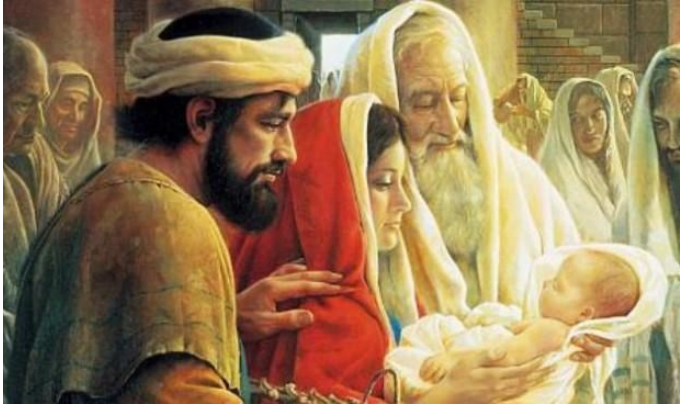


**Episcopal Churches of
St. James' Stonehaven.
St. Philip's Catterline.
February 2020**



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

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

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



DIARY NOTES February 2020

Day/Date	Event
2nd February Candlemas	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Holy Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson
9th February 5th Sunday in Epiphany	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Songs of Praise. Anne O’Gorman/David Fleming
12th February	10.30 Eucharist and Healing Service. Arma Iles
16th February 6th Sunday in Epiphany	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Edward Dickens 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
23rd February Sunday before Lent Transfiguration	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman. 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
26th February Ash Wednesday	11.00am Reserved Sacrament and Laying on of Ashes. Anne O’Gorman.

From Arma.

Every year, we in St James' celebrate Bible Sunday or, as it also used to be called, the Dedication Festival. The Bible is the very basis of our Christian faith – God's way of communicating to us and revealing His Will for our lives.

On my book shelf I have a few bibles: The Authorised King James VI Bible, a New English Bible, a New Jerusalem Bible, a Study Bible and, for bed-side reading, a J B Philips New Testament. I am not so familiar with some of the more recent translations, but there is one Bible not written yet, but in this turbulent and troubled time may well come to be written, and one we should heed. I give you – The Unwritten Bible – beginning with Genesis in reverse. In the end man systematically dismantled the planet that God had created.

Being clever, but not very wise, man sized up the beautiful earth which was God's gift to him and said, "This land is worth at least £1,000 an acre for development and, as for the animals roaming across it, their skins should fetch a fair price". So, man did the unthinkable, he sold the earth and needlessly slaughtered the creatures in the animal kingdom. *This was the 7th day from the end.*

Then man polluted the clean air with the fumes of his machines and poisoned the seas with garbage and turned rivers into foaming torrents of chemical waste and lakes into putrid rubbish tips. Man began slowly, ever so slowly, to choke himself to death. *And this was the 6th day from the end.*

Man flexed his muscles glorying in his strength. The powerful he called "great" and those who sought to serve "weaklings". Man used his power to divide those who thought as he did from

those who thought differently. The former he named “allies”, the latter “enemies”. *This was the 5th day from the end.*

Man said, “The strong are entitled to most of what’s going and the weak can have the rest”. He built great walls and recruited massive armies, equipping them with weapons of terrifying destruction to protect his wealth. So enchanted was he by the sound of his tanks, jets and rockets that he was deaf to the pleas of the weak and the poor. *This was the 4th day from the end.*

And man slept uneasily, haunted by the ghosts of those he exploited and awoke afraid and set to work inventing his ultimate weapon. “Now” he said, “I feel safe”. But his enemy did not, so he too created an ultimate weapon. Both lived under the shadow of extinction and called in PEACE. *This was the 3rd day from the end.*

Then man, swollen with pride and intoxicated by his achievements, said “Let us make God in our own image. Let our will become his will and our enemies his enemies. Let us gaze into a mirror and worship the god we see there.” *This was the 2nd day from the end.*

And man stifled all truth that was not his own truth and called it propaganda. He scoffed at the warnings of the prophets and silenced the sounds of the earth in torment. He averted his eyes from all that was unpleasant to see and painful to watch. Instead he gazed with delight upon the gleaming products of his ingenuity and he called for bigger, faster, richer, louder, higher, more!! He became frantic with a desire that nothing could satisfy. *That was the day before the end.*

The last day was chaos, with noise and uproar and when the din subsided man and all his doings were no more. *And the ravished*

earth rested on the 7th day.

Then God spoke. "What a tragic waste. What a marvel was man. He wasn't without courage and wisdom. He did some wonderful things and made some beautiful sounds. He showed love and sacrifice and heroism - but!"

Then God turned and said "Well what do you think? After all, you were there." Jesus said, "Let's try again, Father."

Social Committee

Thank you very much for all the support we were given for the coffee morning in December. The stalls looked good and as the Christmas coffee morning is now very special as the baubles for our 'Tree of Life' are available the hall had a very warm feel and was full. In total we raised £627.65 so please accept our thanks for your generosity in so many forms.

The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 25th April and there will be more information in March and April newsletters.

There will be a social committee meeting on Thursday 5th March at 2pm at Val's home to discuss the coffee morning arrangements. All welcome.

Other proposed dates for the year, not including the Book Browsers, are as follows;

Saturday 25th April- Spring Coffee morning

Saturday 6th June - Fee'in Market in town square

Sunday 23rd or 30th August - Harbour Jinks

Wednesday 7th October - Senior Harvest afternoon service and afternoon tea

Saturday 9th October - Harvest decoration of windows in the church

Sunday 10th October - Harvest lunch following the 10.30am morning service

Saturday 12th December - Christmas Coffee morning and 'Tree of Life'

Val

Flowers in Church

Thank you Diana and Tony for the beautiful Christmas tree, delivered and decorated (by Anne and Jonathan) in time for our 9 Lessons and Carols service. Thank you Pam and Anne and a very special thank you to David S. for decorating the church at the end of Advent in time for Christmas.

Thank you to Jean for the flowers that went in towards the end of January in memory of her mother. Flowers will remain at the altar until the last Sunday in February as Lent begins on Wednesday 26th February.

Easter Saturday is on Saturday 11th April and hopefully there will be lots of daffodils available to decorate all the windows in the church. Help will be required for the daffodils as some people who usually do this are away on holiday.

Please speak to Val if you think you could help. Many thanks.

Val

Vestry Minutes 27th November 2019

Matters Arising

The verger's fee in the new funeral costs will be £60.

Correspondence

Letter from Carol Kinghorn, Lord Lieutenant of Kincardineshire, thanking St James for the invitation to the dedication service of the Exhibition. She enjoyed the service and appreciated the hard work in organizing the Exhibition.

Letter from the Cyrenians thanking St James for the donation from the Harvest service.

Letter from David Smail regarding a concert in the New Year. As yet no date has been fixed.

Letter sent on behalf of Pat Millar regarding young adults who wish to visit the diocese of Iowa in summer 2020.

Clergy moves: Very Rev Jeremy Auld is moving to Woodstock with Blagdon in Oxford. Gary Clinkis is in his final ordinand year and will be ministering at Brechin until he finishes his training. Rev David Gordon will serve half time at Invergowrie and half time as interim priest at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. Capt Stuart Budden will be moving south.

We are asked to remember in our prayers Rev David Shepherd and Rev Ashley Cummins.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£40,937.35
Fabric Fund Account	£454.04
Buildings Account	£840.04
St Philip's	£1003.92

David has sorted out the Mums and Toddlers' Bank Account which has been dormant for 7 years.

Report on St James

David has updated the congregational roll.

The next Place of Hope meeting is on 10th January.

Report on St Philip's

Peter has visited recently and all seems well. There is one slipped slate but this is not urgent. The wood from the felled elm tree has all disappeared.

Worship

The rota for 2020 has been issued in draft form.

Anne will speak to Pat Millar about coming to speak to the congregation about Iowa and Swaziland.

The Christingle Service is on 4th December. There are 20 children coming from Dunottar School.

David has produced some flyers about Christmas at St James for Anne to distribute at the Christmas tree lighting event.

Fabric

Church: The Exhibition is finished but there is still some research to do for the website. The bell is still not working properly. We are awaiting the contractors to go up on the roof as there are some small leaks.

Hall: The Mums and Toddlers Group will be restarting in the new year. There is the possibility of 3 new bookings for the new year: two are weekly and one monthly.

Garden: This has been tidied.

Fund Raising/Social

The Harvest lunch and seniors' service and tea went well.

The Book Browse is on 7th and 8th December.

The Coffee Morning and Tree of Life are on 14th December.

AOCB

David produced a document showing the works taking place for Stonehaven's flood relief scheme. He feels there is still the possibility of installing a ramp either side of the White Bridge when it is reinstated in 2021. A small group will meet after church on Sunday to discuss the issue.

Next Meeting: 13th January 2020

Transition Minister

As I reported in the July Newsletter and again at the AGM, the vestries of St James' and St Ternan's have been having a series of meetings with two members of an organisation called Place for Hope to see how we might best work together to develop a plan for future ministry in the north of the diocese. Place for Hope is a faith organisation that specialises in working with groups to enable more open dialogue around important or potentially difficult subjects.

The proposal that has come out of a series of meetings is that we look to support a priest who would act as a transitional minister. They would be appointed by the diocese, with the involvement of both congregations, for an initial period of 3 years. While they will be involved in services in the two charges, their prime task would be to engage in "pioneer" initiatives within the two communities with the aim of building sustainability for the two charges by the end of the 3 years. The priest will support the lay ministry in leading worship and build the capacity in pastoral care such that the congregations can be as self-supporting as possible.

The future shape of ministry might take different forms including a house-for-duty priest, a part-time priest or an extended team made

up of a variety of ministries. It may also involve other charges in the north of the diocese.

It is encouraging that we are at last starting to move forward. I should emphasise, though, is that we are not proposing to appoint a temporary priest for St James' and St Ternan's. While the person appointed will undertake some priestly duties, their main job will be to work with us to explore where we go in the future.

Discussions will now take place with the diocese over the funding of the post, with the diocese making some financial contribution and being responsible for the accommodation provided for the minister.

Peter

St James in 1947

The World: **Jan:** Britain nationalised coal mines. **Feb:** Arabs and Jews rejected UK plans for partition of Palestine. **Mar:** Bulganin replaced Stalin as Soviet Defence Chief. **April:** Britain passed Palestine problem to United Nations; death of Henry Ford. **May:** Britain agreed to partition India. **June:** George Marshall called for Marshall Aid in speech in US; Burma opted for independent republic. **Jul:** Spain to have king when Franco dies. **Aug:** India became independent with Nehru as PM; Pakistan came into being with Ali Khan as PM; British government announced cuts to deal with economic crisis. **Oct:** Kashmir joined India despite Pakistan's protests; Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg set up Benelux. **Nov:** Princess Elizabeth married Philip Mountbatten; USSR demanded war reparations from Germany; UN announced plans for partition of Palestine. **Dec:** Kashmir problem sent to United Nations.

Also: Death of Al Capone, Discovery of Dead Sea Scrolls, Eros returned to Piccadilly Circus, Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar named Desire*, Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama founded, Maria Callas made her debut at Verona in *Gioconda*, radio

carbon dating was suggested by American chemist Willard Libby, the first experimental nuclear reactor was activated at Harwell, Britain's 550 private electricity companies nationalised.

Jan - April saw one of the worst winters in living memory.

Stonehaven

16th Jan 1947: an account for the installation of electric light by Messrs McRobb of Adelphi was presented. This was felt by some to be excessive and it was agreed that a deputation should meet with Mr McRobb to see if some reduction could be made. A deputation of three members was agreed: Mr A Christie, Mr J Lees, Mr J Delgarno were thus appointed. The Rector proposed that Mr George be asked to accept an honorarium of £10 for his work with the accounts and an additional sum of £5 each year immediately before the annual congregational meeting. This was agreed and Mr George reluctantly accepted. The heating of the church was mentioned and it was decided to ask Mr McRobb for suggestions.

16th Feb 1947: The accounts for the year showed a favourable balance of £395-7-7. Mr Christie said that a 5% reduction had been offered by Mr McRobb, a saving of £20. He thought he could have secured a bigger reduction had he been in possession of all the correspondence involved.

21st Feb 1947: Annual Congregational Meeting. This was held in the Alexandria Hotel and in spite of the very bad weather there was a fairly good attendance. Rev Jefferson reviewed the last year which was very satisfactory. The repair of the organ was in hand but would be a slow process as it was being done in parts so as to avoid the organ being out of commission for a long period. Mr A Christie and Mr Lees, both as members of the Vestry which had approved the accounts, resigned their seats and objected to the accounts. Mr Christie disagreed with the balance sheet in its present form and made a long speech with his reasons for disagreement. He proposed that the balance sheet be recast and this was seconded by Mr Lees. The meeting closed with benediction and light refreshments were served. The Rector then asked to be released from his duties as secretary to the Vestry as this was supposed to be a temporary measure. No-one could be found to accept this post and

Mr Dalgarno asked if the Rector could continue until a suitable person could be found. The Rector agreed.

3rd March 1947: The Rector objected to the remarks made by Mr A Christie in which he stated that a bigger reduction in the electrician's bill could have been obtained if all the correspondence had been in the hands of the deputation. The Rector pointed out that all the correspondence with Mr McRobb had been placed before the Vestry from time to time and was available at any time. The Rector welcomed new members and hoped the whole Vestry would work together as a team. Mr George was instructed to pay the sum of £300 on account to Mr McRobb for the installation of electric light. Mr Dalgarno produced an estimate from Mr McRobb for the heating of the church. This was £850 - £950. It was decided to await further estimates. The Rector said he had taken legal advice with regard to the motion proposed by Mr Christie and Mr Lees to recast the balance sheet. The legal advice was that a recast should not be made at all for the following reasons:

- The balance sheet according to the constitution can only by recast as a whole and not in parts. This the treasurer refused to do.
- As there was no motion carried by a show of hands at the AGM it is not clear that it was the wish of the congregation that the balance sheet be recast.
- The balance sheet according to the constitution must be presented to the congregation before 28th February. This could not be done from the date of the meeting (21st Feb) and presented by the 28th.

The Vestry decided to abide by the legal advice. It was decided to ask Mr Eric Brander to act as legal adviser to the Vestry.

22nd May 1947: The treasurer was given authority to pay Messrs McRobb the sum of £3-2-7 for overhauling the heating apparatus of the church and a bill of £1-12-3 for a new gate leading to the Vestry. An estimate of £620 for heating the church was submitted by Messrs G N Haden & Sons of Aberdeen. It was decided that this was too big an undertaking to be agreed by the Vestry and that it should be put to the congregation.

24th Aug 1947: A letter was read from the RCC in regard to

increasing the stipends of the clergy, requesting the Vestry to bring this to the notice of the congregation and, where necessary, revive and revise methods of collecting from every member both for the Clergy Fund and for the stipend provided locally. The Assessor's valuation of St James' Rectory and garage at 35 Gurney Street amounted to £47. The leakage of gas in the Rector's Vestry which has been noticeable for some time was considered. Mr W Christie was instructed to get his firm to attend to the matter at once.

26th Oct 1947: A meeting of the congregation was held after the morning service to consider and adopt alterations to the constitution . The recommendation was that the number of members appointed to the Vestry should be 8 instead of 7. It was also recommended that a sitting member of the Vestry should be allowed to propose or second any name submitted to the congregation for membership to the Vestry. Fifty four members were present at the meeting and all voted for the proposal. In accordance with the constitution a further meeting must be held for the purpose of again voting on the proposed alteration and notice was given that this would be on 23rd November.

23rd Nov 1947: A meeting of the congregation after the morning service to verify the proposed alteration to the constitution. On a show of hands everyone present voted for the alterations, no-one abstained, and the alteration now goes to the Bishop for his approval and signature.

19th Dec 1947: The Rector drew attention to the painting of the four church doors and the spoutings. It was unanimously decided that the paintwork should be done as soon as possible. Mr Law and Mr Masson would be asked to give an estimate.

A letter was read from the organ builders stating that as the verger had signed the delivery note for the returned reeds which are damaged the responsibility could not be theirs but must be ours. A further letter suggested reducing the amount to repair the reeds from £20 to £12.

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings
2nd February Candlemas	Mal 3.1-4 Ps 24.7-10 Heb 2.14-18 Lk 2.22-40
9th February 5th Sunday in Epiphany	Is 58.1-9a,(9b-12) Ps 112.1-9(10) 1 C 2.1-12(13-16) Mt 5.13-20
16th February 6th Sunday in Epiphany	Gen 1:1-2:3 Ps 136 Rom 8:18-25 Mt 6 25-end
23rd February Sunday before Lent Transfiguration	Ex 24.12-18 Ps 2 or Ps 99 2 P 1.16-21 Mt 17.1-9
1st March 1st Sunday in Lent	Gen 2.15-17;3.1-7 Ps 32 Ro 5.12-19 Mt 4.1-11

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

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

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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 March Newsletter is Sunday 23rd February
Reminders will not be sent out.

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