



CULTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Update from *The Manse* and other news.



LETTER FROM SHUNA

Dear friends

It has been a couple of months since the last newsletter, my apologies for that. Life has been a little hectic. I was able to enjoy a holiday in May along with Neil. We had a lovely couple of weeks in the south of Florida, exploring Miami, the Florida Keys and the Everglades. I was no sooner back than away again leading the group from the church that went to Austria to experience the Passion Play at Oberammergau (which is actually in Germany). This was a wonderful experience and everyone agreed that whilst we went to see the Passion Play, the whole week was very special. New friendships were made and other relationships deepened. Off the back of this I have been in discussion with McCabe Travel to plan a trip to the Holy land in September 2024. This trip will be open to people from all the churches in the Parish Grouping, with Rev Keith Blackwood and I teaming up as group leaders.

I took up the role of Interim Moderator at Aberdeen North Parish Church following the retirement of their ministry team. This has been an 'interesting' experience and has taken up a bit of my time each week. However we now have their Nominating Committee elected and other things that had to be sorted done, so I am hoping the amount of time I spend on Aberdeen North matters will lessen for a while.

The Presbytery Deployment Committee continue their work on the Presbytery Mission Plan and we should get a clearer picture of what the plan is for this part of the presbytery in September. One change we do know is happening is that Ruthrieston West Parish Church will be joining our Parish Grouping. We are all excited to welcome them and they are very much looking forward to playing a full part in the life of the Parish Grouping. Whatever happens I remain committed to you all. I so love being your minister and could not ask for a more supportive community of faith to be part of.

Over the next two weeks I will be away week days on Padre duty with the Army Cadets at their first Annual Camp since before the pandemic began. I will be returning at the weekend to lead worship. My role as Padre is part of my ministry and although I am not in Aberdeen I am still working, so can be contacted in the usual way, should the need arise. I am looking forward to camp and catching up with the cadets and volunteers. What I am not looking forward to is having to wearing my uniform in what looks like a heatwave!

The weather has been lovely this last wee while and so I hope you have been able to enjoy getting outside and feeling the sun on your face. Our garden is looking very lush and I have managed to grow some strawberries in tubs. I tasted my first homegrown strawberry earlier this week, although it looks like Neil will be getting the benefit of my labours whilst I am away.

I hope you are able to have a lovely summer. We have been through a 'different' couple of years. But we have made it. I look forward to seeing what is in store for us all in the rest of the year.

With much love,
your minister and friend



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WORSHIP

We gather for worship both on site and by livestream on a Sunday Morning at 10.30am. To join us online click on the image below.

SONGS OF PRAISE

SUNDAY 31ST JULY

10.30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND ONLINE
REQUESTS TO SHUNA BY 24TH JULY



WEEKLY OFFERING

A gentle reminder that at the moment we are unable to uplift the weekly offering during the service. The Offering plates are at each of the entrances. Freewill offering envelopes or any cash offerings can be placed in these as you enter or leave the church. We appreciate that many more people have opted to give by standing order and we are grateful for this.

Worship at Home

We have not produced a worship at home sheet for July or August. We hope to include material for use at home as part of our September Magazine

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week this year was somewhat different to previous years! We decided to try a "delivery only" envelope with the church or the centre as venues where the envelopes could be returned. We also gave the option of giving by our dedicated Just Giving page. We delivered 2,500 envelopes between Cults Parish Church and St. Devenicks Church. The total raised during Christian Aid week was £3,225. However, as we also receive money from our Sunday coffee collections we have been able to send £4,000 to Christian Aid.

So a huge "thank you" to everyone who helped to deliver, who donated or who helped in any way whatsoever.

VISITING THE HOLY LAND

Have you ever dreamed of visiting the Holy Land? Shuna and Keith Blackwood from Mannofield will be leading a trip to the Holy Land from the 2nd to 9th September 2024. Booking is open for this trip. For bookings received by 30th November 2023, we offer advanced booking price of £2,425 per person. This saves you £180 per person off the full tour price of £2,605. A single supplement of an additional £495 will apply. This is fully inclusive of all meals, hotels, entrance fees to sights and flights. We will be flying from Aberdeen. We thought that making it two years hence gives everyone a chance to save up!

If you are interested please contact Shuna and she will be able to forward all the information and booking details.



St Jerome said: 'Five gospels record the life of Jesus. Four you will find in books and the one you will find in the land they call Holy. Read the fifth gospel and the world of the four will open to you.'

OTHER INFORMATION

GUILD

The Guild enjoyed an outing to the Culter Heritage Centre to learn more about the Peterculter Tapestry. 36 members enjoyed a talk from the Culter Heritage Stitchers and an afternoon tea.



050 GROUP

The 050 Group have some great speakers coming up, details below. The group meet on a Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm in Lochnagar at the Kirk Centre.

20th July - Bonsai with Doug Kerr

27th July - Old Hampstead, Kew and Tower Bridge Moorings Gardens with Jimmy McRae

PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meet in the Sanctuary from 1430-1600 the last Wednesday of every month.

If for any reason you wish to sit in the stillness and peace of the Sanctuary at this time to reflect on your own prayers or join with the prayer group, you are more than welcome. This can be a private time of prayer for you or a time of fellowship with others praying.

If you prefer to ask the prayer group to pray for someone, but do not want to attend in person, there are prayer cards on the table in the Sanctuary on the left as you enter the Sanctuary, or in the Hub at reception. Please take a card away and on completion place it in the box in the Sanctuary or in the prayer box at the Hub. All requests are treated in confidence.

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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