

Cults Kirk News

Easter 2024

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PARISH REGISTER

WEDDINGS

Emily & Devin Abbot
Drumtochty 14th February 2024
Lorna & Jonathan Miller
Drumtochty 23rd March 2024

COMMUNION

Come and share the Lord's Supper on Sunday
28th April 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.

Frank Cusick	9 th January 2024
Margaret McDonald	9 th January 2024
John Hyland	11 th January 2024
Sheila Allan	13 th January 2024
William Mearns	16 th January 2024
Alan Milne	28 th January 2024
Norah Dow	24 th February 2024
Ivor Lockie	4 th March 2024

CHRISTIAN AID 2023

We are supporting Christian Aid again this year with a DELIVERY ONLY envelope distribution during Christian Aid week. If you would like to help, please call Maureen on 861377 or maureen.ag@btinternet.com. The need for the help offered in war, famine and hunger never ceases unfortunately so your efforts to help are much needed.

CULTS CONNECTIONS

Our final instalment of Living a Beautiful Life will be released on Sunday 7th April at 6pm. For those gathering to worship together and to enjoy further discussions over a cuppa, our time together will also include a short celebration of Holy Communion. Cults Connections has proven to be very popular, and we are delighted to be planning a couple more videos and gatherings for the first Sundays in May and June. We will then take a break over the summer and return in the autumn with a new series.



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



Dear Friends,

As we approach Easter I wanted to reflect on the importance of this season. Faith is a very personal matter, and we all have our own struggles grappling with what it is that draws us to the life of Jesus.

What pulls us into his story? And how do we explain the Easter story?

At a recent meeting of the Preaching Cohort I have been invited to be part of, the story of Easter Morning was discussed at length. We noted how difficult it is to explain just what happened and it was pointed out that not one of the Gospel accounts gives any explanation. Instead, we are invited to marvel at the story. If the grave could not contain Jesus, what makes us think our brains can. The idea of Christ risen is something to wonder at, not to try and explain away. Thinking this way gives us an opportunity to enjoy the celebration of Easter and proclaim the risen Christ in a different way. We know he lives because He lives in us.

Christ lives in us – each of us, not contained to a Bible story, but in the living followers of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

As a church we are invited to be part of Jesus wider story. Our task is to invite others in and be part of the story.

I wish you a very blessed Easter, and I hope you will feel very much part of our celebrations.

Christ is risen, risen indeed!

Yours, as always

In love

Shuna



ABERDEEN WEST PARISH GROUPING

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday 25th March - Mannofield Parish Church

Tuesday 26th March - Peterculter Parish Church

Wednesday 27th March - Cults Parish Church

Maundy Thursday - Each church hosting their own service

Good Friday - Springfield Parish Church

ALL SERVICES ARE AT 7PM

CULTS O50 GROUP

We welcome all of you over the age of 50 every Wednesday in the Kirk Centre. There is a speaker, tea, and coffee and lots of chat. In the next couple of months, we also will have an outing to St Machars Cathedral, a lunch at Gate 63 and even a Country and Western Charity Event. And then there are our regular monthly Rambles.....short and easy walks. There will even be a holiday opportunity for some to Durham.

If you would like to join us or find out any more, please contact Janette Glass on 07801 938 883 or Margaret Wood on 01224 310685 or just 'Turn up' on a Wednesday at 1.00pm. *Janette Glass*

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 the next five weeks.

27 th	March	'George Washington Wilson'	<i>Alex Matthewson</i>
3 rd	April	'Little Drops Charity, Chennai - an update'	<i>Muriel Thomson</i>
10 th	April	'Genealogy. What's my line?'	<i>Richard Forte</i>
27 th	April	'Parkinsons'	<i>Peter Fogiel</i>
24 th	April	'Kerala blooms and other stories'	<i>Jimmy McRae</i>

For more information contact:- Margaret Wood 01224 310685 Janette Glass 07801 938 883

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.

For more information contact:- Lizzie Thomas 01224 869413

PRAYER GROUP NEWS

The Cults Church Prayer Team is a small group that meet on the last Wednesday of each month at 2.30 pm in the North Hall, Quarry Road, or on warmer days in the Sanctuary. We pray for our World, our Community, our Church and for individuals. These requests come from personal requests and from the prayer cards collected from the prayer boxes in the Sanctuary and Kirk Centre. We ask only for first names of people as we must maintain confidentiality.

It is both a privilege and a blessing to intercede for others, so we would encourage you to use the cards and the boxes. As we approach Easter, please use our Prayer Tree in the Sanctuary, there is much to pray for.

In Morven at the Kirk Centre, we have some prayer resources and books. Please feel free to look at them when you are next in the Kirk Centre.

The Prayer team plays an important part in the life of Cults Kirk and has a vital role in our witness. You are most welcome to join with us either for silent or corporate prayer. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm in the North Hall.

"Prayer is not what is done by us, but rather what is done by the Holy Spirit in us". - Henri Nouwen.

Mary Troup

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Cults Parish Church
reaching out to the community

Blythswood Shoeboxes

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our monthly collections for Blythswood Shoe boxes. Donations of any items in any month are gratefully appreciated. If you would like any suggestions -

March - ladies' items, pants, socks, tights, make up.

April - small household items, candles, sewing items, thread, needles, pens, and notes pads.

May - boys' pants, socks, vests, t- shirts, small balls (nothing bigger than a tennis ball)

June - girls' pants, socks, tights, t shirts, colouring pencils, colouring books (small so fit in shoe box)

July - small tool i.e.. screwdriver, scissors, spanner, ideas for gift in gents shoe box.

Please speak to Evelyn Sangster, Anne Duncan, or Mary Troup if you have any questions.

Church Garden

Despite all the dull and wet weather of recent weeks, the daffodils at the front of the Church have given a welcome burst of colour. The spring flowers are now growing in the various tubs and will soon be joined by colourful tulips. At the rear of the Church Hall, four large trees have been removed and in their place, three apple trees have been planted which will hopefully produce some fruit in the coming years.

ECO Group

Our group is wishing to encourage members of the congregation to become more aware and involved in recycling.

Currently there are recycling boxes in the Church Hall and Kirk Centre for the following: - Stamps, Batteries, Ink Cartridges, Spectacles, Computer Accessories & Mobile Phones. PLEASE make use of them.

The Group are also producing an information leaflet on general recycling which will also give more information of the recycling of "Soft Plastics."

Caring for God's environment is one which we all need to be involved with. If you are interested in joining the ECO Group, contact John Troup - 01224 732701

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CULTS GUILD



As we experience new life and renewal all around us, we look forward to sharing new experiences, talks, and continuing friendships in our Guild over the next few months. Cults Guild recently received a certificate for supporting the Green Canopy for Malawi to help tackle deforestation and climate change and we continue to support the 6 National Guild Projects in their 3rd year of funding. The amount raised nationally so far is £340,337.32.

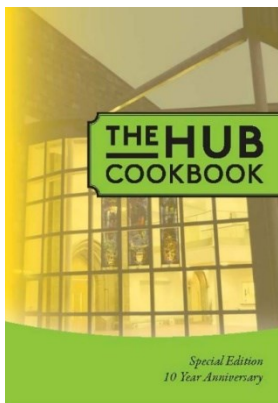
Dates for your Diary

2 nd April	John Corall	Family History Society
16 th April	Mark Sullivan	Around the World in 5000 Birds
7th May	Maureen Taylor	Christian Aid
21st May	Dr Coby Needle	History of the Torry Marine Lab

We meet at 2pm in Lochnagar at the Kirk Centre and our meetings are open to all. Membership is not necessary but welcomed. We look forward to seeing you.

4th June	Summer Outing	Drum Garden Centre
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For more information contact Evelyn Sangster 01224 868038



Hub Cookbook 10th Anniversary Edition

There are still a view copies of the Hub Cookbook available. You can purchase them at The Hub Cafe. Only £6

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

**29TH MARCH 2024
11AM - 1PM (APPROX)**

THE ROUTE:
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR ALL OR PART OF THE JOURNEY



MUSIC TO REMEMBER



“Cults Music to Remember” is a monthly singing group for people with dementia, those who support them and anyone else who enjoys singing and would like some company. We sing well known songs, have fun, a cup of tea and chat together. We're meeting on the following dates:

Tuesday 9th April 2024
Tuesday 14th May 2024
Tuesday 11th June 2024

Cults Kirk Centre (Lochnagar) 404 North Deeside Road, Cults, AB15 9TD

Time: 2.00pm-3.30pm (including refreshments)

For more information or if you are interested in helping at the sessions please contact Brenda Lurie - 01224 868850.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group is on a break over Lent. We start again on Thursday the 4th of April, continuing our series of studies on The Holy Spirit.

We meet in in Scolty in the Kirk Centre with coffee and fellowship from 10 am. Bible Study itself begins at 10:30 and ends at 11:30. New members are very welcome at any time. For more information, please contact Alan Johnson on 07775 762027.email alanj02@btinternet.com

Cults Baby & Toddler Group

Thursday mornings
9.30am-11.30am
at Cults Parish Church Hall,
Quarry Road



We are a friendly community run group. Come and join us to enjoy a relaxed environment for adults, babies and toddlers.

We welcome parents, grandparents, childminders and carers.

CULTS MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

Come for lunch and a chat. Make some new friends, everyone very welcome to this friendly group.

We meet on Mondays at 12.00 at Cults Kirk Centre. The cost is £4 for a two-course lunch and a cup of tea/coffee.

Contact Jacky, tel 01224 861736 for more information. Booking necessary

BADMINTON

An enthusiastic group meet in the Main Hall on Monday evenings from 7.15p.m. If you are interested in playing, come along and you will be made very welcome. We have a break for tea and coffee mid way through the evening and some good chat.



Hub Cafe VOLUNTEERING

The Hub Cafe is always looking for new volunteers. If you have an hour or more to spare each week or even now and again, why not considering becoming part of our team? If you are interested please speak to Jenny, our Cafe Manager.
Tel: 07881664864 or ask at the counter.



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.

Our Hub Café is also open to everyone. 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.

KIRK CENTRE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



On the 10th of February we had a wonderful afternoon celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Kirk Centre. We were joined by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Reverend Sally Foster Fulton, as well as friends old and new.