

Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church
October 2024



FROM OUR LOCUM MINISTER

In our lifetime, there are many things that become obsolete and irrelevant. Relics, we call them.

In mine, I remember the slide rule, typewriter, record player, rotary phone - and that's just a few! I am sure there are others you could add too.

Things that were indispensable in the past are now totally forgotten. Technology is developing so fast that there seems to be a new thing every day, such as the new iPhone 16. Anything on earth can become useless and be discarded.

But God provided us with ONE thing that will never become obsolete, irrelevant or useless: His Word, the Bible. It is as useful and relevant to people today as it was to people then.

Technology may change and progress will continue to happen, yet the Bible remains our guide to living our lives. It details how we should conduct ourselves and relate to others, especially God, until we reach our final destination. In 2 Timothy 3 verse 16 we read:

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right".

In the busyness of life may we find time each day to spend time with the Lord in his Word.

Susan Sutherland

WORSHIP

See page 2 for details of all our October 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: **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.

NOVEMBER FOCUS

Deadline for articles:

Sun 20th October

Publication :

Sun 27th October

LIVINGSTON OUTLET SHOPPING TRIP

Sat 9th November 2024

**Leave Peterculter Church 7.30am
returning approximately 8pm**

£27 per ticket

**Includes tea/coffee & buttery/
shortbread on the way down**

**Contact Fiona Jones 07775 955250
for payment details & to book a seat**

**Bring cash on day as there will
be a raffle on the bus**



PRESBYTERY MATTERS

Presbytery last met on September 7th for an "all day" meeting (10am to 3pm) at Fountainhall at the Cross Church. The morning Session, as usual, covered the business when matters discussed included reports from Committees such as Business, Property and Finance, Planning and Deployment, Congregational Support etc. etc.

In the afternoon Conference Session the guest speaker was the Right Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly 2023-2024. Sally is a UK and Global Church Ambassador for Christian Aid. She spoke of how the work of Christian Aid has developed to ensure how local communities around the world take the lead in terms of articulating what they need.

Sally and Mirella Yandosi, from Christian Aid, went on to speak on the topic of "Legacies of Slavery". Both had spent time in Jamaica and shared the impact of that visit. They introduced Presbytery to the work of the Churches' Reparations Action Forum (Jamaica) and the ways in which the enslavement of people continues to adversely affect communities today. The Presbytery Clerk, the Rev Stella Campbell was particularly struck by the comment that Campbell is the most common surname in Jamaica. For more information on the topic:

- Churches' Reparations Action (Jamaica): <https://www.crafja.com/>
- Church of Scotland's Legacies of Slavery Report Summary: <https://nenipresbytery.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Legacies-of-Slavery-Report-Summary.pdf>

This report focuses on connections between the transatlantic slave trade and the Church of Scotland during the years between the Union of Parliaments (1707) and the Emancipation of the British West Indies (1838).

"It does not seek to lay blame or make people today feel guilt for actions that happened in the past".

Richard Little



WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER

Thu 3rd Oct, 11.30am	Short midweek service	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Sun 6th Oct, 10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Thu 10th Oct, 11.30am	Short midweek service	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Drumoak Church Hall
Sun 13th Oct, 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. John Notman	Culter Kirk
Sun 20th Oct, 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Ian Groves	Culter Kirk
Sun 27th Oct, 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Thu 31st Oct, 11.30am	Short midweek service	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Durriss Church

**DRUMOAK
DURRIS
CHURCH**

**To all our cherished friends from
Drumoak Durris Church**

**and to new friends at
Peterculter Parish Church**



**Drumoak Durris Church Home Group
invites you to a GET TOGETHER**

**In Drumoak Hall from 2pm
On Sunday 20th October**

**Please join us for chat, tea, coffee,
cakes and bites and lots of laughs**

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Rev. Susan Sutherland

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HOLIDAYS

Rev. Susan Sutherland, 10th-26th October

Pastoral Care: Rev. Keith. Blackwood

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Katie Gillies, Church Administrator

The church office will be closed from 14th-18th October

FUNERALS

Anne Hosie

FLOWERS

Thanks to all who contributed to the Church Flowers this month:

- Mrs Jean Gilbert
- Isabel McIntyre

Convener: Violet Smith

01224 733317

Treasurer: Mabel Taylor

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**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**

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.

**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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