

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



**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
June 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
2nd June Sunday after Ascension	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
5th June	9.30 Children's Service
9th June Whitsunday	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 10.30 Songs of Praise David Fleming/ Anne O'Gorman 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
12th June	10.30 Eucharist and Healing Service. Arma Iles
16th June Trinity Sunday	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
19th June	9.30 Children's Service
23rd June 1st Sunday in Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
30th June 2nd Sunday in Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.

Bishop Andrew writes:

It was a great pleasure to be with you at St James' back on Palm Sunday and to see the ongoing developments with the exhibition space at the west end of the church. I'm looking forward to hearing how the project develops and the impact it has on visitors to Stonehaven and our Scottish Episcopal Church. It's very encouraging when a congregation wants and plans to engage with their wider community!

The feast of Pentecost (or "Whitsun") gives us the original story about exactly that. The disciples have been waiting since Jesus left them at the Ascension. What next? Where will they go, without Jesus among them to lead them? And on that day, we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit came down into them like tongues of fire and they started to proclaim the gospel in Jerusalem. People gathered to hear and the church was born! That spirit-filled moment, when people were inspired to share the good news with their community, was the beginning of the movement that, 2000 years later, leads us all in our mission and church life.

Our churches here in the Diocese of Brechin are just a tiny part of the worldwide family of Christians, but we all share in the Holy Spirit's inspiration to help others encounter Jesus and be drawn into the healing love of God. That is a message that this world, dark and difficult as it may seem, really needs to hear. My prayers remain with you and for all who seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives and communities. I look forward to being with you again soon!

+Andrew

Vestry Minutes 23rd April 2019

Correspondence

The Rev Canon Fay Lamont has been appointed the next Dean of Brechin and will be installed on 2nd June.

Peter has received a thank you from the Catterline Community Church for allowing them to use St Philip's at Easter. They have donated £100 to St Philip's.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£47,762.63
Fabric Fund Account	£6,611.68
Buildings Account	£132.43
St Philip's	£909.02

Report on St James

The web site is not working at the present. This is being investigated.

Report on St Philip's

The notice board has been repaired. The Church telephone number is to be added to the board before it is erected. The work on the board has been carried out by the Pastor of the Community Church.

The gate has been repaired.

Worship

Fr Kevin Goodrich will be taking both the 9 am and 10.30 am services on 19th May. It was suggested that Fr Kevin takes a session on music and worship on Saturday afternoon. Peter will contact Fr Kevin.

Songs of Praise on 12th May will be on Vocations.

The Songs of Praise in June falls on Whitsunday.

There was some discussion on the role of a Eucharistic Assistant and the Bishop will send some information to David.

Discussion with Bishop Andrew

The Bishop spoke about the hope of getting a priest to work with St James and St Ternan's for a 3 year transitional period. He knew of one priest who might be interested.

Bishop Andrew is in contact with a group called Place of Hope. They deal with conflict resolution and he suggested they could do some preparatory work before a decision is taken on how St James and St Ternan's might move together in the future. Both churches have agreed to this work taking place. The Bishop has some access for part funding via the Missions and Ministry Fund. He said that both churches would keep their own style of worship.

The Bishop will also look at training for lay teams and clergy.

Fabric

Church: The Exhibition is progressing well. The bell is still not fully repaired and the wi-fi heating app is not working properly. David produced a copy of the number of people who have entered the church in the period 1st – 23rd April.

Abbeyfield

Abbeyfield are planning to do some work on their car park and the question of the boundary between the church and Abbeyfield has been raised. A site survey has been completed but the documents are not detailed enough to define the boundary. There is also the question of ownership of the land on which Abbeyfield stands as this belonged to St James in the past. Diane had researched this from previous Vestry minutes but there were no records of minutes for 1971 when it is likely

that the decision was taken to allow Abbeyfield to build on this land. Nor are there any records of when Abbeyfield obtained the site or copies of planning applications. Copies of newspaper articles had been found stating that St James had gifted the land. The only mention is when a new bedroom was added to the Abbeyfield building.

There are some issues around the feu disposition and, in particular, the legal position should Abbeyfield decide to close and dispose of the property.

The question was also raised as to where the money from the sale of the old Episcopal school went.

The information that we have has been passed to the Diocesan Registrar, John Thom, who was initially contacted by Abbeyfield over the boundary issue.

Hall: The refurbishment of the toilets will take place over the summer. A new fridge has been purchased.

Garden: Ewen has planted a new tree to replace the Jubilee tree and is planning to plant another small tree. David is making a list of names of people whose ashes are buried in the Garden of Rest.

Rectory: All works have been completed and bills paid.

Fund Raising/Social

The Book Browse raised £618 and the Coffee Morning £620.

12th May – Christian Aid concert at Dunottar Church.

25/26th May – Book Browse

1st June – Feein' Market.

“Priest and Pipes” Exhibition ready.

The Exhibition at the back of the church is almost complete, and there are only a few small items still to be done. So it is worth telling our friends to come and see it. Please let us know what your impression of it all is, and any other comments you have or may hear.

There is a printed leaflet available explaining all that is there, and copies of these are available at the back of the church. Please take one and, more importantly, take a few to pass on to your friends.

We are hoping that all the research material will be available soon on the website. That work has been held up by technical issues with the site, but the web site is now working properly again, and the lengthy job of adding in all the new material is now progressing well.

The other task taking up time is the completion of the requests for balance of the funding that has already been agreed. Hopefully, once this voluminous paperwork is complete, we will be able to close out the project with virtually no payout from the church's reserves.

David

Website

As part of the church renovation and development project we have created a new website for the church. It can be found at the same address as the old one, <https://www.stjames-stonehaven.org.uk/>.

At the moment it is still a work in progress although you will find on it all the information that the previous one contained. One significant way in which it will differ is that David and his helpers will be putting on information about the church and organ that we have built up in connection with the "Priests and Pipes" exhibition.

If you have any thoughts about how we might further develop the website then please let me or any vestry member know.

Peter

St James during the Second World War - 1940

Jan: sugar, butter and bacon rationed in UK; **April:** German forces occupied Denmark; **May:** Norway, Holland and Belgium invaded, Chamberlain resigned, Churchill became Prime Minister; **June:** France invaded, BEF evacuated from Dunkirk, Italy entered the war, Marshall Petain set up Vichy Government; **Jul:** first daylight bombing raid over London, Battle of Britain began in the skies over UK; **Aug:** Blitz on London began; **Nov:** Roosevelt re-elected in USA.

Also: Death of John Buchan, Leon Trotsky murdered by a Stalinist agent in Mexico; *Peter and the Wolf* first performed, Alfred Hitchcock's *Rebecca* won 4 Academy Awards, Duke Ellington began to gain recognition, British scientist Howard Florey devised process for the large-scale production of penicillin. Walt Disney's film '*Fantasia*' released, Chaplin's film '*The Great Dictator*', released.

St James

14th January: It was felt that the ladies of the congregation

should be represented on the Central Funds Committee.

19th January: It was decided to hold the Annual Congregational Meeting on 16th February in Malcolm's Rooms. The Rector, Rev Noel Lyth, intimated that he had received a letter from London solicitors stating that Mr William Walker, son of the late Margaret Walker, had bequeathed to the Vestry the sum of £200. He also stated that the account to Messrs Mills and Shepherd, Architects, Dundee had been reduced to £100 for the plans that they had prepared for the Rectory.

16th February: Annual Congregational Meeting in Malcolm's Rooms. Rev Lyth expressed his satisfaction with the interest the congregation had shown by turning out in such a large number. The treasurer, Mr Adams, presented a satisfactory set of accounts showing the congregation supported the church with increased generosity. The sum of £155 was received from the Sale of Work last December. The Rector pointed out that, due to rising prices of goods and materials and the restrictions imposed by the economics of the war, such an effort could not be repeated this year. He suggested that the Harvest Thanksgiving on the second Sunday of October be made a Thanks Offering Day, thus by an act of direct sacrifice the funds needed to maintain the work done and witness of the Church would be obtained. He further suggested special boxes of envelopes should be distributed to the congregation for this day. There was discussion about the possibility of blacking out the Church for evening service next Autumn if that was still necessary. The question of church heating and the desirability of installing electric light was also discussed. It was the decided opinion of the meeting that, at the very least, the heating plant should be the subject of a searching inspection, and the electric light would be a decided improvement.

29th February: Rev Lyth asked the Vestry members to inspect the Rectory. This they did and approved the alterations carried out. Accounts passed for payment included Messrs Brander & Cruickshank, Solicitors, and Mills and Shepherd, Architects.

9th April: The committee appointed to inquire into Free Will Offering had prepared a list of subscribers who had fallen off with their contributions. It was decided to get a member of the Vestry to call and ask them to support the FWO. Mr Adams, the caretaker of the church ground, had asked to be relieved of his post. The Vestry regretted this and appreciated the way the grounds had been looked after. A letter was read from the Verger asking if the £1 for the spring cleaning of the church could be increased. This the Vestry could not see the way to do but offered to Mr Reid the post of looking after the church grounds for a salary of £3 per annum. Mr Sutherland drew the Vestry's attention to the poor state of the wall round the church grounds and was given the power to put this right. The state of the church windows was also discussed and the secretary was instructed to get in touch with a firm to repair them. Rev Lyth asked if the gas cooker in the Rectory could be replaced as it was now inadequate for cooking purposes. Mr Lyth agreed to consult the Gas Manager to see if the present one could be improved.

21st June: The Rector announced the death of the Rector's Warden, Mr Sutherland, who was the oldest member of the Vestry. His loss would be greatly felt by the church. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs Sutherland and family. The Harvest Thanksgiving boxes had been issued to the congregation but there were still some members of the congregation who had not asked for a box. It was agreed that the Vestry should call and ask them to accept one.

Diane

General Synod

As I'm sure most of the congregation are aware, the diocese holds a synod each year at which it receives reports from the various diocesan bodies, discusses the financial state of the diocese and other matters.

Each year the Province, that is the whole of the SEC, holds its own synod, the General Synod. This is attended by members of the laity and clergy elected at each diocesan synod. This year General Synod will be held in Edinburgh from 6th to 8th June. The agenda and papers for the General Synod can be found at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/General-Synod-Agenda-Papers-2019-1.pdf>.

The Annual Report of the Scottish Episcopal Church has just been published and can be found at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/36th-Annual-Report-Final-2.pdf>.

Peter

June in the Christian Year

1st- Justin, Martyr. He was born around 100 at Flavia Neapolis (modern Nablus) in Samaria (the middle portion of Israel, between Galilee and Judea) of pagan Greek parents. He was brought up with a good education in rhetoric, poetry, and history. He studied various schools of philosophy in Alexandria and Ephesus, looking for answers to his questions. While at Ephesus, he was impressed by the steadfastness of the Christian martyrs, and by the personality of an aged Christian man whom he met by chance while walking on the seashore. This man spoke to him about Jesus as the fulfilment of the promises made

through the Jewish prophets. Justin was overwhelmed. "Straightway a flame was kindled in my soul," he writes, "and a love of the prophets and those who are friends of Christ possessed me."

Justin became a Christian, but he continued to wear the cloak that was the characteristic uniform of the professional teacher of philosophy. His position was that pagan philosophy is not simply wrong, but is a partial grasp of the truth, and serves as "a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." He engaged in debates and disputations with non-Christians of all varieties, pagans, Jews, and heretics.

He opened a school of Christian philosophy and accepted students, first at Ephesus and then later at Rome. He was arrested and tried before the Roman prefect Rusticus, refused to renounce Christianity, and was put to death by beheading along with six of his students, one of them a woman.

24 June - Birth of John the Baptist. According to the Jewish historian Josephus (who wrote after 70 AD), John the Baptist was a Jewish preacher in the time of Pontius Pilate. He called the people to repentance and to a renewal of their covenant relation with God. He was imprisoned and eventually put to death by Herod Antipas (son of Herod the Great, who was king when Jesus was born) for denouncing Herod's marriage to Herodias, the wife of his still-living brother Philip. In order to marry Herodias, Herod divorced his first wife, the daughter of King Aretas of Damascus, who subsequently made war on Herod, a war which, Josephus tells us, was regarded by devout Jews as a punishment for Herod's murder of the prophet John.

In the Book of Acts, we find sermons about Jesus which mention His Baptism by John as the beginning of His public ministry. We also find accounts of devout men in Greece who

had received the baptism of John, and who gladly received the full message of the Gospel of Christ when it was told them.

Luke begins his Gospel by describing an aged, devout, childless couple, the priest Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth. As Zechariah is serving in the Temple, he sees the angel Gabriel, who tells him that he and his wife will have a son who will be a great prophet and will go before the Lord "like Elijah." Zechariah went home, and his wife conceived. About six months later, Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, a kinswoman of Elizabeth, and told her that she was about to bear a son who would be called Son of the Most High, a king whose kingdom would never end. Elizabeth gave birth to John, and Mary gave birth six months later to Jesus, which means that the birth of John is celebrated on 24 June.

After describing the birth of John, Luke says that he grew, and "was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel." All of the gospels tell us that John preached and baptized beside the Jordan river, in the wilderness of Judea. He called on his hearers to repent of their sins, be baptized, amend their lives, and prepare for the coming of the Kingship of God. He spoke of one greater than himself who was to come after. Jesus came to be baptized, and John told some of his disciples, "This is the man I spoke of." After His baptism by John, Jesus began to preach, and attracted many followers.

(Based on James Kiefer's Christian Biographies)

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings
2nd June Sunday after Ascension	Ro 8.14-17 or Acts 2.1-21 Jn 14.8-17,(25-27)
9th June Whitsunday	Acts 2.1-21 or Gen 11.1-9 Ps 104.25-35,37 Ro 8.14-17 or Acts 2.1-21 Jn 14.8-17,(25-27)
16th June Trinity Sunday	Prov 8.1-4,22-31 Ps 8 Ps 29 Ps 8 Ro 5.1-5 Jn 16.12-15
23rd June 1st Sunday in Trinity	Jer 17.5-10 Ps 1 1 C 15.12-20 Lk 6.17-26
30th June 2nd Sunday in Trinity	Gen 45.3-11,15 Ps 37.1-12,41-42 1 C 15.35-38,42-50 Lk 6.27-38

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Coffee Rota
Irene Paterson	Richard Clark	Ellie MacLeod	Jonathan Leslie
Stella Wilson	tba	tba	Peter Sharp
Jonathan Leslie	Heather Grant	Val Cadd	Val Cadd
Diana Peters	Irene Paterson	Richard Clark	Irene Paterson
Ellie McLeod	Diane Fleming	Jonathan Leslie	Diane Fleming

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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 July Newsletter is Sunday 21st July

Reminders will not be sent out.

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