

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



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

**Sundays.**

**9.00 a.m. Said Eucharist**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

**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 March 2019

Day/Date	Event
<b>3rd March</b> <b>Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.</b> <b>10.30 Holy Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson</b>
6th March Ash Wednesday	9.30 Children's Service  11.00 Reserved Sacrament and Laying-on of ashes. Arma Iles
<b>10th March</b> <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.</b> <b>10.30 Songs of Praise. David Fleming</b>
13th March	10.30 Eucharist and Healing Service. Arma Iles.
<b>17th March</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.</b> <b>10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles</b>
20th March	9.30 Children's Service
<b>24th March</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.</b> <b>10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles</b>
<b>31st March</b> <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.</b> <b>10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles</b>

## **From Arma.**

As I write this, although we are all still in the grip of cold wintry weather, at least there are signs of spring in our gardens. Poor little spring flowers battling sometimes under a layer of snow, but persistent to eventually please us with a show of colour are there. The days gradually lengthen, and it is now later in the day before curtains are drawn for the evening ahead.

Following on from the joy of Christmas – the weeks of Epiphany are gradually eased into the weeks leading up to the solemn season of Lent – the meeting together of other churches during Holy Week culminates for us all in the celebration of Easter. During these weeks we have readings from St Matthew, St Luke and St John. St John Chapter 2 v1-11 on the Third Sunday of Epiphany, when Jesus turned the water into wine at the wedding at Cana, was the first time Jesus revealed the glory and “his disciples believed him”. It was, in fact, the start of his mission.

The disciples were simply called the 12 – they were missionaries. In our church you all know people who are not ordained ministers are called lay ministers or readers, but Jesus calls us all his disciples. He calls us “one of the little ones of mine, my children” – isn’t that nice!

Actually, there is no mention of Christian Priests in the New Testament. Jewish Priests yes, Deacons yes, Elders yes, but only Jesus is referred to as our Great High Priest. Our job, as a modern -day disciple is to offer our world to God in prayer and at the Eucharist, and to offer it in loving kindness to our neighbours.

Little marks of kindness:

Because of you, someone has a favourite gift you bought for them.

Because of you, someone will hear a song and it reminds them of you.

Because of you, someone has a happy memory that makes them smile because it involved you.

Because of you, someone likes themselves a bit more because you made a comment in passing that made them feel good.

Jesus said that any kind deed, no matter how small, if it is done to anybody worthy or someone quite ordinary, will receive a reward. No, not a reward here on earth; Jesus was referring to “reward in heaven”, when he gathers his disciples to be with him.

## **Social Committee**

The Social Committee met recently. We discussed the fund raising and social events for this year. Many of the events follow a tried and trusted pattern from previous years and we are very grateful to the support we always receive from all members of the church.

The dates for the Book Browsers for the rest of this year are:-

Saturday 6th April, Saturday 25th May, Saturday 27th July, Saturday 5th October and Saturday 7th December.

The dates for our other fundraisers are:-

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

gratefully received. Tea/coffee tickets £2.50 and we will serve shortbread and scones.

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

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 date.

Sunday 25th August - Harbour Festival in Stonehaven Harbour, 11am - 4pm. This sale will follow a similar pattern to the Fee'in Market. Details nearer the date.

Saturday 14th December - Christmas Coffee morning and The Tree of Life (Christmas baubles). Jean has decided to retire as 'Bauble co-ordinator' and we are very grateful for all her hard work over the long time she has organised the Tree of Life - thank you Jean.

Heather and Val are going to carry on Jean's work.

## **HARVEST**

Sunday 13th October - lunch will be served following the 10.30am service.

Wednesday 16th October - Senior Harvest service and afternoon tea in the church hall at 2.30pm.

Details for events later in the year will appear in future newsletters.

Val Cadd

## Vestry Minutes January 2019

### Matters Arising

Anne has contacted George McGillvrey about the Stonehaven Guide and information about St James Church services will be included on the guide's web site.

David said the HLF grant application which he applied for on behalf of the Diocese has been withdrawn.

### Correspondence

A copy of the charges for Liturgical Duties for 2019 has been received. A consultation document about church investments had been received and Peter will circulate the Vestry members with this and get their views on how to respond.

### Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£45,184.95
Fabric Fund Account	£16,295.72
Buildings Account	£9,431.71
St Philip's	£959.10

David produced a chart showing the cash flow for the building project.

### Report on St James

David had circulated a paper on communications within the church. He is keen to ensure that communications both with church members and the wider community are effective. After some discussion it was agreed that:

Newsletter: David will give Peter a list of congregational members who do not currently receive the newsletter.

Facebook: David is to speak to Pam about increasing our profile.

Website: It is hoped that information about the church and the forthcoming exhibition will go on the website. Ian Wood is to be contacted about this.

Press Release: It is important that information about church activities is sent to local news outlets - Mearns Leader, P & J, Evening Express.

Forward Calendar: It was agreed to set up a calendar of church events

and Edward offered to keep this up to date. Please email Edward with relevant dates and times.

The issue of communication will be reviewed in three months' time.

### **Abbeyfield**

Abbeyfield are hoping to do some alterations to their car park and have enquired about land boundaries. Jon Leslie explained that new rules concerning feus came into force in 2000 and these affected land ownership. While the land on which Abbeyfield stands originally belonged to St James it seems as if Abbeyfield now own the lands, but we own the rights. Work is in progress to determine the exact boundary and once that is clarified we will revert the matter to the Registrar of the diocese for clarification of our ownership and rights.

The flood defence system will take approximately two years to complete. The White Bridge is to be raised and a new set of steps built. There will be parking restrictions in Arbutnott Street.

### **Report on St Philip's**

A volunteer has been found to put the notice board back up. Peter had visited following use by the Community Church at Christmas. There were no problems.

### **Worship**

Matins 27<sup>th</sup> January

February: Baptism 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bishop Andrew 10<sup>th</sup>, Reserved Sacrament 17<sup>th</sup>, Songs of Praise 24<sup>th</sup>.

April: Palm Sunday Bishop Andrew 13<sup>th</sup>,

October: Harvest Festival 13<sup>th</sup>, Seniors' Harvest Service and tea 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Fabric**

**Church:** Our bell should be back in February with no extra cost. Carpet tiles have been replaced in the church office, and some in the church. A Canon 35 permission is required to put up some lighting and a crucifix in the reflective corner. David is looking at improvements to the speaker system. The excess pews will be removed

shortly. It was reported that some members of the congregation felt that the new heating was good for the feet but less effective for the upper body.

**Hall:** David wished to link the hall boiler into the timing system used to control the church. This would allow it to be controlled remotely and possibly linked with the hall calendar. The toilets and toilet area are to be upgraded during the summer holiday.

**Rectory:** The cooker needs to be replaced. This was agreed.

### **Fund Raising/Social**

There was a successful Book Browse and a successful Coffee Morning in December.

Future Dates: Book Browse – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

Feein' Market : 1<sup>st</sup> June

Harbour Festival: 25<sup>th</sup> August

### **Date of Next Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Future Events**

- 6<sup>th</sup> April - Book Browse
- 13<sup>th</sup> April - Spring Coffee morning
- 14<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday, Bishop Andrew celebrating
- 25<sup>th</sup> May - Book Browse
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - Feein' Market
- 27<sup>th</sup> July - Book Browse
- 25<sup>th</sup> August - Harbour Festival:
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Book Browse
- 13<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival and lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> October - Seniors' Harvest service and tea.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Book Browse
- 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Coffee morning and The Tree of Life (Christmas baubles).



## **It's started – the St James' Exhibition Spaces**

It's all very exciting. After over three years of detailed research, and much hard work by many volunteers, plus generous support from a number of funders, the Exhibition Spaces at St James have started to arrive. Yesterday, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019, a furniture van drew up full of the woodwork needed to provide the display surfaces, and the panels, lighting and other equipment running all across the back of the Nave.

Once the joiner has completed the main stage of his work this week, we will start to put out all the historical artefacts that have been discovered and prepared. There will be seven Bibles and Prayer Books, the earliest dating from 1716, and one dated 1737 which was owned by a cousin of the bard, Robert Burns. They will be accompanied by explanations of their historical relevance, and over the next few months, much greater detail will be added on to the church's website (at <http://www.stjames-stonehaven.org.uk> ).

You will also be able to see most of the beautiful silverware and pewterware, some dating from the 1600s, which have been used in the chapel and church, and which lain unseen in our cupboards for decades.

Our design contractor has done wonders with the texts, pictures and graphics to explain the long and fascinating history of the Episcopal Church in Stonehaven starting from 1688 and running through to the present day. There will also be an interactive Virtual Reality app for your smartphone, so that you can stroll round the church and hear details of some of the key features of the church in front of you.

The Exhibition Space devoted to the organ will have material from the John Wardle archive. John built the St James' organ (which is still in use) and was Organist and Choirmaster for 58 years from 1882 to 1941. We are fortunate in receiving from John's great-grandson a mantlepiece clock and vases given to John for 25 years' service in 1907.

Further displays will explain how a church organ works, and why it is such an important musical instrument. John built over 150 church organs during his time in the North East and as the agent for Edward Wadsworth of Oldham, and details of all these installations (and others that John tuned and maintained) will be shown.

St James Church will remain open from morning to evening and entrance is free. All visitors will be most welcome.

David Fleming

### **St James in the 1930s**

**1937: Jan:** Austrian amnesty for Nazis; **Feb:** Italian-Yugoslavian non-aggression pact; **Mar:** 500 died in Texas school fire; **Apr:** Basque town of Guernica destroyed by Nazi bombers; **May:** Coronation of King George VI; German airship *Hindenburg* exploded in New Jersey; John D Rockefeller died; Neville Chamberlain became PM; German fleet bombarded Spanish port of Almeria; **Jun:** Stalin shot 12 Russian generals; Franco's forces took Bilbao; **Jul:** George Gershwin died; Naval pact signed by Britain and Germany; Amelia Earhart vanished in flight; Japanese troops took Peking; **Aug:** Nazis opened Buchenwald concentration camp; **Oct:** Belgian safety guaranteed by Germany; Fascists formed Nazi party in Hungary; Sudeten Nazis rioted in Czechoslovakia; Duke and Duchess of Windsor welcomed by Nazis; **Nov:** Shanghai fell to Japanese; **Dec:** Italy left League of Nations; Japanese captured Nanking with many atrocities; Irish Free State became Eire.

**Also:** J R R Tolkien's novel *The Hobbit* published; Pablo Picasso's painting *Guernica* unveiled; Ernest Hemingway's novel *To Have and Have Not* published; Walt Disney's first feature length cartoon *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* released; Sir Frank Whittle built the first experimental jet aircraft engine; Nylon first produced commercially.

### **Stonehaven-St James' Vestry Minutes**

**Jan:** Rev Symon had received a cheque for £20 from Mrs Annandale allowing the Vestry to clear the deficit from last year's accounts. It was agreed that the annual congregational meeting should be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February in the Shepherd's Hall. A letter had been received from the

trustees of the late Margaret Jessie Christie who had died in December 1936. A legacy of £1000 had been bequeathed to the Minister and Vestry of St James to provide a stained glass window in the west wing of the church with the following inscription: "In memory of the Very Reverend William Leslie Christie, Dean of Brechin and Minister of the Church for 42 years. Installed by his sisters Margaret Jessie Christie and Cecilia Christie." Mrs Annandale of Forest Road and Mrs Anderson of 'Belmont' had presented a new curtain to the church to replace the old one. The generosity of these two ladies was greatly appreciated.

**Feb:** At the annual meeting Rev Symon drew attention to the fall in the Free Will Offering. He urged that if 30 more members could be induced to join and contribute at least 3 weekly it would be possible to have a credit balance at the end of the year. The church had a membership of 400 but only about 300 communicants. During the year there had been 12 baptisms, 2 marriages, 11 deaths and 9 confirmed. Tea was served followed by a very enjoyable musical programme.

**Mar:** The meeting had been called to consider if any steps should be taken with regards to the new parsonage. Rev Symon said the time had come when something had to be done. Mrs Annandale of Forest Road had donated £350 to the building fund which now stood at £1,550. Rev Symon was of the opinion that a grant from the Walker Trust could add to this fund. The building of a new parsonage would cost approximately £1,800. It was proposed and agreed that a new parsonage be built on the site of the present parsonage. The secretary was asked to write to the architects (Mills and Shepherd of Dundee) asking them to submit plans.

**May:** The Vestry discussed the plans for a new parsonage. They showed a house of 2 public rooms, study and 5 bedrooms with the necessary kitchen apartments and with the front entrance in Robert Street. The approximate cost of this house built of brick 9" thick and harling would be £1,750. Alternative costings were to be considered of a house build of lime and stone, and bricks 11" thick and harling.

**Jun:** The first business was to consider the Dean Christie Memorial Window. Various artists were to be asked to submit designs to the Vestry. A committee was to be formed to interview Mr John Arthur of

Aberdeen and W Lee. There was a discussion of the various estimates of building a new parsonage. Even with the lowest cost of £1,714 by the time the house was ready for occupancy the cost would be nearer £2,000. The building fund stood at £1,600 and even with the Walker Trust donation of £300 there would still be a deficit. The Vestry decided they could not justify spending this amount on a new house. The question of buying a house was brought forward but donors who had contributed to a new build should be interviewed as to the use of their money. The owner of the garden adjoining the church asked to be allowed to cut away overhanging branches.

**Jul:** This meeting was held to hear the views of subscribers to the New Parsonage Fund. It was reported that the majority of subscribers were in favour of a new house built on the present site if funds were available, if not they were in favour of buying a suitable property. It was agreed to advertise in the press for a house with 3 public rooms and 3 or 4 bedrooms.

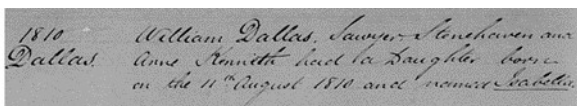
**Dec:** It was reported that the balance sheet for the year would be quite favourable. Mrs Anderson had contributed £20 towards a new parsonage. Rev Symon listed further repairs required in the present parsonage: patching of a floor, the boiler in the wash house and the sinks. It was agreed that £20 should be allowed to cover these repairs.

Diane J Fleming

### Behind the Scenes 5 - Isabella Dallas

There don't seem to be many of the St James' congregation who get a mention in the local papers for one reason or another. So it was intriguing to find a reference in 1877 to an 'Isabella Dallas'.

Isabella was born, the daughter of William Dallas, a sawyer (i.e. joiner) in 1810. It is not clear why her birth was registered at



1810 William Dallas, Sawyer, Steneshaven and  
Anne Smith the first his Daughter born  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 1810 and named Isabella

Dunnottar Church, and there is no entry of a baptism at St James' for her. However, she served St James for over

30 years from 1855 until her death in 1887 as the "pew-opener".

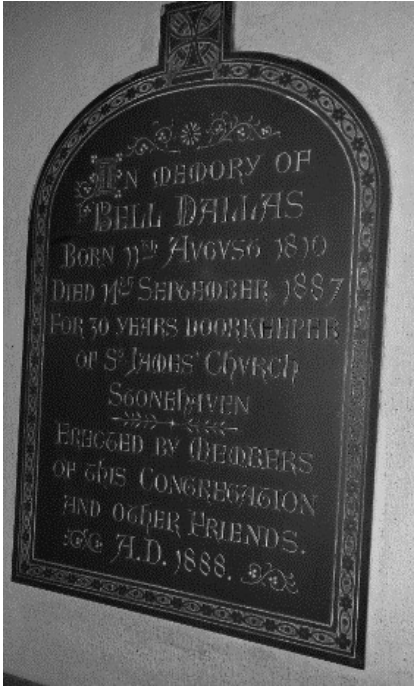
Presumably the chapel in the High Street had pews with outward-hinged doors on them, and her duty was to open them before the service. Otherwise opening the doors would block the aisle. In those days, members had to pay a 'seat rent' which entitled them to sit in a particular numbered pew, which is why our existing pews (bought to

furnish the new church) have numbers on their ends.

She was always known as 'Bell'.

Although her death certificate states she was single, the censuses record three sons, twins William and Robert (Burness) born in 1840 and John (McCabe) born in 1850.

Bell was able to see the transformation from the chapel in the High Street to the modern church we now occupy.



Her death reported in the local Stonehaven Journal was a result of injuries. She returned to her house from her duties at church, thought she had left her purse behind, and walked back up the High Street. Unfortunately, she tripped over a 'pile of bricks', and in doing so

suffered a broken leg and internal injuries from which she did not recover. Her death certificate records her as 'Church Caretaker'. She must have been highly thought of, as a memorial was erected by subscription, which raised £11 16s 7d (over £1,350 in today's money). In the south east corner of the nave, the memorial plaque to 'Bell' is firmly fixed on the wall above the triptych of pictures, which is itself above the votive candle stand. The newspaper article states that Bell was a favourite not just of the congregation, but of the many visitors who attend the church in the summer months.

David Fleming

## Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings
3rd March  Sunday before Lent	Ex 34.29-35 Ps 99 2 C 3.12-4.2 Lk 9.28-36(37-43)
10th March  Lent 1	Dt 26.1-11 Ps 91.1-2,9-16 Ro 10.8b-13 Lk 4.1-13
17th March  Lent 2	Gen 15.1-12,17-18 Ps 27 Phil 3.17-4.1 Lk 13.31-35
24th March  Lent 3	Is 55.1-9 Ps 63.1-8 1 C 10.1-13 Lk 13.1-9
31st March  Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Jos 5.9-12 Ps 32 2 C 5.16-21 Lk 15.1-3,11b-32

**Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible**

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>10.30 am Lessons 1+2</b>	<b>10.30 am Gospel</b>	<b>Coffee Rota</b>
Ellie MacLeod	Edward Dickens	Irene Paterson	Irene Paterson
Heather Grant	TBA	Jon Leslie	Jon Leslie
Val Cadd	Ellie MacLeod	Peter Sharp	Peter Sharp
David Fleming	Heather Grant	Diane Fleming	Diane Fleming
Diana Peters	Val Cadd	Richard Clark	Val Cadd

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<b>GROUP CONVENORS</b>	
Property	David Fleming
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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 24th March.**

**Reminders will not be sent out.**

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