



Peterculter Parish Church Newsletter



FROM THE MANSE

Dear Friends

The fact that we are now back in more or less a full Lockdown is a blow for everyone, but nobody can deny that it's absolutely necessary in the present circumstances.

We can but hope and pray that the vaccines at present being administered to the over 80s and Care Homes will start to make a real difference to what is a very worrying and upsetting situation.

Pastoral Care is difficult when you cannot meet face to face, but I am still phoning round some of you and if anyone would like to speak to me, please don't hesitate to phone me on 01224 735041.

Yours sincerely

John Ferguson

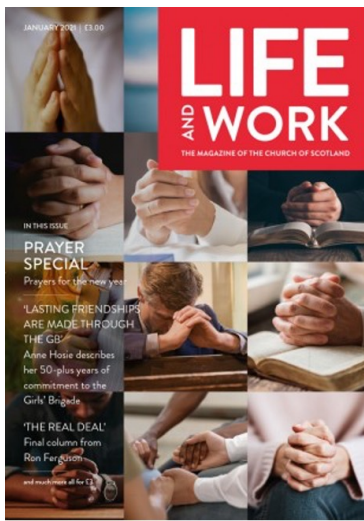
Our prayers must continue for all who are suffering as a result of this terrible virus and I offer the following one below which comes from Christian Aid:

For the health workers tending the seriously ill
for the scientists working on a vaccination
for the researchers analysing data and identifying trends
for the media outlets working to communicate reality
for the supermarket workers, hygiene and sanitation providers
for the good news stories of recoveries and effective planning
for the singing from balconies by locked-down communities
for the recognition that isolation doesn't need to mean loneliness
for the notes through letterboxes offering help and support
for the internet and telephones and technology that connects
for the awakened appreciation of what is truly important
Thanks be to God.



For those who are unwell and concerned for loved ones
for those who were already very anxious
for those immune suppressed or compromised
for those vulnerable because of underlying conditions
for those in the 'most at risk to coronavirus' categories
for those watching their entire income stream dry up
for those who have no choice but to go out to work
for those who are afraid to be at home
for those who are more lonely than they've ever been
for those who are bereaved and grieving.
God be their healer, comfort and protection,
be their strength, shield and provision
be their security, safety and close companion
And raise up your Church
to be your well-washed hands and faithful feet
to be present to the pain
to respond with love in action
if even from a safe distance.
**God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

LIFE AND WORK



Life and Work magazine is available every month and during lockdown, our Life and Work Organiser, Shona Stewart, has been kindly delivering the magazine to subscribers. If you wish to subscribe to it, the cost is just £3 a month and you should phone Shona on 01224 739369.

INSTANT NEIGHBOUR



Drop offs for Instant Neighbour can be made on Mondays from 11 am - 12noon

We had a fantastic response to the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal



ABERDEEN WEST SERVICES

The joint Aberdeen West Services can be watched via Facebook every Sunday at 10.30 am or at

www.youtube.com/c/AberdeenWestChurches/videos

The service on February 7th will include a live streamed Communion and so you can have your own bread and wine ready at home in order to take part.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

The minister has been presenting Daily Reflections on John's gospel, taking a work of art each day and talking about how it illustrates an incident in the gospel.

You can access this via the church website or at <https://tinyurl.com/watch-reflections>

Or via our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/CulterKirk

From Ash Wednesday (February 17th) through to Holy Week, the Aberdeen West Churches will have a Daily Reflection, shared among the ministers. This can be accessed via the [Aberdeen West Facebook](#) page.

At this time, there is no way of knowing whether we will be back in our church buildings for Easter, although it seems unlikely.

Whatever happens, the group are planning to have online worship during each evening of Holy Week.



GIVING TO THE CHURCH

The excellent total of just under £10,000 raised via the Gift Day means that our financial situation is not as precarious as once feared. We will still have a shortfall when the 2020 Accounts are drawn up, but we continue to be immensely grateful to all members who so generously helped to raise this sum.

The new Lockdown means that members cannot give on a Sunday morning and all Lets are suspended. This means that the financial challenges remain and your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

A straightforward way to give to the church is by bank transfer via the following:

Sort Code 83-49-40

Account No- 00628410

Name – Peterculter Parish Church.

Alternatively, you can take out a Standing Order and to do so please contact William Anderson at 01224 732505 or

1445wda@gmail.com

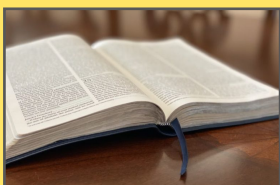
BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group is focusing at the moment on a course which is run by the Bible Society. You can find more information on this website:

[The Bible Course for groups](#)

The group meets on Thursday evenings fortnightly at 7 pm

All are welcome, please contact the minister if you would like the Zoom Link.



KIDNEY CARE UK

Please remember that used postage stamps are gratefully received by Miss Dayer Colburn who sends them off to the charity Kidney Care UK. If you can help, please pop them through Dayer's door at 163B North Deeside Road or through the church office letterbox.



CHURCH OFFICE

Please note that the church office remains closed to church members and the public.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: FUNERALS

16th December 2020: George Burnett, Towerview Walk

22nd December 2020: Maggie Leslie, Hillside Crescent

13th January 2021: Freda Finnie, Kirkton of Skene

PRESBYTERY TREASURER

Our Treasurer, William Anderson, will be appointed as the new Treasurer for the Presbytery of Aberdeen and Shetland from June. Congratulations to William on this new appointment!

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