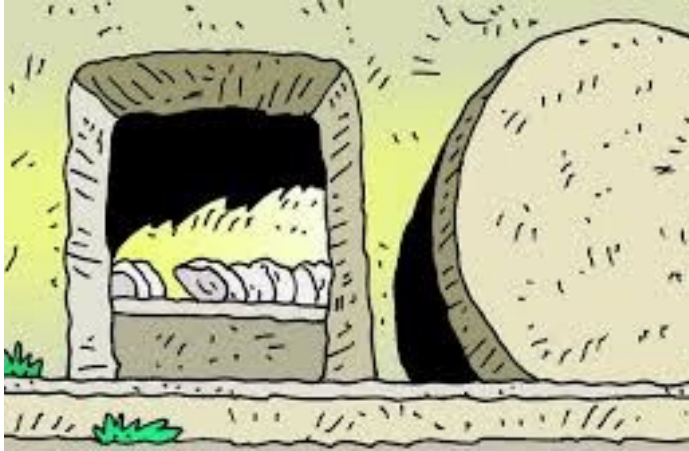


**Episcopal Churches of
St. James' Stonehaven.
St. Philip's Catterline.
April 2019**



**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
April 2019**

Sundays.

9.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

7.00 p.m. Compline

Second Wednesday in the month.

10.30 a.m. Eucharist and Healing Service

First and Third Wednesday in the month.

9.30 a.m. Children's Service

No services at St Philip's, Catterline until further notice.



DIARY NOTES April 2019

Day/Date	Event
4th April	9.30 Children's Service
7th April 5th Sunday in Lent Passion Sunday	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson
11th April	10.30 Eucharist and Healing Service. Arma Iles.
14th April 6th Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday	9.30 Holy Eucharist. Bishop Andrew 10.30 Holy Eucharist. Bishop Andrew
15th to 19th April	10.00 Matins and 5.00 Evensong
17th April	9.30 Children's Service
21st April Easter Sunday	8.00 Harbour Service 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
28th April 2nd Sunday in Easter	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles

Bishop Andrew writes:

The season of Lent can seem a long and sparse journey in the early part of the year: it is a reflection of the time that Jesus spends in the wilderness to prepare himself for his ministry. We have now reached the end of that journey – the intensity and highs and lows of Holy Week – and arrive, at last, in the new life and new beginnings of Easter!

As disciples, we have the tradition of keeping the Lent wilderness to prepare ourselves for our ministry and mission as Christians in the 21st century. We are developing some plans as a diocese to prepare and develop ministry in the north of Brechin Diocese.

We are encouraged to travel the day-by-day journey of Holy Week, from the ‘Hosannas’ of Palm Sunday to the emptiness of the tomb near Calvary to draw us into the immediate, personal drama of that world changing week, 2,000 years ago. That personal drama challenges and encourages us in our personal discipleship and commitment.

And we now shout the ‘Alleluias!’ of the Easter season to rejoice in the new life and new beginnings that all humans are offered in the love of God through Jesus Christ. That message of hope, light and new beginnings feels so, so important in a world that can feel as if it is stuck in a version of Calvary. Political turmoil, terror attacks, widespread hatred on grounds of religion, race, gender, nationality: all of these feel as if humanity is broken and has lost its way. But the Easter message that we share, of new life, love and hope, can bring light into the darkest of human situations.

My prayers remain with you and for all in need for this Easter season: may that message of life, love and hope bring light into your life and into the lives of all God’s beloved children.

Vestry Minutes February 2019

Correspondence

Val Cadd had received a letter from Margaret Adams with a donation for flowers for the St James Window. The window is in remembrance of her grandparents and Margaret donated the sanctuary lamp in memory of her father. Val sent a photo of the flowers displayed in the window.

A letter had been received from the Diocese about a communications group and workshop to be held in the summer. Pam Levack Moir is looking after our Facebook page and she is to be asked if she is interested in attending.

Diane Fleming reported on a new online paper for Stonehaven called The Bellman.

A letter had been received from Fair Trade asking whether we as a church would be interested in taking part in the 90 Kg rice challenge. Vestry decided not to take part, partly due to the quantity of rice needing to be purchased for the challenge.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£46,532.33
Fabric Fund Account	£9,703.52
Buildings Account	£132.43
St Philip's	£853.23

Report on St James

Anne is checking with those on the congregational roll who might not be receiving a copy of the newsletter.

Work to establish Abbeyfield's boundary has been completed.

The report will be sent to the Diocesan Registrar.

A CCTV notice is to be put on the church gates.

Report on St Philip's

The Pastor of the Community Church will kindly replace the

notice board.

The wall on the south side of the church yard has collapsed in two places. David has received a quote of £4,900 for its repair. He will investigate further and, if necessary, accept the quote.

Worship

The next Songs of Praise is on 24th February

The Bishop will take both services on Palm Sunday and 28th July.

The Ministry Study Day is on 30th March in Brechin.

The World Day of Prayer is on 1st March, 10 am Fetteresso Church.

Fabric

Church: David gave each member of the Vestry a copy of the on-going tasks and their current status. These included the main project, building maintenance, building improvements, exhibition completion, inventory for the Diocese, worship group matters. The woodwork for the exhibition has now been started.

An email had been received from the contractors who had been dismissed from the exhibition project last year demanding payment. Peter and David are to meet with the architect to discuss their demands as it is unclear for what work they are claiming.

Hall: The boiler has been serviced and the leak repaired. There was a lot of dirt and rubbish behind the radiators which was impeding their efficiency. David has started to clean them. The toilets will be revamped in the summer.

Garden: Chairs in the memorial garden keep getting turned over. This will be looked at in the summer.

Ewen is to look at the maple tree which does not seem to be thriving.

Rectory: A new cooker has been installed. A gate and shelf have been repaired.

Fund Raising/Social

The Book Browse raised £579. The next one is on 6th April.
The next coffee morning is on 13th April.

AOCB

Kevin Goodrich, who visited us last year, is to be approached to see if he would visit again for a longer period.

Pat Miller is going to send Anne details about a project in Swaziland. Anne will present this to Far and Wide at their next meeting to see if they can make a donation to the project.

Next Meeting: 18th March

Plans for mission, ministry and the way forward.

The Bishop has written to the vestries of St James' and St Ternan's indicating that he wishes to recruit a priest to support St James' and St Ternan's on a fixed term appointment of up to 3 years. This priest will have an 'interim' or 'transitional' ministry, intended to:

Provide worship and pastoral leadership to the two charges;
Work with the charges to explore, develop and start to deliver new plans and strategies for the future.

He says that it is likely that these plans will take a broad view of models of church, potential ongoing relationships with other Scottish Episcopal churches, ecumenical relationships and other possible partnerships in the local community. He anticipates that the worship style and characters of St Ternan's and St James' would remain quite distinct and separate.

He sees this ministry as essentially a linkage between St James'

and St Ternan's, as the priest will be jointly funded (stipend, pension, housing, expenses), but is a fixed term arrangement allowing the sharing of a priest with a particular remit to produce credible plans for the future of the charges. Additional funding to make the project viable will be provided by the Diocese using Mission and Ministry Funding and/or approved release of Diocesan Reserves.

If the vestries agree, and St James' vestry is very supportive, then a church development & conflict consultant from the organisation 'Place for Hope' will do some work with the two vestries both separately then together to explore any issues that may remain from previous attempts at joint working between the charges. He envisages that the charges remain separate entities with distinct styles of worship and the vestries remain as separate sets of trustees. Future relationships between the charges would depend on the outcome of the transitional planning and development and other 'northern cluster' activities would continue to be a vital part of the life of the two charges.

Once 'Place for Hope' has reached the point where the vestries are willing to allow a 'Memorandum of Agreement' to be negotiated (including sharing of costs, housing, expectation of ministry, process for development and planning), the Bishop and Diocesan Officers will help develop this agreement.

Peter

Lent Appeal

The Bishop's Lent Appeal will be for the Macmillan Cancer Support. As I'm sure many of you will know, this charity provides support in a number of ways for people suffering from cancer. This support ranges from information on cancer, how to access financial support, to providing the services of Macmillan

nurses.

The Bishop will be taking the service on Palm Sunday, so vestry is inviting you to bring any donations along to this service where we will provide a special collection plate for them.

Peter

St James in the 1930s - 1938

Feb: Hitler took over as War Minister in Germany; Churchill led protest against Chamberlain. **Mar:** Anschluss - Austria annexed by Germany. **April:** Deladier took over as French Premier. **May:** Hitler and Mussolini met in Rome; Britain and France outfaced Hitler in first Czech crisis. **June:** All Austrian Jews given fortnight's notice by employers. **Aug:** Germany mobilised its armed forces; Chamberlain visited Hitler for crisis talks. **Sept:** Sudeten Germans broke with Czechoslovakia; Royal Navy mobilised; In Munich Chamberlain appeased Hitler on Czech issue. **Oct:** Germany annexed Sudetenland; British troops stormed and occupied Jerusalem. **Nov:** Jewish pogroms in Germany; Kristallnacht and 30,000 Jews sent to concentration camps; Anti-semitic laws passed in Italy. **Dec:** Italian Parliament replaced by Fascist Chamber; 1935 agreement with France renounced by Italy.

Also: *Brighton Rock* by Graham Greene published; Orson Welles' radio production of *War of the Worlds* broadcast; *Good-bye to Berlin* by Christopher Isherwood published; Howard Hughes and four companions completed round the world flight in less than four days; Walt Disney released *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*; Lazlo Biro invented the ballpoint pen; gas masks were issued in Britain.

Stonehaven

9th February Annual Congregational Meeting. This was held in the Church Vestry owing to the Rev Symon being on sick leave. Mr Adams senior objected to the raised printing costs shown in the accounts but it was pointed out this was due to two special services needing special leaflets printed. It was agreed to ask new members to join the Free Will Offering scheme. Mr Taylor urged that a special meeting of the Vestry be called to consider the question of the verger 'as the Church Verger's position remains unsatisfactory and that steps should be taken to put this in order'.

30th June - The Rector expressed his thanks for help while he was off sick. There was the usual deficit in the annual accounts. Mrs Anderson had contributed £25 to the Parsonage Fund. There was nothing to report on a suitable parsonage. It was agreed that the choirboys be given an outing to Aberdeen, have tea and an entertainment at Harry Gordon's Pavilion, there being no prizes to be given this year. It was decided to pay the choirboys quarterly for their attendance as an experiment for the next six months.

20th Sept - Resignation of the Rector. This was a special meeting as the secretary had received a letter of resignation from Rev Symon. This was to take effect from the date of the letter (12th Sept 1938). Mr Symon had accepted the living of New Pitsligo, the incumbency being vacant at the end of October. The vestry accepted the resignation but were of the opinion that the vacancy could not be filled before the end of October. It was agreed to write to Mr Symon accepting his resignation but drawing his attention to Clause 19 in the Church Constitution which states that 'at least 3 months' notice in writing to the Vestry and Bishop must be given. During that interval he shall be responsible for all duties except with the sanction of the Bishop'. Failing to fill the vacancy would mean Clause 19 would be activated.

There was a letter from the Bishop drawing the vestry's attention to the procedure to be followed and inquiring what steps had been taken regarding the Parsonage. He advised the vestry to advertise in the Church Times for a Priest in Charge, and also a Locum Tenens.

29th September: Mr Sutherland reported on the five houses for sale which the Parsonage Committee had inspected. After some discussion the vestry decided to wait until Mr Symon vacated the Parsonage and inspect the house. There were a large number of applicants for the vacancy and four for Locum Tenens. The vestry selected five applicants, all from Scottish incumbencies, and four applicants for Locum Tenens. These names would be forwarded to the Bishop for his approval.

29th October – Meeting with the Bishop to hear his report on the applicants. He gave his personal opinion regarding the qualities of the applicants sent to him. Mr Adam suggested that members of the vestry should attend the services of Rev Simpson, St Luke, Downfield and Rev Malcolm McColl, St Mary Magdalene, Dundee. This was approved by the Bishop. It was reported that the Rev J R Beck, Southfield, London had accepted the post of Locum Tenens with a salary of £530. Also the vestry would pay his travelling expenses both ways from London.

11th Nov: The members of the vestry waited on Rev and Mrs Symon on the occasion of their departure to New Pitsligo. A parting gift from the congregation of a cheque for £25 was given as a token of appreciation and gratitude for the services he had given to St James during his seven and a half years ministry. Mr Soper wished them every happiness in their new charge and Mr Robert Taylor hoped Mr Symon's health would improve.

15th and 22nd September (these are the dates in the Minute Book but must be inaccurate because the decision to hear the applicants at their churches was taken in October)

A meeting was called to hear the reports from the vestry men who had been to the applicants' churches. Namely Rev Simpson of St Luke's Downfield, Rev Malcolm McColl of St Mary's Dundee and Rev J Lyth of St Peter's Kirkcaldy. A letter was read out from Rev W Vernon applying for the vacancy. It was decided to write to him to make inquiries.

29th November: - The vestry was not at all impressed with the report that Rev W Vernon had to make. It was agreed that Rev Simpson and Rev J Lyth should be voted for. It was agreed to write to the Bishop submitting the name of the Rev J Lyth, St Peter's Kirkcaldy for the vacancy.

Mr Adam said that he had received a further £25 from Mrs Anderson towards the Parsonage Fund.

Diane

Holy Week Services

Bishop Andrew will celebrate at both services on Palm Sunday.

From Monday to Friday during Holy Week there will be a service of Matins at 10.00 am and Evensong at 5.00pm in St James'.

Holy Week services at St Bridget's are on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7.00pm.

There will be an Easter Day service at 8.00am at the harbour followed by breakfast at St Bridget's.

Social Committee - Spring Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th April - Spring Coffee morning, in the church hall from 10am - 11.30am. We will have the following stalls, cake and candy, raffle, books, knitting, a flower trail with a plant prize and a tombola stall, every ticket costing £1 a winner. If you would like to wrap gifts for this stall please use spring colours, yellow, green, pink and blue. All donations will be very gracefully received. Tea/coffee tickets £2.50 and we will serve shortbread and scones.

We will set up on Friday 12th, afternoon, after 2.30pm.

For your future information

Saturday 1st June - Fee'in Market in the Market Square, 10am - 4pm. Our stall will sell cakes, scones, biscuits, knitting and preserves. All donations will be very gratefully received. Anne will take the lead of this event and will be looking for assistance nearer the time.

Val Cadd

Flower rota

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 20th April at 10am. Please would you let me know if you will be available to assist on Easter Saturday. I have just received in the post a very generous cheque from Mr James Lees, Aberdeen, to put flowers at the altar in memory of the Lees and Watson families and he is hoping to be in the church at Easter, I do hope so. A huge thank you from all at St James'.

Val Cadd.

Diocese of Brechin Northern Cluster 2019

Saturday 13th April 2019

10am to 1pm: Creative Worship Workshop with Kerry Dixon and Bishop Andrew, at St Ternan's Muchalls.

Saturday 20th April 2019 (Easter Eve)

8pm: Easter Vigil with Bishop Andrew at St Laurence Laurencekirk. Paschal candles blessed and sacrament reserved for Easter Morning.

Saturday 11th May 2019

10am to 1pm: Faith Sharing Workshop at St Mary & St Peter Montrose with Chic Lidstone from Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland.

Saturday 6th July 2019

10am to 1pm: Resources & Structures Workshop at St Andrews Brechin: a morning with Bishop Andrew to plan practical matters and reflect on the northern cluster.

Morning meetings: a "bring and share" lunch.

For more information email office@brechin.anglican.org

Diocesan Synod

The 2019 Synod was held at St Ninian's, Dundee on 9th March. Starting with a service of the Holy Eucharist, the business was divided into 3 sessions: Mission and the Future, Vocation and Ministry, Business and Finance.

Session 1

The context of the first session was provided by the annual statistical returns that all charges are required to make. This showed a gentle decline in church membership and attendance over the past year. The Bishop expressed the view that he was confident that the church will grow and commented that these figures do not take into account what was referred to as the fringe of membership; people who value and use the church occasionally but do not commit themselves to formal membership. Reference was made to the activity of the so-called Northern Cluster, to which we belong. Details of future activities of this group can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The report from the Diocesan Mission Officer mainly concentrated on the activities of the Dundee Centre of Mission, which is located at St Luke's Church. Activity reported included:

- the Café Church at St Luke's, with the intention of developing one at the cathedral,
- the Pirate Monks, which is a fellowship of men at various stages of recovery from a variety of social problems.
- a double-decker bus has been provided by the Church Army for use in outreach. After extensive refurbishment it is hoped that it will take the road on Palm Sunday.
- Soup and Soul is held in the cathedral on Wednesdays.
- Church @Klozet, mission work in a local Gay nightclub and bar.

The Protection of Vulnerable Groups report referred to the audit that the province had carried out on safeguarding. This had led to a few meetings in the diocese to discuss the responses to the audit questionnaire and explore charges' understanding of safeguarding within churches. There had also been a Diocesan Safeguarding Training Day.

The Companion Links Officer report discussed the work that we had been doing with our Companion Diocese in Iowa and eSwatini (formerly Swaziland).

In eSwatini the situation for the people remains very grim. The financial support that we give helps to feed children and supports Neighbourhood Care teams, who provide support for very sick people left at home with no medical or care support. The Olive's Gardens project is an initiative started by Brechin which enables the development of parish vegetable gardens. It was noted that our financial support for eSwatini is down by over £2,000 from last year.

The Diocesan Youth Officer said that a Youth Network was being established in Brechin. The Youth Group meets monthly and the focus of their activities is moving towards local issues within the community.

Session 2

The Ministry Officer's report discussed what it meant to have a vocation. She argued that, as Christians we all had a vocation – to share God's love and alert people to God's presence in our midst.

She explained that if you felt a calling to some form of ministry then the first point of contact is the rector and, after that, the

Ministry Officer. During the year one person will be finishing training at the Scottish Episcopal Institute and will begin her curacy in September. Another will start training at the SEI in September and 3 other candidates are in the process of discerning their vocations.

There was a presentation on vocation by Dr Mike Hull from the Scottish Episcopal Institute. He talked about how there were a variety of vocations available both lay and ordained. Lay roles included lay reader, spiritual enabler, pastoral assistant, evangelist, youth worker and worship leader.

Session 3

Apart from elections to various posts in the diocese, changes to two canons were passed. One extended the remit of Canon 35, which deals with obtaining approval for changes to church buildings, to include the grounds of the church. The other is a change to Canon 52 dissolving the Provincial Information and Communications Group. Both changes were passed by Synod and they will now go to General Synod for approval.

The Diocesan Communications Officer said that her group was looking to set up a network of people across the diocese with an interest in communication to help and support each other. I volunteered to be the contact for St James'. She also announced that there would be a Communications Day in the summer to help charges set up websites and handle social media.

The accounts and budget for the diocese was approved. There will be a special synod in the autumn to discuss finances further.

Any Other Business

Francis Bridger announced that he would be stepping down as Dean.

Peter

Future Events

- 6th April Book Browse 10 am-3 pm
7th April Book Browse 10 am-2 pm
- 25th May - Book Browse
- 1st June - Feein' Market
- 27th July - Book Browse
- 25th August - Harbour Festival
- 5th Oct - Book Browse
- 13th October - Harvest Festival and lunch
- 16th October - Seniors' Harvest service and tea.
- 7th Dec - Book Browse
- 14th December - Christmas Coffee morning and The Tree of Life (Christmas baubles).

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings
7th April 5th Sunday in Lent Passion Sunday	Is 43.16-21 Ps 126 Phil 3.4b-14 Jn 12.1-8
14th April 6th Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday	Lk 19.28-40 L of Passion Is 50.4-9a Ps 31.9-16 Phil 2.5-11 Lk 22.14-23.56 or Lk 23.1-49
21st April Easter Sunday	Acts 10.34-43 or Is 65.17-25 Ps 118.1-2,14-24 1 C 15.19-26 or Acts 10.34-43 Jn 20.1-18 or Lk 24.1-12
28th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5.27-32 Ps 118.14-29 or Ps 150 Rev 1.4-8 Jn 20.19-31
5th May 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9.1-6(7-20) Ps 30 Rev 5.11-14 Jn 21.1-19

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Coffee Rota
Stella Wilson	Irene Paterson	Edward Dickens	Irene Paterson
Diana Peters	TBA - Dramatic Gospel	TBA - Dramatic Gospel	Doreen Brankin
Peter Sharp	Jonathan Leslie	Richard Clark	Jonathan Leslie
Val Cadd	Ellie MacLeod	Heather Grant	Peter Sharp
Jonathan Leslie	Val Cadd	Richard Clark	Val Cadd

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline
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GROUP CONVENORS	
Property	David Fleming
Communication	Peter Sharp
Music	David Fleming
Social	Val Cadd
Lay Reader emeritus	Arma Iles
Weekly Pew Sheet	Diana Peters
Hall Management	David Fleming
Protection of Vulnerable Groups Officer	Irene Paterson
Vestry	Peter Sharp

The copy deadline for the April Newsletter is Sunday 21st April
Reminders will not be sent out.

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