

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



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

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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



DIARY NOTES September 2021

Day/Date	Event
5th September 14th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
12th September 15th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
19th September 16th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
26th September 17th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Communion Revd. Canon Fay Lamont

From Anne

We have now entered minus zero of covid regulations. One metre social distancing has gone. In St James all sticky tape has disappeared. Masks are still to be worn in church. Nightclubs and cinemas are open. It is now our responsibility to be careful.

Schools are back after their summer break. I pray that school, for the pupils' sake, can get back to some sort of normality. I wish the pupils good luck for the future.

No Feein' Market, Harbour Festival or Horticultural show again this year. The Book Browse and coffee mornings have had to be cancelled. These were ways of the community visiting St James, or St James being involved in community events and being able to raise some funds at the same time. Marmalade, jam and some books have been sold.

Stonehaven this year entered the Coastal Town in Bloom competition. It was great to see community groups working together. What an amazing job they did, they should all be proud of themselves. The results will be announced in September.

During lockdown I spent many hours in my garden. At the end of last summer my grandson built me a raised bed going right across the back of my garden. This was for growing vegetables in. This year has been an experimental year to see what grows best. I have grown peas, broad and runner beans, courgettes, onions, beetroot, carrots and pumpkins. In the greenhouse were tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers.

I also enjoy putting flowers in the garden and take many cuttings. I get pleasure at watching the birds, butterflies and the bees in and out of the flowers.

This reminds me of the hymn 'All things bright and beautiful.'
The first verse says 'each little flower that opens, each little bird
that sings, he made their glowing colours he made their tiny
wings'. Verse 3 mentions the ripe fruits in the garden.
This year I have picked many pounds of fruit from my garden.

My thoughts then turned to harvest hymns. Recently while
walking in the Dunecht Estate the tractors were out ploughing
in the fields. This reminded me of the hymn 'We Plough the
fields and scatter the good seed on the land. For it is fed and
watered by God's almighty hand.'

A few days later I was walking with my friends in Ury Estate
and the harvesting of crops had just begun. We now wish for
good weather so all the crops can be gathered in as in the hymn
'Come ye thankful people come' says. It says 'all is safely
gathered in ere the winter storms begin'.

While looking at harvest hymns I found this one (559 in our
hymn books)

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
Praise God for the people who gather their yield
The long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
The patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
From market and harbour, the sea and the shore.
Foods packed and transported and gathered and grown
By God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

We need to remember not only the harvest of the land, but also
that of the sea as well.

I would like to finish with verse 3 and the chorus of 'We plough the fields and scatter'.

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And, what thou most desirest
Our humble thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord, for all his love

On the festival of St James we welcomed Bishop Andrew, Mary and the family of Doreen Brankin to church. For many years Doreen did a brilliant job of looking after the altar linen. Bishop Andrew dedicated an altar cloth in memory of Doreen.

Notice of the Harvest service.

The church will celebrate Harvest at the 10 o'clock service on Sunday 3rd October.

The Covid restrictions are easing and following the August vestry meeting it was decided that it would be nice to decorate the windows for harvest with either food donations or flowers or a mixture of both. After the service the food donations will be donated to the Stonehaven 'Far and Wide' food bank.

There will be a sheet for window choice at the back of the church from Sunday 19th September.

If you would like to donate any produce for Harvest, I will be in the church on the morning of Saturday 2nd October from 10 am or please just bring it along on Sunday morning.

Thank you, Val Cadd (Flower Co-ordinator)

Minutes of Vestry Meeting 26th July 2021 (via Zoom)

Matters Arising

The altar cloth purchased in memory of Doreen Brankin has arrived and was dedicated by Bishop Andrew on Sunday, 25th July. Doreen's family was present at the service.

David is to check the CCTV to see who had been playing the organ as the swell box was closed.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account:	£50,789.48
Fabric Fund Account:	£2,683.41
Building Account:	£276.14
St Philip's:	£1,218.89

Report on St James

The Quinquennial inspection report is awaited.

Report on St Philip's

Peter had visited to read the meters. David had removed the Paschal candle stand to treat it for woodworm. The Quinquennial inspection has taken place, the report is awaited. There is a problem with leading to the east windows behind the altar. David is to get a quote for repair, the cost to be met from the Catterline Fund.

Worship

Denise Herbert will be the preacher on 22nd August.

Anne has asked Elliott if it is possible to have details of visiting preachers by the second Wednesday of the month.

Discussion with Bishop Andrew

The vestry discussed the proposed programme for the visit of the applicant for transitional ministry of St James and St Ternan's. Peter will send a copy of this to the Bishop and other members of the Joint Committee for approval.

Fabric

Garden: David proposed a new plan for the churchyard which will not include tarmac to the pathways because of expense. He has met with the flood contractor and the proposed works are to repair the flowerbed edges, repair the concrete ramp to the church hall and hall fire escape, re-aligning the pillars at the church entrance. We need a new fence by the fire escape. David has applied for grants from the Provincial Building Fund and from the flood contractors. The total cost should be under £10,000. Work will start on Thursday to repair the wet rot at the east end of the hall. David has some volunteers to help with some of the work.

Plots have been organised for the ashes of Doreen Brankin and John Winslow to be interred.

The Men's Shed have rescued a font from a church clearance in Garthdee. If permission is granted the font will be placed in the Garden of Rest as a bird bath. A Canon 35 would be required.

Rectory

Work has been taking place on the new rectory. The grass has been cut, an electrical inspection carried out and faults corrected. The bill for this work has gone to the Diocese. There

is joinery work to be completed:

Installing a new door to the toilet lobby

Boxing in pipework round the boiler in the utility room

Easing doors upstairs

The catch on the loft door also needs looking at.

A sketch plan of the layout has been produced for the benefit of applicants for the post of transitional minister.

Fund Raising/Social

41 books have been sold online netting a profit of over £150.

Next Meeting: 16th August via Zoom

Visitors

One of the joys of keeping the church open every day is that a number of people take the trouble to return here to relive the memories of their attendance at St James. A recent visitor was Mrs Margaret McDowall, accompanied by her son, George. Apart from providing yet more information about St James' history, (and checking that the information on the Exhibition web site was correct) she left a letter to everyone.

“ Dear All at St James

I have special memories of St James' Church, the first being of my brother Bill and I sitting together wondering why the service wasn't starting only to be told by Bill that the minister had announced that the Second World War had begun.

My father (in whose memory I gave the lamp above the Lady Chapel Altar) was Treasurer in the late 1930s and 1940s and died in 1944 aged 47 years.

My father suggested that I should offer to play the organ, which I did on certain occasions with my father sitting beside me pulling the

organ stops at the right time. Mr. Lyth was the minister at the time, and he officiated at my father's funeral. My father is now laid to rest in Stonehaven (Fetteresso) cemetery. I come once a year to lay flowers.

Last year I celebrated my 90th birthday, and was surprised to see my family and grandchildren all at St James to celebrate the event. I now have nine great-grandchildren!! I miss coming to Stonehaven as I no longer drive. I still get Christmas and Easter cards from Mrs Anderson who lives at 3 Castle Street. My organ playing days are over. Having played in 23 churches, and at weddings, funerals and crematoriums.

I hope I haven't bored you.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret McDowell (née Adams)

P.S. My 90th birthday was held at the Ship Inn at the harbour, and my grand-daughter sang 'Pie Jesu' in the Church."

NB: While she was in the church, Margaret was persuaded to play the organ again, and she proved that like riding a bicycle, playing the organ is a skill you never forget.

Margaret's family also donated the 'St. James' window, next to the Lady Chapel, and some have their ashes in the Garden of Rest.

David

St James in 1963

The World: **Jan:** Britain's entry to EEC blocked by de Gaulle, French composer Francis Poulenc died. **Feb:** USSR agreed to pull troops out of Cuba, Lord Beveridge founder of Welfare State died. **Mar:** Volcano erupted in Bali killing 11,000. **April:** Black civil rights campaign began in USA, Winston Churchill given honorary US

citizenship, Cuban president Fidel Castro visited USSR. **June:** Pope John XXIII died, USA and USSR agreed on 'hotline' link, France pulled navy out of NATO, President Kennedy visited Macmillan, Russians put first woman in space. **July:** Kim Philby revealed as 'third man', earthquake in Skopje, Yugoslavia. **Aug:** Great Train Robbery - armed gang robbed train netting over £1million, Lord Nuffield, founder of Morris Motors, died, Martin Luther King led 200,000 in demonstration for civil rights. **Sept:** Desegregation riots in Birmingham, Alabama, Channel Tunnel agreed in Anglo-French report. **Oct:** Kennedy signed treaty to limit nuclear tests, Jean Cocteau and Edith Piaf died. **Nov:** President Kennedy assassinated, L H Oswald (accused of killing Kennedy) shot. **Dec:** Linus Pauling won Nobel Peace Prize.

Also

British National Theatre opened, Tony Richardson's film '*Tom Jones*', Mankiewicz's film '*Cleopatra*'.

British immunologists Elizabeth Press and Robert Porter revealed chemical structure of antibodies.

First human lung transplant performed in USA.

On 5th **June** John Profumo resigned from his parliamentary seat and post as Secretary of State for War after admitting his relationship with Christine Keeler. The resulting scandal almost brought down the government.

Stonehaven

14th January: The balance sheet for the year ending 30th November 1962 was presented. There was a credit balance of £303-17s-8d. The Chairman wished that the thanks and appreciation for the cheque received from Mrs Badenach Nicolson for £25 be minuted. The treasurer was given permission to withdraw £250 from the current account and deposit it in the savings account.

There was a discussion about holding a congregational social and it was agreed, subject to the Carron Tea Rooms being available, that this be held on 22nd February.

29th January: The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall. There were 44 communicant members present. The Rector's remarks dealt mainly with the Stewardship Campaign. As it had been so

successful the Rector thanked the congregation and the joint chairmen Mr R Christie and Mr G Leiper. Improvements had been carried out to the Rectory, chiefly redecorating the exterior, and Mr R Christie was thanked for his hard work. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Dalgarno for having completed 30 years as a member of the Vestry. The Magazine balance sheet showed a credit of £31-12s-5d and Miss Green was thanked for her efficient handling of the accounts. Mr J Emslie and Mr A Reid were re-elected to the Vestry. Mr J Davis addressed the meeting about the possibility of forming a youth group. It was agreed that there was a need for this and Mr Davis was thanked for offering his services as leader.

17th February: As St James was now entering Stewardship the Rector asked the Vestry's opinion regarding the removal of the name cards at the ends of the pews. After discussion it was agreed to leave them but to display notices to the effect that all seats were free.

The estimate from Messrs J L Parkinson for the proposed installation of central heating in the Rectory was considered. The Vestry decided to abandon the project. In place of this it was decided to proceed with re-wiring the Rectory and to install 3 storage heaters. Mr J Emslie's estimate for the work, amounting to £148-10s was accepted. Mr Barclay's amendment that the matter should not in the meantime be proceeded with found no seconder and the motion was carried.

28th April: The secretary reported that Mr A Knight had approached him regarding the possibility of obtaining a motor mower for grass cutting. He had also received the resignation of Mr and Mrs Leiper, caretakers of the Church and Hall, giving one month's notice. It was agreed to leave the question of the motor mower until the caretaker's vacancy had been advertised. It was decided to advertise for a married couple in the Press and Journal, Dundee Courier and Mearns Leader. Because of the personal nature of the next business, Mr Gavin Leiper left the room. The secretary read a letter in which Mr Leiper stated that during his 5 years of occupancy of the church house he had expended the sum of £40-19s-6d on alterations and improvements, detailing them in a separate list. After some discussion it was decided to leave the letter until the next meeting.

9th May: Before proceeding to the main business of the meeting - the interview of Mr and Mrs W Adams as prospective caretakers, a letter

was read out from Mr Leiper detailing the monies he had spent on the church house during his tenancy. After a general discussion Mr Dalgarno proposed (seconded by Mr A Christie) that he be given the sum of £20-10s, being half the amount spent. Mr and Mrs Adams were then interviewed. It was felt by some members that before coming to a decision it would be in the best interests of the church to interview Mr and Mrs A Godsman, whose names had been put forward by Mr R Christie. The secretary then read a letter from Mr A Knight, responsible for the upkeep of the church grounds asking for the sum of £4. On a motion of Mr J Emslie it was decided to ignore his claim for expenses and pay him the agreed yearly sum from July – July of £8.

12th May: Mr and Mrs Godsman were interviewed after the morning service. The Rector suggested that in fairness to all concerned voting should be by secret ballot. By a majority decision he declared Mr and Mrs Godsman elected. They accepted the post of caretakers of the church and hall and Mr Godsman undertook responsibility for the grounds.

Diane

Transitional Minister



The vestries and Bishop Andrew are delighted to announce the appointment of the Rev Mary Jepp as the full-time priest in charge and transitional minister for St Ternan's and St James'. Mary is presently associate priest in Petersfield Deanery in the Diocese of Portsmouth, serving the benefices of West Meon and Warnford, of East Meon, and of Langrish. Prior to that, she was the Rector of Holy Trinity Kilmarnock in the Diocese of Glasgow

and Galloway.

Mary is Canadian, as well as having UK citizenship, and has a background in teaching before entering the ministry. She trained on the Eastern Region Ministry Course in the Church of England, then

ministered in the Diocese of Ely. She met her husband, Mike, while he was serving in the RAF in Canada. He is now an undertaker, a calling he will continue in Aberdeenshire. Mary will begin this ministry in mid-November 2021. More details of the licencing services will follow in due course.

Mary writes:

“My mother used to say....'God works in mysterious ways etc. etc.' . Over the past few months those words have reverberated around my head on several occasions as I would say that this time last year, the notion that Mike and I would once again have the boxes out and we would be planning a move to Scotland was the farthest thing from our minds. Saying that we are both thrilled at the prospect of moving north to be with you in the near future.

“Mike, who I met when he was serving in the Royal Air Force at RAF Goose Bay in Labrador Canada, and I seem to have moved a great deal throughout our married lives. Where ever we have put down roots I have always sought out a worshipping community, as a result my church experience has ranged from cathedral to heatless, sans electricity churches on the edge of wildernesses. For me, regardless of where we have ended up, it is the relationships that have mattered most, they being our relationships with God, with each other, the communities we live in and the world beyond our church walls.

“Although the press at the moment appears to be full of doom and gloom regarding the future of religion I think we live in very exciting time. Perhaps the phrase 'imagining the future' speaks of what lies ahead. In saying that I am not suggesting that time honoured traditions and expressions of faith should be abandoned but that we should prayerfully consider what God is asking us to do using all that he has given us to experience and spread the message of his love. Recently I came across the phrase that blessings are found when giftings and needs meet...together I hope that we will be able to use our individual gifts to work towards meeting the needs of those we live alongside and in doing this we will be blessed.

“Mike and I are so looking forward to be with you! Every blessing!
Yours in Christ...Mary”

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
5th September 14th Sunday in Trinity	Is 35.4-7a Ps 146 Jas 2.1-10(11-13)14-17 Mk 7.24-37
12th September 15th Sunday in Trinity	Is 50.4-9a Ps 116.1-8 Jas 3.1-12 Mk 8.27-38
19th September 16th Sunday in Trinity	Wis 1.16-2.1,12-22 or Jer 11.18-20 Ps 54 Jas 3.13-4.3, 7-8a Mk 9.30-37
26th September 17th Sunday in Trinity	Nu 11.4-6,10-16, 24-29 Ps 19.7-14 Jas 5.13-20 Mk 9.38-50
3rd October Harvest Festival 18th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 2.18-24 Ps 8 Heb 1.1-4;2.5-12 Mk 10.2-16

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	Lessons 1+2	Gospel
Diana Peters	Irene Paterson	Crucifer or Celebrant
Paula Fogiel	Heather Grant	Crucifer or Celebrant
Peter Fogiel	Val Cadd	Crucifer or Celebrant
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Irene Paterson	Peter Fogiel	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 October Newsletter is Sunday 26th September 2021
Reminders will not be sent out.**

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