

Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church
March 2025



FROM THE LOCUM MINISTER



Do you have a minute? We all do. In fact we have more than 1400 of them every single day. Still, sometimes it is hard to figure out where they all go. There are the normal things we do, like working, sleeping and waiting at red lights. But a big chunk of our time is discretionary - things we get to choose. And if we are not careful, we can spend a lot of our minutes on things that are not important.

A good place to start is to evaluate our priorities. Even if we haven't consciously made the decision, we do have priorities.

They are usually defined by three areas: our activities, our ambitions and our anxieties. Once we determine what the priorities are in our lives, then we can decide which ones are most important and how we are going to spend our time.

Jesus reminded us in the Sermon on the Mount to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness. Whatever we do, make sure we make the Kingdom is our first priority.

Every blessing

Susan

HELP NEEDED!

I have had a request from the Churches in Westhill asking if anyone in our congregation would have suitcases or backpacks to give to the asylum seekers who have been granted leave by the Home Office to remain in the UK.

They have exhausted their sources in Westhill. If anyone has a suitcase or backpack in their loft that is no longer required then bring them along to church or to the church office during opening times. The lads would be very happy to receive them to help them move on.

A big thank you to everyone who has already responded. Your generosity is overwhelming.

Susan



WORSHIP

See page 3 for details of all our March 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 & SATURDAY COFFEES & THURSDAY WORSHIP

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**

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

The service on the last Thursday of the month will not now take place as we no longer have use of Durris Church.

APRIL FOCUS

Deadline for articles:

Sun 23rd March

Publication :

Sun 30th March

PRESBYTERY MATTERS

St George’s Church Building, Tillydrone

At the Presbytery meeting on 4th February Presbytery was informed of the situation at St George’s Church Building which is part of St Machar’s Cathedral parish. It had severe issues identified by the Presbytery Buildings Officer and a Health and Safety audit was done.

It was noted that a previous limit of expenditure on the building had been exceeded in trying to address some of the issues alongside attempts being made by the St Machar’s congregation to enter into a fully insured and repairing lease with St George’s Community Centre. No lease was agreed.

Whilst there were concerns for the impact on the Tillydrone community it was agreed that the best course of action would be for the building to be disposed of and put on the market with the reasons for the decision to be explained to those using the building.

Our Manse

Presbytery noted that the Property and Finance Committee had approved the work required at Peterculter Parish Church Manse which had been inspected by the Presbytery Buildings Officer. The Kirk Session accepted the report and was fully supportive of the work being needed.

Richard Little

Save the Dates!

**SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON
TEA**

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025

Please give your name to Katie in the Church Office by 12th March if you wish to attend.



AFTERNOON TEA

COLOURS FASHION SHOW

FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025

Tickets coming soon!





WORSHIP FOR MARCH

Sun 2nd March 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Thu 6th March 11.30am	Short midweek service	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Sun 9th March 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Thu 13th March 11.30am	Short midweek service	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Drumoak Church Hall
Sun 16th March 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Sun 23rd March 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Sun 30th March 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk

FINAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP IN DURRIS CHURCH

With the sale of Durriss Church now close to conclusion, the monthly Thursday service at 11.30am on 27th February will be the last service of worship to be held in the church.

This will be a poignant moment for many of us and whilst the last 'regular' Sunday service in Durriss was held at the end of 2023, this will give those of us who are free to attend an additional opportunity to reflect upon what the church here has meant to so many people and give thanks for that.

Teas and coffees will be available as usual before the service from 11.00am.



PASTORAL SUPPORT

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FUNERALS

Muriel Chalmers

Harriet (Jennifer) Cassells

Dr Stuart Duncan

FLOWERS

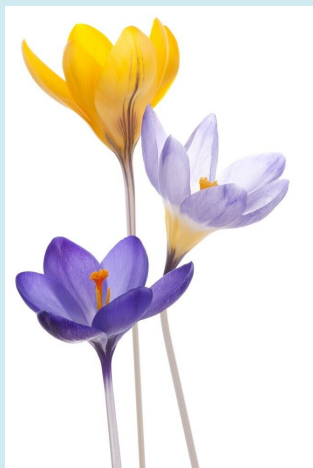
Thanks to all who contributed to the Church Flowers this month, including those who pop money in the Flower Team's tin at the Church door

Anne & Alan Dey

Marigold and William Bowman

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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 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

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