

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



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

**Sundays.**

**10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

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



## DIARY NOTES October 2021

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>3rd October 18th Sunday in Trinity Harvest Festival</b>	<b>10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman</b>
<b>10th October 19th Sunday in Trinity</b>	<b>10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles</b>
<b>17th October 20th Sunday in Trinity</b>	<b>10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman</b>
<b>24th October 21st Sunday in Trinity Bible Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion Revd. Michael Turner</b>
<b>31st October 22nd Sunday in Trinity All Saints</b>	<b>10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles</b>

## From Arma

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April here at St James' the Gospel reading was St John Chapter 10 including verses 11-18. The reading was a very familiar one "Jesus the Good Shepherd" where Jesus was quoting from the much-loved twenty-third psalm, which is so familiar to us all, either said or sung as a hymn of affirmation. The tune we are most familiar with is "Crimond" from the Scottish Psalter.

"The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie, in pastures green, he leadeth me the  
quiet waters by"

In these words Jesus was identifying himself with God his father and says that together they care for each one of us, just as a good shepherd knows what makes each sheep in his flock unique and what their personal needs are.

Today's shepherds may lead a very different life to that of the shepherds in the time of Jesus but their care of their flocks is the same these days as in the time of Jesus and the words of the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm mean as much to us today as it did in biblical times.

In my preparation for the address in March of this year I came upon a rewriting of the psalm by a Japanese lady called Toki Miyashima. I know nothing about this lady, but I would like to share her version of the psalm with you all.

I found it very moving, and it has helped me to slow down and take time for prayer.

Psalm 23 from a Japanese translation – Toki Miyashima

### **The Lord is my Pace-setter**

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush.  
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.  
He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.  
He leads me in the ways of efficiency though calmness of mind,  
And his guidance is peace.  
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret for His presence is here.  
His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance.  
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity  
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquillity.  
My cup of joyous energy overflows.  
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours.  
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and dwell in His house for ever.

### **Minutes of Vestry Meeting (Zoom) on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

#### **Matters Arising**

David said the CCTV did not pick up who was playing the organ.

David is awaiting a reply from Douglas Knox regarding the font, which was recovered from a skip and which we would like to place in the Garden of Rest.

## **Correspondence**

An email from Mary and Mike Jepp thanking St James and St Ternan's for making them feel so welcome when they visited. They are thrilled that both churches would welcome Mary as their Transitional Minister.

David has received a thank-you from Margaret McDowall, whose family donated the St James window and red light in the Lady Chapel. She recently visited the church with her son. Peter has received a letter from the gas board to say that, from 6<sup>th</sup> September, they will be renewing gas pipes in Arbuthnott Street. This work is expected to last about 4 weeks.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Main Account:	£51,155.79
Fabric Fund Account	£2,257.22
Building Account:	£729.14
St Philip's	£1,199.88

Peter is still awaiting monies to be transferred from the Mums' and Toddlers' Group.

## **Report on St James**

As there has been an end to social distancing indoors, all sticky tape markers in church have been removed. At St James we will continue to administer communion as we have throughout the pandemic, wine will not be administered at present. This will be discussed when we are allowed to administer wine.

The Bishops' Advisory group are meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August.

There was a discussion on serving coffee after the service - this will be discussed again at the next vestry meeting. Irene will canvass opinion of the congregation.

For meetings in church masks have to be worn, for meetings in the hall or in a house masks are not required. The next vestry meeting will be via Zoom.

The AGM will be in November.

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

We await an estimate for the repair to three east windows behind the altar and the neighbouring plaster.

Thanks were expressed to David for treating the woodworm on the paschal candle stand and a chair. David reported on a meeting with the Catterline Community Church to discuss the use of St Philip's on a more permanent basis. The proposals from the Community Church include

- Taking out a lease for the property
- To use it as a worship and community hub
- Drawing up a business plan
- To remove the pews and altar rail. This would only be permitted if they could be replaced once the lease had expired.
- To develop a parking area at the west end of the property. It was noted that this would need a Canon 35
- To have the option of sub-letting the church.

The church would still be available for St James to use for weddings, funerals, etc. Diocesan lawyers will advise on the lease and a number of issues need to be addressed including who pays for future maintenance and development of a car park. Aberdeenshire Council maintains the churchyard as it contains Commonwealth war memorials.

David also pointed out a tree alongside the path into the church needs some attention.

## **Worship**

Denise Herbert will be preaching on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Dean Fay Lamont on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Arma and David are both away during September.

## **Discussion with Bishop Andrew**

Both vestries of St James and St Ternan's were unanimous in their decision for Mary Jepp to become their Transitional Minister.

We are awaiting dates from Bishop Andrew to inform the congregations and dates of Mary's installation.

## **Fabric**

**Church:** The Quinquennial Report is still awaited. The organ will be tuned shortly.

**Hall:** The east end repair has been completed, the west end one is still to be done. Painting will be completed by volunteers. The hall is now booked out weekdays and weekends. The brownies and guides restart in September and will be paying £15 per hour.

**Garden:** Arma said there have been three interments in the Garden of Remembrance. David has been speaking to the flood contractor. They will repair the ramp outside the hall door, and tidy the garden between St James and Abbeyfield. David is to get quotes to move the gate pillars and repair the fire exit concrete at the rear of the hall. He has applied for funding from the Provincial Fund for these works.

**Rectory:** Electrical repairs to the new rectory have been completed. The joinery has been started and the fire alarms are still to do.

## **Fund Raising/Social**

It is hoped to restart the Book Browse later this year. Because the hall is in use during the weekends it was agreed by the vestry that we could use the church and Baptistery. The church would need to be cleared by Monday lunchtime as Slimming World use the church from 2 pm. The sale of books via Abe Books is going well.

It was agreed not to hold any coffee mornings this year.

## AOCB

David and Arma attended a Zoom meeting about an experimental liturgy for the Season of Creation. Harvest will be the first Sunday in October. Donations of food will go to Far and Wide. Val suggested that windows are decorated with flowers or produce as in previous years. She will put something in the pew sheet.

## Next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> September (via Zoom)

### St James in 1964

**The World:** **Jan** – Alan Ladd died. **Feb** – China challenged USSR as leader of Communist world; Britain and France agreed on Channel Tunnel; Greek and Turkish Cypriots fought at Limassol. **Mar** – Constantine II succeeded Paul I as King of Hellenes. **April** – Greville Wynne arrived back in UK after release from prison in Soviet Union on spying charges; Makarios rejected 1960 Treaty and fighting started in Cyprus; US General Douglas MacArthur died; Ian Smith formed new government in S Rhodesia; Great Train Robbers sentenced in UK; Tanganyika and Zanzibar joined to form Tanzania. **May** – Lady Astor, first British woman MP, died; Indian statesman Pandit Nehru died. **June** – British newspaper tycoon Lord Beaverbrook died; life imprisonment for S African black activist Nelson Mandela. **July** – US Civil Rights Act banned much racial discrimination; Nyasaland, renamed Malawi, gained independence; Winston Churchill's last appearance in Parliament. **Aug** – Ex-President Herbert Hoover died. **Sept** – Malta became independent State in Commonwealth. **Oct** – Harold Wilson elected Prime Minister; 18<sup>th</sup> Olympic Games opened in Tokyo; Martin Luther King awarded Nobel Peace Prize; Cole Porter died; Khrushchev was ousted, Kosygin and Brezhnev took over; Kaunda president of N Rhodesia, renamed Zambia. **Nov** – LB Johnson won US Presidential



election; Belgian troops rescued white hostages in Congo. Dec - Kenya became Republic within Commonwealth; UK parliament voted to end capital punishment.

**Also:** Cacoyannis's film '*Zorba the Greek*'; Stanley Kubrick's film '*Dr Strangelove*'; The Beatles' film '*A Hard Day's Night*'.

Jean-Paul Sartre declined Nobel Prize for Literature. US Naval vessels attacked by N Vietnamese torpedo boats in Gulf of Tonkin. Congress authorised President to use force to defend freedom in SE Asia. Hugh Casson's Elephant House opened at London Zoo. Radio Caroline began broadcasting. BBC2 began transmitting programmes.

### **St James, Stonehaven**

**19<sup>th</sup> January 1964:** The annual statement of accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 1963 was accepted. There was a credit balance of £192-0-8d. It was agreed that the Treasurer could uplift £200 from the current account and put it in the savings account. As the Rector's stipend was due to increase by £100 in the current year it was up to the Vestry to decide whether to meet this increase or apply for a grant towards the £850 now required. It was agreed that the increase would be met by St James.

**28<sup>th</sup> January 1964:** The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall. There were 41 communicant members present. The Rector's remarks dealt with the events of the last year, the highlight of which was the opening of the reconstructed Tolbooth by Her Majesty the Queen Mother. Also mentioned was the Iona Pilgrimage which was deemed a success by all who went. The congregation sent hosts to the youth organisations in the town on Commonwealth Youth Sunday and to the 'Kirkin' of the Council. The Rector also thanked Mr and Mrs Gavin Leiper for their services while they were caretakers and paid tribute to the present caretakers, Mr and Mrs Godsman for the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties. Mr A Christie and Mr G Leiper were re-elected to the Vestry. The Magazine

balance sheet showed a credit of £38-10s-4d and Miss Green was thanked for the efficient way the magazine finances were handled. The Rector intimated that an important announcement was to be made, the nature of which could not be disclosed until after the Diocesan Council meeting in Dundee in February. Tea was served by members of the Ladies' Work Party.

(**NB** Whatever this important pronouncement of the Diocesan Council in February was, it is never mentioned again. There are no more Vestry meetings during 1964, and it is not mentioned in 1965, so it remains a mystery.)

Diane

**Extract of a letter from Jim Lees of Broomhill Park, Aberdeen, after a visit to St James.**

" I was in the choir on the day Britain declared war on Germany. One of the choir, Douglas Boyes, had arranged with his brother to give a signal to the Rector, Revd John Symon, after listening to Neville Chamberlain's broadcast.

Incidentally, another choirboy, James L Masson, and I took Mr Wardle to his digs after choir practice on Saturday night. He used to say, "I'll have some medicine before I go" and produced a bottle from his Gladstone bag. We were old enough to know that it was not syrup of figs. We were each given 1d which we promptly spent on nuts and raisins in a "sweetie shop", Toffee Thompson in Barclay Street."

David

## **Thankyou**

Mel mentioned to me that Jim McIntosh had kindly weeded the Garden of Rest. We are very grateful to Jim and to all who work quietly behind the scenes to keep the church and its grounds beautiful.

Peter

## **Church AGM**

As a charity we are obliged to hold an Annual General Meeting of the congregation each year. Owing to the restrictions brought in for the Covid pandemic we were unable to hold this meeting last year. The bishop agreed that it could be postponed with any urgent decisions being taken by the vestry.

We published all the reports that are normally presented at the meeting in the December issue of the church newsletter.

Now that restrictions on meetings have been relaxed, we are able to hold our AGM this year. It will be held on 7th November immediately after the morning service. The service will be shortened by not having a sermon.

Could those of you who present a report at the meeting let Anne have a copy by 14th October please.

Peter

## **Transitional Minister**

The intention is to licence Mary as the priest in charge of St James' and St Ternan's on 13th November. There will be two

services, one at each church with the timing still to be decided.

Bishop Andrew has provided the following information on the role of a transitional minister.

## **Transitional Ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church**

What is this? It is a long standing American & Church of Scotland approach to help churches find their future and is being developed and rolled out throughout the Scottish Episcopal Church.

It is aimed at helping churches who:

- are vacant – no priest – so an opportunity to try it out
- need to share the cost of paying for a priest
- have uncertainty about their future or have had a troubled/hard end to a previous ministry

Churches work in partnership with the diocese – supported by Diocesan Officers and sometimes financially helped.

The plan is to appoint a shared full-time priest for a fixed term (up to three years, but extendable) to:

Look after the charges as incumbent – either two charges, or a charge and other diocesan duties

Produce firm/agreed proposals for long term future of charges, by exploring the following Focus Areas:

- Heritage: Congregational reviews of ministry and charge life: what has been good and flourished, what has been hard?
- Mission: review of opportunities both in the local contexts: e.g. schools, residential homes, partners, online forms of church (post Covid)
- Connections: geographical, religious, ecumenical

- partnerships that can be deepened and developed
- Leadership: Defining and designing a sustainable ministry team and how this team can be led and operate within the SEC framework of authorised and licensed ministries.
- Future: work to create a context (human and financial) to recruit minister(s) to lead this ministry.

The Priest has special skills/training – training is already available and will be given if they are not already qualified. We have four priests already in the Diocese undergoing this training.

What will you see? The priest would spend 50% of their time for each church. This is weekday time, pastoral work, Sundays etc. The other Sundays would be covered by Lay Readers, other clergy in the Diocese or trained Lay Team members (a course is available for that as well).

There would also be sessions with the congregation and the vestry to work on the Focus Areas above as part of the Transitional Work.

At the end of the project, the Transitional Minister may move on and an incumbent appointed, or the Transitional Minister might wish to change role and become the next incumbent. Either is possible.

### **Church Notices Gone Wrong!**

- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
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
10th October 19th Sunday in Trinity	Am 5.6-7,10-15 Ps 90.12-17 Heb 4.12-16 Mk 10.17-31
17th October 20th Sunday in Trinity	Is 53.4-12 Ps 91.9-16 Heb 5.1-10 Mk 10.35-45
24th October Bible Sunday 21st Sunday in Trinity	Jer 31.7-9 Ps 126 Heb 7.23-38 Mk 10.46-52
31st October All Saints 22nd Sunday in Trinity	Dt 6.1-9 Ps 119.1-8 Heb 9.11-14 Mk 12.28-34

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

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Lessons 1+2</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Irene Paterson	Peter Fogiel	Crucifer or Celebrant
David Fleming	Val Cadd	Crucifer or Celebrant
Diane Fleming	Peter Sharp	Crucifer or Celebrant
Diana Peters	David Fleming	Crucifer or Celebrant
Paula Fogiel	Diane Fleming	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 November Newsletter is Sunday 24th October 2021  
Reminders will not be sent out.**

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