

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



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

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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



DIARY NOTES June 2021

| Day/Date | Event |
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| 6th June 1st Sunday after Trinity | 10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman |
| 13th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity | 10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles |
| 20th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity | 10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman |
| 27th June 4th Sunday after Trinity | 10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles |

From Arma,

Much of lockdown was tedious. Our way of life completely changed. New or different sets of rules had to be observed and, worst of all, almost all human contact gone. It was brought home to me tearfully when my daughter Mary, being well looked after in a care home in Stonehaven, said to me “Mummy, can you just touch my hand.” I visited both Matthew and Mary every Saturday but had no physical contact for over a year!

Another thing about lockdown – the loss of “ritual” leaves us naked in our “rites of passage”. The ritual of Sunday services and the ritual of following, as best we can, the church year. Of all the services conducted in St James the one which means a great deal to me is the service we used to have once a month – the Healing Service followed by Holy Communion. A short service, occasionally with a couple of hymns, was attended by a small, but faithful, congregation.

The main part of the service was the laying on of hands and the anointing by Holy Oil, always a solemn and moving part of the service. The Bible is full of blessings, they are seen as a communication of life from God. The laying on of hands, as we do at a healing service, is a blessing. When one is in sorrow or pain, touch can become the silent language that says everything; it travels deeper than words can.

We believe that God loves us and wants the very best for us, but we also know that suffering of all kinds are conditions from which we cannot escape. His resurrection in the power of the Holy Spirit gives us hope that we might have a foretaste of His Kingdom here and now and that, through the church’s ministry, we shall receive His love, strength, and healing touch.

The healing ministry is for everyone – we all need healing in

some way. Through the healing ministry Jesus Christ meets us at our point of need.

Diamond Celebration

On Saturday 27th May 1961 Stella (née Harrison) and William (always known as Bill) Wilson were married in St James'. On Thursday 27th May 2021 they celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary and the vestry is leading the congratulations to them both.

Stella and Bill have supported everybody and everything in the church all their married life and we send them our love and very best wishes on their special Diamond Anniversary.

Thank you everyone, Val

And to celebrate the event, Arma has composed a poem.

For Stella and Bill Your Diamond Wedding Day

A greeting, right, sincere and true,
In writing down, just for you two.
On this your Diamond Wedding Day -
Let love and joy still come your way.

Aye sixty years you've been together,
A worthy father - a caring mother,
You've had your up, and had your "doons"
Fine children too - what a boon!

I'm sure you have memories sweet
Some made you laugh - some made you "greet",

Through thick and thin you've pulled together
As a loving couple, that's what you'll treasure!

So, to-day, we trust you'll celebrate,
This extra special -
Wedding Date

Arma
May 2021

Minutes of Vestry Zoom Meeting 19th April 2021

Matters Arising

A new altar cloth is to be purchased at a cost of £138 in memory of Doreen Brankin.

Easter flowers were provided by Tony and Diana Peters, Val and Laura decorated the windows. The Vestry thanked them for their work.

Correspondence

Catterline Community Church have requested the use of St Philip's on the first and third Wednesday, and the third Sunday each month. This was agreed.

Treasurer's Report

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| Main Account: | £50,945.02 |
| Fabric Fund Account: | £1,983.76 |
| Building Account: | £276.14 |
| St Philip's: | £1,128.45 |

Report on St James

David Fleming had prepared a list of tasks he carries out for St James and feels that he is becoming overwhelmed. He is look-

ing for other volunteers to share or take over some the tasks. Peter offered to help with the tasks connected with the various apps.

There have been three offers to help with the Book Browse and David suggested that we need to find out the congregation's skill sets and talk to them about helping or doing some of the tasks on his list. It was also suggested that we held a congregational zoom skills meeting.

Anne suggested we have a deputy Property Convenor.

Arma said that she would take over the task of laundering the altar linen, this was previously done by Doreen Brankin.

David said he was trying to find the owner of a jacket left in church. It was agreed to put a notice in the newsletter.

Worship

The services for May had been covered. Edward is to speak to Joe Morrow about any further service he may be able to take.

Discussion with Bishop Andrew

The advertisement for a Transitional Minister for St James and St Ternan's will go live this week. We are awaiting the profile of the two churches for final scrutiny prior to publication.

The Diocesan Secretary and Rev Fay Lamont, as Building Convenor, are looking to purchase a house for the minister.

David had circulated an article on Transitional Ministry called Seven Keys to a Smooth Transition. Some of the content had been covered by the Place of Hope sessions.

Fabric

Church: Slimming World returns to using the church on 26th April

Hall: The dance school will not be returning as they now

have their own premises. Children's groups can meet again from Monday and adult groups in three weeks' time. Uniformed organisations will not meet until September at the earliest. The Judo group is using the church grounds and will give a donation for this. There have been further enquiries about using the hall. **Rectory:** Problems with the boiler have been fixed. We have a contract with British Gas.

Fund Raising/Social

David said he has catalogued 179 books, 12 books have been sold online for a total of £205.

Next Meeting: 24th May via Zoom

St James in 1960

The World: **Jan:** work began on Aswan Dam, revolt in Algeria. **Feb:** Martin Luther King arrested. **March:** Agadir, Morocco devastated by earthquake, British Government scrapped Blue Streak missile project, state of emergency in S Africa after Sharpeville massacre. **April:** S African govt banned ANC and Pan-African Congress. **May:** US U-2 aircraft shot down by USSR, Brezhnev became USSR President, Israelis arrested former Gestapo chief Eichmann, Boris Pasternak died. **June:** Lumumba became first Prime Minister of Congo. **July:** USSR shot down US aircraft, Belgium sent troops to Congo, U-2 pilot Gary Powers indicted as spy by USSR, Malcolm Campbell's *Bluebird* had first UK test. **Aug:** Cyprus gained independence under Makarios, 2 dogs returned to earth from Soviet space trip, Olympic games opened in Rome, East Germans closed border with West Berlin. **Oct:** S African referendum favoured Republic, US imposed embargo on shipments to Cuba. **Nov:** John F Kennedy elected US President.

Also: Hitchcock's film '*Psycho*'; Fellini's film '*La Dolce Vita*'; Robert Bolt's play '*A Man for All Seasons*'; Lionel Bart's musical

'Oliver'.

Prince Andrew was born, Princess Margaret married Anthony Armstrong-Jones. Author Albert Camus killed in road accident. Lasers were first demonstrated and the first weather satellite, Tiros, launched at Cape Canaveral. Quasars were first identified. OPEC was formed. Mrs Bandaranaike (Ceylon) became first female head of state.

British conscription into the armed forces was abolished.

Prime Minister Harold MacMillan declared "a wind of change" was blowing through Africa.

Stonehaven

24th January 1960: The Rector presented the balance sheet showing a credit balance of £82-2-11. Mr R Taylor's term of office on the Vestry had ended and he no longer wished to continue on the Vestry.

26th January 1960: The Annual General Meeting was held in the hall. 46 communicants were present. The Rector welcomed all present especially the number of young people who had taken the trouble to attend. The meeting stood in silence as the Rector read out the names of members who had died since the last meeting. There had been an increase in the number of communions made and attendances throughout the year. He paid tribute to the churchwardens and vestry and to the help from the ladies of the Work Party in boosting the finances and enabling the church to meet its liabilities. There had been a slight drop in giving to the Free Will Offering but an increase in ordinary cash collection. The Rector pointed out that several members had taken Free Will Offering Booklets but failed in their obligation to put anything into them. As the booklets cost 1/4¹/₂d each this was a loss to the church apart from the moral obligation entailed because as Christians we have a duty in the matter of supporting the church's work. It is a duty enjoined on us by Holy Scripture. A few years ago

the church recommended everyone to give sixpence in the pound of earned income as their contribution. Some did this but some jogged along doing very little about facing up to their responsibilities.

The Rector was pleased to note that the new pathway to the church door had been welcomed by many, as had the light above the door. Thanks were given to the many donors to this work. Mr J Gammie was reappointed as Rector's Warden, Mr J Dalgarno was re-elected as People's Warden. Mr A Reid was appointed to fill Mr Taylor's place on the Vestry. Tea was served by the ladies of the Work Party and coloured slides of the church and surrounding beauty spots were shown.

Diane

Transition Ministry

The advert for the post of transition minister for St James' and St Ternan's was placed in the Church Times on 23rd April with a closing date of 28th May. At the time of writing this article (26th May) we have had 3 expressions of interest. One potential applicant has since obtained a post elsewhere, one has put in an application and we are still waiting to hear from the third. We have no information about the likely suitability of applicants at this stage.

The diocese has had its offer for a property for the rectory of the new minister accepted. It is at 3 Martin Place, Stonehaven. The purchase will be completed on 14th June. The arrangement is that the diocese owns the property. It will not charge us any rent, but we will be responsible for maintenance of the property. That arrangement should save us a significant amount of money.

Peter

Readers, and Greeters,

| Date | Readings |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 6th June 1st Sunday in Trinity | Gen 3.8-15 Ps 130 2 C 4.13-5.1 Mk 3.20-35 |
| 13th June 2nd Sunday in Trinity | Ezek 17.22-24 Ps 92.1-4,11-14 2 C 5.6-10(11-13)14-17 Mk 4.26-34 |
| 20th June 3rd Sunday in Trinity | Job 38.1-11 Ps 107.1-3,23-32 2 C 6.1-13 Mk 4.35-41 |
| 27th June 4th Sunday in Trinity | Wis 1.13-15;2.23-24 Ps 30 or Cant. Lam 3.22-33 2 C 8.7-15 Mk 5.21-43 |
| 4th July 5th Sunday in Trinity | Ezek 2.1-5 Ps 123 2 C 12.2-10 Mk 6.1-13 |

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

| Greeter | Lessons 1+2 | Gospel |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| David Fleming | Peter Fogiel | Crucifer or Celebrant |
| Irene Paterson | Val Cadd | Crucifer or Celebrant |
| Heather Grant | Peter Sharp | Crucifer or Celebrant |
| Diane Fleming | Irene Paterson | Crucifer or Celebrant |
| Diana Peters | David Fleming | Crucifer or Celebrant |

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 July Newsletter is Sunday 20th June 2021

Reminders will not be sent out.

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