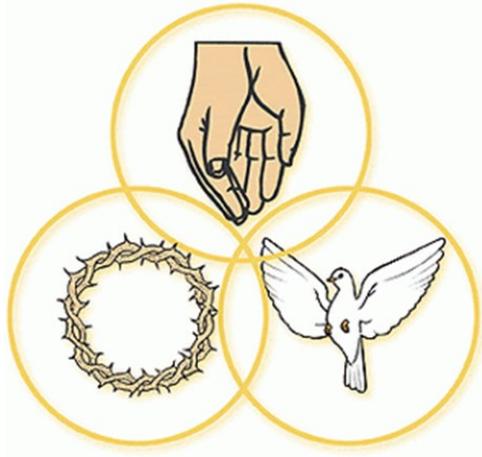


**Episcopal Churches of  
St. James' Stonehaven.  
St. Philip's Catterline.  
September 2020**



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

**Sundays.**

**10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**St James' is open for private prayer from 10.00am to 3.00 pm  
every day except Sunday and Monday.**

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



## DIARY NOTES September 2020

Day/Date	Event
6th September 13th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Bishop Andrew
13th September 14th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament Arma Iles
20th September 15th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Edward Dickens
27th September 16th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman.

From David

### **So, what is the new normal?**

It is a well-evidenced observation that a crisis shows up both the strengths and the faults in those involved, whether organisations or individuals. The coronavirus crisis is very clearly no exception, and looking back, we can all think of instances both of huge selflessness as well as of obvious mistakes with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

In wondering whether anybody needs to be taken to task for the errors, it is always worth asking how our Lord Jesus would have reacted. Surely, the answer is clear. Forgiveness should be at the front of our minds, but also the commandment that the sinner

should repent.

But, perhaps more importantly, He was a prophet – looking forward is more worthwhile to Him than looking at the past. What would He set out as a new normal? Again, His answer is clear. First, love thy neighbour. Once this immediate crisis is over, the predictions are that there will be a very large number of people who will be considerably worse off than they were in 2019. They are all our neighbours, and we need to look out for them, and try to contribute towards a fairer society that protects the weak and the vulnerable. Equally, He would want us to strive for something better. Yes, to get rid of the burdensome restrictions that were invented in a hurry, but to create new rules that increase our well-being. Loving our neighbour means now looking for new opportunities to improve our society.

Take, for example, cash. It is surprising just how quickly most people have adapted to contactless payment, and the benefits that it brings. But whilst we reap those benefits, let us not forget those for whom that is difficult or impossible. And, rather than leave them to flounder, reach out and see whether the methods can be enhanced or people can be helped so as to allow more people to benefit. Similarly, with on-line shopping.

Secondly, in Luke 6:31 and Matthew 7:12, Jesus said ‘Do unto others as you would have done unto you’. One underlying thrust of the current atmosphere is that we should behave, not only to protect ourselves, but also to protect those around us, and in the case of a community borne virus, the whole of our community. This also means that, if we are happy to be reminded of what is the right thing to do, that that might apply to others. We all need help and support to do the right thing. Our Lord provides us that support, and we should feel able to pass that gift on to others. This crisis has required us sometimes to be separate, but that is not the most effective interpretation of our Lord’s command. The new normal should emphasise our working together closely to advance his kingdom here on earth.

But sometimes our neighbours are resistant to change. However, the

use of the term 'new normal' strongly hints that things will have to change. No doubt some of our neighbours will want to help by looking for the opportunities that the new normal generates, and our Lord's command suggests that we should welcome that just as much as we expect them to welcome our ideas. The new normal will be all the better if everyone works towards that better common goal.

The predictions about the new normal will require a lot of work to define and then implement. That should be our mission - to do that implementation with our faith and our Lord's teachings closely beside us.

### ST JAMES IN 1953

**The World:** **Jan:** first meeting of European Coal and Steel Community. **Mar:** Stalin died aged 74; Prokofiev died; Salk vaccine successful in tests against polio. **April:** German Chancellor Adenauer visited New York; Dag Hammarskjold became UN Secretary General. **May:** Everest conquered by Sir Edmund Hillary. **June:** Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II; anti-Communist riots in Berlin; Atomic spies J and E Rosenberg executed in US. **July:** Armistice in Korea. **Sept:** Khrushchev appointed First Secretary; Polish Government arrested Cardinal Wyszynski.

**Also:** Arthur Miller's play '*The Crucible*'; Dylan Thomas' radio play '*Under Milk Wood*'; Fred Zinnemann's film '*From Here to Eternity*'; Ian Fleming's novel '*Casino Royale*'.

Revolutionary Comet jet airliners suffered a series of crashes due to metal fatigue

John Fitzgerald Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier.

Joseph McCarthy was at the height of his anti-Communist powers. The first Soviet hydrogen bomb was exploded.

The double helix structure of DNA was revealed by Crick and Watson.

Lung cancer was for the first time attributed to cigarette smoking. The first human transplant (a kidney from mother to son) was performed in Paris.

### **St James, Stonehaven**

**1<sup>st</sup> Feb** The Rector expressed the Vestry's appreciation and thanks to Mr A Christie for the time and work done in installing the heaters. Also a letter to Mr Knight, 50 High St for his help and to Mrs Dalgarno for the contribution of £70 from the Christmas sale. The Treasurer, Mr George, read a statement of the accounts which showed a deficit of £6-7-11.

**13<sup>th</sup> Feb** The Annual General Meeting was held in the hall at 7.30 pm. There were 31 communicant members present. The Rector pointed out that the December collections were not included in the balance sheet and £19-4-11 had had to be spent on replacing lead stolen from the roof of the church but the two together would have given a working balance. The Free Will Offering had increased by £17-5-11 and there were a total of 120 members in the scheme. He thanked the ladies of the work party who were the mainstay of the church finances for their efforts throughout the year and Mrs Dalgarno, their president, was congratulated. Thanks were also expressed to the ladies who had taken over the cleaning of the church. Mrs Glass was appointed to the Hall Committee. Mr Gammie was appointed Rector's Warden and Mr Dalgarno People's Warden. Major Innes was proposed as Lay Elector, to be confirmed when he returned from holiday. The annual Sale of Work had been arranged at the Town Hall for Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Tea was served and the congregation were shown lantern slides of one of the Foreign Missions.

**15<sup>th</sup> June:** The main business of the meeting was to inspect the exterior of the Rectory the woodwork of which was sorely in need of paint. It was agreed to get an estimate for the work. Mr Main, the joiner would also be contacted for repair to the woodwork, and also Mr Burness about repairs to one of the chimneys. Part of the wall of the church grounds had been damaged. Mr Ross, builder, had been approached and had agreed to repair the wall for the sum of £1. Tea was provided by Mrs Hayes.

**5<sup>th</sup> July** The meeting was called to consider the estimates for painting the Rectory woodwork. These were: Mr Falconer - £39-15/-; Mr J Masson £33-15/- and Messrs D Law & Sons £41-12/-. Mr J Lees

proposed that Mr Masson's offer be accepted but there were no seconders. Mr C McHardy proposed that Messrs D Law & Sons be accepted and this was agreed.

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec** This meeting was called to pass for payment the account for the heaters, accessories etc. This amounted to £284. The treasurer intimated that in order for him to pay this in full it would be necessary for him to borrow the sum of £94. It was proposed by Mr A Christie that this sum be borrowed from the Hall Fund. This was agreed.

(**NB:** This was the year of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II but no mention has been made of this national event. Throughout the UK street parties were being held to celebrate this and even I, a small child incarcerated in a convalescent home on the south coast, went to a party and still have the cup/saucer/plate and spoon given as a commemorative gift. There was no mention of the church contributing to/holding any event, just as there was no mention of the King's death the previous year, or indeed the outbreak of World War II when various arrangements would need to be made. Is there anyone who was around Stonehaven in 1953 who can remember if there were any celebrations for the coronation. - DJF)

Diane

### **Vestry Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (Meeting held by Zoom)**

#### **Matters Arising**

The Quinquennial inspection is still to be arranged.

Due to the present coronavirus restrictions the meeting with Aberdeenshire officials about the White Bridge will be held at a later date.

The bell in the church is now working and the bill has been paid.

#### **Correspondence**

Letter from Andrew Bowie MP thanking the church for all their hard work during this difficult time.

The legacy money from Margaret MacFarlane was received on 5<sup>th</sup> May and has been banked.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Main Account	£43,228.47
Fabric Fund Account	£644.99
Buildings Account	£383.32
St Philip's	£1,035.78

## **Report on St James**

David Fleming said he had prepared the Greeter/Reader rota for the next 6 weeks and the hymn list will shortly be available.

The printed Redemptorist pew sheets are not available at present but we have access to download them. Peter Sharp said that Redemptorist are now offering this facility for £5 per month compared with £13 per month for paper copies. David will advise Peter if we can change to the on-line version.

Jonathan asked that we minute our thanks to everybody who has been involved in looking after the church during lockdown. Thanks to their efforts the church was rapidly reopened for private prayer and the Sunday church service was started as soon as allowed. There was an article in the Press and Journal about our Sunday service.

Slimming World are to start using the church from the middle of August for their meetings. They have completed a risk assessment and have a clear understanding of their responsibilities. David is to have a meeting with them to discuss final details.

## **Hiring of the Hall**

The Guide Leaders are not sure when the Guides and Brownies will be able to return to regular meetings. When they decide to start re-using the hall a risk assessment will have to be completed.

It was noted that the hall will have to be cleaned between lettings, thus incurring additional charges.

David Fleming has been approached by other community groups wanting to use the hall and the suggestion was made that perhaps the Guides and Brownie groups might be meeting on fewer evenings, thus freeing the hall for other possible users.

Peter Sharp is to contact the insurers regarding the church's responsibility should an outbreak of Covid-19 be linked to the hall.

### **Report on St Philip's**

There is a wedding on 8<sup>th</sup> August. The Bishop has given approval for the wedding and David Fleming and Edward Dickens are meeting the bride on 24<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a maximum of 20 guests. The bride and family will clean the church after the service.

David and Diane Fleming visited St Philips last week and brought back all the linen which has now been washed. The Vestry expressed their thanks.

### **Worship**

On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, Rev Canon Jo Morrow will perform the baptism which had to be cancelled on Easter Sunday because of the Covid-19 restrictions.

We are waiting for a date for the Bishop to take a service at St James. There is uncertainty about the Remembrance Day service, which is due to be held at St James this year.

### **Discussions with Bishop Andrew**

A Draft Memorandum of Agreement outlining the terms of co-operation between ourselves and St Ternan's over a proposed Priest in Charge and Transitional Minister was received for discussion.

After some discussion the Vestry felt they could support Option 2 but it was decided to defer any final decision until the next Vestry meeting.

### **Fabric**

**Church:** Work on the gutters has been completed. One of the pew heaters is off its brackets. David is to check.

**Hall:** This has been checked, toilets flushed and water run. The oven has been cleaned and magnetic trap fitted to the boiler system.

**Garden:** This is looking good and thanks were expressed to Ewen.

### **Fund Raising/Social**

Some of the books set out in the Baptistry have been sold.

Anne O'Gorman said that she has £200 to bank for the sales of marmalade, jam and knitwear.

**Date of next meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 via Zoom**

## A new start, a new member

It was fitting that one of the first services we held post-lockdown should be a baptism. As it was also our patronal festival, then it was a double celebration.



We were pleased to welcome back Rev Canon Dr Joe Morrow who kindly agreed to officiate and while Covid restrictions meant some changes in how the baptism was carried out, it did not detract from the importance of the event as we welcomed young Magnus Huthwaite into our church.

In fact, the event was so important that photographs of it appeared on national news websites.

**Photographs  
courtesy of Jane  
Barlow, Press  
Association.**



**Readers, and Greeters,**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Readings</b>
6th September  Trinity 13	Ezekiel 33.7-11 Psalm 119.33-40 Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20
13th September  Trinity 14	Genesis 50.15-21 Psalm 103.[1-7]8-13* Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35
20th September  Trinity 15	Jonah 3.10 - 4.11 Psalm 145.1-8 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16
27th September  Trinity 16	Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32 Psalm 25.1-8 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32
4th October  Trinity 17	Is 5.1-7 Ps 80.7-14 Phil 3.4b-14 Mt 21.33-46

**Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible**

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Lessons 1+2</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Diane Fleming	Peter Sharp	Jon Leslie
Irene Paterson	Peter Fogiel	Edward Dickens
David Fleming	Heather Grant	Jon Leslie
Peter Sharp	Irene Paterson	Anne O’Gorman
Diana Peters	David Fleming	Jon Leslie

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<b>GROUP CONVENORS</b>	
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 September 2020**  
**Reminders will not be sent out.**

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