

## REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITIES (23/4/18)

Parish website – Juliet Mackellaig

I now have the baptismal forms up on the Baptismal preparation page for people to download - these are the ones that are found at the back of the church for the enquirers about baptism.

Fr Kevin also asked me for an **Arranging a funeral** page which also has the funeral booklets available to download.

<http://www.stpetersrcchurchedinburgh.org.uk/parish-life/funerals/>

There were 1,700 different people on the website in the month running up to Easter - a record high (some will now doubt have been looking for a different St Peter's (!) but it is still our best month ever.)

Lastly we had maybe about 30 attend the Divine Mercy Sunday service on 8th April with exposition, benediction confessions and prayers - next year we thought we should better coordinate with St Columbia's about the event as they had prayers there too this year. This is normally arranged by myself, Dougie and Margaret Hunter and supported so well by Fr Kevin.

Christian Aid – Liz Brown

Main focus this month is the house-to-house collection, and supporting the Holy Corner Booksale. We provided 7 volunteers at this event last year, and we now have a representative on the committee. In response to appeals, I have collected 5 carloads of book donations, including the books from the Parish Library. Happy to accept/collect more!!

Eco-Congregation

Annual Gathering: Pass the Planet is on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> in Edinburgh – would be delighted to have a chum to go along to this thought-provoking, free event, particularly a young one since young people are the theme.

Freshstart – Pat Cairns

Parishioners continue to respond positively to appeals in the newsletter, as well as unprompted donations. Regular trips are made to take the goods to the warehouse for sorting and distribution to those who really need help setting up a home after homelessness.

Readers – Peter Nicholson

I can report fairly briefly on the reader ministry. I met Fr Kevin early in Lent to follow up on suggested alterations to reader procedures; as a result we have

made a few changes to the procedure and content of the welcome, and some slight changes to timing of the readers' approach to the altar and in the pause at the end of each reading.

We have been a little stretched for resources lately, as personal and family circumstances have resulted in some readers not wishing to commit for some weeks ahead. However we managed to cover Holy Week and I am currently managing the rota in effect a few weeks at a time. I will approach new people if I think they may be able to help, and also hope we will repeat the Volunteering Sunday this year.

### St Peter's Hospitality Team Report April 2018

The Hospitality Team has welcomed new members Jacky Carter and Di Buchanan, while Lucy Eggins has had to stand down temporarily while she has a planned operation. In the Eco-Parish spirit, we have upgraded our provision of disposable cups to "vegware", which is biodegradable and compostable. Hot drinks and biscuits continue to be provided every Sunday in term time, along with home baking most Sundays, with more elaborate catering for special occasions, eg:

- 28 January Rite of Illumination
- 4 February Presentation of the Creed
- 4 March Presentation of the Lord's Prayer
- 11 March Mother's Day
- 18 March St Patrick's Day
- 25 March Simnel Cakes
- 1 April Easter Sunday

### Facebook – Trish Dolan

Our page following has been slowly but steadily increasing and we now are at 127. Given the size of our parish that leaves plenty of room for growth! However, at this time, we need to be mindful of the potential impact of the Facebook Cambridge Analytica incident on whether and how our parishioners will wish to continue to engage with Facebook/ social media both now and into the future.

In common with other organisations, the change in Facebook policy on how non 'friends and family' postings appear in Newsfeeds has had a negative impact on our reach. Despite this, we had a lovely level of engagement with the page over Holy Week/ Easter weekend. So the priority at the moment is to try to make postings that encourage people to react to and/or share what we

publish when we do manage to reach them. Work in progress!

SVDP – Fran Good

I thought this link might be a good start for the Parish Council. I'll also ask the National Office to send some leaflets, which I think are available, which can be distributed.

[Mini Vinnies | SSVP Scotland](#)

Although small in number (and size!), Mini Vinnies are a force to be reckoned with! They are SSVP groups based in primary schools and usually made up of Primary 4-7 pupils, with an adult or adults supporting them.

<https://www.ssvpscotland.com/ssvpyouth/mini-vinnies/>

LITURGY LINKS – report to follow.