

Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish
Church
November 2025

November

FROM THE SESSION CLERK

This month, with the Rev. McDonald on holiday, the headline article is provided by our Session Clerk.

We are now firmly into Autumn, approaching Winter, and with the evenings closing in, a common refrain is that the sun hardly shines at this time of the year. Almost twenty-five years ago I moved to Aberdeen in late November and my first job was based in one of the grand houses on Queens Road. As I walked in through the front door on my first day, I was impressed by the high ceilings, the grand staircase, the stained glass windows, the detailed carving on the wooden paneling and the ornately corniced ceilings. I was then shown my desk, located in the former servant's quarters deep in the basement. Needless to say this was much less impressive! Our office did have a small window, which provided a perfect view of the exhaust pipe of the car parked outside. For those first few months I used to go to work in the dark, go home in the dark and the only natural daylight I would see during the week would be when I walked across the road to get some lunch!

Of the 168 hours in a week, would anyone like to consider how often the sun shines in November? Forty hours, thirty hours, or even less? Actually this is a bit of a trick question because the sun shines constantly, we just can't see it all the time because of the earth spinning (i.e. at night-time) or for instance when it's cloudy.

I've often thought about how this is like God's love for us. It's always present! Even if we turn our back on God, His love is waiting there for us when we turn around again. If we can't feel God's love through the clouds of our despair, know that sooner or later it will burn through and bathe us in its glorious light. As it says in Psalm 136, verse 26: "Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever".

As we approach the season of advent, let us remember and give thanks for this gift of everlasting love!

Ross Andrews
Session Clerk

WORSHIP

See page 2 for details of
all our November
services

LIVE STREAMING

Our services are live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

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:
Drumoaik Church Hall

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

DECEMBER FOCUS

Deadline for articles:

Sunday 23rd November

Publication :

Sunday 30th November



**Peterculter Parish Church
Calendar 2026**

Photos from the congregation of the surrounding areas, with proceeds going towards church funds.

Now available to buy on
Sundays after the service, or
from the Church Office.

Only £5 each

GIFT DAY THANKS

The Gift Day in September proved a great success providing a welcome boost to church funds and thanks are due to all who contributed towards the total of £6,317.50.

The money donated was £5,245 of which £4,290 was by Gift Aid which added an extra £1,072.50 to give a grand total of £6,317.50!

The extra money from Gift Aid shows the value to the church of taxpayers joining the scheme and our treasurer, William Anderson, is ready to help.

Many thanks,

The Stewardship Team



DOORS OPEN DAY

On Saturday 15th November, the church will be having a: "Doors Open Day" from 10:00 to 12:00 to coincide with Saturday Coffee. This will be to celebrate both fifty years of Saturday coffees in the building and also over twenty-five years since the union between Kelman Memorial and St. Peter's Churches to form Peterculter Parish Church. It is planned to have several displays to show the history of the building and it is hoped to have audio tours available to give some interesting bits of information about the building and the various items in it. Why not come along with your friends and find out more about the church, and then relax afterwards with a cup of tea or coffee.



Sun 2nd Nov, 10.30am	Morning Worship	Culter Kirk	Rev Emma McDonald
Thu 6th Nov, 11.30am	Short Midweek Service	Culter Kirk	Rev Emma McDonald
Sun 9th Nov, 10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Culter Kirk	Rev Emma McDonald
Thu 13th Nov, 11.30am	Short Midweek Service	Drumoak Church Hall	Rev Emma McDonald
Sun 16th Nov, 10.30am	Morning Worship	Culter Kirk	Rev Emma McDonald
Sun 23rd Nov, 10.30am	Morning Worship	Culter Kirk	Rev Emma McDonald
Sun 30th Nov, 10.30am	Morning Worship	Culter Kirk	Rev Emma McDonald

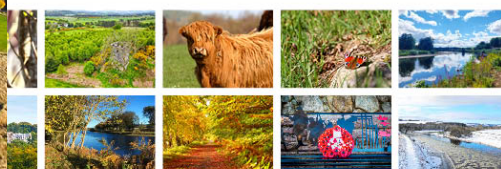
PETERCULTER PARISH CHURCH



CALENDARS FOR SALE

Our new church calendars have arrived and are now on sale at £5 each.

Available at all Church events or from the Church Office now.



PETERCULTER PARISH CHURCH CALENDAR 2026

The Church of Scotland



Peterculter Parish Church is a welcoming and active Church of Scotland congregation at the heart of the local community. Set in the beautiful village of Peterculter on the banks of the River Dee, the church serves Peterculter and the surrounding areas, including Drumoak and Durris, offering a place of worship, fellowship, and support for all ages.

With a strong sense of tradition combined with a warm, forward-looking spirit, Peterculter Parish Church serves as both a spiritual home and a hub for community life — hosting regular services, social events, and outreach activities that bring people together in faith and friendship.

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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.



USED STAMPS FOR KIDNEY CARE UK

In the run up to Christmas hopefully we will all be receiving more letters and cards. Recycling our used stamps is a good way to support Kidney Care UK. Every kilogram of stamps that is collected generates £20 income to support kidney patients.

Please bring your stamps along to church and put them in the pocket on the noticeboard in the extension area.

Please trim your stamps to have a finger's width (or 1cm) of paper all the way around.

For further information speak to Dayer Coburn.



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

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the church flowers in October.

- Myrtle Farquhar
- Moira West

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on Sunday 9th November.

The main Remembrance Day service for the parish will take place in Peterculter Parish Church at the normal time of 10:30 a.m. where we will be joined by local youth organisations. They will first parade through the village, led by Culter Pipe Band, before joining us for worship. Veterans of any of the armed forces are invited to join the Remembrance Parade and can meet at Culter Village Hall at 10:00 a.m.

The service will include the Act of Remembrance and two minute silence. There will be a short service afterwards at Culter War Memorial following worship at approximately 12:00 noon.

There will also be an Act of Remembrance at Drumoak War Memorial at 10.45am on Remembrance Sunday, where representatives of Drumoak youth organisations will join some members in a short service.



ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

The annual Bereavement Service will be held in the church on Sunday 16th November at 2.30pm. followed by refreshments in the hall.

The service is open to all who have been impacted by bereavement at any time and who would appreciate this time for reflection, comfort and support.



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.

