

# Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church  
April 2025



## FROM OUR LOCUM MINISTER

I am getting ready for my trip to visit Vivien, August and our two grandsons Isaiah and Samuel, in the Philippines. At the moment I seem to have lots of 'to do lists'. I have a list of all the things that Vivien can't get over there and wants us to bring - like Bisto granules, Maltesers hot chocolate sachets, Deans shortbread and of course as much chocolate as I have room for.

I have another list of all the things I need for the trip and as I tick them off that list I pop them into my suitcase - sandals, sunglasses, cropped trousers. None of these I will need in Aberdeen at the moment! I will also have to take a couple of sermons as I will be preaching on two Sundays; one of them is Easter. Then there is the list of all the work I need to finish before I go - like this article for 'Focus'.

If I am honest, sometimes I feel like I have a spiritual to-do list as well that at times is two miles long! Do you know what I am talking about? I'm supposed to be reading my Bible, I need to be praying, I need to be a good wife, a good mother, a good grandmother. I need to make sure that I'm witnessing ..... and on and on it goes.

And what about the church? Is it just another to-do list that we have to add to our pile? But I view it differently because I believe that the local church is like a spiritual greenhouse. It is an environment that God has created. So you see, loving the church is not just another thing we need to do, it is the thing that God has called all of us - every Christian - to do so that we can thrive and grow the way He wants us to.

I will take greetings from Peterculter Parish Church to the folk in Santiago, Isabela and look forward to seeing you all when Bill and I return in May.

love and blessings

**Susan Sutherland**



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## WORSHIP

See page 2 for details of all our April services.

## LIVE STREAMING

Our services are live-streamed to our 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.

## MAY FOCUS

**Deadline for articles:**  
**Sun 20th April**  
**Publication :**  
**Sun 27th April**



The Aberdeen West Parish Grouping  
**Holy Week**  
*You want it darker*  
Monday 14th April - Springfield  
Tuesday 15th April - Peterculter  
Wednesday 16th April - Mannofield  
Maundy Thursday 17th April- Cults  
Friday 18th April- Cults  
Each evening at 7pm

## WORSHIP FOR APRIL

Thu 3rd April 11.30am	Short midweek service	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Sun 6th April 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship Annual Stated Meeting	Rev. Susan Sutherland	Culter Kirk
Thu 10th April 11.30am	Short midweek service	Albert Middler	Drumoak Church Hall
Sun 13th April 10.30am	Palm Sunday	Rev. Stella Campbell	Culter Kirk
Monday 14th April 7pm	Holy Week service		Springfield Church
Tuesday 15th April 7pm	Holy Week service		Culter Kirk
Wednesday 16th April 7pm	Holy Week service		Mannofield Church
Thursday 17th April 7pm	Maundy Thursday service		Cults Church
Friday 18th April 7pm	Good Friday service		Cults Church
Sun 20th April 9am	Easter Sunday early morning outdoor service with Communion followed by breakfast	Rev. Michael Mair	Culter Kirk Car Park
Sun 20th April 10.30am	Easter Sunday	Rev. Michael Mair	Culter Kirk
Sun 27th April 10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Rev. John Notman	Culter Kirk



### LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES

The Church was recently delighted to recognise the service of five of our elders, who between them have served the Church for a combined total of almost 200 years! Long service certificates were presented to (from left to right): Gilbert Connon (40 years), Margaret Watt (40 years), Wilma Angus (40 years), Nancy Jackson (30 years) and Betty Davidson (40 years). We express our grateful thanks for the many years of devoted service.

## 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 all who contributed to the Church Flowers in March.

- Isabel McIntyre
- Moira West
- Myrtle Farquhar

**Convener: Violet Smith**

**01224 733317**

**Treasurer: Mabel Taylor**

**01224 732030**



## SENIOR CITIZENS' AFTERNOON TEA

Musical entertainment at the Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea on Sunday 23rd March was superbly provided by Jim Smith (left) and Alastair Wilkinson (right) and accompanied by a lovely spread prepared and served by members of the Social Team and their assistants.



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

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

**Colours.**  
FUNDRAISING FASHION SHOWS

Friday 23rd May 2025

Raising funds for Peterculter Parish Church

Scottish Charity Number: SCO01452

Peterculter Parish Church, 2 Craighton 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 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 6 April - Sat 19th April	Rev Keith Blackwood: <a href="mailto:kblackwood@churchofscotland.org.uk">kblackwood@churchofscotland.org.uk</a> 01224 310087 Rev Shuna Dicks: <a href="mailto:sdick@churchofscotland.org.uk">sdick@churchofscotland.org.uk</a> 01224 869028
Sun 27th April - Sat 3rd 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

## STATED ANNUAL MEETING

To be held during the service at 10.30 am,  
Sunday 6 April 2025

### 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.

### 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.



Instant Neighbour



### 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.

