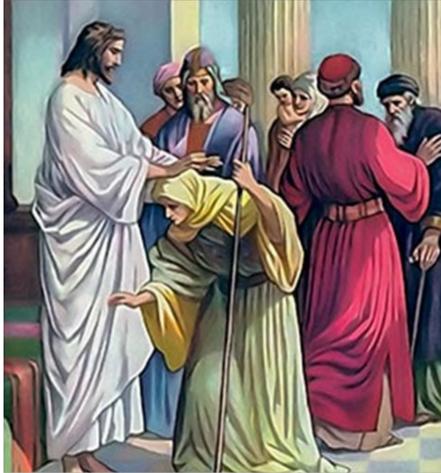


**Episcopal Churches of
St. James' Stonehaven.
St. Philip's Catterline.
August 2019**



**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
August 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

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



DIARY NOTES August 2019

Day/Date	Event
4th August 7th Sunday in Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Edward Dickens 10.30 Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
7th August	9.30 Children's service Anne O'Gorman
11th August 8th Sunday in Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 10.30 Songs of Praise David Fleming/ Edward Dickens 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
14th August	10.30 Eucharist and Healing Service. Arma Iles
18th August 9th Sunday in Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Anne O'Gorman 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.
21st August	9.30 Children's service Anne O'Gorman
25th August 10th Sunday in Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Edward Dickens 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 7.00 pm Compline. Arma Iles.

Arma writes

The narrative of St Paul's secondary missionary journey which occupied him for about three years.

It began from Antioch, visiting the churches of Syria and Cilicia. He visited a great many places but then there was a period in his travels when he began to feel dispirited, but the time of uncertainty ended with the vision of "a man of Macedonia" at Troas inviting him to visit his country.

He obeyed, and the first major town he and his companions came to was the colony of Philippi. There was gold there and so King Philip of Macedon had fortified the city to protect the gold mines and he named the city after himself, Philippi.

In Paul's time, most of the population there were veterans from previous battles or the descendants of soldiers who were proud of their Roman citizenship, which is why Paul, in his letter to the church in Philippi, writes "our citizenship is in heaven". The only place the handful of Jews could find to worship was on the river bank where there was a place of prayer. What faith-people would say- no synagogue, no building suitable to hold services? But the Jews of Philippi knew that you can pray anywhere; even on a river bank.

Lydia's story

Among the residents in the town was a woman who was not a Jew. Lydia was a merchant dealing in purple cloth - a truly luxury item. The purple dye was made from scarce murex shells and the cloth was only worn by very rich people, or members of the Emperor's household, like the retired soldiers of Philippi. She was probably a widow who had taken over from her

husband, a thriving trading company. She came from an area where there was a guild of purple dyers. She was a Greek and had no time for the superstitions of the pagan temples.

She wanted to find a real god who would answer her prayers and insist on fair dealing between his peoples, as she did in her business. So, she joined the Jews at the “place of prayer” on the river bank and became, not a convert, but a God-fearer.

She listened to St Paul and found that the Christian religion was the answer to her prayers. Soon after, Paul baptized her, her household and those who worked for her. She invited Paul, Luke and their companions to sleep among the bales of cloth in her spacious home/business.

So Paul’s prayers had also been answered. He had made his first European converts and, from this tiny acorn, a mighty oak grew. Everywhere is a place of prayer. We thank God for churches such as ours where we can pray with others who encourage us or find a quiet place to be on our own. But we can also pray beneath an open sky - Jesus said, “where two or three are gathered together in my name then I am there among them”. Whenever we pray, we know that the Father who is in secret, hears our prayers and knows every detail of our lives. The good and the not so good. So, I give you the story of God’s boxes.

I have in my hands two boxes which God gave me to hold. He said put your sorrows in the black box and all your joys in the gold one. I heeded his words and, in those boxes, both my joys and sorrows I stored. But though the gold one became heavier each day, the black box was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black box and I saw in the base of the box a hole, through which my sorrows had fallen out. I showed the hole to God and mused “I wondered where my

sorrows could be?" He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they are all here with me." I asked God why he had given me the boxes; why the gold one and the black one with the hole. "My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings. The black one is for you to let go!"

Vestry Minutes 29th May 2019

Matters Arising

Pat Millar had been successful in her application for funding from Far and Wide for the orphans in eSwatini.

Correspondence

The annual report for 2018 for the Scottish Episcopal Church is available online.

The agenda, report and papers for this year's Synod are available online.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£44,798.29
Fabric Fund Account	£3,952.10
Building Account	£132.43
St Philip's	£2,258.37

Report on St James

The new website is running but still needs some work. Peter, David, Sandy and Edward are involved with this project and will be trained on how to update it.

David has started to put exhibition information on the website, but at the moment this cannot be seen by the public. A link to Bellman and Stunning Stonehaven is being considered.

Robert Gordon University is working on a map for the

exhibition on where in Scotland the Wardle organs can be found.

Work is in progress on a computer screen for the exhibition.

Each member of the Vestry was handed leaflets to give out promoting the exhibition.

Final applications will shortly be made for the outstanding grant funding.

The donations box will not be emptied every day.

Report on St Philip's

Peter has visited recently and all looked fine. The notice board will be ready to go up shortly.

Worship

St Ternan's has invited us to a workshop on singing on 2nd November. This will include music from Iona and the day will be led by Cwiti Green (daughter of Elizabeth Green) and Andrew Chew. We have then been invited to a joint service on 3rd November in memory of Elizabeth and her husband. St Ternan's will speak to Jane Nelson about taking the service.

Peter is to contact Bishop Andrew as we are still waiting for information regarding Eucharistic Assistants' Licences.

Fabric

Church: The new audio equipment is coming on Wednesday and will have a link to Mearns FM.

Hall: David has sent an email to all hall users regarding the state in which the hall has been left. The hall toilets are being upgraded in the summer. The architects quoted a fee of £900 to

supervise the refurbishment. Vestry thought this amount too high and did not approve it.

Fund Raising/Social

The Book Browse raised £429. The next event will be the Feein' Market on 1st June.

AOCB

Pam will still do what she can on Facebook.

ISLAND HOPPING

As some of you may know David and I celebrated our Golden Anniversary by taking a holiday in the Western Isles. We had wanted to go there for a long time and this seemed the perfect opportunity. We took the ferry from Ullapool to Stornoway and spent two weeks travelling from Lewis, through Harris, Berneray, North and South Uist, Eriskay, Barra and Vatersay. We experienced a Sunday on Lewis – how Sundays used to be everywhere when we were young - everything was shut, no petrol, no food, tourist attractions were shut and in many of the small villages the only sign of life was the large number of cars in the church car parks. Even the smallest village had two large churches glaring at each other across the road – the Church of



Scotland and the Free Church. There had also been much opposition to the opening of a cinema in Stornoway but it had re-opened despite Ongoing disapproval and was well attended when we were there.

As we were travelling

through Harris we came across the familiar sign of the Scottish Episcopal Church. It was in a very remote spot and the sign pointed up a steep track. We ventured up this track and came



to a small car park. The church, Christ Church, Harris, was hidden amongst trees and shrubs and was exceedingly small – by looking through the windows I would guess it would seat no more than 12 people. There was no sign of life anywhere around and we continued our journey.

We were making for Leverburgh to catch the ferry to Berneray and thence to drive over the causeway to North Uist. (Leverburgh is named after Lord Leverhulme, an English businessman who funded the construction of roads, piers and houses on Lewis and Harris in the 1920s.) On the ferry a familiar tie caught our eye – the graduate tie of St Andrew’s University (where David and I met). Thus we made the acquaintance of the Church of Scotland minister for Berneray and Lochmaddy linked with Kilmuir and Paible. During this conversation we learnt more about Christ Church. Apparently, after Canon 31 was approved by the Scottish Episcopal Church (to allow same sex marriage) the entire congregation of Christ Church resigned and now meets in a house in Tarbert. A service is held at Christ Church once a month but, bearing in mind the remote location (sheep are the most active signs of life there) it is interesting to speculate who attends, apart from the sheep.

In conversation with the Rev Alen McCulloch we found out that he was returning, with fellow church members, from a presbytery meeting of the diocese in Tarbert. His journey

makes a jaunt down the A90 to synod meetings in Dundee or Edinburgh look easy. He has to catch a ferry in both directions (weather permitting) and there is a long drive on single track roads, with passing places and plenteous sheep. In the winter there is darkness and adverse weather to add to the experience. Once a year all the local churches hire a boat and hold an ecumenical service on the island of Ensay (a 2 mile crossing from Leverburgh) where there is a small chapel. In the course of conversation he invited us to his church on the following Sunday.

We attended Lochmaddy Church for the 12 noon service. It is a small, plain church and there is no music and no instrument for



producing music. A precentor (in a dark suit) stood at the front facing the congregation and led the congregation in singing.

There was a metrical psalm, and a Gaelic psalm where the precentor chanted a line first, followed by the congregation.

We followed this with difficulty in the Gaelic psalter. The sermon

lasted half an hour and I think the Rev had only just wound himself up but had to bear in mind he was due to take a service elsewhere in his far-flung parish so finished after just 30 minutes.

On South Uist, which is mainly Catholic, we visited a church, Our Lady of Sorrows, which had all the exterior charm of a fish factory but a very beautiful interior. It was, like St James, open every day and its unattractive outline was visible for many miles. We also found a superb fish and chip shop in the middle of nowhere on South Uist, run by an Afro-Caribbean father and son from Bermondsey, South London (I felt very much at home!!). We paid a visit to the 'Am Politician' on Eriskay, the bar which

takes its name from the ship which ran aground off Eriskay and is the basis of the 'Whisky Galore' story. We were shown a bottle of the original whisky taken from the wreck – the spirit is now an interesting colour and certainly not drinkable.

St Clement's at Rodel on Harris was another church at which we stopped. This is a mediaeval church built for the MacLeods of Harris and dedicated to Pope Clement I and, as we approached, we could hear beautiful singing. Inside there was no sign of anyone but a local choir practise there once a week, in the tower, because of the acoustics. It was very atmospheric. It was also raining.



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We watched a plane land on Barra beach - I bet not many passengers take a selfie with their plane after landing at Heathrow! I can recommend the café in the airport – both for food and service and I enclose a photo of the high tech baggage reclaim area at Barra Airport.

We enjoyed our trip and can recommend the Western Isles, if not for the weather (!) but for the food (especially fish), the beaches and the people who were most welcoming.

Diane Fleming

Exhibition complete (almost)

It seems as if the day would never arise, but the Exhibition at the West end of the church is complete.

That's actually rather a bald, bold statement, but it does give a sense of progress. In fact, there are a few more things to do. The main thing is that all the exhibits have now been delivered and installed.

The things that we still have to do include:

- Making any corrections (do you mean to say you haven't noticed any errors - and haven't told me!!). Because reprinting the panels is fairly expensive, I am waiting for a while before implementing any corrections or additions, but please tell me of anything that doesn't seem right to you.
- The interactive computer is proving a little bit troublesome to set up, but I don't think it will be long before it is functioning correctly. The computer is on 24 hours a day, so if you tap the screen, it should wake up for you.
- Populating the web site. We have collected a great deal of information, much more than is on display, so we now need to load it up on to the website so that everyone can see it, and it is available everywhere for people to search and study. This also represents a permanent record of everything we've found.
- Lastly, and probably most important of all, we need to let the world know about it. We need to distribute the leaflets to a wide range of contact points. We need to get ourselves known to the tourist agencies and the press.

All this will lead up to Saturday November 16th. That is a date for your diary, when the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Revd Mark Strange will come and dedicate the Exhibition 'to the glory of God, and the furtherance of his kingdom here on earth'. By the way, also complete is the restoration of the bell. Our original one arrived back last Tuesday and was installed in the bell tower. It does sound much nicer than the temporary one we had.

David Fleming

St James in the Second World War - 1942

The World: **Jan:** Japanese invaded Dutch East Indies and Kuala Lumpur and advanced into Burma, German troops went on offensive in Western Desert; **Feb:** Singapore fell to the Japanese; **Mar:** Japanese captured Rangoon, RAF raided Lubeck; **Jun:** Battle of Midway in Pacific, Nazi massacre at Lidice, Czechoslovakia, Tobruk captured by German Afrika Corps, 1000 RAF bombers raided Bremen, Eighth Army retreated to El Alamein; **Jul:** Germans captured Sebastopol, Remains of Convoy PQ-17 reached Archangel; **Aug:** Duke of Kent killed in flying accident, British Authorities arrested Pandit Nehru, US troops invaded Guadalcanal, first US bombing raid in Europe; **Sept:** Germans began assault on Stalingrad; **Oct:** Eighth Army attack started El Alamein battle; **Nov:** Rommel retreated, Allies landed in French North Africa under Eisenhower, German Army marched into unoccupied France, British recaptured Tobruk, Soviet Army surrounded Germans at Stalingrad; **Dec:** Eighth Army took Benghazi, Libya.

Other Events: The film '*Casablanca*' was produced; Glen Miller entertained troops with his distinctive big band sound; Vera Lynn entertained troops with her programme *Sincerely Yours*; Enrico Fermi and colleagues achieved the first controlled nuclear chain reaction at University of Chicago; Beveridge Report was published;

St James, Stonehaven

Jan 23rd, 1942: Mr Lyth (Rector) intimated that the Thanksgiving Boxes were ready and it was suggested that these should be available at the Annual Congregational Meeting for anyone desirous of one, and that a number should be at hand at the church door. The Annual Meeting would be held at Sunnyhill, Ann Street.

Feb 11th, 1942 Annual Meeting: Mr Adams, the treasurer said the income of the Congregation during 1941 was £660. It had been hoped to meet all the church expenses and to repay £65 to the Capital Fund (borrowed the previous year). However, due to increased items of expenditure due to the War this latter hope had not been realised. The Meeting did not think the church could make such a big effort this year as the Garden Fete (which had shown a profit of £108) would not be repeated. If such things as collections, seat rents, free will offerings, donations and Harvest thanks offerings would maintain themselves at the present level, then we

would have no cause to fear. The Rector expressed the hope that, as no special demand was to be made from the congregation, the Harvest Thanksgiving Boxes might benefit more. Tea was then served followed by a short concert which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Rector's Warden: Colonel Scott Duff, People's Warden: Major Innes, Vestrymen: Mr John Dalgarno and Mr D Law.

May 1st, 1942: The Rector submitted a note received from the Quarter Master of the 6th Battalion the Cameronians asking if there would be any objection to the requisitioning of the field adjoining the church. The space was needed for additional dining accommodation in tentage (sic). After some discussion as to safeguarding the property and maintaining quiet during the hours of divine service it was agreed to raise no objections. The Rector undertook to convey personally to the Military Authorities the vestry's desire that the amenities of the church should be respected.

12th Dec, 1942: Resignation of Mr Lyth. Mr Lyth intimated that the Military had taken over the field and agreed to pay £1 per year. The vestry heard that Mr Noel Lyth had written to the Bishop asking him to accept his resignation as he had been asked to accept the incumbency of St John's, Greenock which he was desirous of accepting.

19th Dec, 1942: A letter from the Bishop put forward the names of 3 or 4 clergymen whom he believed would be suitable for St James. Mr Lyth asked if he could be released of his charge earlier than March and it was agreed he could leave on 28th February 1943. Mr Gaits drew the vestry's attention to the state of drainage of rain water at the church. It was agreed to see if there was a plan of the drainage system. It was agreed with Mr Adams, the Treasurer, that the current account with the Union Bank of Scotland should be overdrawn to an extent not exceeding at any time £100. Certain reductions in contributions would be made:

Central Funds - Clergy Sustentation Fund from £65 to £30, Foreign Mission from £29 to £10, Home Mission from £12 to £5. The Brechin Diocesan Council Fund from £10 to £5 making a total deduction of £66. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Bishop acknowledging his letter and stating that the Vestry wished to advertise the vacancy in the Scottish Guardian.

Diane

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings
4th August 7th Sunday in Trinity	Ec 1.2,12-14;2.18-23 Ps 49.1-11 Col 3.1-11 Lk 12.13-21
11th August 8th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 15.1-6 Psalm 33.12-22 Heb 11.1-3,8-16 Lk 12.32-40
18th August 9th Sunday in Trinity Sunday	Jer 23.23-29 Ps 82 Heb 11.29-12.2 Lk 12.49-56
25th August 10th Sunday in Trinity	Is 58.9b-14 Ps 103.1-8 Heb 12.18-29 Lk 13.10-17
1st September 10th Sunday in Trinity	Sir 10.12-18 or Pr 25.6-7 Ps 112 Heb 13.1-8,15-16 Lk 14.1,7-14

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Coffee Rota
Heather Grant	Irene Paterson	Heather Grant	Irene Paterson
Diana Peters	tba	tba	Diane Fleming
David Fleming	Doreen Brankin	David Fleming	Doreen Brankin
Ellie MacLeod	Peter Sharp	Ellie MacLeod	Peter Sharp
Peter Sharp	Jonathan Leslie	Richard Clark	Jonathan Leslie

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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 September Newsletter is Sunday 25th August
Reminders will not be sent out.

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