

Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church
May 2026



FROM THE SESSION CLERK

This month, with the Rev. McDonald having just returned from holiday, the headline article is provided by the Session Clerk.

It has been almost twenty-five years since I first moved to Aberdeen and I think that is only now that I am just beginning to understand some of the broader local accents! One of the first things I did when I moved here was to buy a map of the city so I could find my way about. At that point I was trying to find a flat to rent and needed to figure out how to get to the various locations and also to get to know the city better. These days, by and large, paper copies of maps have been superseded by online maps or sat-navs where you type in a destination and you get given directions on how to get there, how long it will take and if there are any roadworks, etc.. You practically don't have to do any thinking at all. However, there's something fascinating about fully unfolding a map, finding a route for yourself that goes past something that you want to see which makes a journey so much more enjoyable.

Reflecting about maps got me thinking about life in general. These days we're continually bombarded by the media with advertisements and opinions of people on how to live our lives, what to wear, where to go, what to eat, etc.. We almost need a map to guide us through life. Well, we have one! Everything we need to give us direction in life is in the Bible. If you are ever struggling with a decision, just open the Bible and the way will be made clear to you. What a wonderful assurance this is!

Ross Andrews



CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid week this year takes place between the 10th and 16th May and the Church will be having a collection to support this charity. The focus of Christian Aid this year is helping to fund urban farming projects, alongside specialist training, to help parents fight food insecurity and grow fresh vegetables in small city spaces. Please help us support this worthwhile charity if you are able.



CULTER GALA

Culter Gala takes place this year on Saturday 23rd May. As in previous years the Church will be having a bottle stall at the Gala to raise money for Church funds and we're looking for donations. We're looking for any bottles that can be used as prizes, big or small, and can be drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) or non-drinks (e.g. tomato ketchup, fairy liquid, etc.). Bottles can be donated at the Church on the two Sunday mornings prior to the Gala, i.e. 10th and 17th May.

WORSHIP

See overleaf for details of all our May 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.

SATURDAY COFFEES

10am-12noon 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

THURSDAY WORSHIP AND COFFEES

A short Thursday midweek service is held at 11.30am, on the 1st Thursday of each month.

Tea and coffee is served prior to these services from 10am.

JUNE FOCUS

Deadline for articles:

Sun 24th May 2026

Publication :

Sun 31st May 2026

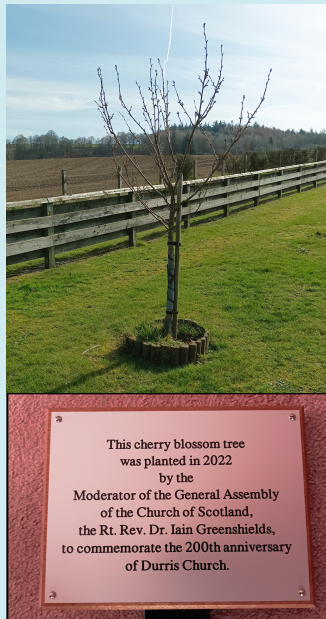
MAY WORSHIP

Sunday 3rd May, 10.30am	Morning Worship including a Baptism and the Stated Annual Meeting
Thursday 7th May, 11.30am	Midweek Worship
Sunday 10th May, 10.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 10th May, 2pm	Dedication of Cherry Tree sign in Drumoak Car Park
Sunday 17th May, 10.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 24th May, 10.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 31st May, 10.30am	Morning Worship

**DURRIS CHURCH
200TH ANNIVERSARY**

In June 2022, the then Moderator of the General Assembly (Rt. Rev. Dr. Iain Greenshields) planted a cherry blossom tree to mark the 200th anniversary of the Durris Church building. A plaque was to have been placed next to tree shortly afterwards however this was missed due to various reasons.

A plaque has now been procured and is to be formally dedicated at a special ceremony in the Durris Church car park on Sunday 10th May at 2:00 p.m.

**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.

**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

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