

Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church
March 2024



FROM OUR LOCUM MINISTER

Dear Friends

Spring is my favourite season of the year. I think of it as the season of potential because out of the darkness of winter comes creativity. One of the things I love about spring is the surge of energy which seems to beat through the whole of creation giving birth to a host of new beginnings:

- new buds appearing on bushes, new blossom bursting from cherry trees,
- new primroses, daffodils and bluebells popping up in gardens, in parks,
- new songs coming from blackbirds and thrushes
- new lambs uncertain on their feet

Not only does the world look and sound different. It somehow smells different. Better.

Just like in Spring, life seems to pour from the ground into every bud and blade of grass, so in the Spring times of our lives, God seems to pour new energy into us.



This is a time of new beginnings for everyone following the union of Drumoak, Durris and Culter churches. There is a surge of new energy, an excitement with the progress to form a nominating committee to find a new minister.

I am enjoying being your locum minister and will be with you until the vacancy is filled. I wonder

what God is calling forth and what potential is waiting to be realised in us. Let us look forward with expectation to all that God has in store on this part of our journey together.

Every blessing and Happy Easter to you all.

Susan Sutherland

WORSHIP

See page 4 for details of all our March services including all our Easter worship

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 WORSHIP AND COFFEES

A short Thursday midweek service is held at 11.30am, as follows:

- 1st Thursday of month: **Culter Kirk**
- 2nd Thursday of month: **Drumoak Church Hall**
- Last Thursday of month: **Durris Church**

Tea and coffee is served prior to these services from 10am at Culter and from 11am at Durris and Drumoak.

APRIL FOCUS

Deadline for articles:

Sun 24th March

Publication :

Sun 31st March

PRESBYTERY MATTERS

At the Presbytery meeting on the 6th of February Presbyters were urged to promote "Run for CrossReach" at "Run Balmoral" on Saturday 27th of April, encouraging congregation members to take part and raise funds for local CrossReach facilities. Within the bounds of Presbytery CrossReach, the Social Care Arm of the Church of Scotland, runs 6 Centres/Projects, 2 in Stonehaven and 1 in each of Balmedie, Banchory, Buckie and the Shetland Isles.

For more information visit the Run Balmoral web page. Several Presbyters have already signed up including the Rev Keith Blackwood, Mannofield, who can be contacted at:

Kblackwood@churchofscotland.org.uk

South St Nicholas Church, Kincorth

Presbytery noted that powers were used by the Property Committee to approve the closure and early marketing of the Church and Manse at the above Church. Both buildings are on the same site. The closures are in line with the Presbytery Plan and a Union is to take place with Torry St Fittick's Church, Torry.

Richard Little

BOYS' BRIGADE

The 47th Culter Anchor Boys have been working hard to complete their awards for this term. As part of the Green Core Award, they are required to help the community. The boys walked down to our local Co-op and had a budget of £5 each. They all chose their items and paid for their shopping. We then walked up to the church and left our donations for the Instant Neighbour collection.

The boys really enjoyed helping others and did the Boys Brigade proud. Well done Boys.

47th Anchor Boys and Junior Section have space for new members, if you are interested in joining please contact Mike Reid on 07764951276 or contact our Facebook page 47th Culter Boys Brigade.



SATURDAY COFFEES

Saturday Coffees are held in Culter Church Hall from 10am to 12 noon on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

If you are able to volunteer to help with coffees, please contact the church office. This appeal also includes Sunday teas and coffees after the service.



INSTANT NEIGHBOUR DONATIONS

Our foodbank drop-off for Instant Neighbour takes place each Monday from 11am - 12 noon. Alternatively you can bring goods on a Sunday morning and leave them in the basket at the Culter Church extension door.



FLOWERS

Thanks to all who contributed to the Church Flowers this month. It is much appreciated.

Convener: Violet Smith, 01224 733317

Treasurer: Mabel Taylor, 01224 732030



Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea

Sunday 24th March 2024, 2pm

Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea with entertainment by Jim Smith playing music from the 1960s.

£5 - pay on the day.

In order to assist with catering please let your elder know or phone the church office on 01224 735845.

Please let us know if you need us to arrange transport for you.



AFTERNOON TEA



Cabaret Showcase

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024
7.30pm

Peterculter Parish Church
2 Craighton Crescent,
Peterculter AB14 0SB

BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES AND BYOB

TICKETS £10
tickets@aberdeenchorus.scot

Tickets also available from Val Muir at church

Registered Scottish Charity SCO 44140

MARCH WORSHIP

Services for Holy Week are shared with the other congregations in the Aberdeen West Parish Grouping as laid out below:

Sun 3rd March, 10.30am	Culter Kirk	Jamie Campbell
Thu 7th March, 11.30am	Culter Kirk	
Sun 10th March, 10.30am	Culter Kirk <i>Communion</i>	Susan Sutherland
Thu 14th March, 11.30am	Drumoak Church Hall	
Sun 17th March, 10.30am	Culter Kirk	Susan Sutherland
Sun 24th March, 10.30am	Culter Kirk	Susan Sutherland
Mon 25th March, 7pm	Mannofield Church	
Tue 26th March, 7pm	Culter Kirk	Susan Sutherland
Wed 27th March, 7pm	Cults Church	
Thu 28th March, 11.30am	Durris Church	
Thu 28th March, 7pm <i>Maundy Thursday Communion</i>	Culter Kirk	Susan Sutherland
Fri 29th March, 7pm <i>Good Friday</i>	Springfield Church (was Craigie- buckler)	
Sun 31st March, 9am <i>Outdoor service for Easter Morning followed by breakfast in the hall</i>	Culter Kirk	
Sun 31st March, 10.30am <i>Easter Sunday Worship</i>	Culter Kirk	Susan Sutherland

PASTORAL SUPPORT**24th February - 4th March**

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5th March onwards

Rev. Susan Sutherland

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**EMAIL CONTACT**

It would help administration greatly if you are able to provide an email address that the church can use for communication. If you have an email address and have not already supplied us with it, can you please email

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CHURCH OFFICE

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

