

Peterculter Parish Church Newsletter



FROM THE MANSE

Dear Friends

It has been really good to be back in church since Palm Sunday and it was fine to have a full church on Easter Day! (By full, I mean the 50 people we are allowed to accommodate).

It's also very encouraging to see Lockdown restrictions gradually being eased and to know that so many people have had their first and, in many cases, second vaccine.

The Scottish Government has announced that limits on attendance at worship and also at weddings and funerals will be increased over the new few weeks. By the end of June, it is to be 200! However, because the 2m physical distancing rule will remain in place this will not in fact make any difference to us as the maximum we can accommodate with these restrictions is still 50. It is clearly still going to be quite some time before we will see any return to normality in worship. The day that we can stand up and sing again will be a very happy one!

I continue to miss visiting people in their homes, popping into the hospital and Care Homes and visiting the school. I spend far too much time in front of a computer screen. But hopefully it will be possible to resume this later in the year, but you can never be sure!

There will be one more Newsletter in June and then hopefully we can return to our normal church magazine in the autumn.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers who have sought to ensure that the work of the congregation continues. Donald Muir has taken on extra work in the absence of a church secretary just now, while Fiona Jones has kindly taken on the bookings for services. Val Muir has organised the streaming of our services on Facebook, which many appreciate. And Colin Jones continues to do a fantastic job on the technology side of things, by editing video school assemblies for me, as well as undertaking the production of the Aberdeen West services for a period recently. Thank you to everyone, including those whom I've probably missed out!

Yours sincerely,

John Ferguson

BALLOT ON PARISH GROUPING

Church Law demands that the move to a Parish Grouping must be approved formally by each congregation. Normally this would take place in a specially convened congregational meeting following Sunday worship but current circumstances oblige us to undertake a remote ballot. Your ballot paper with instructions on how to cast your vote accompanies this newsletter. Responses must be received by 14th May 2021.

D Muir, Session Clerk

STREAMING OF SERVICES

The church service is live streamed on our Facebook page and is available afterwards as well. You can also watch it on our YouTube channel at

[Peterculter Parish Church - YouTube](#)

The joint **Aberdeen West Services** can be watched via Facebook every Sunday at 10.30 am or at www.youtube.com/c/AberdeenWestChurches/videos

INSTANT NEIGHBOUR

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

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.

GIFT DAY

It will not be possible to hold a Summer Fayre this year and we therefore plan to have a Gift Day again, following the huge success of the one last year. It will take place on Saturday June 26th, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. As with the previous one, an envelope to allow you to give an extra donation to the church will be made available nearer the time.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: FUNERALS

26th March: Walter Simpson, Johnston Gardens North

7th April: Mrs Vivienne Henderson, St Ronan's Drive

14th April: George Davidson, North Deeside Road

16th April: Kathleen Chalmers, Coronation Court

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.



Also see:

<https://www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe/subscribe>

WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Wednesday Club committee have decided to bring the club to an end. I would like to extend my thanks to George Cowie and his committee for running the club over the last few years and to all those who supported it. The club organised an excellent series of very interesting talks every year and these were much appreciated. In addition, thank you for inviting me along to the very enjoyable lunches at the Mains of Drum every year!

John Ferguson



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10TH-16TH MAY

It is still not possible for us to fund raise for Christian Aid as we would usually do and we have already decided that a door-to-door collection would not be appropriate this year. We would however like to continue with fundraising and to that end, we have set up a Just Giving page for Christian Aid Week.

The title of the page is Cults to Culter OR542. Please help us to raise funds again this year. All the money from the Just Giving page goes straight to Christian Aid. You will find us at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/or542cultstoculter

MARGARET BRUCE

Church Secretary

Our church secretary for the past seven years, Mrs Margaret Bruce, has now retired.

I would like to thank Margaret for being an excellent church secretary, especially in the way in which she always offered a friendly face to anyone coming into the office and she was always very helpful.

Margaret was presented privately with some beautiful flowers arranged by Isabel McIntyre and a gift token on behalf of the church. She has since written to say thank you for this and to wish the congregation all the very best.

Please note that the church office remains closed to church members and the public. We are not appointing a new church secretary until things are more back to normal.

John Ferguson



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GIVING TO THE CHURCH

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

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

The Kirk Session has approved the church accounts on March 18th. A summary of the Accounts is now available on the web site or if you wish a paper copy, please contact the Session Clerk, Donald Muir. There will not be a Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation this year.

EMAIL CONTACT

If you wish to receive future newsletters via email and have not already supplied us with an email address, can you please email secretary@culterkirk.co.uk

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