

**Episcopal Churches of
St. James' Stonehaven.
St. Philip's Catterline.
May 2021**



**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
May 2021**

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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



DIARY NOTES May 2021

Day/Date	Event
2nd May 5th Sunday in Easter	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
9th May 6th Sunday in Easter	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
16th May Sunday after Ascension	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
23rd May Whitsunday	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
30th May Trinity Sunday	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles

From Anne,

Reflection for Whitsun

As we look forward to Whitsun, the country is slowly coming out of lockdown. Although we have not been able to see or meet up with many of our own family we have been able, at a safe distance, to meet our church family in church.

By the time you read this non-essential shops will be open. This should include our charity shops. Far and Wide, although closed as a charity shop since before Christmas, has been providing food and goods from their food bank for those in need. Items for the food bank can be left outside the shop on a Friday morning between 10 am and 12 midday.

The shop when open, is not just a shop to make purchases from, its where people can talk about their problems, pop a note in the prayer box, have a chat or see a friendly face. Sadly, due to covid, in the last year we have been unable to support our charities far and wide. In the past the shop has supported our companion Diocese of Swaziland with monies to purchase seeds and other items.

On the hymn list for Whit Sunday or Pentecost is the hymn:

Come Holy Ghosts our souls inspire.
The third verse says:-
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

These words came from a Latin hymn , Veni, Creator Spiritus,

and have been in continual use since the 9th century.

John Cosin translated the words in the 17th century.

It was first published in his collection of Private Devotions in the Practice of the Ancient Church in 1627.

John Cosin at the time of translating the words was the Rector of Brancepeth in County Durham. He later became the bishop of Durham.

The words were taken from a plainsong prayer that was sung at Whitsun, accompanied by the ringing of bells, the lighting of a candle and the aroma of incense. By the 11th century it was being used regularly in services to ordain priests and consecrate bishops, a practice which continues today.

As priests take their vows to dedicate their lives to God's service, this prayer for God's protection and peace is appropriate.

People often feel that because they have made mistakes in their lives they are not worthy of God's love. If they are not prepared to follow him faithfully why should he bother with us? This prayer recognizes our need for God's guidance. Our hope is that in spite of everything he will still care for us.

John Cosins version was included in the 1662 Prayer Book.

In the reading from Acts it asks that the Holy Spirit revives the church today with the same fire and holy zeal that characterised the early church at Pentecost.

Let us pray that with God's help we can continue to gradually restore some more normality to all nations of the world.

Sadly on the 10th April saw the death of Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh. He was an inspiration to all. As the Queen's husband and family man, he was there as a support to all. She

referred to him as her strength. His work for charities was huge; he will especially be remembered for his work with youngsters through the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The following Prayer of Commemoration for Prince Philip has been prepared on behalf of the Liturgy Committee at the request of The Primus:

Gracious God, giver of all life,
in whom our earthly course finds its fulfilment:
we give you thanks for the life of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,
for his service to this nation, the Commonwealth, and humanity,
in war and in peace,
in the pursuit of knowledge,
and in his example of reverence for your creation.
We give thanks for the encouragement he offered to the young,
and for his faithful support for Elizabeth our Queen.
We pray that, as you receive him into your presence,
his family and all who mourn may know your comfort
in the assurance that death is swallowed up in victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God,
now and in eternity.
Amen.

Book Browse.

We are still awaiting decisions as to when we will be able to run another Book Browse. It is also very dependent on getting enough volunteers, and we need new ones, as a number of previous volunteers are no longer available. If you can offer your services, please contact Diane or David Fleming. Meanwhile, there is a selection of books set out in the Baptistry.

Please feel to help yourself and place a suitable donation in the donations box in the Exhibition.

Also, we have started putting some of the rarer books on-line at <https://www.abebooks.com/>. This site specialises in old and/or rare books and is worldwide. Please tell all your friends to have a look there. If they let us know their requirements, discounts could be offered! So far, we have catalogued some 200 books on-line, and more are in the pipeline. We have sold 12 of them, mostly for good prices, grossing £155.00. However, we have had start-up costs, and we have had to pay quite a lot for postage - including to Australia and the United States (twice) - so we are just about breaking even so far. Having just started business in January, these are reasonable first beginnings. If you know of anyone who has old and/or rare books that they can live without, please ask them to get in touch.

David Fleming

Easter daffodils

A huge thank you to Diana and Tony for picking over 150 daffodils, a generous gift from Mr and John Forbes, Kinneff, to decorate the side windows and the tables by the entrance of the church for the Easter Day service. The flowers made an additional warm welcome to the Easter Day service. Thank you to Laura for helping arrange the daffodils.

Val Cadd (Flower Convenor)

Lost and Found



A gentleman's jacket has been found in the corridor of the church.

If anyone recognises it, could they make arrangements for it to be claimed, otherwise we will take it to a charity shop.

David Fleming.

Vestry Meeting (Zoom) Minutes 22nd March 2021

Correspondence

The Bishop's Lent Appeal will be for the DEC Coronavirus Appeal and SAMH.

David reported that Christopher Wardle had died and he had written to his widow expressing our sympathies. He had also clarified that all artefacts except for the 'Moustache Mug' are on permanent loan to St James for the Exhibition. There are also some papers to add to the collection.

Apart from St James no other churches in Stonehaven will be open before Easter. The local churches are producing an on-line video for Maundy Thursday and Arma kindly agreed to make a contribution from St James.

£350 has been donated in memory of Doreen Brankin. Arma

has a further £100. Arma and Anne are to investigate what we can purchase in Doreen's memory.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£53,068.86
Fabric Fund Account	£2,496.43
Buildings Account	£383.32
St Philip's	£1,145.18

The Quota is reduced this year by 18% to £6,200.

Report on St James

David had given a talk (via Zoom) to the Inverbervie Probus Group about the Exhibition.

Report on St Philips

The Catterline Community Church had asked to use St Philip's on Maundy Thursday. This was agreed.

Worship

Anne reported that the service held by the Bishop was good and it was great to see some of the older members attending.

If permission is given to re-open churches it is planned to re-open St James on Palm Sunday. At present there is no priest for Easter Sunday, Arma will be at St Ternan's.

April Services have been organised.

Discussion with Bishop Andrew

At the last Transitional meeting the group looked at possible houses suitable for the Diocese to purchase for a transitional minister. This was short-listed to two – one in Stonehaven and one in Newtonhill. Another property has also come onto the market.

The Bishop and Elliot (his PA) are working on the booklet which

will be ready prior to advertising for a Transitional minister. It seems that Justin Arnott (who was previously interviewed by the group) may have been offered a position in Wales.

David asked about the reason for David Skinner finishing his Transition Ministry with Montrose after only 18 months. This was due to ill health and David wondered if the demands of the post had been too great. He said it would be useful to learn from Montrose's experience and Peter agreed to raise this at the next Transitional meeting.

Fabric

Church: Peter said the bill for the organ repairs had been paid. David reported that one note is not working properly and will be looked at. The plaster will be repaired on Wednesday. The slating firm is to look at the roof as well as cleaning the gutters. The cost will be £2,560. The glass doors from the baptistry are sticking and Mel and David are to look at this. The water in the hall and church has been run prior to re-opening.

Fund Raising/Social

David said that 5 books have been sold on-line.

AOCB

Val asked if we would be happy for artificial flowers to be used at Easter. This was agreed.

David will send emails and letters to church members with the date for church services re-starting.

Next Meeting: Monday 19th April (via Zoom)

St James in 1959

The World: **Jan:** Fidel Castro proclaimed new government in Cuba; rioting in Belgian Congo; General de Gaulle president of France; Cecil B de Mille died. **Feb:** **Swiss referendum turned down votes for women; Buddy Holly died; European Court of Human Rights had first meeting; state of emergency in S Rhodesia. **March:** Archbishop Makarios returned to Cyprus; Dalai Lama fled to India; Hawaii became 50th state of US; Raymond Chandler died; 2 monkeys returned alive from space trip. **April:** death of architect Frank Lloyd Wright. **May:** UK protested to Iceland re violence in cod war. **June:** De Valera became President of Eire; Queen opened St Lawrence seaway in Canada. **Sept:** Khrushchev addressed United Nations on disarmament; UN refused to admit Communist China. **Nov:** UN condemned apartheid and racism; 7 nations signed European Free Trade Association pact. **Dec:** Makarios elected first President of Cyprus.

Also: Tony Richardson's film '*Look Back in Anger*'; Carol Reed's film '*Our Man in Havana*'; William Wyler's film '*Ben Hur*'; film version of George Gershwin's '*Porgy and Bess*'; Death of artist Sir Stanley Spencer.
D H Lawrence's '*Lady Chatterley's Lover*' unsuccessfully prosecuted on obscenity charge.
Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum opened in New York.

**Swiss women did not get the vote until 1971

Stonehaven

25th Jan 1959: There was a credit balance of £67-4s-1d in the accounts. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr Main, Cowie to have the position clarified regarding his duties to the Vestry. A letter of thanks was to be sent to Mr John Lees who, because of ill health, found it necessary to resign from the

Vestry.

27th Jan 1959 – AGM. This was held in the hall. There were 39 communicant members present. The Rector said that, as a result of an appeal for Bishop Graham's 'Waygoing Fund', he was presented with a chalice and paten which was his express wish. A meeting would be held in Dundee in February to elect a new bishop. This year a Missionary Exhibition would be held in St Roque's Halls, Dundee on 10th June. There was a slight increase in communions – a total of 2571 over the year. The clerestory windows had been double glazed and materials had been procured for double glazing the Sanctuary windows. The amplifying system had proved a great benefit and the new carpeting had improved the look of the interior of the church. The Sale of Work would take place in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 5th August. Mr E Barclay was appointed to the Vestry in place of Mr John Lees. Mr A Christie, on behalf of the Vestry, thanked Mrs Hayes for her services so willingly given at all times and on behalf of the congregation presented her with an electric percolator. Tea was then served by the ladies of the Work Party.

11th Oct 1959: As the front door of Church House was sorely in need of repair an estimate was received from Messrs A Shepherd & Sons for a new door. The estimate of £14-8s was accepted. A discussion arose regarding the rain pipes in the roof of the church and it was thought that, if they were removed, it would help a great deal towards solving the problem of leaks. It was agreed to have them removed when the gutters were cleaned out by way of experiment. The Rector hoped that all present would attend a meeting on 3rd November to be held in the Hall in company with representatives of other charges in the Diocese to discuss 'Christian Giving'.

3rd Nov 1959: Meeting held at the conclusion of the meeting with representatives of other charges. It was proposed to lay a concrete path from the door of the church to the gate, 6' in width. The secretary was instructed to contact Messrs

W B Malcolm & Sons for an estimate and this amounted to £28-16s. Mr J Emslie proposed that a decision be delayed until a further estimate had been received. This was agreed and the secretary was asked to contact Messrs J A Adamson for a price. **15th Nov 1959:** A discussion arose about the state of the roof. The inclement weather of the last week had shown up a few weak spots and it was finally agreed to consult Mr Malcolm, Slater, and discuss with him the way to overcome this serious problem and the cost.

The Rector intimated that he had received a letter from Mr Bisset of Conon, McRobert and Bisset, Solicitors, informing him that the late Miss Paterson, who resided at the Braemar Hotel, had left a legacy of £50 to St James. It was agreed to invest this legacy and to minute the Vestry's appreciation. The treasurer was given permission to remit the following: Clergy Fund £12, Widows and Orphans 2 guineas, Education Fund 1 guinea. Mr Adamson's quote for the concrete path was £25. There was a difference of opinion over this matter and it was decided to delay the concrete path until an estimate had been received for the roof repairs.

30th Nov 1959: Mr J Emslie reported that he had consulted Mr W Christie, plumber, and he had submitted an estimate of £44-18s-5d for the roof repairs. After some discussion it was agreed that this be accepted. It was also agreed that Mr Christie be asked to investigate the drainage system at the bottom of the pipes. A discussion arose regarding the heating of the main body of the church. The Rector thought it important that something should be done to augment what we have at present. It was agreed that a further 10 x 12 foot heating pipes, costing approximately £60, be installed. It was also agreed that some form of heating to the Choir Vestry be supplied.

Diane

Transition Ministry

The advert for the post will go into the Church Times on 23rd April. We must hope and pray for suitable candidates to apply.

The diocese are actively looking to purchase a property in the area to be the rectory for the new minister. This is quite a challenging task as such a property must have at least 4 bedrooms and a study as well as 2 public rooms. If any member of the congregation becomes aware of a suitable property that is about to come onto the market then let either myself or Anne know.

The bishop is planning to hold a meeting with the two vestries to discuss any outstanding issues.

Peter

Church Humour - with thanks to Diana Peters

- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement noon Friday at 7PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
- Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
2nd May 5th Sunday in Easter	Acts 8.26-40 Ps 22.24-30 1 Jn 4.7-21 Jn 15.1-8
9th May 6th Sunday in Easter	Acts 10.44-48 Ps 98 1 Jn 5.1-6 Jn 15.9-17
16th May Sunday after Ascension	Acts 10.44-48 Ps 98 1 Jn 5.1-6 Jn 15.9-17
23rd May Whitsunday	Acts 2.1-21 or Ezek 37.1-14 Ps 104.25-35,37 Ro 8.22-27 or Acts 2.1-21 Jn 15.26-27;16.4b-15
30th May Trinity Sunday	Is 6.1-8 Ps 29 Ro 8.12-17 Jn 3.1-17
6th June 1st Sunday in Trinity	TBA

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	Lessons 1+2	Gospel
Peter Sharp	Diana Peters	Crucifer or Celebrant
Paula Fogiel	David Fleming	Crucifer or Celebrant
Heather Grant	Peter Fogiel	Crucifer or Celebrant
Diane Fleming	Irene Paterson	Crucifer or Celebrant
Diana Peters	Peter Sharp	Crucifer or Celebrant
TBA	TBA	TBA

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline
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GROUP CONVENORS

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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 June Newsletter is Sunday 23rd May 2021

Reminders will not be sent out.

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