

Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church
September 2023



FROM THE SESSION CLERK

Our vacancy takes a new and welcome direction from the start of September as Culter Kirk can now look to the Rev. Corné Randall for a more dedicated support.

Corné was recently confirmed as a minister within the Church of Scotland upon completing his transition from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa where he previously served as an ordained minister. He will be serving as an Assistant Minister within the Aberdeen West Parish Grouping (comprising Culter, Cults, Mannofield, Craigiebuckler and Ruthrieston West churches) to support them wherever most required. Our vacancy comes top of that list of priorities for now and I'm delighted to be able to welcome him to lead our worship and provide full pastoral care within our community, something we have not been able to enjoy since last October.



Corné, his wife Zanné and son Evan are resident in the Drumoak Manse which is fortuitous because prior to being able to call a minister to our vacancy, we are being asked to unite with Drumoak-Durriss Church who are also in vacancy. Therefore, he will be presiding over the initial challenge of combining two congregations into one, quite a task but one I know he relishes.

The process towards establishing any union is a bit tedious but both churches are making good progress towards each holding a congregational vote after Sunday morning worship on 24th September approve the Basis of Union. Church Law dictates that this is conducted by secret ballot of (only) those members and adherents present in the church at that time. Presbytery then formally considers the results of the vote in each congregation before ratifying the union which, all being well, is likely to come into being on or around 1st November.

Thereafter, we can establish the new Kirk Session and appoint a Nominating Committee to start the work of seeking and calling a minister to the united charge of Peterculter Parish Church of Scotland. Our name is to be retained for the enlarged parish area.

Under the terms of the Basis of Union, Culter Kirk is to be the place of worship of the united charge with the Drumoak Church Hall (adjacent to their church building) remaining open to provide mission and a presence in the former Drumoak-Durriss parish. Both the Drumoak and Durriss sanctuary buildings are sadly to be disposed of by the Church of Scotland.

A copy of the Basis of Union document is included with this Focus.

I'd like to conclude this article by reiterating our grateful thanks to those ministers who have agreed to provide pulpit supply and any essential pastoral support during the current vacancy. The excellence of their contributions has greatly helped in sustaining the church community here in Culter during this challenging period.

Donald Muir
Session Clerk

WORSHIP

See page 4 for details of all our September services

LIVE STREAMING

Our services are now being live-streamed directly to YouTube rather than on Facebook. These can be watched live (or later) at our YouTube page: <https://youtube.com/user/CulterKirk>.

After the service they can also be found on our website:

www.culterkirk.co.uk

THURSDAY & SATURDAY COFFEES

The Thursday midweek services restart on 7th September at 11.30am and continue on on a monthly basis.

Thursday Coffees restart on 7th September each Thursday from 10am - 11.30am.

Saturday Coffees will be held from 10am - 12 noon on 2nd and 16th September (1st and 3rd Saturdays).

OCTOBER FOCUS

Deadline for articles:

Sun 22nd October

Publication :

Sun 29th October



Presbytery Matters

The Presbytery of the North East and the Northern Isles

www.nenipresbytery.org.uk

The keynote speaker at the June Presbytery meeting was the Right Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator from 2020 to 2021. He spoke about the Five Marks of Mission which give a useful framework and are helpful in what is meant by "Mission":

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth.

He said that all are necessary, required, essential with the church particularly good at number three but all can't be done at the same time. The church needs to focus on number two if there is to be anybody left to continue the good work.

Richard Little



News from the Parish Grouping

Cults Guild Syllabus

Thursday 7th September	Rev Sharmann Maromo	Calling from Zimbabwe to Aberdeen
Tuesday 19th September	Mrs Betty Hunter	Linus Project
Tuesday 3rd October	Morning Worship	Blythswood Shoe Boxes
Tuesday 17th October	Jimmy McCrae	Travels of a retired gardener

Aberdeen West Parish Grouping Newsletter

A Newsletter is now published regularly with updates from around our Parish Grouping.

A link to this can be found on the home page of the church website:

www.culterkirk.co.uk

Latest information can also be found on the Aberdeen West Parish Grouping Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AberdeenWestChurches>



Gift Day Saturday 16th September 2023

A Gift Day has become a regular part of our annual fundraising activity. It gives an opportunity to donate to the church in addition to regular givings. A Donations Envelope is included with this "Focus". This year the Day coincides with Saturday Coffees and Envelopes can be put in the donations between 10 am and 12 noon. The box will be available at the side entrance to the church till the end of the month. Envelopes can also be delivered to the Church Office.



Bank Payments - you can give directly to the church via bank transfer:

Sort Code: 83-49-40

Account Number: 00628410

Account Name: Peterculter Parish Church

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FASHION SHOWS

Colours Fashion Show

Raising funds for Peterculter Parish Church

Friday 27th October, 2023

Tickets must be purchased in advance at a cost of £10

Available at Church or from Church Office

01224 735845

secretary@culterkirk.co.uk

Now you see it, now you don't!

The obstruction to the path caused by the overgrown holly bush has now been removed!





SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Morning Worship at 10.30am unless otherwise indicated.

3rd September	Morning Worship	Rev Corné Randall
10th September	Morning Worship	Rev Corné Randall
17th September	Morning Worship	Rev Corné Randall
24th September	Morning Worship Congregational Vote on Basis of Union	Rev Duncan Eddie

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Rev Corné Randall will be providing pastoral support for the foreseeable future.

Phone: 07775 868391

Email: crandall@churchofscotland.org.uk

SAVE THE DATES!

Souper Sunday - 25th February 2024 after church.

Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea and Entertainment -
Sunday 24th March 2024, 2pm - 4pm.

FLOWERS

Many thanks as always to all who contribute to the displays of flowers in the church.

Convener: Violet Smith, 01224 733317

Treasurer: Mabel Taylor, 01224 732030



EMAIL CONTACT

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CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office is open on Friday mornings from 10am - 12 noon.

