!) past us, attention is being turned to our annual Coffee Morning. As you are all aware this is a major fundraiser and we are fortunate that the local townsfolk are always very supportive of St Johns.

There will be the usual popular cake stall, tombola and raffle and I am intending on having a stall(s) along the lines of last year – responding to feedback a set price stall and/or an unwanted quality gifts or small crafts, depending what is handed in but, PLEASE no Bric a Brac- that has been laid to rest and any local charity shop will be grateful for goods.

Also if any good cause or other charity wishes to have a small table to promote an event or their presence then please get in touch.

All offers of help gratefully received and also goods for sale, raffle prizes, baking etc so please get in touch and thank you in advance to the stall holders, helpers, movers and shakers.

More information will be in the pew sheets leading up to the day.

I believe (as we go to press) that there is to be an Easter market in April in the town similar to the Christmas Market and we are hoping to secure a table there. We are blessed in having many talented craftspeople in the congregation and it is intended to sell and showcase our home produced goods and crafts there as well as promote St Johns.

Further details to follow once more is known.

*Liz Kiteley,
Convenor*

MESSY CHRISTMAS

Again this year, after much telephoning, we failed to find a donkey. But thankfully the Busbys brought their Shetland pony Cindy who joined Billy the Goat from Les Amis D'Ono. They were stars and obliged us by living up to our "Messy Church" name! No worries, we had a large sheet on the floor!



However 6.00 o'clock on Christmas Eve obviously does not suit young families as we only had six children. We must find out what suits our children better. As we were gathering, Fiona organised Christingle making, and we had colouring crafts to do.

It was sad that Father Andrew Cooper was still in hospital, so Richard Gordon led the pop up service and we co-opted fathers and brothers to be shepherds and kings. Bethany played her part as Mary, and the Christmas story was told in carols, then we all went home with lots of "Happy Birthday Jesus" balloons.



Ruth Johnson

Under present circumstances it is unlikely that Messy Easter will be held this year, but that could change or a different event take its place.

ST JOHN'S VESTRY 2019

Two new members of Vestry were elected at St John's AGM held at the beginning of December 2018 and Vestry was delighted to welcome Christine McClachlan and John Ogilvie to their first meeting of 2019 in January.



Two positions are still vacant and these are those of 'Property Convenor' and 'Lay Representative'.

The Property Convenor has oversight of the care and maintenance of the Church and Rectory, working with Vestry to ensure the ongoing care of our buildings. This important position does not have to be filled by a Church member. Our former Property Convenor was Gerard Henry.

St John's Lay Representative attends Diocesan Synod. This meets twice a year in November and February. The Lay Representative is also a member of the Diocesan Borders Regional Council. Our former Lay Representative was David Ogilvie.



If you are interested in finding out more about these vacancies, or feel you could help in any way, please get in touch with Gerard, David, or Graham Watt, St John's Vestry Secretary.

Vestry meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6.15pm in St John's Church Centre and is here to serve St John's and its members. Please speak to any of Vestry should you need to find out what has been discussed or if there is any church matter you feel needs attention.

The minutes of each meeting are available for anyone to read and are in a yellow A4 file found at the bottom of the bookshelves at the entrance to the church building. It should be noted that they are to be read in church and that they are not to be removed.

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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 Summer magazine is
Sunday 12 May.

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

March 6

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2,12-17
Psalm 51
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10
Matt. 6:1-6,16-21

March 10

Lent 1

Joel 2.1-2,12-17
Psalm 51
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10
Matt. 6:1-6,16-21

March 17

Lent 2

Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18
27
Phil. 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

March 24

Lent 3

Isaiah 55:1-9
63
1 Cor. 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 31

Lent 4

(no OT reading)
127
2 Cor. 1:3-7
Luke 2:33-35

April 7

Passion Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21
126
Phil. 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8-14

April 14

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
31
Phil. 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-49

April 21

Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
118
1 Cor. 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 28

Easter 2

Acts 5:27-32
150
Revelation 1.4-8
John 20:19-31

May 5

Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
30
Rev. 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 12

Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43
23
Rev. 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 19

Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18
148
Rev. 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 26

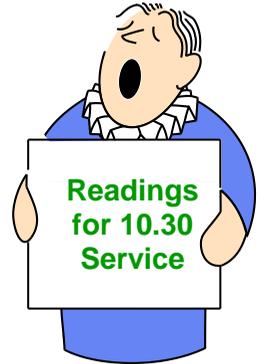
Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15
67
Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5
John 5:1-9

June 2

The Ascension

Acts 1:1-11
47
Eph. 1: 15-23
Luke 24:44-53



Pause for Thought

*Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, no feet on earth
But yours.*

*Yours are the eyes with which He sees,
Yours are the feet with which He walks,
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world
Yours are the hands.*

*Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, no feet on earth
But yours*

*Yours are the eyes with which He sees
Yours are the feet with which He walks
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world
Yours are the feet.*

*Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, no feet on earth
But yours.*

*Yours are the eyes with which He sees
Yours are the feet with which He walks
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world
Yours are the hands; Yours are the feet; Yours are the eyes.*

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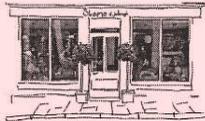
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