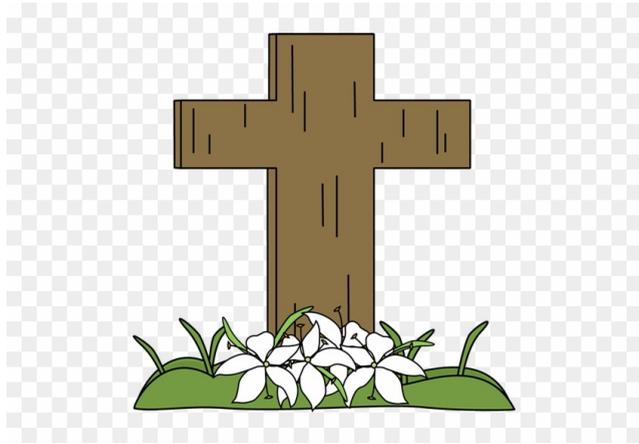


**Episcopal Churches of
St. James' Stonehaven.
St. Philip's Catterline.
May 2019**



**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
May 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 May	9.30 Children's Service
5th May 3rd Sunday in Easter	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
9th May	10.30 Eucharist and Healing Service. Arma Iles.
12th May 4th Sunday in Easter	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 10.30 Songs of Praise David Fleming/ Anne O'Gorman 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
16th May	9.30 Children's Service
19th May 5th Sunday in Easter	9.00 Eucharist. Fr. Kevin Goodrich 10.30 Eucharist. Fr. Kevin Goodrich 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
26th May 6th Sunday in Easter	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.

Newsletter Reflection

I, along with Anne O’Gorman and Edward Dickens, was lucky enough to attend a workshop on Christian Leadership, led by Bishop Andrew, at the end of March. Some of you may know that in one of the many wanderings of my career, I was Director of Leadership at the Industrial Society for three years. The Industrial Society was founded in 1918 by Revd Robert Hyde in an attempt to improve the lives of working boys in Hoxton in the East End of London, and it eventually, with royal patronage, became national. With this experience of improving people’s workplaces and thus their company’s performance, I went to the workshop with a mixture of eager anticipation and a possible touch of *déjà vu*.

I found that +Andrew’s workshop was extremely well thought through and delivered, and I found that the extra perspectives that arose were enlightening and encouraging.

I would like to pass on some of what was said, and link it to the various works on the Exhibition Spaces which, as you can observe, are reaching their final stages. We discovered in the workshop that Christian Leadership needs to be based on:

Our relationship with God in the Trinity

Christian Leadership is an expression of the grace of Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. The stimulus for the Exhibition Spaces was the realisation – through the discovery of old pewterware and the subsequent research into our Episcopal history – that there was a huge tale to tell of the work of God and the Son and the Holy Spirit over the centuries in our town and our county. How many of us (let alone the other 95% of Stonehaven residents) know about these events? Are we ready to tell the tale?

Being rooted in the Bible and directed by the Spirit

By displaying the historical editions of the Bible – that were

previously ignored and hidden away in a cupboard - we are declaring how much this one book has influenced the generations, and should influence us now. Does it influence us today?

An acknowledgement of servanthood.

Striving to serve is the mark of Christian leaders. The Exhibition Spaces are not about our status or position, but about our serving others, and how our forebears served. Can we follow their example?

Marking by the cross and resurrection

Christian Leadership must acknowledge that there is a difficult journey, but there is always the hope of the resurrection. The Exhibition Spaces demonstrate many examples of having that hope, and changing the world for the better. Do we hold in our hearts the hope of a community gradually being changed by the strength and light of us, God's people?

Rooted in prayer

Prayer expresses our dependence on God in response to what he is doing in our lives. In my view, our music is part of that prayer. Prayer, whether silent or said or sung, is the spiritual energy of our relationship with God. What are we praying for when we view and tell others about the Exhibition Spaces? The increase of God's Kingdom on earth?

In a community

Jesus became one of us; we are called to the costly work of integrating our lives with the people we lead. The Exhibition is purposed in integrating with the rest of the community in Stonehaven and beyond. Are we, each one of us as members of St James, looking outwards to everyone else? Do we know enough of the stories in the Exhibition Spaces to explain them to anyone who might ask us?

My hope and prayer is these Exhibition Spaces can act as a vehicle to help in the growth of all the aspects of our own individual Christian leadership in the whole community.

David Fleming

Vestry Minutes March 2019 **Matters Arising**

At Synod Peter agreed to be the contact person for the communications group.

David said the CCTV notices are up, the one for the church gate is on order.

Peter has spoken to Pat Millar about the applications for monies from Far and Wide for the Swaziland project. Pat will let Anne have the information.

Correspondence

Information had been received about the Bishop's Lent appeal. This is for Macmillan Cancer and it was agreed that there will be a collection plate in church on Palm Sunday for monies collected during Lent. The money can then be given to the Bishop who is preaching that day.

Information about the Brechin Diocese proposed visits to Iowa and Swaziland this year.

Dorothy Plummer from the Catterline Community Church had asked if they can use St Philips at Easter. This was agreed. Peter had received a letter from the Bishop regarding Joe Morrow's request to act as celebrant for Edward and Jon's wedding. He was checking that the required Canon 31 process had been followed that would allow the wedding to take place in St James. He emphasised that the permission requested was only for this wedding and the vestry would not be agreeing

that the church could be used by anyone else for same-sex marriages. The vestry agreed that they were happy for the wedding to take place in St James.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£47,202.28
Fabric Fund Account	£9,903.98
Buildings Account	£132.43
St Philips	£925.42

David asked if the Coffee Mornings and Book Browse could be shown as separate items.

Peter has submitted the accounts to OSCR.

Report on St Philips

Peter visited the church recently. The church was locked. The wall near the road has been repaired at a cost of £1,170. The notice board has been repainted and will be put back shortly.

Worship

The Guides have decided not to go ahead with the Parade service.

Matins (10 am) and Evensong (5pm) will take place during Holy Week.

Holy Week services at St Bridget's are on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 pm.

There will be an Easter Day service at 8 am at the harbour followed by breakfast at St Bridget's.

David Smail will sing a solo at our Easter Sunday service.

Arma will take Compline on Sundays at 7pm from 31st March until the clocks go back.

The Way Forward

An email had been received from Bishop Andrew entitled 'Plans for Ministry, Mission and the Way Forward'. There was a

proposal to start a project in the Stonehaven and Muchalls area to recruit a priest to support St James and St Ternans on a fixed term appointment of up to 3 years. The priest would be jointly funded.

An agreement and joint working group would be required between the two charges to allow this joint funding and sharing of ministry to be clearly defined and managed. The process would be managed by an organisation called 'Place of Hope' working with both vestries separately and together. The 'Place of Hope' consultant will be funded initially by the Diocese using Mission and Ministry funding. St James voted unanimously for this proposal.

Fabric

Church: David said the church is going to be hired on a Tuesday evening by a slimmers' group.

The survey of the church site has taken place but the 1974 agreement with Abbeyfield is not clear about the property boundaries and lacks clarity on the agreement reached. Diane said that she will look at the vestry minutes from that period to see if there is any further enlightenment.

Hall: David and Diane have a schedule for the proposed works to the hall toilets.

Garden: Diane has spoken to Ewen about a possible replacement for the maple tree.

Rectory: Works are ongoing. The ventilation system is being installed and the bathroom finished.

Fund Raising/Social

The Book Browse will be on 6th and 7th April. Ian McLeod has offered to be in the hall on Sunday during the 10.30 am service. The Coffee Morning is on 13th April.

AOCB

Sandy pointed out there is a reflection from the stained glass onto the glass cover of one of the displays.

David confirmed that the glass is toughened.

Preliminary works have started on the White Bridge. It will be removed and renovated. Access to the church and Abbeyfield will be maintained.

Diane asked about new hall tables as the existing ones are difficult to stack.

Anne said that Year 6 from Dunnottar School visited the Church on Thursday. Their topic at school is the Victorian period. David will be visiting the school for a follow up talk.

Peter said that the Heritage Lottery Fund are emphasising that future grants to churches will be dependent on a strong case for community, not just congregational benefit.

Next Meeting: 23rd April

Social committee.

We held the Spring Coffee morning on Saturday 13th April and thanks to everyone's kindness we raised a wonderful £600.10 plus another £23 on Sunday morning. Thank you for the generous donations, the raffle, tombola, knitting and cake and candy stalls all looked lovely. We are so lucky to have delicate china and flowers to set up very pretty tables to serve our tea/coffee and shortbread and scones. The White bridge closure did not affect our successful morning, thank you everyone for your contributions and kindness.

Our next 2 fund raisers are the Book Browse led by Diane and David on the weekend of Saturday 25th May and our stall at the Fee'in Market in the Square led by Anne on Saturday 1st June where we will be selling knitting, cakes, shortbread,

preserves, scones and other handcrafts. Anne will be looking for some assistance on the day.

Val Cadd

Flowers for Easter.

A huge thank you to David Smail, Mr. James Lees, Diana and Tony and Anne and David Geldart for all the flowers that decorated the church for Easter Sunday. Another thank you to Anne and Pam for helping me to arrange most of the flowers and to David for his beautiful flowers arranged in the St James window in the Lady Chapel. A wonderful team effort. Thank you.

Val Cadd.

St James in the 1930s - 1939

Jan: - Franco captured Barcelona with help of Italians. **Feb:** - Britain and France recognised Franco. **Mar:** - New Pope-Pius XII; Germany marched into Bohemia and Moravia; Slovakia became German protectorate; Germany annexed part of Lithuania; Surrender of Madrid to Franco ended Spanish Civil War. **April:** - Albania invaded by Italy; USSR suggested mutual defensive deal with Britain; Britain called up all men of 20 and 21; New York's World Fair opened. **May:** - Spain left League of Nations; Hitler and Mussolini signed 'Pact of Steel'. **June:** - Estonia, Latvia and Germany signed non-aggression pact. **July:** - Churchill urged military pact with USSR. **Aug:** - Germany and USSR signed non-aggression pact; Britain signed assistance pact with Poland. **Sept:** - Germany invaded Poland; Britain and France declared war on Germany; Jan Christian Smuts became Premier of South Africa; German Army reached Brest-Litovsk; USSR invaded Poland from the East; Aircraft carrier HMS *Courageous* sunk by U-Boat; RAF began leaflet raid on Germany; British Expeditionary Force sailed to France. **Oct:** - Britain and France rejected Hitler's peace bid; Nazis incorporated western Poland into Germany; Nazis

deported Polish Jews to Lublin ghetto. **Nov:** - Roosevelt lifted US embargo on sale of arms for war; USSR invaded Finland. **Dec:** - USSR expelled from League of Nations; *Graf Spee* scuttled in Montevideo.

The British Home Front: Air Raid Wardens were appointed, petrol rationing immediately introduced, food rationing introduced, black-out took effect and windows were taped, Anderson shelters erected in back gardens, allotments promoted, evacuation of children began.

Also: W B Yeats died; John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* published; also published James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*, Bertolt Brecht's play *Mother Courage*; John Ford's film *Stagecoach* released; *Gone with the Wind* released; New land speed record – John Cobb drove his Railton Special at 368.85 mph at the Utah Salt Flats; Sigmund Freud died, *The Wizard of Oz* brought Judy Garland international fame, Dame Myra Hess organised National Gallery lunchtime concerts, U-235 isotope of Uranium was split for the first time at Columbia University, IRA began a bombing campaign in mainland Britain killing 5 in Coventry.

St James:

12th Jan: - It was agreed that a new parsonage should be built, but not such a large house as had been drawn by the architects. The Secretary was instructed to write to the architects asking them to meet the vestry. It was also agreed that an advertisement be inserted in the local newspaper inquiring for apartments for Mr Lyth, the new rector.

26th Jan: - The meeting was called to meet the representative of Messrs Mills and Shepherd, Architects, Dundee. The architects were asked to prepare a sketch plan more to the requirements of St James. Letters were read stating the date when Mr Lyth could take up his duties at Stonehaven and it was agreed to write to the Bishop asking his Lordship if he could institute Mr Lyth on Saturday, 4th March 1939. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Lyth inquiring if it was necessary to have printed booklets for the service.

14th Feb: - Mr Douglas Strachan submitted his design for the Dean Christie Memorial Window. The Vestry approved the design and the Secretary was to submit this to the Bishop for his approval. Mr Strachan hoped to have the window installed in late spring/early summer. In a reply to a letter Mr Stewart, Diocesan Registrar, was of the opinion that money from the sale of the school could not be used for the purpose of building a new parsonage. He suggested that the Vestry should state their case to the Bishop. The Bishop had

instructed the Vestry to take a legal opinion on the matter. A letter had been received from Mr John Falconer, County Clerk, saying he was quite willing to lend the title deeds of the school to the vestry legal adviser. The amended sketch plans of the new parsonage were put forward by the architects but the Vestry decided, that under the circumstances, nothing should be done in the meantime.

23rd Mar: - Rev Noel Lyth in the chair. He had a report from Mr Brander, solicitor, giving his views regarding the money the Vestry intended to use to build a new parsonage. He was of the opinion that the money could not be used for that purpose and stated that no record could be found in the old minutes, neither was there any mention in the title deeds. Mr Brander advised the Vestry to seek further legal advice. This they agreed to do. The Vestry also agreed to pay any fees that would be incurred in this action. The Chairman stated that he proposed to rearrange the list of vestry men and sidesmen for Sunday duties.

18th May: - The meeting was held to hear the report from Mr Brander of Brander and Cruickshank, Advocates, Aberdeen. The monies received from the sale of the school were trust funds under the management of the Bishop of Brechin and the Rector of St James as trustees. The trustees could not transfer these funds to build a new parsonage but such powers of transfer might be given them if they entered a petition before the Inner House of the Court of Session. The matter was then placed through Messrs Shepherd and Wedderburn of Edinburgh for counsel's opinion. It was agreed to prepare the petition. The trustees were informed that in law they might be personally responsible for costs but in the opinion of the court they would be granted costs even if the petition were rejected. It was estimated, that provided no objections were lodged, these costs would be about £75. It was agreed by the Vestry that the Vestry of St James would hold itself responsible for, and hereby free and relieve the trustees from, any costs incurred by the said trustees in respect of their management of these trust funds. It was understood by the Vestry that the trustees were taking legal action to make the funds available for the building of a parsonage. It was pointed out the Free Will Offering had fallen off. A small committee was to be appointed to look into the matter consisting of

Rev Lyth, Messrs Adams, Lees and Law.

23rd Aug: - Meeting called to give consideration to a request by the minister to be allowed to take steps to procure a house that was in the market for sale. Rev Lyth had had a meeting with Mrs Anderson and Mrs Annandale who were quite agreeable that the money they had given to the new parsonage could be used in purchasing a house. The Vestry agreed to ask Mr Brander to make an offer for Hamaar House.

8th Sept: - The Vestry had failed to secure Hamaar House and the rector had viewed another house – Fountwells, Gurney Street. The owner, Mr Caie, had stated he would not accept less than £1,200 for the house. To avoid delay a small sub-committee was to view the house and decide whether to offer for it. Rev Lyth, Mr Adams and Mr Masson were so appointed with full power to act.

26th Sept: - The meeting had been called to inform the Vestry that Mr Brander had been successful in securing Gurney Street as a parsonage for the sum of £1,200. As the house required some repairs Rev Lyth had drawn up a list and requested that a committee be appointed to meet Mrs Lyth and himself to go over the house and list necessary repairs. Messrs Soper, Sutherland and Law were so appointed.

4th Oct: - The Rector stated that there had been inquiries regarding the price required for the sale of the old parsonage. It was agreed the upset price should be fixed at £750. It was agreed that the Treasurer be authorised to overdraw the current account of St James with the Union Bank of Scotland to the extent of £500 so that the purchase of Gurney Street could be completed.

The Rector informed Vestry that certain contractors had refused to submit an offer for the work proposed at Gurney Street unless an architect was employed. The Vestry had decided no architect was to be employed. It was proposed that the contractors approved by the Vestry should be asked to estimate for the work on the understanding that no architect was to be employed with the amendment that another firm of painters was added to the contractor's list.

Fr. Kevin Goodrich

Back in October we had a brief visit from The Rev. Dr. Kevin Goodrich, O.P., who is a travelling preacher and teacher from our companion diocese of Iowa in the USA. We took the opportunity to show him round the church and the town and he led us in the service of Compline.

He is returning to Stonehaven on 18th and 19th May for a slightly longer visit.

On 18th May in St James' between 2-4pm he will be leading a conversation on "Music and Worship: For the Ordinary Person." What's the relationship between music and worship? Must you sing to worship fully? This will be an opportunity to explore these and other questions in a relaxed atmosphere and gain insight into your own faith journey. All are welcome.

On the 19th Fr. Goodrich will be leading our worship at the 9.00 and 10.30 services.

Future Events

- **11th May** 10.00 am - 1.00 pm Faith Sharing Workshop at St Mary & St Peter's, Montrose.
- **18th May** - 2.00pm - 4.00 pm Conversation on "Music and Worship: For the ordinary person"
- **25th May** - Book Browse
- **1st June** - Fein' Market
- **6th July** 10.00 am - 1.00 pm Resources and Structures Workshop at St Andrew's, Brechin.
- **27th July** - Book Browse
- **25th August** - Harbour Festival
- **5th October** - Book Browse
- **13th October** - Harvest Festival and lunch
- **16th October** - Seniors' Harvest service and tea.
- **7th December** - Book Browse

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings
5th May 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9.1-6(7-20) Ps 30 Rev 5.11-14 Jn 21.1-19
12th May 4th Sunday of Easter Songs of Praise Vocation Sunday	Acts 9.36-43 Ps 23 Rev 7.9-17 Jn 10.22-30
19th May 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 11.1-18 Ps 148 Rev 21.1-6 Jn 13.31-35
26th May 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16.9-15 Ps 67 Rev 21.10,22-22.5 Jn 14.23-29 or Jn 5.1-9
2nd June Sunday after Ascension	Ro 8.14-17 or Acts 2.1-21 Jn 14.8-17,(25-27)

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Coffee Rota
Jonathan Leslie	Val Cadd	Richard Clark	Val Cadd
David Fleming	Edward Dickens	TBA	Diane Fleming
Ellie MacLeod	David Fleming	Peter Sharp	Irene Paterson
David Fleming	Doreen Brankin	Heather Grant	Doreen Brankin
Irene Paterson	Richard Clark	Ellie MacLeod	Jonathan Leslie

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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 May Newsletter is Sunday 26th May
Reminders will not be sent out.

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