

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



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

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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



DIARY NOTES November 2021

Day/Date	Event
7th November 23rd Sunday in Trinity Church AGM	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
14th November Remembrance Sunday	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
21st November Christ the King	10.00am Holy Eucharist Bishop Andrew
28th November Advent Sunday	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles

From Peter

After what I find to be the interminable procession of Sundays after Trinity, this month we have 3 special Sundays - Remembrance Sunday, Christ the King, and Advent Sunday. Interestingly, two of them are relatively recent additions to the church calendar.

As I'm sure you all know, Remembrance Sunday has its origins in Armistice Day, which was dedicated in Great Britain on Nov. 11, 1919, in commemoration of the peace agreement that ended World War I. King George V requested that the country pause in silence for two minutes in acknowledgment of the war's fatalities. On the outbreak of World War II, it was decided that general celebrations would not be held on November 11 of that year. Instead, the second Sunday in November was observed as a "day of dedication" during the war. After the conclusion of World War II, the government replaced Armistice Day with the new Sunday observance, known as Remembrance Sunday. Now it is not only those involved in the two world wars that are remembered but also those in later conflicts. I was interested to find during the debate leading up to Brexit, that many of my friends in Europe regarded one of the main successes of the EU was the maintaining of peace in Europe. Not something that featured much in the debate in the UK but if you had relatives sent to the gas chambers by the Nazis, as a number of colleagues had, then you are far more conscious of the issue. Indeed, the EU received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2012 for advancing the causes of peace, reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe.

The festival of Christ the King was inaugurated in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. The Bolshevik October Revolution had happened only a few years earlier and fascism and dictatorships posed a serious threat in Europe. So it was primarily intended to counter the claims of secularism by holding up the model of Christ, as King of

the Creation, whose just and gentle rule is supreme.

In 1970, the Roman Catholic Church moved the festival from its late-October date to the last Sunday in the church year: not only was its importance in the calendar increased, but it came to be adopted by non-Roman churches, not least in the Anglican Communion.

The Dutch theologian Henri Nouwen wrote: "on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Christ is presented to us as the mocked King on the Cross as well of the King of the universe. The greatest humiliation and the greatest victory are both shown to us in today's liturgy. It is important to look at this humiliated and victorious Christ before we start the new liturgical year with the celebration of Advent. All through the year we have to stay close to the humiliation as well as to the victory of Christ, because we are called to live both in our own daily lives."

Advent Sunday, of course, celebrates the coming of Christ. One tradition is that it is the day on which you set up your Christmas Tree. That's always seemed rather early for me, not a view shared by many of my neighbours though!

In church we start by lighting the first of the Advent candles. Each candle has a different meaning in Christianity. One suggestion is that:

- The first represents Isaiah and other prophets in the Bible that predicted the coming of Jesus.
- The second represents the Bible.
- The third represents Mary, the mother of Jesus. This candle is often coloured pink.
- The fourth represents John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who told the people in Israel to get ready for Jesus' teaching.

Sometimes there is a fifth candle which is lit on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve. and represents Jesus, the light of the world.

Another interpretation is that the candles symbolise hope, love, joy, and peace.

So, as our thoughts shift towards Advent and the coming of Christ it is helpful to reflect on what the famous German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, said of Advent "The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come."

Remembrance Sunday - 14th November

This year the Stonehaven British Legion have decided that there will NOT be a town parade, and Carronside, together with us, has decided that the service will be at South Church. It will have to have numbers limited, and so the Legion/Carronside will be inviting a couple of representatives from each of the organisations who would normally attend. I suspect that the Carronside service will be followed by the usual short service at the Black Hill memorial.

St James will hold a normal Reserved Sacrament Eucharist at 10:00, which will be concluded by a short ceremony including the two minutes silence.

David

Harvest windows.

Harvest was celebrated on Sunday 3rd October and a huge

effort was made to decorate the church. Thank you Arma, Anne, Pam, Paula, Stella, Heather, Dorothy, David, David and Diane, Sandy and Jane who decorated their window and the chancel steps with flowers, tins and bottles - donations to the Stonehaven food bank and an autumn wreath.

There was a small contribution of fresh produce and this was gratefully received by Abbeyfield. Accompanying the donations to the food bank was some donated money. Thank you to Mr Lees for providing the flowers at the altar.

Val

Vestry Minutes 13th September 2021 (via Zoom)

Matters Arising

David Fleming is still awaiting a reply from Douglas Knox about the font.

Correspondence

An invitation has been received for the Institution of The Rev Jim Benton-Evans as the Rector of St Andrew's Brechin.

Val Cadd has received a cheque from Jim Lees for Harvest flowers. Val will send a thank you letter.

Peter Sharp has received a cheque for £200 from Stephen Brankin as a thank you to Arma for the interment of the ashes of Doreen Brankin, Carol and Fraser. David is to contact Stephen to enquire if the family would like a plaque in their memory.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£51,311.68
Fabric Fund Account	£2,345.65

Buildings Account	£729.14
St Philip's	£1,259.56

Report on St James

The AGM will take place after the Sunday service on 7th November. There will be no sermon on that day. There will be two vacancies which need to be filled, Diane Fleming having completed her 3-year term of office, and the late Jonathan Leslie. David Fleming and Edward Dickens are both happy for their names to be put forward.

A notice will be put up in church 4 weeks before the meeting and announced in church on the previous 2 Sundays. Peter will also put a notice in the October Newsletter.

All reports should be given to Anne by 14th October.

Report on St Philip's

David has been liaising with Chris Rodger about Catterline Community Church leasing St Philip's. The Diocesan solicitors are preparing a draft lease document and the Community Church is completing a business plan. Details include monies and who is responsible for which aspects of maintenance. David has proposed maintenance be broken down as follows:

Tier 1 Operational Utilities - to be paid for by Catterline Community Church (CCC)

Tier 2 Occasional Maintenance - to be paid for by CCC

Tier 3 Routine Maintenance - to be discussed on an ongoing basis between CCC and St James

Tier 4 Unusual Repairs - to be paid for by St James.

Worship

David has spoken to Sarah Smith, the Minister of Carronside,

about Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that if there is a town parade the service will be held in South Church. David is still awaiting confirmation from the British Legion as to whether parades will be allowed.

Dean Fay Lamont will take the service on 29th September and Rev Michael Turner on 24th October.

Discussion with Bishop Andrew

The proposed date for Mary Jepp to start as Transitional Minister for St James and St Ternan's is 13th November. There will be two Licensing Services, one at St James and one at St Ternan's. Possible times for these are 11 am and 3 pm. The Diocesan Council have agreed to pay part of the removal expenses.

Fabric

We are still awaiting the Quinquennial Report.

Garden: Work on replacing the kerbs is continuing.

The Vestry formally approved the application of Canon 35 for the churchyard improvements.

David has applied for grants of £7,000 from the Provincial Fund and £2,000 from the Diocese towards the cost of these improvements.

Rectory: Joinery works in the new Rectory are now complete. A painter has been organised and is aware of the date when work needs to be completed.

Fund Raising/Social

David reported that there are 429 books catalogued on Abe Books. 62 books have been sold (14.4%). The net profit is £245 which is equivalent to £3.95 per book.

Val asked about refreshments for Mary Jepp's Licensing. This will be discussed when the time of the service is confirmed.

David said that the weekend of 18th/19th September was Aberdeenshire Open Doors Weekend.

He also reported that the Art Group hoped to hold an Art Exhibition in the church during October. David explained the arrangements for hanging and displaying the paintings and the Vestry agreed to this in principle.

AOCB

David is on holiday from 18th September to 2nd October and church calls will be diverted to Peter during this time.

Next Meeting: 18th October (via Zoom)

Prayer for the elderly

The following prayer was found in an old hymn book, printed on a leaflet from Guildford Cathedral and dated 1969.

Lord, Thou knowest, better than I know myself, that I am growing older and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody: helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details: give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips from my many aches and pains. They are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint. Some of them are hard to live with: but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Help me to extract all possible fun out of life. There are so many funny things around us and I do not want to miss any of them. Amen.

Diane

St James in 1965

The World: **Jan:** T S Eliot, US poet, died, Lyndon Johnson inaugurated as US President, Winston Churchill died. **Feb:** US bombed N Vietnam, Nat King Cole died, Black Muslim leader Malcolm X shot dead in US. **Mar:** Soviet cosmonaut made first space walk. **April:** US students protested against N Vietnam bombings. **May:** W Germany established relations with Israel. **June:** S Vietnam severed relations with France. **July:** US statesman Adlai Stevenson died. **Aug:** UK White Paper limits Commonwealth immigrants, race riots in Los Angeles, Swiss architect Le Corbusier died. **Oct:** Moors murderers Ian Brady

and Myra Hindley charged, Anti-Vietnam demonstrations in UK and US, Harold Wilson went to Rhodesia for talks with Ian Smith. **Nov:** Death penalty abolished in Britain, Rhodesian unilateral declaration of independence, Muhammed Ali defeated Floyd Paterson. **Dec:** British novelist Somerset Maugham died, De Gaulle re-elected President in France, N Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh rejected US peace talks. **Also:** MBE for Beatles in Queen's Birthday Honours; musical '*The Sound of Music*'; David Lean's film '*Dr Zhivago*'; John Le Carré's book and film '*The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*'. Mao Tse Tung's Cultural Revolution began in China and '*The Thoughts of Chairman Mao*' published. Mary Quant introduced the mini-skirt.

Stonehaven

21st January 1965: The accounts for the year ending November 1964 were presented. There was a credit balance of £115-17s-6d. After some discussion these were accepted. Tea was served by Mrs Hayes.

26th January 1965: The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall at 7.30 pm. There were 36 communicant members present. It was proposed by Capt J Christie, seconded by Mrs Reid that the accounts be accepted. It was agreed that Mr Grant be appointed Lay Representative and Mr J Dalgarno People's Warden. The Secretary was asked to convey the congregation's best wishes to Mr Dalgarno for a speedy recovery. Mr D Harrison, Mr W Wilson, Mr R Christie and Mr Barclay were all re-elected to the Vestry. The Rector's remarks dealt mainly with the improvements carried out in the past year. Four new sets of vestments had been procured, a new hymn board for the Chancel, and an additional load of granite chips meant that the covering of the ground surrounding the Church had now been

completed. The Rector also thanked Mr and Mrs Godsman for their many hours of labour devoted to the Church and grounds. Tea was served by the ladies after which Capt Christie entertained the company by a show of pictures taken on his voyages.

19th December 1965: An Extraordinary Vestry meeting was held at 7.30 pm. It was agreed to co-opt Mr R Christie to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr Barclay. The meeting was called to consider an offer made by Mr G B Dewar of Invercarron (Stonehaven) Ltd to purchase the vacant piece of land adjoining the Church for the sum of £200 plus the building of a divisional wall. Responsibility for the upkeep being solely his, also the £5 feu duty would be waived. After discussion during which several members gave their views it was proposed by Mr D Harrison and seconded by Mr J Gammie that an independent valuation should be taken. This was agreed unanimously.

Diane

St James' and St Philip's AGM

As a charity, the church is required to hold a meeting of its congregation each year. Owing to the Covid pandemic, we were unable to hold the usual AGM last year but reports on the various activities of the church were published in the newsletter. This year we will hold a Covid-secure AGM in the hall after the service on 7th November. We will serve tea and coffee before the meeting partly as a trial to see if we can reintroduce it after services.

The AGM is an opportunity for members of the congregation to hear what the church has been doing during the past year and ask questions. As usual, there will be a series of reports from

different groups. The vestry will also present the accounts for the past year for the congregation to see.

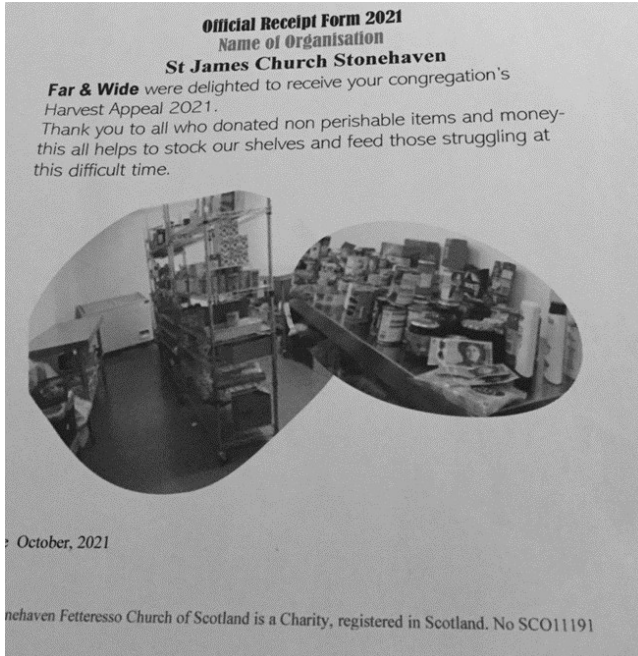
There will be significant changes in the coming year with the arrival of a transitional minister and plans to lease St Philip's to the Catterline Community Church. So please do take the opportunity to attend.

Peter

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to all who contributed produce and money to the harvest celebration. These offerings were donated to Far and Wide for their food bank.

Anne



Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
7th November 23rd Sunday in Trinity	1 Kg 17.8-16 Ps 146 Heb 9.24-28 Mk 12.38-44
14th November Remembrance Sunday	Dan 12.1-3 Ps 16 Heb 10.11-14(15-18)19-25 Mk 13.1-8
21st November Christ the King	Dan 7.9-10,13-14 Ps 93 Rev 1.4b-8 Jn 18.33-37
28th November Advent Sunday	Jer 33.14-16 Ps 25.1-9 1 Th 3.9-13 Lk 21.25-36
5th December 2nd Sunday in Advent	Bar 5.1-9 or Mal 3.1-4 Canticle: Lk 1.68-79 Phil 1.3-11 Lk 3.1-6

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

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

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline
 Interim Rector. Bishop Andrew.
 Vestry Secretary: Anne O'Gorman.
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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 December Newsletter is Sunday 21st November 2021
 Reminders will not be sent out.**

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