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***We meet in the conviction that in Jesus Christ we see the character and passion of God. We gather to learn to see the world as Jesus sees it, to begin to see the image of God in one another and in our community. Our worship is in response to the invitation of God, our mission is to reflect the generosity of God in our town, and to seek the footfalls of the Spirit of God.***

(Courtesy: All Saints Church, Evesham, Worcestershire)

## ***Holy Week and Easter Services 2026***

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Eucharist and Distribution of Palms (BCP)</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist and Distribution of Palms (1982 Liturgy)</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Midweek Service</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service and stripping of Altar</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Good Friday Service Communion (RS)</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Church Decoration</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Eucharist and renewal of baptismal vows (BCP)</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist and renewal of baptismal vows</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Midweek Service</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Eucharist( BCP)</b>
<b>Easter 2</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist (1982 liturgy)</b>

*Regular Worship at St Peter's*

*Sunday's 9.15 am Sung Eucharist (SPB}*

*10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)*

*Wednesdays 10:00 am Said Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)*

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**Who's Who at St. Peter's**

*Rector: Rev. Canon Christiine Fraser*

*Assistant Priest Rev. Bob Barrett*

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*Car Park Rentals: Maria Page*

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*Lay Representatives: Shirley Mann*

*Maria Page*

*Study Group: Rev. Bob Barrett*

*Social & Fund Raising & Shirley Mann*

*Committee Chair:*

*Vestry Chairman: Rev. Christine Fraser*

*Vestry Secretary: Maria Page*

*Website: Norman Ward*

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SESSION 1      0900 – 1300

SESSION 2      1300 – 1500

SESSION 3            1800 - 2200

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<b>LARGE HALL:</b>	<b>£30 PER SESSION</b>	<b>CAPACITY 50</b>
<b>SMALL MEETING ROOM:</b>	<b>£20 PER SESSION</b>	<b>CAPACITY 12</b>

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*If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.*

**1 Corinthians 15: 19 -20**

### **From the Editor**

As we try to comprehend a world whose values, principles and safeguards seem to be being upended almost on an hourly basis, it is inevitable that we will feel insecure and uncertain where to focus our priorities. I therefore thought to share with you “What do you Treasure” below. I also include “Desiderata” which I find an excellent credo for life. I hope you will find these helpful and inspirational.

My grateful thanks to those who have contributed, but may I please take this opportunity to stress that this is your magazine, not mine. It can only flourish with your input. Much the input to this particular

edition has come from my own finite resources. Please help me with input for future editions and ideas for Articles. Many thanks.

*In the lobby of a Moscow Hotel across from a Russian Orthodox Church:*

**You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russians and Soviet composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.**

## **Rector's Letter**

Dear Friends

What a joyful day Easter Sunday is! The darkness of the winter is gone and the gloom of Good Friday is behind us. Easter Sunday is a wonderful day to spend celebrating Christ's love for us. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! This is our Easter joy. It was once said, "We are an Easter people and Hallelujah is our song!"

We sing the familiar joyful Easter hymns which resonate in our hearts so much that we carry the tune in our heart the rest of the day. That's joy. Joy is contagious. Joyful music is contagious, but so is our Easter joy. Let's share it! That could be our challenge for Easter. To share the joy with everyone we encounter. We don't have to go overboard or anything, just smile, be happy, look people in the eye, greet strangers, go out of our way to be nice to people, just enjoy being alive. We should slow down long enough to experience small moments of joy today, and then share it with others.

That's the first thing Mary Magdalene did when she saw the empty tomb. She was so excited that she ran back and told Peter and the other disciple that the tomb was empty, Jesus wasn't in the tomb. She didn't walk; she ran! Easter morning was a personal encounter with the risen Christ and the first thing Mary Magdalene did, was

share the good news with other people. Why do we have such a hard time with that? Are we afraid of what people might say if we talk about Jesus in public? Is it hard to talk to other Christians? Are we afraid of our differences? Or do we celebrate our common belief in the risen Christ?

Each one of the gospel stories about the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a little different. They each tell a slightly different version of the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning, but the one thing the gospels do agree on, is that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and the tomb was empty on Easter morning. We need to remember that when we talk about our faith with other Christians. We have more in common with one another, than we do differences.

Mary Magdalene was not the only one running on Easter morning. Peter and the other disciple ran as fast as they could to see the empty tomb too. The other disciple beat Peter to the tomb, but did you notice he wasn't brave enough to go in? Saint Peter had no such qualms. He walked right in the tomb and saw Christ's burial clothes and the cloth that covered his head laying off to the side. Peter wasn't one bit afraid of facing the unknown, of facing death itself, because of his great love for Jesus. His love for Jesus overruled all fear and uncertainty. Peter's love for Jesus was the rock, the entire Catholic church was founded on and in today's readings, we can see why. No one else actually entered the empty tomb, until after Saint Peter did.

What do you think Saint Peter felt as he stood there looking at the empty burial cloths inside Christ's tomb? Shock? Disbelief? The gospel said that they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. This was surely something he would need some time to digest. At that moment, Peter did not have all the facts. He didn't understand anything. But, that was ok. He didn't have to.

Saint Peter simply loved the Lord Jesus enough to follow him anywhere. Remember this verse?

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.” ~ 1 John 4:18

Peter’s love for Jesus reached perfection the moment he stepped into the empty tomb. Out of fear, Peter may have initially denied Jesus three times, but that was in the past. Peter’s love for Jesus conquered his fear when he stepped into the empty tomb. Easter morning was a new beginning for him, and for the whole world. It’s a new beginning for us today as well. The past is the past. Our sins have been forgiven by Jesus Christ’s death on the cross and we need to be like Saint Peter, and let them go. The last sentence of today’s first reading for mass today says that, “To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Jesus defeated death. He rose from the dead, to eternal life and we will too if we believe in him.

We were created for eternal life. We have nothing to fear. Jesus loves us, forgives us, and journeys with us throughout our lives, and into eternal life as well. This is the good news of Easter. This is our Easter joy!

Blessings

Christine

**On the menu of a Swiss Restaurant:**

**Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.**

**In a Japanese hotel:**

**You are invited to take advantage of the Chambermaid.**

### **St James the Least of All**



**On how to run a church council meeting**

**The Rectory**

**St James the Least of All**

**My dear Nephew Darren**

**Clearly, the sight of your vicar running out of the room halfway through your last church council meeting, saying he should have stayed as a traffic warden, where he was universally liked, has unnerved you. It would have unnerved me too, since a universally popular traffic warden is an exceptional creature.**

**But perhaps it is necessary to give you some advice for the day when you do have to chair your first church council meeting.**

**1. Consider every agenda issue carefully beforehand and decide what you would like to do. Then, at the meeting, consult widely, listen to every opinion, weigh all the arguments, and then do precisely what you had decided before the meeting ever took place.**

2. Never, ever, let council members discuss hymns, which avoids getting blood on the carpets.

3. Arrange the seating in rows, all facing the front, so that everyone must respond directly to you. The last thing you want is for council members to be able to discuss matters freely with one another.

4. Start smoking a pipe. At those times when you are faced with an issue when you really are unsure of how to respond, taking out your pipe, dismantling it, searching for a pipe cleaner, squinting down the stem to see if it is clean, mopping out the goo in the bowl, searching for your tobacco pouch, filling the pipe, tamping it down, asking if you can borrow matches and attempting to light it several times over, will give you more than sufficient time to formulate a reply. Once you have perfected the routine, the silence will have been so protracted, that most of the committee will have long forgotten what the question was anyway.

5. If someone is talking too long, consult your diary, noisily and obsessively, about next month's appointments, or write a note to a committee member who is at the back of the room and get it passed to him. The speaker should soon get the message.

These are the simpler techniques of committee management. The advanced procedures must wait until you are strong enough to bear them.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

### **What do you treasure?**

Once upon a time there was a Professor who was trying to encourage his students to think about the way they used their

time. One day, when they came into his seminar room, there was a large glass container on the desk. The Professor asked them to confirm that it was empty. Then he tipped into it a quantity of golf balls, and asked them if they thought it was now full. Yes, they replied, it was clearly full of golf balls. Then he took a jar of pebbles, smaller than the golf balls, and tipped them into the container. Of course, they settled amongst the golf balls. Now, is it full, he asked? Yes, they replied, it really is full now, of golf balls and pebbles. Then he took a jar of sand and tipped that into the glass container. The sand settled amongst the pebbles. Now, is it full, he asked? Yes, they replied, it really is full now. Can I get anything else in, he asked? No, they replied. Then he took a glass of water and tipped that into the container. It seeped in amongst the sand. If I'd done that the other way around, he said, trying to put in something else first instead of the golf balls, would it have worked? No, they said, of course not: golf balls are the biggest, so they have to go in first.

Exactly, he said. The golf balls are your treasure: they are the things that are most important to you, that have permanent lasting value – your treasure in heaven. Put them into your life, your week, your day, your month, your year first, or you won't get them in at all. Then put in the pebbles: the solid things that are not the first priority in your life, but that are truly important, nevertheless. Then put in the sand, the numberless small things that have to be done, that have to happen that may even be urgent, but aren't really important. If you do it that way around, you will find that everything will fit in without your worrying about it.

One student in the group asked him what the water was. Ah, he said, that's just to remind us that, however full life is, if we get them in our life in the right order, there'll always be time for a drink at the end of the day!

The fun, of course, and the challenge lies in deciding what our golf balls are, our pebbles, our sand: the golf balls are our heavenly treasure, indestructible and of primary importance. They're where our heart is. Get them in first and everything else will fit in around them. Leave them out whilst we get on with the trivial stuff, and we're worrying pointlessly and we never do quite get around to storing up heavenly treasure.

*"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also ..."*

### **PHILOSOPHERS CORNER**

**SOCIALISM – You have two cows and give one to your neighbour.**

**COMMUNISM – You have two cows; the government takes both and gives you the milk.**

**FASCISM- You have two cows; the government takes both and sells you the milk.**

**NAZISM – You have two cows; the government takes both and shoots you**

**BUREAUCRATISM - You have two cows, the Government takes both, shoots one, milks the other and throws the milk away**

**CAPATALISM – You have two cows; you sell one and buy a bull.**

## **St Peter's Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy**

### **50th Anniversary Commemoration**

There has been an Episcopal presence in Kirkcaldy for over 200 years with at one time, three churches in the town; St Michaels, St Columba's and St Peter's.

St Peter's was established in 1811 and occupied a site in Townsend Place with a large Victorian building, a hall and Rectory behind. The site of the Rectory is now occupied by Gowrie House Care Home. In the early 1970's it was found that the church building was subsiding due to mine works beneath; particularly at the tower. Following extensive investigations, the Vestry and Diocese were faced with two options; underpin the tower and foundations or demolish the building and erect a new building further back on the site, incorporating an existing house, stables and hayloft into the design.

After much deliberation it was agreed to demolish and rebuild with the diocese and other charges helping to fund the rebuilding. In September 1976, the present building was re-consecrated under the auspices of the Right Revd Michael Hare-Duke and has remained in its present form since then.

The 50th Anniversary will be commemorated on the weekend of 5/6th September 2026 with a number of special events. Do please save the date in your diaries.

The 50th Anniversary Memorial Window design has been agreed with the Diocesan Buildings Committee and is presently in production. There has been a fabulous response to requests to sponsor a pane in memory of a loved one and former members of the congregation. It is still not too late to donate if you wish.

On the afternoon of Saturday 5th September St Peter's will host a Garden Party/Afternoon tea for the congregation, families and friends where it is hoped to provide some entertainment. The Rector is in conversations with Viewforth High School who are keen to be part of the weekend. The Vestry intend to invite representatives from the civic and local community as well as those organisations who use the building.

On Sunday 6th September, services will be held as usual at 9.15am and 10.30am, but will be lower key. The festival celebration service and dedication of the window will take place at 3pm, followed by a simple wine reception. Other SEC congregations from the Diocese, together with Diocesan officials and our Ecumenical neighbours will also be invited to attend.

This weekend is an important milestone in the life of our church family, let's celebrate together.

Rev. Canon Christine Fraser

### **My part in the search for a new Bishop of Edinburgh - part two**

I am delighted to announce that the next Bishop of Edinburgh is Bishop Elect Dagmar Winter who was elected by the Edinburgh Electoral Synod on 14 February. She will be translated to the Diocese on Saturday 30 May.

I had an interesting and informative time during the last nine months and it is good to know that so many members of the Clergy offered themselves for discernment and it was my honour to study their applications.

I was one of 11 members of the Provincial Preparatory Committee made up of members from the Diocese, the Province, Bishop Andrew of Brechin and the Primus who met several times both in person and on-line and held interviews over a week in January in the Merchants Hall in Hannover Street. The work was very intense but so interesting. We had early starts and late night working.

I am still unable to name the candidates. All I will say is they were all very good, very worthy and in my opinion any of them would have made an excellent Bishop Elect.

Bishop Elect Dagmar has had a very varied career with lots of experience. She currently serves as the Bishop of Huntingdon, a Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Ely. Since 2023 she has also been acting Bishop of Ely. She is Vice President of the Conference of European Churches which runs a number of projects especially 'parthway to peace' a coordinated response of the European Church Fellowship to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Of British and Swiss/German descent, Bishop Dagmar studied at the universities of Erlangen, Aberdeen and Heidelberg and was ordained in Rochester as Deacon in 1996. She has also served at Hexham Abbey and the Diocese of Newcastle. (for more details of Bishop Dagmar's varied career to date, please have a look at the Edinburgh Diocese website).

I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Provincial Preparatory Committee and now that this has had a successful outcome and the job completed, I look forward to the next time I am called for another interesting few months to help find another Bishop.

Shirley Mann

Provincial Member, Provincial Preparatory Committee, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane

## **The Wave**

Have you ever been inside a Wave? If not read on and you will find out what it is like. I spent New Year in Scarborough. New Year's Eve we went to York. Myself and another lady went to explore The Shambles and visited York Minster where we gave up on a tour to go to Mass. We enjoyed that very much but only got to see the Chapter

House and the Crypt before it was time to go. So, no time for our tour.

New Year's day was spent exploring Scarborough and we decided to walk along the Prom. It was a glorious day, so much so I decided to have an Ice Cream, but the wind was strong and the waves were amazing. One was so big it came over the whole wide Prom and we were underneath it. I looked up and it was all sparkly water droplets, quite beautiful, seconds later the water dropped on us. I was very wet on one side and quite dry on the other, why? We continued our walk and dried out quite quickly in the wind. We eventually found a small café open and I had a hot chocolate with all the trimmings and a good lunch. I thought I might as well start the New Year the way I was going to carry on.

Jill Harris

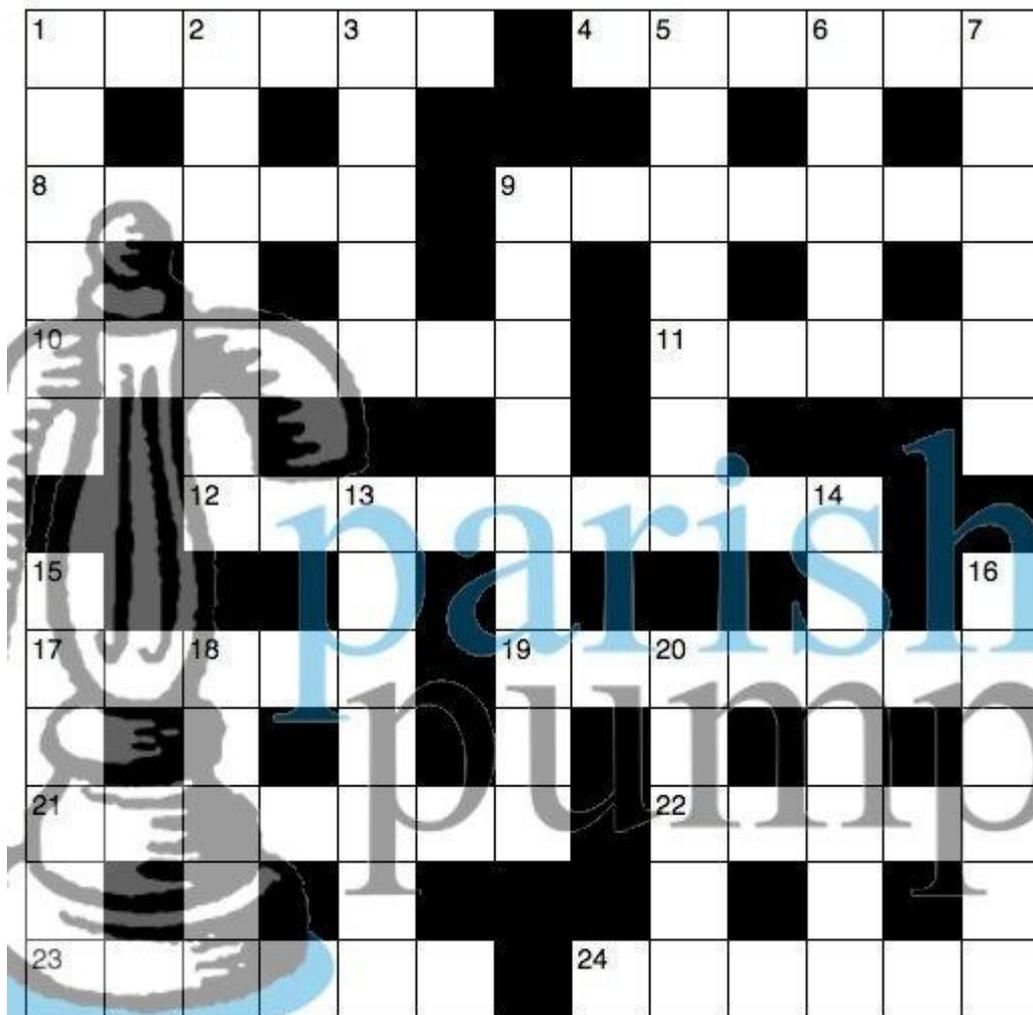
### ***Tenderness***

Our Father knows what's best for us. So why should we complain – we always want the sunshine. But he knows there must be rain – We love the sound of laughter and the merriment of cheer. But our hearts would lose their tenderness if we never shed a tear. Our Father tests us often with suffering and with sorrow. He tests us not to punish us, but to help us meet tomorrow.

### ***A Prayer for Civil Servants***

Lord Grant that this day we make no decisions, neither run we into any kind of responsibility, but that all our doings may be ordered to create new departments for ever and ever. Amen

## Crossword



## Crossword Clues

### Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 ““They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!”” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)

- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

### **Down**

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)

7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)

9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)

13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)

14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)

15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)

16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)

18 Donkeys (5)

20 Raked (anag.) (5)

## **Mothering Sunday**

Mothering Sunday - the fourth Sunday of Lent- offers families an opportunity to honour the women who have nurtured them. Lots of different streams and traditions have come together to make today's Mothering Sunday the special day that it is.

In the Middle Ages it was an occasion for everyone to visit their 'mother' church - the place where they had been baptised. Later, an opportunity for those who worked away from home to visit their mothers became added to the mix of reasons to make it a special day.

Today we honour all women who have in one way or another been special to us, and in church this is usually signalled by small bunches of flowers for every woman present.

Treating mums and grans to Sunday lunch, chocolates and flowers is also part of the present mix. And will there be a simnel cake to be seen - a tradition from ages past - with its rich layers of marzipan, and eleven balls of marzipan on top, reminders of the 11 disciples who remained faithful to Jesus?

Not everyone has enjoyed a wonderful or enduring relationship with their mum, so lest we get carried away on a wave of love and sentimentality, there is usually space in the Mothering Sunday church service to reflect on and pray for those whose relationships with their mother were not all they might have been.

Also, there are the families blighted by the lack of, or death of a child; families remembering a mum who died tragically young; women who never had a child but would have dearly loved the opportunity; all these and more are a recognition of the imperfections of human love, human life.

- These imperfections can be brought in prayer to the God who mothers us. In the Old Testament, Isaiah speaks of God comforting His people like a mother hen. In the New Testament, both Matthew and Luke bear witness to Jesus expressing His desire to gather His people as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings. Yes, God has strong maternal qualities which He invites us to discover and enjoy!

Have you discovered the mothering, nurturing, maternal qualities which God offers to all people? It's lovelier than flowers, more long-lasting than simnel cake, better than a visit from family, and it's free to everyone who wants it - it could be yours!

*By the Revd Roy Shaw, a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director*

## Desiderata: Original Text

*This is the original text from the book where Desiderata was first published.*

**Go placidly** amid the noise and the haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark

imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And, whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your *labours* and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

by Max Ehrmann ©1927

*This poem dramatically resurfaced in the early 1960's as part of a fund-raising campaign launched by a church in Baltimore, Ohio , USA. It was claimed that this text had been uncovered on the church walls during restoration and dated from the time of the Pilgrim Fathers! The story went viral with prints of the text raising huge sums for the restoration project.*

GKR

## **PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN**

*For The Garden of Your Daily Living*

**Plant Three Rows of peas**

**1. Peace of Mind**

**2. Peace of Heart**

**3. Peace of Soul**

**Plant Four Rows of Squash**

- 1. Squash Gossip**
- 2. Squash Indifference**
- 3. Squash Grumbling**
- 4. Squash Selfishness**

**Plant Four Rows of Lettuce**

- 1. Lettuce Be Faithful**
- 2. Lettuce Be Kind**
- 3. Lettuce Be Patient**
- 4. Lettuce Really Love One Another**

**No Garden is Complete Without Turnips**

- 1. Turnip For Meetings**
- 2. Turnip For Service**
- 3. Turnip To Help One Another**

**To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme**

- 1. Thyme For Each Other**
- 2. Thyme For Family**
- 3. Thyme For Friends**

**Water Freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love.**

**There Is Much Fruit in Your Garden Beca**

**use You Reap**

**What You Sow. Pass It On!!!**

***Norman Ward***

## **The Pope and Jean Boland**

You may have admired the stained- glass window which was dedicated to Jean Boland and her husband Michael. Jean was a kind and generous member of our congregation and a very loyal member of our Prayer Group. This is a wonderful true story that links her with Poper Leo.

Jean's late husband Michael was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and, after his death, Jean kept in contact with the nuns from the local convent. One of the sisters, a particular friend of Jean, - recommended a book to her. Jean purchased this book and was so impressed that she bought a copy for each of the embers of our Prayer group – and indeed I have one.

In a recent post on Facebook Pope Leo was asked if there was any book he had read which had particularly influenced him. Without hesitation he replied, “a book by Brother Lawrence”

The title of this book is The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence who was a priest in the 1700s

I was both surprised and delighted to discover this was the same book that Jean had bought for us so many years ago.

A lovely connection, I hope you will agree.

Shirley Mann

### [In a Belgrade Hotel Elevator:](#)

[To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by by national order.](#)

In a Paris hotel elevator:

Please leave your values at the front desk.

### Crossword Solution

A	W	A	K	E	N		Q	U	E	N	C	H	
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## **The Glory of the Garden**

Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,  
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,  
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;  
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.

For where the old thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall,  
You find the tool and potting sheds which are the heart of all;  
The cold frames and the hot houses, the dung pits and the tanks,  
The rollers, carts and drainpipes, with the barrows and the planks.

And there you'll see the gardeners, the man and 'prentice boys  
Told off to do as they are bid and do it without noise;  
For, except when seeds are planted and we shout to scare the birds,  
The Glory of the Garden it abideth not in words.

And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose,  
And some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows;  
But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sand and loam,  
For the Glory of the Garden occupieth all who come.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made  
By singing: - 'Oh, how beautiful!' and sitting in the shade,  
While better men than we go out and start their working lives  
At grubbing weeds from gravel paths with broken dinner knives.

There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,  
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick,  
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,  
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders,  
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;

And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden,  
You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees  
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,  
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray  
For the Glory of the Garden, that it may not pass away!

And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!

*Rudyard Kipling*

### *Florida Court Sets Atheist holy Day*

In Florida an Atheist created a legal case against the upcoming Easter and Passover Holy Days. He hired an Attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and the observance of their Holy Days. The Argument was that it was unfair that they had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a Judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the Lawyer, the Judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case Dismissed!"

The Lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your Honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur, and Hannukah, yet my Client and all other Atheists have no such holidays.

The Judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your Client, Counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The Lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance of holiday for Atheists."

The Judge said, The Calendar says that April 1<sup>st</sup> is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, “The Fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ Thus, it is the opinion of this Court, that, if your Client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1<sup>st</sup> is his day. Court is adjourned.”

*A Judge who knew his Scripture!*

## **Music and Musicians at St Peter’s**

At St Peter’s (for as long as I have been a member of the congregation), we have always been very fortunate to have people who have been able to help with music for our services. I have searched my memory (and the memories of several others) to write this article and I apologise sincerely if anyone has been omitted.

I first came to the church way back in 1976 when music was provided by Mr Jack Boase on the piano. (the organ did not come for some years later, after a considerable amount of fundraising). Mr Boase was excellent on piano and organ and we were able to enjoy his playing for many years

I think it was in the 80s that, under Canon Ron Leigh, I was asked to help to form a small ‘music group’ to play for the Sunday Eucharist once a month so that Mr Boase could have one Sunday off! The group consisted of the Revd Malcolm Freeman (Kirsty’s dad), Maria Page, the piano and organ, Barbara Stevenson, Dorothy Smith, the late Alan Pattinson (playing the communion setting), his late son Richard and me.

The time came when Mr Boase and his wife Anne decided to move closer to family in Edinburgh and we were in need of another organist. The late Alan Pattison continued for some time as did Claire Fawcett and then happily a new member of the congregation offered to help.

This was Phil Kear and he played most weeks with me taking over at the piano once a month till he left St Peter's to become organist at Roslyn Chapel, Edinburgh in August 2016.

About this time we were very fortunate to have the help of another member of our congregation Dr Brian Adamson, a polish gentleman and an organ student who after a short time moved with his family to New Zealand.

More recently we have welcomed as organist another member of our congregation Eleanor Hubbard and with Dorothy Robertson, myself and Dr Adamson (who also plays for St Serf's in Burntisland), we work a monthly rota.

However, what happens when illness strikes and there isn't anyone to play for a service?

This was a worrying problem but I'm sure you all know we have an answer. We are very fortunate to have a Hymnal, donated by the Revd Canon Christine in memory of her late brother Stuart.

The Hymnal is very clever and can be programmed to play a whole service, but someone has to programme it to make it work and we are very grateful to the Revd Bob who has become the 'expert'. To date Bob does all the programming although some of us have been trying to learn how to do this.

Our music rota now includes the Hymnal with Norman Ward, Moira Kinloch, Carol Morton, Kirsty Mackie and myself 'pressing the pre-set buttons'

So now we have accompanying music every week and are so very grateful to all who offer this their 'lay ministry' to St Peter's. Thank you all.

*Shirley Mann*



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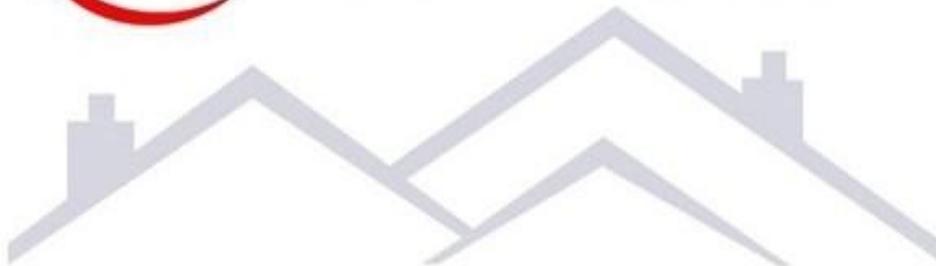


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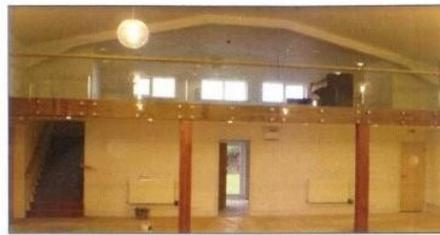
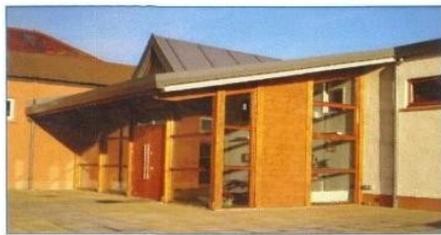
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