

Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church
May 2023



FROM THE SESSION CLERK

We have now been in vacancy for a full six months and it is heartening to see most church activities continuing as normal and our Sunday morning worship attendances holding up well. This is a credit to the dedicated volunteers who give of their time to enable this and excellence of the ministers who have kindly agreed to lead our services each week and our thanks is extended to each of them.

I'm delighted to confirm that the Rev. Mark Rodgers will be providing two days a week support as Locum during the months of July, September and November. This will allow a more proactive approach to pastoral care to be taken which will be welcomed by many, particularly the housebound. Mark recently retired from his position as Lead Chaplain and Head of Spiritual Care within NHS Grampian Hospital Chaplaincy and has already helped us greatly by providing regular pulpit supply.

We still await a decision from the new Presbytery of the North East and Northern Isles on whether a full time minister can be appointed to join the Aberdeen West ministry team to replace the Rev. Dr. John Ferguson. There are several complicating factors preventing any prompt decision being made, not least the necessary but as yet undecided changes to local parish boundaries brought about by some churches closing and the influence that then has upon the allocation of ministry positions.

Therefore it is particularly helpful to have secured the services of Mark as part-time Locum during the second half of this year. The ministers in the Aberdeen West Parish Grouping will continue to provide any necessary pastoral support during the periods when he is not available.

Donald Muir
Session Clerk

SENIOR CITIZENS' AFTERNOON TEA

The annual afternoon tea for our senior citizens was well attended and enjoyed by all. This event was supported by money the Care Team and Social Team received from bequests from the late Beryl Adam and Agnes Bowie. Many thanks to them. Donations of £240 on the day went to church funds.



WORSHIP

See overleaf for details of all our May services.

LIVE STREAMING NEW ARRANGEMENTS

Our services are now being live-streamed directly to YouTube rather than on Facebook. These can be watched live (or later) on our YouTube page: <https://youtube.com/user/CulterKirk>. After the service they can also be found from our website: www.culterkirk.co.uk

THURSDAY WORSHIP AND THURSDAY AND SATURDAY COFFEES

The Thursday midweek services will continue at 11.30am on a monthly basis for now, with the next one taking place on Thursday 4th May.

Thursday coffees continue as normal each week from 10am - 11.30am

Saturday Coffees will be held from 10am to 12 noon on 6th May.

JUNE FOCUS

Deadline for articles:

Sun 21st May

Publication :

Sun 28th May

MAY WORSHIP

Morning Worship at 10.30am unless otherwise indicated.



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| 7th May | Morning Worship | Shuna Dicks |
| 14th May | Morning Worship | Mark Rodgers |
| 21st May | Morning Worship | Ian Groves |
| 28th May | Morning Worship | Benjamin Byun |

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Byun:

01224 312706

FLOWERS

Our thanks go to all who everyone who kindly donated towards Church Flowers March & April:



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| Isobel McIntyre | Myrtle Farquhar | Elizabeth Greig |
| Dayer Colburn | Moira West | Cecil & Margaret Crichton |
| Margaret Carmichael | Albert & Alison Middler | |

We would like to thank everyone who offered to help with the Flower Rota. Convener: Violet Smith

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Treasurer: Mabel Taylor

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SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023, 7PM

COLOURS FASHION SHOW

With clothes from leading High Street fashion brands catering for all shapes and sizes.

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CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office is now open to the public on Friday mornings from 10am - 12 noon.

