

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



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

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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



DIARY NOTES August 2021

Day/Date	Event
1st August 9th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
8th August 10th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
15th August 11th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
22nd August 12th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Communion Revd. Denise Herbert
29th August 13th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles

From David,

As I am writing this on the train returning from a lovely six-day visit to my daughter, Alexa, her husband, Russell, and my three-year-old grandson Max in London, I am reflecting on the changing roles of grandparents.

I knew all four of my grandparents. Granny Fleming (who rejoiced in the lovely alliteration of Fanny Florence Fleming!) died when I was at University. She did not see the world in which married women are expected to work full-time, to bring up children at the same time. She did not see the world in which having a take-away was considered totally socially acceptable (apart from the obligatory fish and chips on a Friday). She did not see a world in which few children have much experience of church or religion. She would have been surprised that child-rearing knowledge came from books and social media, rather than her.

Grandparents normally lived in the same house or close by. They didn't have to travel great distances. They were part of the family, and passed on their wisdom – and their religion - in day-to-day activities. We all went to church on Sundays because that was the only thing to do – no shops, no football allowed, no cinemas, no TV. I didn't think Sundays were any less enjoyable because of the limitations on our activities.

How different our relationship with the grandchildren is nowadays. Often having to travel long distances. Often needing to make special arrangements to stay overnight. Often having to fit in with modern nursery routines, and follow strange fashions in food. Much contact by Zoom or Facetime, but infrequent physical contact. One surmises that this huge change in social norms and living arrangements is not the first and will not be the last. And, if society has changed like many times in the past, has the church? The historical answer is quite clearly "Yes". In previous centuries, services, although rigidly adhering to the Book of Common Prayer, were much longer - (Matins, followed by the Litany, followed by the ante-Communion, lasting probably three hours). Very little for the congregation to do. Things changed in the

middle of the 18th century with the Oxford movement, then again in the 1920s with re-examination of the Prayer Book, and then in the 1980s with the modern text and the emphasis on Communion.

Perhaps, like grandparents, the church needs to observe the generations around it, and think again about what we offer all the other people in the community. However, there is a baby and bathwater syndrome here to be wary of. A good deal of what we do in church has a very specific meaning and these specific acts (or ceremonies or devotions, call them what you will) often create an unseen addition and spirituality to our worship.

Today, in 2021, our pattern of worship has been severely tested in the pandemic circumstances. The question we should reflect on now that the pandemic is on its way out is, "What are we going to do here in Stonehaven, and across the Scottish Episcopal Church, to re-invigorate our own faith?". How will we inspire the faith in others? How can we awaken the faith in the many out there who, as was put to me a few weeks ago, "are anxious about coming into the church"? What an indictment.

It is our job to understand our own faith, identify its key ingredients and actions, and then to do what we can to broadcast that faith to all and sundry. Grandparents have had in some ways to adapt their behaviour, their language and their attitudes to ensure that they are still loved and respected by their grandchildren. Can we, grandparents in the church, emulate that same change? What can and should St James do differently to regain the respect, the involvement and the enjoyment of more of the younger people of Stonehaven? Do we know what help they need, what they want, and can we, as members of St James, be in a position to provide some of it?

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children Proverbs 13:22

Transitional Minister

We are making steady progress towards the appointment of a transi-

tion minister. As I reported in the last newsletter, following a Zoom interview by the two vestries a candidate was to be invited to visit Stonehaven and Muchalls. The date for this has been fixed for 10th August. The applicant and spouse will spend a couple of days in the area. During that time they will be shown around the neighbourhood, the two churches and the new rectory. On 10th August Mary will lead a service of the Holy Eucharist in St Ternan's which will be attended by the two vestries and the bishop.

Following the service, the vestries will meet and a decision will be taken on whether to offer her the post. So by the time of the next newsletter we should know whether or not we are likely to have a transitional minister in post by the end of the year.

Please pray for all those involved in this important task.

Peter

Minutes of Vestry Meeting 29th June 2021 (via Zoom)

Matters Arising

The altar cloth in memory of Doreen Brankin has been ordered. The total cost is £180.

Peter thanked Arma and Anne for presenting flowers and a plant to Stella and Bill Wilson for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Peter has received a thank you letter from Louise, which he will put in the Newsletter.

David has received notice that Abbeyfield are arranging a meeting with their contractor and he has asked to attend this meeting. There has been no further mention of erecting a fence and gate between Abbeyfield and the Church.

Correspondence

An email had been received from David Smail saying that when he arrived in church on Monday to practice his cello he found Slimming World were using the church. Peter will write to David explaining that they have used the church for many months from 2 pm. This had

been announced in the Newsletter at the time and they pay a fee for using the church. Slimming World are happy for visitors to come in for private prayer and to look round. The Lady Chapel is available for private prayer. A note will be put in the pew sheet reminding people of this arrangement.

David Fleming said a quartet play on a Thursday evening but that is when the church is closed.

Anne asked if Rosie could come into the church and play the organ or piano and this was agreed.

Peter has received a thank you letter and a cheque for £200 from the Catterline Community Church for the use of St Philip's. During the summer months they will only use St Philip's for one Sunday a month.

David said that Jim Lees from Aberdeen has moved house and hopes to visit St James soon.

It has been agreed to take part in Aberdeenshire Open Doors, as last year this will be done digitally.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account:	£50,863.50
Fabric Fund Account:	£2,645.06
Buildings Account:	£276.14
St Philip's:	£1,037.83

Report on St James

It was agreed the next Vestry meeting would be via Zoom.

Worship

Bishop Andrew will celebrate on 25th July for our patronal festival. The baptism performed by Jo Morrow went well. The family was initially apprehensive about a church service. It was decided to sit the family in the middle pews so that regular church members were in front and behind to give guidance, if necessary, throughout the service. This proved very successful and it was decided by Vestry to follow this pattern for future baptisms.

Discussion with Bishop Andrew

The interview for the Transitional Minister has taken place and the next step is for the applicant to preach in either St James or St Ternan's.

The church now has the keys to the new rectory. Representatives from the Diocese, St James and St Ternan's have visited the house. David has a list of jobs which need to be done and who will complete them. Ewen is looking after the garden. Most of the work will be paid for by the diocese.

Peter has written to the Bishop enquiring as to who will apply for Council Tax exemption, and pay for gas and electricity while the house is empty.

A contract has still to be drawn up by the diocese as to who has what responsibility for the property.

Fabric

Church: Scaffolding is up for the roof maintenance and repairs. The Quinquennial inspection for all our buildings starts tomorrow (30th June).

Hall: An area of rot has been identified in the hall roof. A contractor has been appointed to deal with it.

Fund Raising/Social

David and Diane reported that book sales online were going well.

AOCB

David reported that he was unsuccessful with his application for a grant from the Ness Energy Project Community Fund.

Next Meeting: 26th July 2021 via Zoom

St James in 1962

The World: **Jan:** EEC agreed Common Agricultural Policy; **Feb:** US exchanged Soviet spy for captured pilot Gary Powers, increased East-West tension in Berlin; **Mar:** UK applied to join European Coal and Steel Community, UK applied to join European Atomic Energy Community; **May:** Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann

hanged in Israel; **June:** European Space Research Organisation formed in Paris; **Jul:** Independence for Algeria proclaimed by France; **Aug:** Jamaica independent within Commonwealth, President de Gaulle escaped assassination attempt, Trinidad and Tobago independent within Commonwealth, demonstrations in West Berlin to mark first anniversary of the Wall; **Sept:** USSR to supply Cuba with weapons, attempts made to block Negro James Meredith's registration at University of Mississippi; **Oct:** Uganda an independent state within Commonwealth, ceasefire in Congo civil war, Kennedy says USSR has missile bases in Cuba, William Vassall (a British Admiralty clerk) sentenced to 18 years for spying for Soviet Union; **Nov:** Kennedy announced dismantling of Cuban missile bases, Eleanor Roosevelt died, negotiations with EEC resumed by UK, U Thant to be UN Secretary-General; **Dec:** Crick and Watson won Nobel Prize for DNA work.

Also: David Lean's film '*Lawrence of Arabia*', Edward Albee's play '*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*', Arnold Wesker's play '*Chips with Everything*', Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn '*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch*'.

Prince Charles arrived at Gordonstoun in April. Colonel John Glenn first American to orbit the Earth.

The satellite Telstar provided live transatlantic TV broadcasts, Mariner 2 completed the first fly past of Venus.

Nelson Mandela was jailed in South Africa for five years.

Professor Niels Bohr, the Danish atomic scientist, died in November. Marilyn Munroe died in August.

Coventry Cathedral consecrated on 25th May. Benjamin Britten composed '*War Requiem*' for opening.

Uncontrolled entry into Britain by citizens of the British Empire and Commonwealth was ended by the Commonwealth Immigration Act.

Stonehaven

23 January 1962: The Christian Stewardship Campaign was again discussed at great length. It was certain that a campaign would have to be conducted and it was agreed to discuss this at the AGM.

The balance sheet for the year ending Nov 1961 showed a credit balance of £107-3s-10d. It was agreed to install a new sink unit in the Rectory kitchen.

1 February 1962: The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall. There were 46 communicant members present. The Rector spoke of the continued increase in attendances and spoke at length on the question of the Christian Stewardship Campaign explaining the methods used in conducting campaigns in other charges. He pointed out that if we employed Fund Raising Directors it would be very expensive and it had been decided to conduct the campaign ourselves. Retiring members of the Vestry, namely D Harrison, E Barclay and R Christie, were re-elected. Mr W Wilson was also elected in place of Mr J Christie who had resigned.

30 April 1962: This was to be the last meeting before launching the Christian Stewardship Campaign and the Rector expressed his thanks to the joint chairmen Mr R Christie and Mr G Leiper, and to the ladies who had agreed to undertake the task of Hostesses. There was a discussion as to whether the usual Annual Sale of Work would be held. In view of the fact that every member of the congregation would have to increase their giving it was agreed not to hold the Sale of Work this year and no other special appeals would be made to the congregation for jumble sales, special collections etc.

Tea was served by Mrs Hays.

Church Notices gone wrong!

- Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me In My Little Bed" accompanied by the rector.
- Thursday at 5 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers, please see the minister in his private study.

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
1st August 9th Sunday in Trinity	Ex 16.2-4,9-15 Ps 78.23-29 Eph 4.1-16 Jn 6.24-35
8th August 10th Sunday in Trinity	1 Kg 19.4-8 Ps 34.1-8 Eph 4.25-5.2 Jn 6.35,41-51
15th August 11th Sunday in Trinity	Pr 9.1-6 Ps 34.9-14 Eph 5.15-20 Jn 6.51-58
22nd August 12th Sunday in Trinity	Jos 24.1-2a,14-18 Ps 34.15-22 Eph 6.10-20 Jn 6.56-69
29th August 13th Sunday in Trinity	Dt 4.1-2, 6-9 Ps 15 Jas 1.17-27 Mk 7.1-8,14-15,21-23
5th September 14th Sunday in Trinity	Is 35.4-7a Ps 146 Jas 2.1-10(11-13)14-17 Mk 7.24-37

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

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

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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 September Newsletter is Sunday 22nd August 2021
Reminders will not be sent out.**

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