

# Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church  
May 2024



## FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

This is an exciting time for Peterculter Parish Church. The congregation is now actively seeking to call a new minister to the church. A variety of necessary procedures have been progressed. The Parish Profile is now complete and can be accessed on the church website. (If reading this online - [click here](#)). An advert regarding the vacancy has now been sent to Church of Scotland, so that ministers who are now looking for a charge to apply to, can now contact us.

It is in the hands of the Nominating Committee, recently elected by the congregation, to consider applications, respond to them, gain in understanding of the applicants, and through this process, to discern God's calling for the Peterculter congregation and the calling of a particular minister.

I would ask you as a congregation to pray thoughtfully, caringly and imaginatively for the Nominating Committee to be given guidance, support and encouragement in their endeavours.

In the meantime, it is the responsibility of us all to live together in a spirit of grace and peace. That in itself is a wonderful witness to the wider community.

Recently, through a variety of experiences, the importance of grace and humility has struck a chord for me. It is striking how many of Paul's letters in the Bible begin or end with "the grace and peace of God be with you".

In an anxious and troubled world we are to live in and live out grace and peace.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13: 14).

**Rev Duncan Eddie**  
**Interim Moderator**

### Peterculter Parish Church of Scotland

2 Craigton Crescent, Peterculter, Aberdeen, AB14 0SB

#### Parish Profile



River Dee at Peterculter

See, I have placed before you an open door  
Revelation 3:8

For further information: [vacancy@culterkirk.co.uk](mailto:vacancy@culterkirk.co.uk)

## WORSHIP

See page 4 for details of all our May 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](http://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.

## JUNE FOCUS

**Deadline for articles:**  
**Sun 26th May**  
**Publication :**  
**Sun 2nd June**

## PRESBYTERY MATTERS

**At the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday the 23rd of April the following were included:**

### Moderator Designate

Presbytery appointed the Rev Shuna Dicks (Cults Parish Church) to succeed the Rev Stella Campbell (Kingshill Parish Church, Westhill) as Presbytery Moderator for a two year period following her induction at the June meeting. This is a demanding role alongside being a Parish Minister.

### Kirk of St Nicholas

The General Trustees have authorised the transfer of Kirk of St Nicholas to Edinburgh Palette, an Arts charity, and also authorised a "dowry" of £400k to accompany the transfer of the building.

### Fraserburgh and District Parish Church

At this time of change within the Church of Scotland, the churches in Fraserburgh show the extent to which change is happening. Presbytery approved a union of seven churches with three church buildings to be retained for worship and four to be sold, let or otherwise disposed of. The name of the united charge is to be Fraserburgh and District Parish Church of Scotland. Two Ministers of Word and Sacrament are to be appointed to Team Ministry with a Renewable Tenure of five years with Presbytery to review the union after five years. The review will look at how successful the union has been to see, amongst other measures, whether the life of the congregation exhibits the five purposes of the church, i.e. worship, service, discipleship, fellowship and evangelism.

### Richard Little

## ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' BUS TRIP

The annual bus trip takes place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May to the Happy Plant Garden Centre in Mintlaw. Leaving the church at approx 11am and returning between 3 and 3.30pm, the cost will be £5.

There are still some seats on the bus so if you would like to come along please give your name to Katie in the office before 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please also let Katie know if you have already given your name and can no longer attend.



**THURSDAY WORSHIP AND THURSDAY AND 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 volunteers for Sunday teas and coffees after the service.



**FLOWERS**

Our thanks go to Margaret Carmichael who kindly donated towards Church flowers.

Thanks go to everyone who put their names forward to help.

We are still looking for two more helpers who would manage to do twice a year. That would be very much appreciated.



**Convener: Violet Smith**  
**01224 733317**

**Treasurer: Mabel Taylor**  
**01224 732030**

**INSTANT NEIGHBOUR**

Please note that as well as the Monday morning drop off from 11am - 12 noon, you can bring goods on a Sunday morning and leave them in the basket at the extension door. This is a very much appreciated community effort.



**ABERDEEN WEST PARISH GROUPING**

On Sunday 19th May (Pentecost) Culter Kirk hosts Lego Church at 4pm and 5@5 at 5pm.

These events are shared with the other churches in the Aberdeen West Parish Grouping and all are invited.



**Lego Church**

Lego Church is a fun event for all ages with bible stories and Lego challenges - a big bucket of Lego is provided!

**5@5**

5@5 is an opportunity for relaxed fellowship and food with members of the other Aberdeen West Churches. A meal is provided free of charge.

**Aberdeen West Parish Grouping**

**JOIN US FOR**

**Lego Church**

**Culter Kirk**

**Sunday 19th May, 4pm**

**Bible Stories, Lego challenges  
and fun for all ages**



**and**

**5@5 .....at 5pm**

**Fellowship and food**



**MAY WORSHIP**

<b>Thu 2nd May</b> 11.30am	Culter Kirk	Susan Sutherland
<b>Sun 5th May</b> 10.30am	Culter Kirk	Susan Sutherland
<b>Thu 9th May</b> 11.30am	Drumoak Church Hall	Susan Sutherland
<b>Sun 12th May</b> 10.30am	Culter Kirk	Susan Sutherland
<b>Sun 19th May</b> 10.30am	Culter Kirk	Bill Wallace
<b>Sun 26th May</b> 10.30am	Culter Kirk	Bill Wallace
<b>Thu 30th May</b> 11.30am	Durris Church	Susan Sutherland

**PASTORAL SUPPORT**

Rev. Susan Sutherland  
07483 296859  
[susan.sutherland@sky.com](mailto:susan.sutherland@sky.com)

Rev. Shuna Dicks of Culter Parish Church will cover pastoral support while Susan is on holiday:

**Thu 16th May - Tue 28th May**  
Rev. Shuna Dicks  
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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 [secretary@culterkirk.co.uk](mailto:secretary@culterkirk.co.uk)



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**CHURCH OFFICE**

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

