



St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh

MAGAZINE



Summer 2019

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

Dear Reader

In the Church's calendar not a lot happens in the way of major festivals over the summer months; perhaps this is just as well after a busy start to the year, and during a time when many people go on holiday. However, at St. John's there are two festivals to be celebrated; one is in August when we shall celebrate the 175th anniversary of the dedication of our church, and the other is the Jedburgh Festival in early July when we have the opportunity of reaching out into the community and saying "we are here".

During the next three months some of the regular activities will be taking a short break, so do please check the Noticeboard for any alterations.

Many of us will be going away for holidays; some no doubt abroad, others staying within the UK, while others will be having time at home with their families and friends. Wherever you spend your time, enjoy the

lazy, hazy crazy days of summer !

The Prie-Dieu

A prayer for all who travel

O God our Heavenly Father, who's glory fills the whole creation, and who's presence we find wherever we go; preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



FROM REV ANDREW

As I write this, I feel a bit cautious as it seems like we have already had our summer in the few warm bright weeks in May. I was delighted to have my family come to stay during my post-transplant convalescence and was constantly being told that I had lied to them about the state of Scotland's



weather. We even got to sail on Loch Lomond on a flawless blue sky afternoon with barely a ripple on the water and there was a touch of sunburn that may have led to a Scottish tan.

Summer will also see me slowly come back to work. Recovery from my stem cell transplant is progressing well but very slowly as my blood counts take their time to approach anywhere near normal. What this means is that while I might look quite robust, deep fatigue and vulnerability to infection will be a reality for some time yet. The temptation is to leap into doing too much too soon and then falling into a heap.

I have of course had far too much time on my hands to think about our little community and how we might move into the future and build on the work we have done so far. I asked Vestry to hold off making too many decisions or changes to procedure until we can gather on Saturday 20th July to re-connect and work together to establish some goals and priorities for the next three years. We have many treasures, but limited resources of time, energy and finances that we need to make sure we use in the most effective way.

Blessings to you all as we enter this summer season. May there be enough sunshine to keep us warm, enough rain to keep our landscape watered and enough experiences of the wonder of our God to keep us inspired and sustain our hope.

Andrew

ST JOHNS COFFEE MORNING MARCH 2019

Once again, the good townsfolk of Jedburgh turned out to support our annual Coffee Morning, held at the Royal British Legion Hall on 23rd March.

It was great to see so many familiar local faces enjoying coffee and biscuits and having a blether. It was a busy morning with the tombola, raffle, cakes, gift and crafts stalls all doing well. Thank you as always to the helpers from St Johns



who gave up their morning to assist as coffee monitors, washers-uppers (thanks Trevor “Marigold” Taylor!), stall helpers or showing support by being there. And also folks who kindly donated gifts for the Gift Stall and raffle prizes - we had some excellent items. It was even overheard in the local Co-op how good it was to see the Hall buzzing!



It was especially nice to see Father Andrew there, looking well and in good form before his intense bout of treatment, mingling and “working” the tables.

**Save the Date for the next one
14th March 2020**

It was a huge success and the grand total came to £1023 which will help boost the coffers and leads me smoothly into a mention of fundraising. As you are all aware, there is constant pressure on resources – besides the everyday running costs, our lovely gem of a church always requires bits and pieces of maintenance to keep it in good order, as does the lych-gate and rectory. Once Father Andrew is back at the helm, outside and family ministry will pick up again and it is important that funds are available to enable him to do his work - to inspire faith amongst the community and bring fresh faces to our congregation amongst other things. We are conscious that the congregation gives generously and for that we are most grateful, but more is always required and if anyone has any fundraising ideas, especially involving the local community, then please get in touch with any Vestry member.

Liz Kiteley

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

June 9 th	Pentecost
June 16 th	Trinity Sunday
July 12 th	Jedburgh Festival Day
August 15 th	Feast of Dedication

REGULAR DATES

Old School Lunch	12:30pm	in the Centre, 26 th June & 31 st July
Sewing Group	10:00am	in the Centre on 1 st & 3 rd 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, 27 th June
Vestry Meetings	18 th June, 16 th July, 20 th August	

NEWS FROM SIMON AND GRACE STRETTON-DOWNES

servicing with SIM at the Trinity Dental Clinic, part of ELWA Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia.

Some readers will remember Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes who were married at St John's. They're in regular contact and have emailed us with the good news that after 13 months planning and 6 months building, the new Trinity Dental Clinic where they are working is now up and running. They say it has been exciting, challenging, and a real privilege to be part of this project. Comprising 8 surgeries, a reception



area, (65 patients on the opening day!) sterilising area, denture lab, X-ray unit and manager's office, it's a vast improvement on previous facilities. The denture lab was in the corridor and the Clinic Manager was working from a desk in a store room. There is so much space and the clinic is light and welcoming.

The previous clinic was the last remnant of the old hospital, it will be demolished shortly and new Doctors' residences will be built.

Simon has been busy with plenty of opportunities for DIY. He has fitted wall fans, door locks, shelves, etc, in addition to assembling drill carts and dental chairs as well as his dental work. The remaining equipment is to arrive from the USA, UK & South Africa over the coming weeks.



St John's Vestry was pleased to be able to help with a donation towards equipment last year.

If you want to keep in touch by email and receive their news Simon and Grace would be delighted to hear from you. Their email is simonstrettd@gmail.com

To make a personal donation go to

<https://www.sim.co.uk/give>

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BITS & PIECES

Easter

As always the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers; from the unusual and very striking arrangement in the porch, to the Easter Garden nestling on the chancel step. Thanks are due to all the arrangers, not only for their creativity but also for the maintenance of their creations over the Easter period. Whatever would we do without your talents.



Feast of Dedication

St. John's was dedicated as a place of worship on August 15th 1844; this year we shall celebrate 175 years of that event on Sunday August 18th. Discussion is still on-going as to the best way to mark this rather special landmark, but at the time of going to press Vestry have made a provisional booking at the Meringue Place for a lunch, while various other ideas have been mooted. The final decision will be made when Fr. Andrew is back amongst us again.

Jedburgh Festival

Remember last year when we provided refreshment for the riders on Festival Day? It was the first time we had done so and it proved to be so popular that the Herald and Committee are keen to have it repeated. This year



Festival Day falls on July 12th so, as well as decorating the Lych Gate with the appropriate bunting, volunteers will be required to supply the passing riders with stirrup cup and sausage rolls as they pass the church to muster in the market place at 8:15 am. Details will be posted in the pew leaflets nearer the time. It is a good opportunity for us to reach out into the community and work together in something that is enjoyed by everyone.



News from Jedburgh Churches Foodbank

'We are still very busy with referrals for help. Lots of food comes in - thank you all for that. Lots of food goes out - shelves are full one day and two days later we are down to only three parcels' worth. At one time we were close to running out of baked beans, unusual amongst food banks generally.'

Our one thousandth parcel draws ever closer. With each individual being given about twenty pounds worth of food, you can work out how generous our local donors have been over the last seven years. Without you, we would not be able to meet this ever rising tide of need.

If you are looking to donate anything at the moment, almost any item of our most frequently given foods would be welcome.'

There is a list of needs in the porch at St. John's and a box for donations beside the font

AN AFTERNOON TO REMEMBER



After a week of glorious spring weather, with virtually cloudless skies, Saturday 18th May dawned wet and cold with an easterly breeze. Undaunted by this, many of Jocelyn Davidson's church friends accepted her invitation to visit her and look round her splendid walled garden at Langlee, just south of Jedburgh.

Jocelyn moved to her home here some forty years ago with her late husband. They had always wished for a walled garden of their very own and when they saw the garden, they loved it at first sight. Jocelyn said 'we didn't even look at the house which went with it!'



Filled with many species of plants and very many rhododendrons this garden is very special. Jocelyn's late husband made a hobby of propagating rhododendrons and here they all are in their splendour, one even being named after him. Even on a rather dismal damp May afternoon, seeing them lifted the spirits.



As well as visiting the garden, a splendid afternoon tea was available at the home of Moira Land, a close neighbour. A variety of sandwiches, scones, cakes (all home baked) together with a plentiful supply of tea was provided by St. John's ladies.



Thanks go to all who organised the event, to Jocelyn and Moira for their offers of hospitality, to the 'bakers' and 'tea ladies', to our car parking attendants and garden 'gatekeepers' and to those who came and generously donated towards church funds. Approximately £125 was raised.



VISITORS

Do you ever take time to look in the Visitor's Book at the back of the Church? If you did, you might be surprised at what you find. The majority, as one would expect, are people 'passing through', but in recent years there have been many people who have come back to a place that has family connections for them.

We have had a visit from the great-grandson of the organist and choirmaster of 1903-14, who was also Headmaster of St John's School; the grand-daughter of John Habgood (Rector 1962-67), and the niece of the last Headmaster of the school (Harry Leask) have paid visits, as have the children whose parents were married in the church in 1954. Only a couple of months ago a lady who was baptised in St John's in 1947 came and shared our worship one Sunday morning (and, of course, signed the Visitor's Book!).

These are just a few, but of course people visit us for other reasons than seeking out their forbears; like the couple who travel through Jedburgh from Yorkshire on their way to Peebles quite often, bringing their milk bottle tops with them to add to the collection in the porch; the young Dutchman who,



for several years, came to play the organ while travelling through the UK, and most recently, when, during choir practice, an elderly man with his dog asked if they could come in. It transpired that he was waiting for a bus and while looking round the churchyard had heard the organ playing so had opened the door and come in. When he left, he wrote in the Visitor's Book :-

".....moved to tears by the music."

Such can be the power of music, but whatever it is that brings people to visit us, we need to make sure that they are not disappointed in what they find!

Margaret Grover

Saint John's Church – Services

SUNDAYS

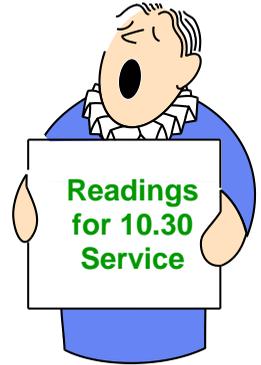
9.00 am Holy Communion 1970 Scottish Liturgy
 10.30 am Sung Eucharist 1982 Scottish Liturgy

THURSDAYS

10.00 am Holy Communion

Also Communion on important saints' days

READINGS FOR 10.30am SERVICE



9th June Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104 Romans 8.14-17 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	28th July Pentecost 7	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
16th June Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	4th Aug Pentecost 8	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13
23rd June Pentecost 2	1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	11th Aug Pentecost 9	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
30th June Pentecost 3	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62	18th Aug Pentecost 10	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40
7th July Pentecost 4	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	25th Aug Pentecost 11	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56
14th July Pentecost 5 Sea Sunday	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	1st Sept Pentecost 12	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

A Pattern for Life

by St Francis of Assisi

Written seven centuries ago, this expresses simply and beautifully a way of life for our time – and all time.

LORD

*make me an instrument of Thy Peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is discord, union.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.*

O DIVINE MASTER,

*Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and
it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.*

Amen

We may not achieve the full pattern but we can strive after it.
The fulfilment is possible only in strength greater than our own.

LIZ KITELEY

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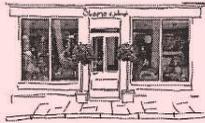
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