

CULTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Update from The Manse and other news.



LETTER FROM SHUNA

Dear friends,

It has been wonderful to see the numbers attending church in person rise over the last few weeks. With the slight easing of restriction we are now able to accommodate more people. Some of the seating in the church has been brought closer together as the guidelines now allow for the social distancing to be reduced to 1 metre. We have kept some seating at 2 metres for those who would prefer to still sit a wee bit further apart. As of the 9th of August we anticipate the need for social distancing to be removed. Rather than put all the seats back in the church we will maintain a mix of no distancing, 1 metre and 2 metre distancing as we understand not everyone will feel comfortable with no social distancing. There is still a requirement for face coverings, hand sanitising and track and trace, so booking is still preferred. It has been wonderful to be singing along to the hymns again and for the last couple of weeks we have been singing to the accompaniment of the piano and organ. This has been lovely and it has been great to hear everyone sing.

The joint online services with our friends from the Aberdeen West Parish Grouping will be coming to an end on the 29th of August. A special service is being planned for this to look back on the last 18 months and to give thanks for this time of sharing in worship.

After what has been a very busy 18 months Emily has decided to give up playing the organ and piano for us and to concentrate on her piano teaching. We are extremely grateful to Emily for all she has done over her years as our organist, especially this last year when she has been contributing so much to the joint online services, as well as playing on Sunday morning. Emily's last Sunday playing will be the 29th of August. We will take the opportunity to say thank you properly to Emily then, but in the meantime wish her all the very best. The Kirk Session will be actively seeking a replacement for Emily and we will let you know once we have recruited a new organist. We also hope to be able to announce in the next newsletter who we have appointed to replace Marjorie in the office. Interviews are being held on the 9th of August.

I am taking a break in the middle of August, so there will not be another newsletter until the end of the month. Neil and I are heading to Lancaster for a spot of river boating and to visit our son who has recently moved to Manchester. The Manse dogs are looking forward to staying with their old dog walker in Dufftown. We always jokingly refer to their stays with Mr Benvie as Boot Camp as Alex (Mr Benvie) often takes them out with some of the dogs he walks as well as ensuring they have their own walkies. On the 15th of August the Justice & Peace and Green groups will be leading a Climate Sunday service with input from the Rev David Coleman, the Eco Chaplain. On the 22nd of August Donald Wood, Candidate for Ministry, will be taking the service. Donald is currently on placement with Rev John Ferguson at Peterculter. Donald is also one of my former University lecturers. John will be providing pastoral cover in my absence.

I do hope you are having a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Much love,
your minister and friend

Shuna

WORSHIP



Sunday Live can also be watched live or on catch up on our youtube channel. Details below

Other options

ABERDEEN WEST JOINT SERVICE
Each Sunday from 10.30am on the
Aberdeen West Churches YouTube
channel
Click [HERE](#)

Or try our 'DIAL IN' facility!
Call 01224 013222 to listen to an
abridged 30 minute version of our
service. Available from 10.30am every
Sunday. Calls will be charged at a
standard rate or may be free with
inclusive minutes.

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NOTICES



The Guild welcomes members back in person with an afternoon tea on **Tuesday 24th August 2021, 1400-1600**, Cults Kirk Centre. To assist with planning, **booking is essential**. Please contact Mary Troup 01224 732701 to book your place, by Friday 20th August.

Some other dates for your diary.

Tuesday 14th September, 1400-1600, Cults Kirk Centre. Information meeting regarding new Guild Projects. Come along and find out about the work of the Guild, new members very welcome.

Tuesday 5th October, 1400-1600, Cults Kirk Centre. Information meeting regarding the work of Blythswood Charity and our Annual General Meeting.

Tuesday 12th October, 1900-2100, Church Hall. Filling Blythswood shoe boxes.

Tuesday 7th December, 1400-1600, Cults Kirk Centre. Christmas Party.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Please remember that Foodbank donations for Instant Neighbour can be left at the Manse. Shuna delivers these to Peterculter Church, where Instant Neighbour pick them up. Sainsburys Tesco and the Scotmid are still collecting items too for Cyrenians as well as Instant Neighbour.

SUMMER MARKET STALLS

Our summer market stalls continue and over the next few we will have stalls between 10am and 1pm from:

4th August - Chest Heart & Stroke

5th August - Traidcraft

11th August - Homestart

12th August - Aurora Dance

18th August - To be confirmed

19th August - Gathimba Edwards Foundation

25th August - Inspire

26th August - The Leprosy Mission

The stalls have been a huge success and thanks go to all who have made them possible. The Church of Scotland featured them on their website at the beginning of this week. You can find the article [HERE](#)



A wide range of Traidcraft products are still available to order from Ann Robertson. New stock includes- lentils, dahl and chickpeas. A full list of stock is available on the church website. Orders can be placed with Ann by phone or email:

ann.rob@btinternet.com or 01224 867260

The Traidcraft team have stall at the Hub this coming Thursday from 10am-1pm.

RECYCLING

Two bits of news regarding recycling. First there is once again a supply of food waste bags available in the box on the Manse door step. Please feel free to come and help yourself. If the box is empty please ring the door bell and Shuna will top it up.

Secondly you may be interested to know that the Co-op at Mannofield has a box where you can recycle 'soft' plastics such as empty bread wrappers and other packets. This includes empty pet food sachets (please rinse these before depositing.) Full details of what can be recycled can be found [HERE](#)

BBC NEW EVERY SUNDAY



Last week Shuna, Sheila Foote and Bill Falconer recorded two services for BBC Radio Scotland. These will go out this coming Sunday (1st August) and the following Sunday at 7.30am. The programme will also be available on catchup via the BBC Sounds app or online [HERE](#)

EMERGENCY HELP

If you know of anyone who needs emergency help with food or financial difficulties, please let Shuna know. Help is at hand and if outwith our skills or resources we can point them in the right direction for support. Confidentiality assured.

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