

Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church
October 2023



FROM REV. CORNÉ RANDALL

Can you think of a riddle and an idiom that have a reference to time?

Did you think of the riddle below?

What flies but has no wings?

This is a classic riddle which I heard the first time when I was around 9 years old.

The answer to the riddle is time.

Time flies.

I can't believe that my first month of providing pastoral support and leading worship at Peterculter Parish Church went by so fast! There's an idiom that says: time flies when you're having fun. This rings so true for me at Culter!

Looking back at Sunday worship during September, we had a sermon series where we reflected on the role of emotions, both in our relationship with God and one another. Emotions want to help us to live more honestly with ourselves and God, so that we can experience the riches of God's love and grace. If you want to watch the series again, or perhaps view it for the first time, you're more than welcome to do so by searching for Peterculter Parish Church on YouTube. Remember to subscribe to the channel to receive updates and notifications.

Sunday the 24th of September marked a historic moment in the congregational life of Peterculter Parish Church and Drumoak-Durris Parish Church, when both congregations voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Union (more on that in the article from Donald Muir). I'm looking forward to a more active role in Drumoak-Durris Parish after the 1st of November.

Soli Deo gloria

(Glory to God alone)

Rev. Corné Randall

FROM THE SESSION CLERK

I was delighted to see the congregational vote on 24th September gave unanimous support for the Basis of Union with Drumoak-Durris Church. Their congregation also voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Union.

After Presbytery confirm their endorsement, we should be able to establish the Union on 1st November. The tentative plan is for the customary worship programmes in both churches to remain in place until the new year to avoid the extra work that would be required to organise a combined Remembrance Day procedure and series of festive period services.

We do however plan to share morning worship with the congregation of Drumoak-Durris in Culter Kirk on 29th October when we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. We are grateful to the Rev. Corné Randall who will continue to provide full support to Culter Kirk and the current Culter parish over this period. Drumoak-Durris Church has alternative pulpit supply and pastoral support arranged until the end of the year.

Donald Muir

WORSHIP

See overleaf for details of all our October 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 & THURSDAY WORSHIP

The Thursday midweek services continue at 11.30am on a monthly basis on the first Thursday of each month..

Thursday Coffees continue each Thursday from 10am - 11.30am.

Saturday Coffees will be held from 10am - 12 noon on 7th and 21st of October (1st and 3rd Saturdays).

NOVEMBER FOCUS

Deadline for articles:

Sun 22nd October

Publication :

Sun 29th October



At the meeting on Saturday, 2nd September Presbytery approved the Mission Plan of the former Presbytery of Moray which, since the start of the year, has been part of the new Presbytery of the NE and the Northern Isles. Covering between Aberdeen and Buckie, discussion about Moray served as a reminder of the vast area covered by the new Presbytery. In the Buckie part of the Moray Plan six buildings are to be retained and five to close, one being Cullen Auld Kirk. A representative from this church asked that this building be retained and the plan rejected. It is a category A listed building dating back to the 13th century with a long and complex history and is open bi-weekly for visitors. A strategic study in 2016 gave an estimated cost of £300,000 for necessary work.

An asset of the Auld Kirk is Cullen Hall Church. It is the focal point not only of social and fundraising activities of the church, but also of the entire community. This building has been chosen for the future work of the church in Cullen.

The Auld Kirk is to be sold, let or otherwise disposed of and is another example of many throughout the country of difficult decisions being made regarding historic church buildings.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Katie MacLean, Refugee Resettlement Manager, Aberdeenshire Council. Katie has worked over a number of years with the resettlement of refugees in Aberdeenshire, including Syrian New Scots and Ukrainian families. A common theme with the refugees is looking to the future and not dwelling on the past. Perhaps there are some lessons for us here in the Church of Scotland.

Katie is currently working with asylum seekers and is receiving some help from churches in the shire.

Richard Little



News from the Parish Grouping

Cults Guild Syllabus

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| Tuesday 3rd October | | Blythswood Shoe Boxes |
| Tuesday 17th October | Jimmy McCrae | Travels of a retired gardener |
| Tuesday 7th November | Karen Gillan, General Secretary of The Church of Scotland | In the Footsteps of Missionaries |
| Tuesday 5th December | | Christmas Party |

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>

Colours.

[FUN]DRAISING
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



**Aberdeen West
Parish Grouping**

Holy Land Trip

Information Evening

**Thursday 19th October
7pm at Cults Kirk Centre**

Save the Dates!

Christmas Fayre - 25th November 2023

Souper Sunday - 25th February 2024 after church.

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



OCTOBER WORSHIP

Morning Worship at 10.30am unless otherwise indicated.

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| 8th October | Morning Worship | Rev. Corné Randall |
| 15th October | Morning Worship | Rev. Corné Randall |
| 22nd October | Morning Worship | Rev. Corné Randall |
| 29th October | Morning Worship Sacrament of Communion <i>Joint service with Drumoak-Durriss in Culter Kirk</i> | Rev. Corné Randall |

PASTORAL SUPPORT

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

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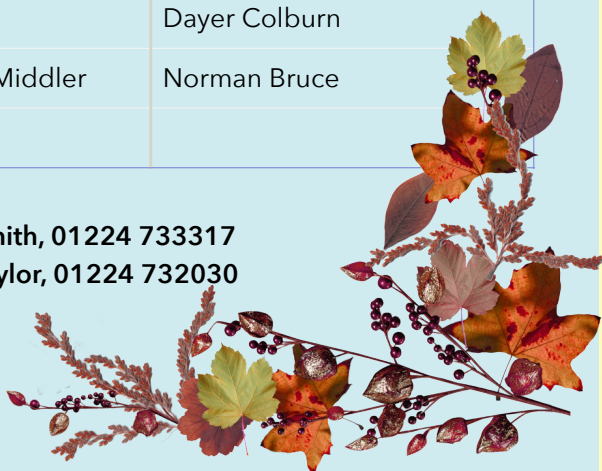
FLOWERS

Our thanks go to everyone who kindly donated towards the Church flowers over the summer.

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| Mike and Christine Mackie | Isobel McIntyre |
| Moira West | Lorrie Bilsborrow |
| Violet Smith | Dayer Colburn |
| Albert and Alison Middler | Norman Bruce |
| Margaret Wallace | |

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