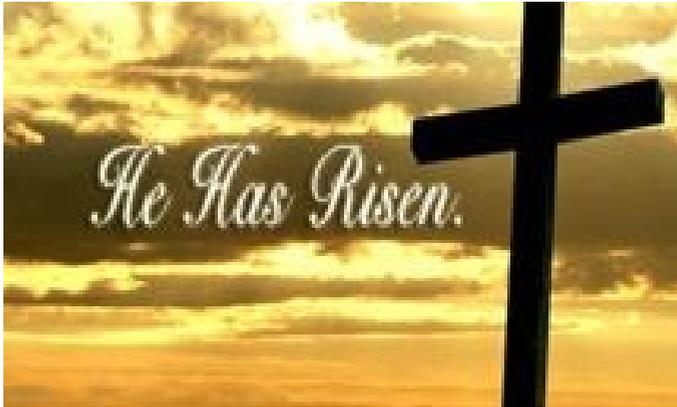


**Episcopal Churches of
St. James' Stonehaven.
St. Philip's Catterline.
April 2020**



**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
April 2020**

There will be no services at St James' and St Philip's until further notice.

As ordered by the government, both church buildings and the hall will be closed.



DIARY NOTES April 2020

Day/Date	Event
5th April 6th Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday	There will be no services until further notice.
12th April Easter Sunday	
19th April 2nd Sunday in Easter	
26th April 3rd Sunday in Easter	

Bishop Andrew writes:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this to you at a time of great anxiety and uncertainty in the life of the world, our nation and our church! The Coronavirus crisis is changing every aspect of life beyond recognition and at a very, very fast pace: as Christians we might find ourselves struggling to understand what, as disciples, we should be doing.

The simplest message is to follow the guidelines that the governments of the country are giving us. To reduce the impact of this virus on the population, especially for those of us who are vulnerable, we need to pay full attention to the guidance: stay at home and save lives! As churches, we are also communities that can support each other. I am encouraging all churches, especially now that we can no longer meet together for worship, to keep in contact with each other by telephone, email, online programmes and apps. The church buildings may be closed, but the church people are still able to be together in prayer and community life.

We are also moving towards Holy Week and Easter, major parts of the yearly pattern of our worshipping life. We will not be able to gather in person as ecumenical and church communities to follow the journey from the Hosannas of Palm Sunday to the bleak emptiness of Good Friday and beyond. But we can still follow shared readings, prayers, online worship services and other creative means of living together through this vital week of our faith. Please watch out for guidance on how this can be done in this strangest of times.

My prayers are for you and for your loved ones at this difficult

time: please keep safe and well. And may God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always.

+Andrew

St James in 1949

The World: **Jan:** US introduced 45 and 33 rpm records; Margaret Allen hanged in Britain, first woman for 12 years; Chinese Communists captured Peking. **Feb:** Clothes rationing ended in Britain. **Mar:** Joe Louis retired as world heavyweight; Newfoundland became Canada's 10th province. **April:** NATO Treaty signed in Washington; Ireland became a Republic. **May:** Council of Europe established; Siam renamed as Thailand; Berlin blockade lifted by Soviets; German Federal Republic formed with capital at Bonn; Chinese Communists captured Shanghai. **Jun:** London dockers came out on strike. **Jul:** De Havilland Comet, the first jet airliner, made its maiden flight. **Aug:** first experimental colour TV transmission in US. **Sept:** Konrad Adenauer new Premier of West Germany; UK pound devalued by 30%. **Oct:** Mao formed Communist People's Republic of China; German Democratic Republic established in East Germany. **Nov:** First meeting of Council of Europe. **Dec:** Einstein's new general theory of relativity announced. **Also:** George Orwell's novel *1984*; Arthur Miller's play *'Death of a Salesman'*; Carol Reed's film *'The Third Man'*; Ealing Comedy films *'Passport to Pimlico'*, *'Whisky Galore'*, *'Kind Hearts and Coronets'*. Rogers and Hammerstein's film *'South Pacific'*. Sweet rationing ended in UK; Aly Khan married Rita Hayworth; Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.

Stonehaven:

7th Feb 1949: It was reported that the church bell had been repaired and was again in use. It had been repaired by Mr Turner of Cowie. It was decided to ask Mr Duncan, the verger, to be the one to ring the bell in future. He would be paid £5 per

annum for this. The secretary was to see Mr John Thomson, joiner, to see if he would sell the ladders he had made to get up to the bell. The bill for the organ reconstruction of £231 was authorised to be paid. It was decided that the sum of £28 made by the Sunday School stall at the Sale of Work would be left in the Church accounts. There was £25 in the funds to buy a piano for the use of the Sunday School and choir and Mr C Grant was to see if he could get one. It was again the wish of the Vestry that the organ should be locked when not in use by the organist – both the sliding doors and the electric switch.

9th Feb 1949: The Annual Congregational Meeting was held in the Carron Tea Rooms. Twenty eight communicant members were present. The number of communions in the past year fell by 50 and some names would have to be removed from the communicant roll as they had not communicated during the year. There was a balance of £138-3-10. It was proposed that a jumble sale be held in the Shepherds' Hall on 5th March. Mr Jefferson proposed that all the ladies should be asked to collect jumble. The annual sale of work would be held on 20th July. It was decided to go ahead with the War Memorial which meant moving the present memorial 1914-1918 to a different position and making the two memorials into one wood base. The cost was estimated to be £30-£40. In order to raise this money a sheet would be put up in the baptistry and people could sign with the amount they were willing to give.

1st May 1949: The church had been painted and the verger had thoroughly cleaned the church. There was a discussion about how much he should be paid for this extra work. Two women had also been employed to do the scrubbing. It was decided to pay the verger £10, £5 of which to be shared by the two women. It was decided to sell the ping-pong table. It will be advertised in the Evening Express.

17th June 1949: Mr Gait called the attention of the Secretary to the fact that no mention of the selling of the ping-pong table appeared in the minutes. This was corrected but Mr Gait

opposed the selling of the ping-pong table which was a gift to the church. No-one seconded this proposal and it was decided to advertise it at the end of the month. It was decided to tune the organ twice a year at a cost of six guineas per year. It was proposed that the War Memorial should be placed at the old site. It was proposed by Mr W Christie that two or three seats should be removed to get easy access to the memorial. The vestry would meet after the Sunday evening service to consider this. It was decided to ask Major Brander to unveil the memorial in August. The Secretary telephoned him and he was delighted to do so and considered it an honour to be asked. The grate of the boiler would also be inspected on Sunday night to see about repairs.

The vestry inspected the site of the War Memorial and it was decided to take away one seat only.

22nd July 1949: The Rector intimated that the War Memorial would be ready for unveiling on Sunday, 28th August. The Rev J Gait of St Martins, Leeds would be the preacher. It was decided not to have hymns printed for the service. The recent sale of work had raised £202-3-3. Unfortunately this sum would be needed to pay the outstanding accounts. The Rector then intimated that, acting on medical advice, he was obliged, with many regrets to resign the charge which he had held for six and a half years. He had had to struggle with ill health for a long time and could no longer do so. The vestry decided to advertise the post in the Scottish Guardian.

To Be Continued.....

Social Committee

Spring is here and usually we are looking forward to a coffee morning BUT this year there has been a hatchet job by the current virus crisis.

There will be **NO COFFEE MORNING** at the **END OF APRIL** and at the moment my prime concern is that everyone stays safe so no future date planned.

While I am fit and well if anyone in Stonehaven has no-one to shop for them please give me a call and I will try and help. You will already have my phone number. Take care and stay safe.

Val Cadd (Social Convenor)

Coronavirus

We live in a difficult time and one that many of us have never experienced before. Most of us feel well and don't know anyone who has been infected, but we are being asked to avoid unnecessary social contacts. All but shops providing essential services have now closed and our supermarkets have empty shelves, so is it no wonder that we are worried about an uncertain future. We also have no idea how long this will last, despite uninformed claims by some politicians. At least we can look at the experience in China and feel reassured that there will be an end eventually.

As you know, all church services have been suspended and, as Val tells us elsewhere in the newsletter, all our social events are postponed. I get emails from colleagues in European countries where the quarantine has been far more severe than what we are currently experiencing, although that may have changed by the time you receive this newsletter, and they are finding it very difficult - there are only so many books you can read or TV programmes you can watch before feeling exhausted.

It is particularly unfortunate that this is happening as we approach Holy Week and Easter. We will be deprived of the ability to celebrate this important time in the life of the church in the usual way. As we have already told many people, the Scottish Episcopal Church is celebrating the Holy Eucharist on-line at 11.00am each Sunday. The service can be accessed either through the SEC website (www.scotland.anglican.org) or by searching for Scottish Episcopal Church on YouTube. Don't worry if you miss the live streaming on Sunday, it is available all week on YouTube.

This doesn't help if you are not connected to the internet. We have now been instructed both by the bishops and the prime minister to keep our church buildings closed until further notice. The church is not the building but the community of people who worship together. Despite restrictions on movement, we are available to help in any way that we can. To add to Val's offer, we are all ready to help if you need it. We will be asking vestry members if they will "adopt" members of the congregation and, provided that the person wishes, to maintain regular contact with them.

Once this crisis has passed, it is likely that we will see significant changes. On the positive side, perhaps the government will start funding the NHS and Social Services at an appropriate level, on the other hand, how many shops and restaurants will re-open again. High street shops were suffering from on-line shopping before the crisis, now it is the only way we can shop for many things, will we return to old habits once this is over?

To help you feel connected with the church, we will continue to circulate the newsletter each month by email, although it will

inevitably be thinner than usual. If you know of anyone not on email who would like a copy, then perhaps you could print one and put it through their letterbox when you go for your daily exercise.

Peter

Vestry Minutes 26th February 2020

Please note that, as the vestry is not currently meeting, these minutes have not been confirmed.

Matters Arising

Peter is still having problems accessing the dormant Mother and Toddler's bank account. He has written to the Royal Bank again. St James and St Philip's accounts have been accepted by OSCR.

Correspondence

An invitation has been received to attend the Diocesan Synod on Saturday 7th March.

A letter from Pat Millar thanking St James for their donation given in support of the Diocesan project work with our Companion Diocese of Swaziland.

The Bishop's Lent appeal is for a bee project in eSwatini. Monies collected to be handed in a marked envelope on Palm Sunday. The donation can be gift aided.

David and Diane have been invited to represent the Diocese at Holyrood House.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£41,611.68
Fabric Fund Account	£1,202.07
Buildings Account	£6,898.12
St Philip's	£1,044.62

David reported that there is £1,380 outstanding in hall rents.

St James' Report

The website for the exhibition is almost complete

The Facebook site is slowly growing.

Doors Open Day will be on 19th to 20th September 2020

St Philip's Report

Peter has visited recently and all seemed well.

Worship

Bishop Andrew will be taking the service for Mothering Sunday.

Compline restarts at 6.30pm on Palm Sunday.

Children's Service restarts on 18th September at 9.30am.

Edward is looking to form a churches together choir; the first outing will possibly be Evensong at Easter 3.

Bishop Andrew

Bishop Andrew is coming to speak to vestry on Monday 16th March at 7pm.

Fabric

Church : The bell is still not working properly.

From the 16th of March Slimmer's World will be using the church from 2 to 8pm. During holiday time they will use the hall. They will have access to the church office and toilet.

David to organize for the Quinquennial inspection of the hall and rectory.

Hall: The new tables have arrived.

Door catch has been repaired.

There has been a problem with the boiler. British Gas are dealing with the problem and will clean the radiators.

Garden: The storage box beside the hall has been put back.

Possibly moved due to high winds.

The plans for the churchyard are available to view in church. We are waiting for listed building consent from Aberdeenshire Council. Then the church will apply for permission under Canon 35.

David to get a quote for the cost of the works. Part of the work will hopefully be paid from the contractor's community fund.

Rector : Nothing to report.

Fundraising/Social

The last Book Browse raised £555.55

The next events will be the Book Browse on the 5th of April

Coffee morning on 25th April

Feein market 6th June

Harbour Festival 30th August.

Anne is hoping to hold a concert with a Scottish theme.

PVG

Nothing to report

AOCB

White Bridge: Plans have been drawn up to show that it is possible to have a ramp, as well as steps for access to the white bridge.

David to speak to councilors asking them to back the plans.

Edward and Jonathan to speak to residents who live near the bridge.

A petition to be started.

The plans will be taken to the Community Council and Flood Action Group. David will speak to the contractors.

The vestry was happy for David to proceed with the above actions.

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline
Interim Rector. Bishop Andrew.
Vestry Secretary: Anne O'Gorman.
Church Phone No: 01569 764473

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 May Newsletter is Sunday 26th April 2020

Reminders will not be sent out.

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