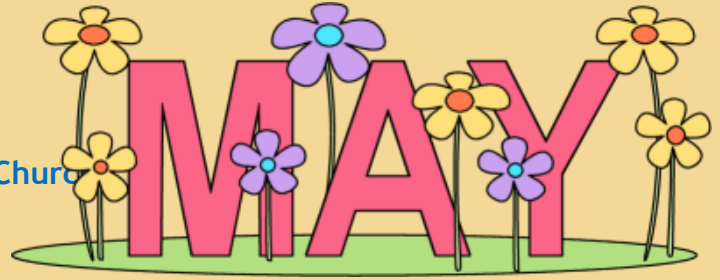


# Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church  
May 2025



## FROM THE SESSION CLERK

At the end of October 2022, Peterculter Church became vacant when Rev. Dr. John Ferguson left to become Presbytery Clerk for the new Presbytery of Perth. Drumoak-Durriss Church became vacant shortly afterwards in April 2023 when Rev. Jean Boyd retired. The Presbytery plan allocated 0.5 of a full time post to each Church, meaning that neither Church on their own was able to call a new minister.

Following the union of the two Churches on 1st November 2023 to form the new Peterculter Parish Church, permission was granted by Presbytery to call a minister for the new charge. A Nominating Committee was elected in February 2024 and, after much diligent searching, has proposed that Rev. Emma McDonald be our new minister. The Rev. McDonald is currently a pioneer minister with the Church of Scotland in Dundee but has had previous parish ministry experience and is keen to get back to being a parish minister.

Arrangements have been made for the Rev. McDonald to conduct public worship at Peterculter Church on **Sunday 27th April 2025 at 10.30 am.** After this service a vote will be taken by the congregation on whether Rev. McDonald should be inducted as the minister of Peterculter Parish Church.

This is an exciting time in the life of our Church and I'm sure everyone is keen to play their part. The next steps will of course depend on the result of the vote. We will endeavour to share any news with the congregation as soon as we are able to do so.

Watch this space!

**Ross Andrews**

## LOCUM

Rev. Susan Sutherland has been with us as our Locum Minister since 1st February 2024 and has admirably supported and guided us during her time with the congregation. She is currently taking a well-deserved holiday in the Philippines, visiting her family (Vivien, August and her two grandchildren).

It's a bit of a busman's holiday for Susan as August usually has her preaching a number of services when she is over there! When Susan returns to Aberdeen she will be stepping back from being the Locum Minister for the full month. From June onwards she will be taking the service on the first two Sundays in the month. I'm delighted to say that Angie Mutch has agreed to take the services for the remaining Sundays in the month. Angie is currently studying to be a deacon and has preached at Culter on a number of occasions over the past few years, most recently on Easter Sunday.

**Ross Andrews**

## WORSHIP

See Page 2 for details of our May services.

## LIVE STREAMING

Our services are live-streamed on YouTube.

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](http://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**

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

## JUNE FOCUS

**Deadline for articles:**

Sunday 18th May

**Publication :**

Sunday 25th May

**WORSHIP FOR MAY**

<b>Thursday 1st May, 11.30am</b>	Short Midweek Service	Albert & Alison Middler	Culter Kirk
<b>Sunday 4th May, 10.30am</b>	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Michael Mair	Culter Kirk
<b>Thursday 8th May, 11.30am</b>	Short Midweek Service	Albert & Alison Middler	Drumoak Church Hall
<b>Sunday 11th May, 10.30am</b>	Sunday Morning Worship	Angie Mutch	Culter Kirk
<b>Sunday 18th May, 10.30am</b>	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
<b>Sunday 25th May, 10.30am</b>	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Christian Aid was begun in 1945 by British and Irish churches to help refugees after the Second World War. Each year, the second week of May is Christian Aid week when churches throughout Britain and Ireland raise money to help support its activities. The money is used throughout the world with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to. This year Christian Aid week runs from the 11th to the 17th May. We will be having a retiring offering

after the service on Sunday 18th May to support this worthy cause.

**11-17 May 2025**

## **Christian Aid Week**

Will you help fund vital tools and training, so farmers can support their community to escape hunger?

**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.



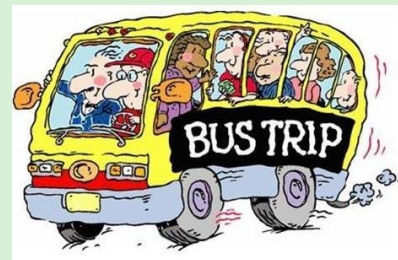
**ANNUAL BUS TRIP  
BRECHIN CASTLE GARDEN CENTRE**

**WED 21ST MAY 2025**

Depart Church 11am/return 3.30pm - 4pm  
£10 per person

There will be an opportunity to have lunch and shop at the garden centre. The bus will have wheelchair access.

Please give your name to your Elder or Katie in the Church Office by 30th April if you wish to go.



**Ladies  
Pop-up Shop &  
Fun Fashion Show!**

**SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS  
AT UP TO 70% OFF!**

**Colours.**  
FUN DRAISING  
FASHION SHOWS

Friday 23rd May 2025

**Raising funds for Peterculter Parish Church**

Scottish Charity Number: SCO01452

Peterculter Parish Church, 2 Craigton Cres, Peterculter AB14 0SB

Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm

**Tickets: £10** includes entry into the draw for £50 Colours voucher  
Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:  
The Church and Church Office – Office hours Wed and Fri 9.30 – 12.30 p.m.  
Email address – [secretary@culterkirk.co.uk](mailto:secretary@culterkirk.co.uk) or 01224 735845



**COLOURS  
FASHION SHOW**

An opportunity to see and try on a range of clothes in an informal and friendly environment.

Get your tickets now from Edna Ledingham at Church or from Katie in the Church Office.

**PASTORAL SUPPORT**

Dates	Cover Provided By
Sun 4th May - Sun 11th May	Rev Duncan Eddie <a href="mailto:deddie@churchofscotland.org.uk">deddie@churchofscotland.org.uk</a> 01224 325873 Rev Tanya Webster <a href="mailto:twebster@churchofscotland.org.uk">twebster@churchofscotland.org.uk</a> 01224 561358
Sun 11th May - End of May	Rev Susan Sutherland <a href="mailto:susan.sutherland@sky.com">susan.sutherland@sky.com</a> 07483 296859

**FLOWERS**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Church flowers in April.

- Albert and Alison Middler
- Lorrie Bilsborrow
- Wedding flowers from Lynda Kelman and Dave Low



**Convener: Violet Smith, 01224 733317**

**Treasurer: Mabel Taylor, 01224 732030**

**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](mailto: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.

