

Cults Kirk

News

CHRISTMAS 2025



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PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

Carolyn Stevenson 30th November 2025



COMMUNION
Come and share the
Lord's Supper
Sunday 1st February at 10:30
All Welcome

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 Drake	22 nd September 2025
Evelyn Dobson	30 th October 2025
Findlay Baxter	5 th November 2025
May Mackinnon	24 th November 2025

FLOWER ROTA

A number of dates have become available on the flower rota. If you would like to do them in memory of someone, mark an important event, or simply contribute to our flower ministry, please speak to Maureen Taylor. You can either do the flowers yourself or donate between £20 and £25 and Maureen will do them for you.

Breaking Bread

an informal service of
Holy Communion
3rd Thursday of the month
9.30am in the Kirk Centre
All Welcome



JOINING THE CHURCH

If anyone who either comes to church or worships on-line is interested in joining the Church,
please contact Rev Shuna Dicks:-
sdicks@churchofscotland.org.uk

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our church email address is changing.
The new church email address is:-
office@cultsparishchurch.co.uk
Please start using this new address immediately.

When contacting Shuna by email,
please use:-

SDicks@churchofscotland.org.uk

Prayer Requests

Our prayer group are happy to take prayer requests. These can be left in the boxes in the Kirk Centre and Church, as well as in the box on the wall outside the entrance to the Main Hall on Quarry Road.

All prayers will be treated in confidence and only shared with the Prayer Group and Prayer Circle. All we need is a first name of the person and or a little about the circumstances to be prayed for. Please also seek permission from the person to be prayed for.



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

Dear Friends,

As we draw near to Christmas, I'm struck again by the simple power of Christina Rossetti's words: "Love came down at Christmas." In Jesus, God's love becomes something we can see, touch, and trust. It enters the world not in grandeur, but in humility — a child born into ordinary human life. This will be our over arching theme over the Christmas season. And we will sing these words as our Leaving Song each week and at each service over Christmas.

Yet it's the final verse of the carol that feels especially important for us today:

Love shall be our token,

Love be yours and love be mine...



These lines invite us to let love be the mark of who we are as followers of Christ. Not just a feeling, but a way of living; not just sentiment, but a sign of God at work in us. When love is our token, it shows in the grace we offer, the patience we choose, the compassion we extend, and the hope we carry for one another.

In a season that can be hurried or heavy, perhaps the most faithful thing we can offer is this: a gentle word, a listening ear, a moment of generosity, a prayer shared quietly. Small tokens, but powerful ones — reminders that the love born in Bethlehem still moves through us today.

May Christ, the Love who came down at Christmas, shape our hearts so that love truly becomes our token this season. Have a very blessed remainder of Advent and Christmas.

Your minister and friend

With love

Shuna





Cults 050 Group



A warm welcome awaits all over 50s every Wednesday in Cults Kirk Centre. There is a speaker, tea and coffee and lots of chat. We have various activities like a Bridge and Scrabble Group, a Book Group, Rambling Group, and even a Theatre Group..

- 10th December 'Musical Crackers' - *Jim Smith*
- 7th January 'Anniversaries' – *Rev Mrs Shuna Dicks*
- 14th January 'There Was a Lad.....' - *Douglas McClure*
- 21st January 'Tartan, the Fabric of a Nation' - *John McLeish*
- 28th January 'Bus Gates. Gated?' - *Alasdair Sutherland*

If you would like to join us or find out anymore, please contact Janette Glass on 07801 938883 or Marta Moody on 01224 867628 or just 'Turn up' on a Wednesday at 1.00pm.

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

LONG SERVICE



Pictured above receiving long service certificates signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland we have from left to right George Greig, John Troup, and Peter Olley (50 years); Scott Irving and Irene Paterson (40 years); and Alison and Philip Bell, Kathleen MacPherson, and Graeme Robertson (30 years).

BADMINTON

We are looking forward to our Christmas Potluck Supper on Monday 15th December which will be our last night till we resume on Monday 5th January 2026 in the main hall at 7.15p.m.

John Troup, Tel 01224 732701 Mob 07980 894630

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CULTS MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

Come for lunch and a chat. Make
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We meet on Mondays at 12.00 at
Cults Kirk Centre. The cost is £5 for
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tea/coffee.

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

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KNIT AND NATTER

The next container to go to Edwendeni Hospital in Malawi will go at the beginning of 2026. It will contain the 20 blankets, 58 little jumpers and 35 Beanie Hats knitted by Knit and Natter and friends!

Knit and Natter restarts on 15th January and on alternate Monday thereafter in Scolty at 2pm. WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AT ANY TIME!

HOGMANAY CEILIDH

Hogmanay at The Hub 8pm to 12 midnight.

Dancing, games and competitions for all. Supper at about 9pm. Bring your own bottle. Live music from Susan and Stan with Mark to call the dances.

Tickets £10 from the office or phone

Maureen Taylor 01224 861377 or

Ann Robertson 01224 867260



CULTS GUILD

Following a successful Christmas Party the Guild has now stopped until Tuesday 3rd March 2026.

The Guild Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 21st March 2026

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2026

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.



CULTS KIRK BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our Bible Study Group meet every Thursday morning at the Kirk Centre. We meet on the balcony at 10am for coffee and fellowship followed by Bible Study from 10:30-11:30 in Scolty.

We are just completing a 12-lesson study on Old Testament Characters which we have found quite challenging in places, leading to quite a bit of discussion. However, most agree that it has been a worthwhile exercise, gaining a deeper understanding of the foundations of our faith.

Our next season starts on Thursday the 15th of January, with a series of 26 studies on the Gospel of Luke, coinciding with the Lectionary readings that Shuna will be addressing over the next year – so you can be ahead of the game!

We have around 18 regular attendees with quite a range of backgrounds and points of view, which can lead to some interesting and enlightening discussions. New members are always very welcome.

For further information, please contact Alan Johnson on 07775762027.

MUSIC TO REMEMBER

Music To Remember meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Kirk Centre (Lochnagar) from 2pm-3.30pm to sing well known songs, have fun, a cup of tea and chat together. The group is for people with dementia, those who support them, and anyone else who enjoys singing and would like some company.

We're meeting on the following dates:

Tuesday 9th December 2025

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Tuesday 10th February 2026

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



CULTS KIRK FAMILY HOGMANAY PARTY

8pm until midnight

Adults £10, Children £5

Live music (Susan Simpson et al), quiz, food (circa 9pm), BYOB, games for children & dancing.

Tickets from the office,
Maureen Taylor 01224 861377 or
Ann Robertson 01224 867260.

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

2026



THE HUB CAFÉ

The Hub Café can now cater for Private Functions or Afternoon Teas which can be delivered to your home.

*Speak to Susan in the café or
email:- hubcafe@cultsparishchurch.co.uk*

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.



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DEC 19TH

6PM CAROL SINGING
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DEC 21ST

10.30AM CAROL SERVICE
WITH ABERDEEN CONCERT BAND

DEC 24TH

7PM CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE
11.30PM WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

DEC 25TH

10.30AM CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE