

Cults Kirk News



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Christmas 2022

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PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

Hannah Smith	30 th	October 2022
James Pearson	6 th	November 2022
Archie Muir	20 th	November 2022

COMMUNION

Come and share the
Lord's Supper
Sunday 29th January at 10:30
All Welcome



In Memoriam

Jesus said, 'I will be with you always, to the end of time' - Matthew 28:20

Our prayers remain with each and every family who has experienced the death of a loved one.

Hannah Butler	9 th October 2022
Ali Alexander	5 th November 2022
Margaret Tait	17 th November 2022
Douglas Gourlay	13 th November 2022
Margaret Brown	9 th November 2022

There will be no service in Cults Kirk on Sunday 25th December or Sunday 1st January. Shuna will be preaching in Kingswells on the 25th and Peterculter on the 1st. Please come and join us there.



CULTS GUILD

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, we in the Guild are preparing to celebrate at our Christmas party on the 6th of December. This will be held in Lochnagar at 3pm with fish and chips served at 4.30pm. If you would like to attend please contact Kristeen Murray on 861771 to reserve your place. You will be very welcome.

We end this year thankful that we have been able to meet again on a regular basis. Our meetings have been very well attended and we have been delighted to welcome several new members.

After New Year, our meetings begin again on Tuesday 7th March at 2pm in Lochnagar. The Guild Coffee Morning is on Saturday 25th March 10-12 in the Kirk Centre.

The Guild committee wish all our members and friends a joyful and peaceful Christmas as you celebrate this very special season. Mary Troup

Contact Person: – Evelyn Sangster Tel 01224 868038.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

We are a small but active group concerned about the many inequalities and injustices in the world and how we can try to address them. We have a fundraising strategy of support at local, national, and international levels with the main charities supported being Cyrenians, CrossReach and Christian Aid, respectively. The Group also organises regular food collections and deliveries to foodbanks in Aberdeen as well as sales of Traidcraft goods to support growers and artisans in developing countries through fair trade.

We meet around every two months and members are invited to bring issues to Group meetings that have struck them as an abuse of justice or peace. The Group is currently exploring ways in which to bring justice and peace issues to the attention of the congregation. If you would like to be involved, we would be glad of your ideas and support. For more information, please contact Neville Taylor 07496 514 429.

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

We provide lunch for senior members of the community. We meet about 12.15 each Monday during school term time, at the Kirk Centre. It is an opportunity to meet new people or old friends, have a cooked meal and a chat. The cost is currently £4.

If you would like to come to this friendly group, please contact Jacky Hatchwell on 01224 861736.

Message from our minister, Rev Shuna Dicks.....



Dear Friends,

It is that time of year again. How quickly it has come around. Advent and Christmas are such special seasons. I really enjoy the anticipation of Advent. A time to wait and get ourselves ready to celebrate the coming of God into the world as a tiny baby. The birth of Jesus is worth celebrating and we have much planned in the coming weeks which will help us do this in great style. Our magazine is packed with information about different events and services. I hope you are able to join us at as many as you are able. Of course, all our services will be livestreamed, and we know that we have a considerable community who join us from home each week for worship. I hope you too enjoy what we have planned.

This Advent we will be thinking about some of the women who are part of Jesus' Family Tree. Our scripture passages will remind us of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and of course His mother Mary. These women have much to teach us and I am looking forward to getting to know them better along with you.

A friend of mine, Liz Crumlish, has written a lovely book for Advent with readings, prayers, and reflections. I hope to share many of these on our Facebook page, so please look out for those. Liz offers this prayer for the Sunday before Christmas:

God, as we pin our hopes on your Son, may we, who gather at the crib, follow him to the cross and witness the power of the empty tomb. In that power may we continue to settle for nothing less than the Kingdom of God born among us. Amen

This prayer offers a good reminder that the Christmas Story is only part of the story. A story that invites us into a personal relationship with the Risen Christ. So, I hope you will join me as we coorie round the crib this Christmas.

Neil and I wish you the Hope, Peace, Love and Joy of the season, and every good wish for 2023.

Yours in love

Shuna



THE HUB CAFÉ IS OPEN TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY FROM 10AM to 2PM FOR SNACKS, SCONES AND LIGHT LUNCHES. TO VOLUNTEER, SPEAK TO JUNE (07776 458 191) OR CAROLYN (07789 013 903).

CULTS O50 GROUP

As it draws close to Christmas we are pleased to report that the O50 Club goes on from strength to strength. Our numbers post-Covid are gradually returning to near normal, and we have been pleased to welcome several new members.

Sadly, this year however several of our long-term members have died, but we will remember them all with fond memories of their time with us.

Our next programme for early 2023 has been planned and notices of talks and contact numbers are available on posters in the Hub and local shops for anyone interested in joining our friendly group.

Merry Christmas to all 'old' and new friends and a safe and healthy New Year.

Libby Brand

CULTS O50 PROGRAMME

We meet every Wednesday in Cults Kirk Centre. Doors open at 1pm and we have a speaker and tea/coffee from 1.30 to 3.00. The following are the talks planned for December and January.

DECEMBER 2022

7 th	December	'My Italian Heritage'	<i>Captain Oliver Signorini</i>
14 th	December	'Christmas Party, raffle, etc.'	<i>Yvonne Morton</i>

JANUARY 2023

11 th	January	'Oberammergau'	<i>The Rev. Mrs Shuna Dicks</i>
18 th	January	'Shaping a Better Future for Vulnerable Adults & Children'	<i>Doug Soden VSA</i>
25 th	January	'Burns Celebration'	<i>Jim & Marisha Addison</i>

Margaret Wood **01224 310685 Libby**
Brand **01224 867717**

Bridge & Board Games are enjoyed every Tuesday from 10-12, Rummikub, Upwords & Scrabble being the most popular. New members & guests will always be made most welcome.

Lizzie Thomas **01224 869413**

KNIT AND NATTER

Meet every other Monday afternoon in Scolty in the Kirk Centre, 2-4pm. Bring along your knitting, sewing, embroidery, crochet, or any other craft work and join us. We enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit and amongst all the endeavours, put the world to rights!

The dates from now onwards are January 9th & 23rd, February 6th & 20th, and March 6th & 20th.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study group resumes its weekly meetings on Thursday 19th January. They meet in Scolty in the Kirk Centre with coffee and fellowship from 10am. The Bible Study itself begins at 10.30 and ends at 11.30. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Peter Michie on 07719 700 681.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL MUSIC

Saturday 17th 2pm to 2:30 Church Orchestra
Sunday 18th 2pm to 2:30 Hub Folk Group

Scott Gilmour
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DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSIONS

Stella Anderson has very kindly organised two training sessions on how to use the defibrillators at the Church and Kirk Centre. A total of 25 people took part in the training. More sessions are planned for the New Year. The defibrillators are registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service, which means if someone finds themselves in the position of having to deal with someone suffering a cardiac arrest and dial 999 they will be advised where the nearest defibrillator is. They will be given the access code for the nearest one. The access code for both of ours is 'C195'. We would encourage people to be aware of our defibrillators and to let others know about them. If you would like to undertake the training, then please contact Stella, stellaanderson20@gmail.com. You do not need any training to use the defibrillators as the machines tell you what to do, but the benefit of training is that it will enhance your confidence in using them.



HELP FOR THOSE STRUGGLING

We know that many people will be finding life financially difficult at the moment. If you know of anyone who is struggling, please let them know that we can help. We have contact details for agencies and groups that may be able to help.

We have a project running in conjunction with Cults Primary school. Boxes with food and warm hats and gloves are in the Kirk Centre, people can help themselves to any item with no questions asked.

Our Hub Café is also open for anyone wanting a warm place to sit. A number of coffees and teas have been paid for under a pay it forward scheme. Anyone wanting a free tea or coffee simply needs to ask for 'Tina' when placing their order. If anyone would like to pay for an extra cup of coffee or tea to support this scheme, they can do so by telling the server they wish to pay for 'Tina's' drink.

Aberdeen City Council have a list of warm spaces that people are invited to use to save on heating at home. Cults Library is one such space. Their opening hours are Monday and Tuesday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm We hope to add our café to this growing list of spaces found on the council website: -

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/people-and-communities/warm-spaces>

LIGHTING PROJECT

Over the next month or so work will be being carried out to replace the lighting in the sanctuary. This is in response to a recommendation from Presbytery and will be funded from money raised for that purpose as part of our 2021 "Thanks 'Giving' Day" supplemented by a contribution from a legacy from the estate of the late Stan & Flo Hicks.

The current lighting, which was installed in 1960 has served us well, but technology has changed, and it is anticipated that the new scheme will pick out some of the architectural features of the building as well as improving the "task" lighting.

By necessity, the work will be incremental, with the final commissioning and configuration at the end of the project, at which point the full impact will be visible.

WHEELCHAIR PUSHING AT WOODEND

We are looking for new volunteers to help with bringing patients in the Stroke Rehabilitation Unit at Woodend Hospital to the 10 am Sunday morning services organised by the Hospital Chaplaincy Unit.

Prior to the pandemic, Cults Parish Church used to organise a rota of volunteers to help with this activity once a month. At that time, we had a large enough group of volunteers for individuals to only be required to help once every three or four months. The services are hopefully due to start again in the New Year but, for various reasons, our group of available volunteers has diminished to the extent that we may no longer be able to offer this service as a Church.

If you are interested in helping with this rewarding activity, and would like more information, please call Alan Johnson on 07775 762027.



Cults Kirk

Family Hogmanay Party

8pm until midnight

Adults £10, Children £5



Live music (Susan Simpson & Stan), quiz, food (~9pm), BYOB, games for children & dancing.

Admission by ticket only, available from Maureen Taylor 01224 861377 or Graeme Robertson 07801 357 087 (a.g.w.robertson@btinternet.com)

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REV SHARMANN MAROMO

Sharmann is joining us at the beginning of December as part of a familiarisation scheme run by the Church of Scotland for ministers from overseas who wish to come to Scotland and serve in the Church of Scotland. Sharmann is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe and comes to us with many years of experience in ministry. He will work alongside Shuna and learn from us all the ways of the Church of Scotland and what life is like in Scotland.

Sharmann is married to Annamary, and they have two children, Benjamin (6) and Bliss (2). His family will initially remain in Zimbabwe and hope to join him once he is settled.

We hope that you will make Sharmann very welcome, and he will very much appreciate invitations for coffee and a chat or even an evening meal. We have been working hard preparing the Peterculter Manse for him to live in and are grateful to the congregation of Peterculter with their generous offer to use the Manse. Many thanks to those who have donated furniture and other household items to enable us to have a lovely home ready for Sharmann. Shuna is very much looking forward to working with Sharmann.



CHURCH BADMINTON CLUB

The club meets regularly on Monday evenings in the main hall on Quarry Road. It has been good to welcome new members to our group which has allowed us all to have a rest between games! We shall have a short break over the festive season and then resume on 9th January 2023.

John Troup - 01224 732701

Mob 07980 894630



HELP! SHEEP HUNT

Can you help us find our Lost Sheep? A number of woolly sheep (thanks to the Knit & Natter Group for their hard work) have escaped and are hiding in local shops and other public places. You have to identify the sheep and the place you found them hiding. Winning entries will receive a prize sheep to adopt. Completed entries should be handed in to the church office by Thursday 22nd December. Entry forms will be available at Church on Sunday 4th and the Kirk Centre from Monday 5th December.

WOULD YOU LIKE A BREAK IN BALLATER?

Our 2-bed ground floor apartment sleeps 4. 1 king bedroom with en suite. 1 twin with separate bathroom. Lounge, dining, and kitchen area. Walking distance to shops and restaurants. Door opens into garden. Unfortunately, no pets. Contact Bruce and Stella on 07770738422.



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Christmas at Cults Parish Church

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd December
10am-12noon
Cults Kirk Centre

*Merry
Christmas*



SERVICE OF HOPE

Sunday 4th December
3.30pm
Cults Parish Church



A reflective service to help us prepare for the Christmas Season when life is not always easy.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

10th & 11th December
17th & 18th December
2pm-5pm
Cults Parish Church



NATIVITY SERVICE

Sunday 18th December
10.30am
Cults Parish Church

*With Aberdeen Concert Band
Please wear your Christmas jumper!*



CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday 24th December
7pm
Cults Parish Church

*Feel free to come for 6.30pm
and help us make the Christingles in the hall.*



WATCHNIGHT

Saturday 24th December
11.30pm
Cults Parish Church

Mulled wine served from 11.15pm



CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 25th December
10.30pm
Kingswells Parish Church



NEW YEARS DAY

Sunday 1st January
10.30pm
Peterculter Parish Church

