

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



**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
November 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 month

9.30 a.m. Children's Service

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



DIARY NOTES November 2019

Day/Date	Event
3rd November	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
All Saints Day	10.30 Joint Service at St Ternan's
6th November	9.30 Children's service. Anne O'Gorman
10th November	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
Remembrance Sunday	10.45 Stonehaven joint service at South Church
13th November	10.30 Eucharist and Healing Service. Arma Iles
16th November	4.00 pm Dedication of Exhibition. Primus and Bishop Andrew
17th November	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Edward Dickens
22nd Sunday in Trinity	10.30 Holy Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson
20th November	9.30 Children's service Anne O'Gorman
24th November	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
Christ the King	10.30 Holy Eucharist. Rev. Joe Morrow

From Anne.

We are now coming into one of nature's most beautiful seasons. Harvest is finished and as the harvest song says, 'All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin'.

The school children have had their 2 weeks half term or Tatty Holiday. They are now back to school and some practising for their Christmas performances or carol services. Others are working hard towards their mock exams that take place in January.

The clocks have gone back and the evenings are very quickly drawing in. The days are becoming colder and the coal fires and wood burners are being lit. We all like to be snug and warm in our houses.

We must remember at this time those who are alone or homeless. We think about the many organisations that help the needy and the homeless, whether with food donations, finding shelter or many other acts of kindness.

As I said, we are now coming into one of nature's most beautiful seasons. The leaves fall off the tree causing our drains to block and cover our pavements and gardens. Before this we are treated to the most spectacular colour changes to the leaves on the trees. The colours range from green, to reds, yellow and brown. The different textures of the trees and colours are spectacular. Sadly many trees in Stonehaven have been taken down due to flood relief works.

Take a drive down Low Wood Road and look at the beautiful colours to the trees at the entrance to Dunnottar Woods. Further from home the area of Perth with all its different types of trees,

displays the most stunning scenery.

On Sunday 10th November we join with others from all over the area at South Church, as we remember those that were killed in action or because of wars. This is a time when we can pay our respect to those that gave so much for others. Many of us will not have lived through the first or second World War, but still remember our relations or friends of relatives who were killed in action.

Coming from Gosport to Stonehaven the Falklands and Gulf wars bring back tragic memories. I remember with my children watching the ships, in both the Falklands and Gulf wars, sail out and return to Portsmouth. Both sides of Portsmouth Harbour were lined with thousands of well-wishers, hoping for the crews to return home safely. Sadly some ships were never to return. Many Memorial Services took place in our local churches. It was these two latter wars that bring back so many tragic memories of those who died.

We remember those who died by wearing our poppies with pride. Our churches are decorated with poppies, wreaths laid and our poppies worn, we will remember them.

A poem called 'We Shall Keep Faith' by Moira Michael

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies

That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall
not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of
the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.

Vestry Minutes 19th August 2019

Matters Arising

The next Place of Hope meeting is on 11th October at 7 pm.

Correspondence

The updated Code of Canons and Digest of Resolution are now
available online.

An invitation has been received to attend the Licensing of Rev
John Skinner as priest in charge of St Andrew's, Brechin,
St Mary's and St Peter's, Montrose with St David's, Inverbervie.
Edward and Anne will attend.

Scottish Guild of Servers 90th Anniversary Eucharist is to take
place at St John's, Edinburgh on 7th September. Edward and Jon
to attend.

An invitation to take part in the Dundee Nativity rehearsals each
Friday starting 6th September at 7 pm.

Charity cycle event on Sunday, 15th September in Dundee.

Anne will put posters for all the above on the church notice-

board.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account:	£44,331.73
Fabric Fund Account:	£885.82
Building Account:	£742.15
St Philip's:	£2,182.40

Report on St James

The rota for services is almost complete until Christmas.

The AGM will be on Sunday, 17th November after the 10.30 am service.

Report on St Philip's

The elm tree has been cut down. The wood has been put up for sale on Stonehaven Facebay.

Worship

Arma reported that the Worship Group is working well and the members are very supportive of each other.

Rev Michael Turner, Laurencekirk, has been in hospital. Peter is to contact the Bishop to offer any help and will also send a get-well card.

Discussion with Bishop Andrew

The Northern Cluster meeting had taken place. Peter is involved in the Treasurers' Group, David with the Buildings Group. It is hoped that over the next 2 years we visit other churches for their services. We have had one visitor from Brechin on a weekday.

Fabric

Church: the bell is not working properly and is historically incorrect. David has written to Taylor's Bell Foundry stating

the problem. No money has been paid at the moment. The Exhibition is almost complete. There are some technical problems with the computer display.

The dedication of the Exhibition will take place on Saturday, 16th November at 4 pm. David is going to speak to the Granite City Brass Band to see if they are available to play for this event and Anne will speak to the Kilwhang bell ringers. Ellie will help David with the invitations.

Thanks was expressed to David Smail for attending to the carpet tiles in the church.

Hall: The upgrade to the toilets should be complete next week.

Fund Raising/Social

Very successful Book Browse in July, the Sunday opening is proving to be popular.

AOCB

The Congregational Roll needs to be updated before the AGM. David reported on the credit card device now available at the Tolbooth Museum. This may be something for future use at St James.

Next Meeting: 9th October 2019

Harvest

Please can I say a huge thank you to everyone who prepared and served a delicious harvest lunch following the harvest service, we are very blessed to have excellent cooks and bakers in our congregation. Thank you to all who sat down and enjoyed the lunch.

AND another huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the harvest decorations in the church windows and altar steps. The food was donated to the Cyrenians and the flowers

continued to decorate the church for further services. Thank you, Mr Lees, for the flowers at the altar in memory of your family.

Val

Social Committee

The Social Committee will meet on Thursday 7th November at 2pm at Val's home to organise

- 1) the catering arrangements for the new Exhibition Dedication service to be held on Saturday 16th November,
- 2) CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING and TREE OF LIFE (baubles) to be held on SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER from 10am until 11.30am. We will be setting up on Friday 13th afternoon from 2pm until 3pm. and all donations will be very gratefully received.

There will be the usual stalls including our tombola stall - if you wish to wrap your donations to this stall, we use the Christmas colours red/green/gold/silver. Further details about the coffee morning will be in the next newsletter and on the pew sheet following the committee meeting.

- 3) Dates for next year's social activities.

Val

St James in1945

The World

Jan: Soviets captured Warsaw, Auschwitz liberated by Soviets;
Feb: Bombing of Dresden by British and Americans, British troops reached the Rhine, US Air Force began heavy raids on Tokyo, Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin met at Yalta, American flag raised on Iwo Jima; **Mar:** Allies captured Cologne, Second Army crossed the Rhine, Soviets took Danzig; **April:** British Forces liberated Belsen, American troops liberated Buchenwald,

Roosevelt died – Truman succeeded as President, Soviets reached Berlin, American and Soviet forces met in Germany, Mussolini shot dead by partisans, Allies took Venice, Hitler died in Berlin; **May:** Soviets took Berlin, Allies entered Rangoon, Burma, Germany surrendered unconditionally, Soviets captured Prague; **Jun:** US captured Okinawa; **July:** Churchill defeated, Labour government under Clement Atlee returned to power; **Aug:** US dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japanese surrendered, Petain sentenced to death in France for collaboration, American forces landed in Japan; **Sept:** Quisling sentenced to death in Norway; **Oct:** United Nations formally came into being; **Nov:** De Gaulle elected as French President, Nuremberg war trial opened, Republic of Yugoslavia proclaimed under Tito.

Also: George Orwell's *Animal Farm* published, Benjamin Britten's opera *Peter Grimes* performed. Evelyn Waugh published *Brideshead Revisited*.

St James

13th February: Annual Congregational Meeting. There was a good attendance and the Rector gave a general survey of the last year which showed a general upward trend in all directions. He said that the late Mrs Christie (widow of Dean Christie) had left £100 free of death duty to the Church Endowment Fund. Greetings cards and 72 postal orders and a letter from the Bishop had been sent to members of the congregation serving in the forces. There was still a balance of £11-9-8d in the fund for future use.

It was the Vestry's wish that the Harvest Thanksgiving boxes should be used again and it was hoped that most of the congregation would avail themselves of one. Since the free will offering scheme had started some years ago many of those who had joined had passed away and others had not joined in their place with the result that the numbers in the scheme had fallen off greatly. It was hoped that those who were not members would come forward and join. The financial report showed a

credit balance of £261 which was a record for St James. Messrs Delgarno and Charles Mutch were re-elected to the Vestry, Major Alexander Innes re-elected as People's Warden, Colonel Scott Duff as Rector's Warden. It was decided to hold a garden fete on 18th July if Major Innes would grant the use of the grounds.

5th June 1945: A letter of resignation was read from Mr Thomas Goodfellow, organist. The Vestry accepted his resignation with regret. The Rector suggested contacting the organist at the Cathedral in Aberdeen who might be in a position to submit the name of a suitable person.

2nd July 1945: An application from Brian Simpson of Aberdeen for the post of organist/choirmaster was considered.

Mr Simpson played the organ on Sunday, 1st July. It was unanimously decided to appoint Mr Simpson to the post at a salary of £52 per annum.

11th December 1945: A request from Mr Simpson to get a new type of Psalter was refused. The entire membership of the Vestry think it is not the time to make so drastic a change in the Psalter. Permission would be given however to purchase Psalters like the one now in use as they were not sufficient for all the members of the choir. Also permission was given to purchase a further supply of new hymn books (A & M). It was decided to close the 'Christie Memorial Fund' and add that amount to the general account. It was also decided to close the fund opened to provide a memorial for Mr Wardle, a previous organist for some years. Mr George Stephen wished to resign from the Vestry owing to pressure of work. Colonel Scott Duff also wished to resign his position as Rector's Warden. He was leaving Fetteresso Castle to live in London.

It was decided to let the Church Park to Mr Lees for grazing purposes for the sum of £1 per year.

The Vestry agreed to purchase a gift for Mr Manson of the Union Bank in recognition of his success in dealing with the

Church funds. A golf bag was suggested.

Mr Law was asked to obtain an estimate from the ironmonger for wire guards for the windows in the Baptistry. Mr Law reported that all the outside woodwork in the Rectory needed painting in the spring and the Vestry decided to ask Mr Masson to put in an estimate for this. The question of putting electric light in the church was debated. After some discussion it was decided that the church should be lit by electricity. Mr Law would approach Messrs McRobb of Adelphi, Aberdeen for advice. As the Vestry thought this was a most important piece of work they should get an expert in church lighting to help in the matter. Mr Law was also instructed to contact a plumber and slater to check the church roof as there were signs of damp on the inner walls.

Diane.

Priests and Pipes Exhibition

Now that the work of creating the 'Priests and Pipes' Exhibition in the West End of St James' church in Stonehaven is nearing completion, we are very pleased to announce that the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Revd Mark Strange has kindly agreed to lead the Service of Dedication. The Service will be held on Saturday 16th November 2019, and will start at 4:00 pm. Also taking part will be our own Bishop, Right Revd Andrew Swift.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone from the diocese to join us. Invitations are also being issued to the very large number of people who have contributed to the Exhibition, including donors, suppliers and volunteers. Some people even fall into all three categories!!

As the Exhibition covers church history and the role of church organs, the service will contain elements of previous celebrations held at St James and some special musical items. Full details of the Exhibition are on our web site at <https://www.stjames-stonehaven.org.uk/exhibition/> .

After the service the Primus will asked to cut the celebration cake, and coffee and tea will be available, and of course the Exhibition will be open for all to view.

David

Competition



What did David say that was so amusing? Suggestions to Anne O’Gorman by 17th November. The person submitting the most amusing suggestion will receive a prize of a St James’ tea towel and bookmark.

(Members of the Royal Family and the Fleming Family are not eligible to take part!)

Christmas-tide Services

Sunday 1st December

ADVENT SUNDAY

Sung Eucharist - 10:30

Compline by Candlelight - 7:00 pm
(also on the 8th, 15th and 22nd)

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Wednesday 4th December

Christingle Service - 09:30

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Sunday 8th December

SECOND of ADVENT

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - 10:30

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Tuesday 24th December

CHRISTMAS EVE

Midnight Mass - 11:30 pm - Revd Jane Nelson

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Wednesday 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sung Eucharist - 09:30 - Revd Joe Morrow
(note different time)

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Sunday 29th December

FIRST SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS

Ecumenical Service in St Bridget's Hall - 10:30

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings
3rd November All Saints	Dan 7.1-3,15-18 Ps 149 Eph 1.11-end Luke 6.20-31
10th November Remembrance Sunday	Job 19.23-27a Ps 17.1-9 2 Th 2.1-5,13-17 Lk 20.27-38
17th November 22nd Sunday in Trinity	Mal 4.1-2a Ps 98 2 Th 3.6-13 Lk 21.5-19
24th November Christ the King	Jer 23.1-6 Cant. Lk 1.68-79 Col 1.11-20 Lk 23.33-43
1st December 1st Sunday in Advent	Is 2.1-5 Ps 122 Ro 13.11-14 Mt 24.36-44

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Coffee Rota
Service at St Ternan's			
Stonehaven Joint Service. 10.45 a.m. at South Church			
Edward Dickens	Peter Sharp	Edward Dickens	Peter Sharp
Heather Grant	Val Cadd	Richard Clark	Val Cadd
David Fleming	Diane Fleming	David Fleming	Diane Fleming

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline
Interim Rector. Bishop Andrew.
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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 October Newsletter is Sunday 27th October
Reminders will not be sent out.**

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