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The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church

September 2019



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29th IS INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY

82 percent
of people are likely to attend church
if invited
by a friend or relative.

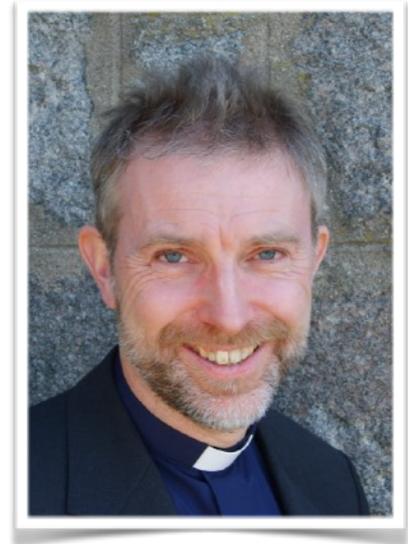
Please use the invitation card inside this magazine to invite a friend or family member to church, beginning with a breakfast at 9.30 am

Dear Friends

I hope you've all had a lovely summer.

In this issue of the magazine, you will find an invitation card, which allows you to invite a friend or family member to a special service on September 29th.

The idea is to invite people along who may be interested in the church and the Christian faith but have never been before or it might be folk who used to be involved in the church, but have not been for a long time. Please have a think about whom you might invite.



The morning will begin with a breakfast which will take place at 9.30 am in the Large Hall prior to the service starting at the usual time of 10.30 am. The Cults Praise Group will be providing the accompaniment for the hymns and the occasional choir that we have from time to time will be singing. There will also be three baptisms from the same family.

On a different subject, the Aberdeen Presbytery 10 Year Plan will be released next month. This will be a radical plan which will have a major impact on the future of the Church of Scotland in our city. Over the next few years, we will see some major changes which will involve congregations coming together in groupings and far greater use of team ministry. In addition, the union of the Presbytery of Aberdeen and the Presbytery of Shetland will probably just be the beginning of a process which will see the number of Presbyteries in the Kirk reduced to around 12 in 5 years. This means that a new Presbytery for the North East of Scotland will probably be created.

I will give you details about the Presbytery Plan and how it affects ourselves in the November issue of the magazine.

Finally, a huge thank you to Joyce Cowie and all the volunteers for running another highly successful holiday club. I was sorry that I couldn't be there as I was on holiday. There's no doubt that everyone had a fantastic week!

Yours sincerely

John Ferguson

Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club resumes on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 2.00pm in the church. Our first speaker is Rev Shuna Dicks, minister at Cults Church. Her talk is entitled: ***The People You Meet.***

To be a member of the Wednesday Club the annual fee is £10.00 with a door collection of £1.00 - or alternatively pay £2.00 per attendance.

The interesting talks are held fortnightly followed by tea/coffee and biscuits and a good blether!

All will be made most welcome.



Christmas Light Switch On

This year the switch on of our Culter Christmas Lights will be on Sat 23rd November from 4pm-6pm here at the church.

Volunteers are required to help with the set up from 1pm-2pm. This involves preparing the church and hall for the stalls, Santa's Grotto and entertainment and with the serving of refreshments.

If you can lend a hand please speak to Catherine Lacy on 01224 733710.



Strawberry Teas Gift Day - Thanks

The Gift Day in June proved to be another remarkable and successful day with members and non-members enjoying the great spread provided by the Social Team. Church funds were boosted by the excellent total of £5,050 which includes Gift Aid.

Thanks are due to all who donated, including those who were unable to come along on the day and to all who helped to make the day such a worthwhile occasion.

Richard Little



Firm Footing

A unique exercise class is coming your way in September 2019. Firm Footing practices balance exercise relevant for the older adult to stay on your feet and confident in your daily activities.



The first thing we do in week 1 is practise standing from sitting, with a good breath pattern. Do you make a noise when getting out of a seat? That's because you are using your diaphragm to stabilise instead of using your hip and leg muscles to stand up. We emphasise glutes activation not glottis use.

We follow this on with further exercises in Weeks 2-6 where we add some standing Tai Chi and use a restful breath pattern.

This is a beginners class for the older adult and the aim is to build the balance skill to be able to comfortably move to our Strength and Balance Community Class Programme.

Classes start in September: Monday 2nd at Peterculter Church and Tuesday 3rd at The Hub in Cults, both at 12:00pm-1:00pm.

Please contact laura@Strength-and-Balance.co.uk.

The cost for the 6 weeks is £60, paid at time of booking.

Gala

Well done to everyone who assisted with our stall at the Gala – which looked fantastic! – and it raised the amazing sum of £553 for church funds via the Bottle Stall.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday September 27th from 10.00 am – 12 noon in the large church hall.

This is a very worthwhile event and community support is much appreciated.

Coffee Time

Teas, coffees and home baking are served every Thursday and Saturday from 10.00 am - 12 noon.

Fine fare and fine company to be had!

Also stay for our short service of worship on Thursday at 11.30 am.

Thursday coffees restart on 5th September.

Saturday coffees restart on 7th September.

All Welcome!



COFFEE TIME

Mid Week Lunches

A two course lunch is available on the first Wednesday of each month in the large hall. at 12.30 pm. The next lunch is on 4th September.

The price is only £3.50. We would love to see you there.



Prayer Time - First Sunday of the Month

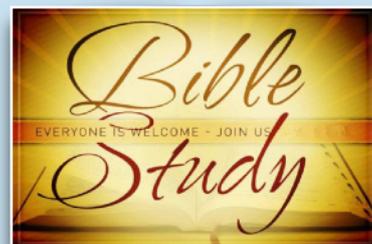
On the first Sunday of every month, after morning worship, there is a short Prayer Time, which is an opportunity to pray for others. Cards are available on the table at the extension door and should be placed in the box provided.



Bible Study Groups

The Bible Study Group will begin to meet again on Thursday evenings in the small hall. Dates are September 12th & 26th, October 10 & 31st, and November 14th & 28th.

All very welcome.



Holiday Club

Once again we held a very successful Holiday Club during the summer holidays. Here are some pictures of the activities.



Edinburgh Fringe Comes to Culter

Friday 27th September 2019



The Aberdeen Chorus of Sweet Adelines is bringing a Cabaret Style version of their Edinburgh Fringe Show to Culter Kirk. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for a trip around the world on A Cappella Airways!

ABERDEEN

C A P P E L L A

The Aberdeen Chorus is bringing their Edinburgh Fringe show to Culter!

Join us on A Cappella Airways on a magical trip to

A WORLD IN HARMONY

Flight Leaves Friday 27th September 2019

Check in 7.45pm

Boarding passes £10

Start your journey at:
Peterculter Parish Church Hall
Tickets available from:
tickets@aberdeenchorus.scot
Or see website for more details:
www.aberdeenchorus.scot

No on board food service is available so please bring your own drinks and nibbles



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Flowers

Many thanks to all who gave so generously towards the church flowers during July and August. It is very much appreciated.

Hope you all had a good summer regardless of the rain!

Convener: Violet Smith 01224 733317

Treasurer: Mabel Taylor 01224 732030

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| Bob Laing | Anne Dey |
| Arthur Beattie | Moira West |
| Frances Mitchell's Funeral | Jimmy Adam's Funeral |
| Campbell Wedding | Stan Stephen and Family |
| Monica and Mike Player | |

WORSHIP PROGRAMME: SEPTEMBER

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| 8th September | Morning Worship | John Ferguson |
| 15th September | Family Service, Boys' Brigade Enrolment | John Ferguson |
| 22nd September | Morning Worship | John Ferguson |
| 29th September | Invite a Friend, Special Service Followed by Communion | John Ferguson |

Culter and District Pipe Band

Congratulations to the Culter & District Pipe Band for finishing 2nd in Grade 4B at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow. They also won the Champions of Champions award for drumming over the 5 major contests of 2019, despite not travelling to the one in Northern Ireland!



Peterculter Parish Church Online

We regularly update our Facebook page and Twitter feed with details of all our activities as well as making everything available on our main [website](http://www.culterkirk.co.uk).

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| Website | www.culterkirk.co.uk |
| Twitter | @culterkirk |
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Presbytery Matters

The final meeting of Presbytery for the 2018-19 Session held on 25th of June included the following items of business and highlighted the challenging year ahead for 2019-20.

Presbytery Plan and Necessary Buildings Exercise

“Well equipped spaces in the right places”

As part of the review of the Presbytery Plan, the Planning and Deployment Committee (PDC) and the Property Team formed a Necessary Buildings Group to survey all Presbytery buildings (except manses) across the city to establish buildings needed for the future. They followed criteria suggested by the General Trustees who set a target of disposing of one third of buildings in each Presbytery.

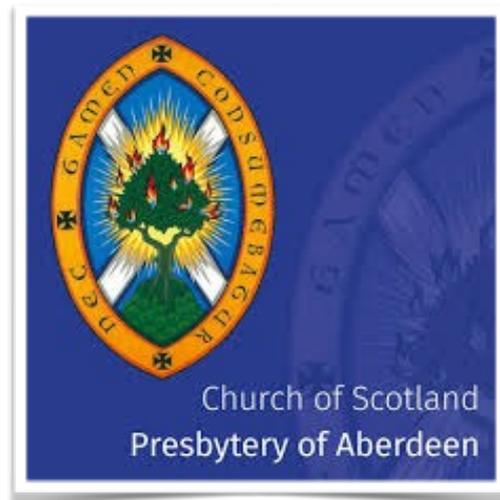
Presbyteries have been challenged in their Presbytery Plans to be robust, imaginative and courageous in reducing the number of charges, creating ministry hubs and enabling new pioneer and new church planting opportunities.

At the June meeting Presbytery:

- Discharged the Necessary Buildings Group, thanked them for the extensive work they had done and noted that their Buildings Report will be added as an appendix to the draft Presbytery Plan.
- Noted that the draft Presbytery Plan will be issued in advance of a special meeting to be held on Saturday November 23rd (all day) in Queen’s Cross Church to which all Kirk Sessions will be asked to send representatives.
- Noted that the final draft of the Presbytery Plan will be presented for approval to Presbytery at its meeting on February 4th 2020 and that this will be the sole item of business.
- Noted that the Presbytery Plan must be approved by Presbytery and the Ministries Council prior to the union with the Presbytery of Shetland.

Middlefield

Following the visit of the Necessary Buildings Group and a subsequent inspection by a qualified surveyor, the General Trustees instructed Presbytery



to close the Middlefield building on Health and Safety grounds. The Planning and Deployment Committee intend to bring a Basis of Dissolution or alternatively a Basis of Union with a neighbouring congregation to the September meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery Meetings

As is customary, the September meeting of Presbytery is held at the church of the Moderator and this year will be at High Hilton, the charge of the Rev G Hutton B Steel. All other meetings in the coming session will be at Queen's Cross. Ordinary meetings start at 7pm and are open to the public.

Richard Little

Church Directory

| Baptisms | |
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| 7th July | Katie Rae Main, daughter of Stephen and Gemma |
| | Callan William McDonagh, son of Eoin and Sally |
| Wedding | |
| 20th June | Iona Campbell and Alastair Mustoe |
| Funerals | |
| 29th May | Anne McDiarmid, Hawkhill House |
| 31st May | Stephen Homan, Hillside Crescent |
| 7th June | Frances Mitchell, Coronation Court |
| 14th June | George Masson, St Ronan's Circle |
| 17th July | Jimmy Adam, Hillside Court |
| 24th July | Bert Twiddy, Deeside Care Home |
| 13th August | Alice Wood, Station Road East |

Kidney Care U.K.

A postcard has been received this summer from the above charity. The message is as follows :-

“ Thank you so much for the used stamps you recently sent in to us. We really do appreciate it. Kind thanks, Mandy “



Friendship Club

Our first meeting is the 3rd September at 7.30pm and all are very welcome. Our programme is as follows:



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| 3rd September | Jimmy McRae, Drum Garden Centre |
| 8th October | Georgie Parker: Exercise to Music for the more mature person |
| 5th November | Joyce Cowie: Craft for Christmas |
| 11th February | Rev John Ferguson |
| 3rd March | A Talk on the Heritage Tapestry |

Singalong-a-Corrie

The Singalong restarts on 16th September at Coronation Court lounge at 2.00pm.

You will enjoy the company singing old and not so old familiar songs. We have a cup of tea/coffee afterwards and a good chat. All welcome and transport can be arranged if needed by phoning Tessa Cowie on 01224 734049



Peterculter Parish Church Mission Statement

The purpose of Peterculter Parish Church is to celebrate our faith in God and in the

Good News of
Jesus Christ

through
worship,

fellowship,

teaching, outreach and pastoral care and to participate in the work of the worldwide church.



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