

Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church
June 2024



FROM OUR LOCUM MINISTER

"Where are you going on holiday?". Our answer will vary depending on what we enjoy doing. For some lying on the beach doing nothing is ideal, but for others this would drive them crazy and a perfect holiday has to be action packed.

Location is important too - abroad with almost guaranteed sunshine and exploring new experiences, or returning to a favourite, familiar haunt not far away.

As I write this I am in the middle of packing for my holiday in Majorca. I am looking forward to sitting on the balcony reading a book, walking along the beach, paddling in the sea and eating out.

In the past the only days that you were free from working were 'Holy days' which is where the word 'holiday' comes from. They were extra days of rest.

Psalm 23 verse 2 says 'He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters'.

God, in his goodness, created rest because he considers it as important as work. A loving shepherd makes sure his sheep get enough rest to stay healthy. He will do that because he cares about our physical, emotional, and spiritual health. For us to grow, we have to learn to rest in God's goodness.

Wherever you are holidaying this summer have a wonderful time and find some time to REST! Remember to send us a postcard.

Every blessing,

Susan Sutherland
Locum Minister



Worship

SUMMER WORSHIP

See page 2 for details of our summer services



LIVE STREAMING

Services from Culter Kirk are live-streamed to YouTube. These can be watched live (or later) on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/user/CulterKirk>. After the service they can also be accessed via our website: www.culterkirk.co.uk

NEXT FOCUS - SEPTEMBER

Deadline for articles:

18th August

Publication :

25th August

SUMMER WORSHIP

Services will continue as usual at 10.30am each Sunday during June, July and August in Culter Kirk.

Thursday services will continue in Drumoak Church Hall and Durris Church during July and August following the usual schedule, but there will be no Thursday services in Culter Kirk.

All services in June, July and August will be conducted by Rev Susan Sutherland.



Sun 2nd June, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Thu 6th June, 11.30am	Culter Kirk
Sun 9th June, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Thu 13th June, 11.30am	Drumoak Church Hall
Sun 16th June, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Sun 23rd June, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Thu 27th June, 11.30am	Durris Church
Sun 30th June, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Sun 7th July, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Thu 11th July, 11.30am	Drumoak Church Hall
Sun 14th July, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Sun 21st July, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Thu 25th July, 11.30am	Durris Church
Sun 28th July, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Sun 4th August, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Thu 8th August, 11.30am	Drumoak Church Hall
Sun 11th August, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Sun 18th August, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Sun 25th August, 10.30am	Culter Kirk
Thu 29th August, 11.30am	Durris Church

PASTORAL SUPPORT

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SUNDAY AND THURSDAY WORSHIP

All Sunday morning services are held at 10.30am in Culter Kirk.

Normally, a shorter midweek service takes place at 11.30am on Thursdays, (preceded by teas and coffees from 10am) as follows:

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

Summer Schedule for July and August:

During July and August only the Thursday services in Durriss Church and Drumoak Church Hall will continue. There will be no Thursday services in Culter Kirk during July and August.

See page 2 for the full schedule over the summer.

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY COFFEES

Each Thursday coffees are served from 10am -11.30am in Culter Church Hall.

Thursday coffees are also service in Drumoak Church Hall and Durriss Church on the days when there is a Thursday service as shown in the above schedule.

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.

Summer Schedule for July and August

The last Saturday Coffees at Culter before the summer break will be Saturday 15th June, resuming on 7th September.

The last Thursday Coffees in Culter will be Thursday 27th June, resuming on Thursday 5th September.



Presbytery Matters

The Presbytery of the North East and the Northern Isles

www.nenipresbytery.org.uk

New Presbytery Clerk

Presbyters were informed on the 7th of May that a new Presbytery Clerk had been appointed to replace Rev Elspeth McKay who stepped down, due to ill-health, in December 2023 after a year in post.

The Presbytery Clerk has an important role in the Church of Scotland providing strategic and organisational guidance and advice for congregations and members of Presbytery.

The new Clerk is the Rev Stella Campbell who will start in post in July 2024. Stella is currently minister at Kingshill Parish Church, formerly Skene Parish Church before union with Kingswells.

She has been Presbytery Moderator since the inception of the new Presbytery in January 2023 but Clerk is a full-time role so she will be leaving Kingshill (Skene) where she was Ordained as Minister in 2012 having studied divinity at Aberdeen University.

Before entering ministry, Stella was a chartered tax consultant with Ernst & Young in London then Aberdeen from 2005. She hails from Northern Ireland, growing up on a farm.

The next Presbytery meeting is all-day at Trinity Church, Westhill on Saturday the 15th of June.

Richard Little

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.





Wedding

18th May

Lorna-Ann Farquharson and Stephen Stuart



FLOWERS

Our thanks go to the following who have kindly donated towards Church flowers:

Alice Mitchell

Lorna-Ann and Stephen's Wedding

Convener: Violet Smith

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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



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CHURCH OFFICE

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

