

**Episcopal Churches of
St. James' Stonehaven.
St. Philip's Catterline.
April 2022**



**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
April 2022**

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday.

7.00pm Compline

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



DIARY NOTES April 2022

Day/Date	Event
3rd April 5th Sunday in Lent Passion Sunday	10.00am Said Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp 11.00 am Handover service at St Philip's, Catterline with Catterline Community Church
5th April Lent Course 5	10.00am Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study. Rev. Mary Jepp
10th April 6th Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
Wednesday 13 th April	7.00 pm Holy Week service at St Bridget's.
Thursday 14 th April Maundy Thursday	7.00 pm Holy Week Communion at St Bridget's, followed by Stripping of the St James altar
Friday 15 th April Good Friday	2.00 pm Good Friday Meditation concluding with Holy Communion. Rev. Mary Jepp. 7.00 pm Holy Week Service at St Bridget's.
Saturday 16 th April Holy Saturday	8.00 pm Easter Vigil. Rev. Mary Jepp.
Sunday 17th April Easter Sunday	8.00 am Harbour Service 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev. Mary Jepp
Sunday 24th April 2nd Sunday in Easter	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles

From Mary,

What a glorious day! The days are much longer as we edge towards April and there seems to be a good deal of warmth in the sun, and so our gardens beckon to many of us; calling us to step away from the routines of winter and to go and have a bit of a prune and a dig! Praise God! ...if I was my Dad this would have been the beginning of his diary entry for today, having assessed the damage of the winter storms. I think it is interesting that in the simple repeated tasks, tasks which require concentration there is space to lay down the worries of our mad, mad world. Gardening's very nature gives us also the time to relish God in creation.

One of the things I have always been interested in is the origin of plants and the fact that early settlers would take cuttings with them from their homes and carefully transport them to the New World. I know that for many early settlers in Canada the plants they brought with them were a little bit of home, and with the settlers also came the plants' common names. The practice of transporting plants may continue to this day as we move from house to house, although Customs does not permit the transport of plants across borders. I am sure many of you, on moving, have taken a little bit of this or that from your garden. As a child one plant with spotted leaves and pink and blue flowers I loved to see in the early spring was William and Mary, known to many as Pulmonaria. This plant, like many others, has a host of common names including Soldiers and Sailors, Joseph and Mary, Spotted dog, Jerusalem Cowslip and Lungwort....its long list of names indicates that it has grown and been loved in many places. When I first came to the UK in 1981, I found my beloved plant in Mike's grandmother's garden in Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire and so a cutting was taken, that plant has now travelled with me from Lincolnshire, to Oxford-

shire, to 3 gardens in Cambridgeshire, Kilmarnock, Hampshire and now Stonehaven. I had a wee panic earlier this spring as it was a bit late making its appearance and I did wonder if it had survived its winter journey north but thankfully it now is in the process of establishing itself and the first of its flowers are appearing. A little bit of home! And so it is with lupin/bluebonnet, aquilegia/columbine, and cuckoo pint/Jack in the Pulpit, and Rosebay willow herb/fireweed.

Early explorers of our world explored and marvelled at creation and brought specimens back to the mother countries, the splendour of our botanical and even our gardens at home owe them much thanks, if not sometimes a wee bit of fury to the early plant gatherers, just think of the Rhododendrons!

They say of course that " You are nearer God's heart in a garden than any place else in the world". Of course there is the beauty of creation, but perhaps there are other reasons for this saying...perhaps we should consider or contemplate the work of the earlier explorers and settlers, how they carried not only plants but a faith in God to the ends of the earth, to consider their perseverance, their hope and faith. Perhaps we should consider the parable of the sower and as we till the soil to consider how receptive we are to God's word and the faith of our fathers. Perhaps to consider as we do battle with dandelions how one small plant, with its seeds carried on the wind, can spread so widely and ask are we like dandelion seeds, carrying God's word and love into the world.

Happy Gardening....blessing as you enjoy God's creation.

Vestry Minutes 21st February 2022 (via Zoom)

Matters Arising

We are still awaiting a signed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between St James and St Ternan's.

Correspondence

An email was received from the Stonehaven Fair Trade Steering Group regarding the renewal of Stonehaven's Fair Trade status. St James is not a Fair Trade church at present but this may be something for future consideration.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£46,086.37
Fabric Fund Account	£2,108.23
Building Account	£729.14
St Philip's	£1,791.52

There will be a wedding at St James in July. There was a discussion about fees and it was agreed that the initial fee will be £310. Extras, if required, will include organist, verger, flowers and heating.

Report on St James

David has produced a calendar of proposed events. Any additional events can be added to this.

It was decided to offer light refreshments after the joint service with St Ternan's on 29th May.

There was a discussion about the Queen's Jubilee. Some of the suggestions were having a Songs of Praise or Communion Service to include the Queen's favourite hymns and to have a lunch after the service with the congregation bringing food to share. The Social Committee will meet to discuss this.

It was agreed that church publications would in future indicate

that pastoral related calls should be made to the Rectory's phone on 01569 762917. Other calls should be made on 01569 764473 which is directed to David's home number. The congregational list will be updated before the AGM in November.

Report on St Philip's

The lease document between St James and the Catterline Community Church is being finalised. The handover service will take place at St Philip's on Sunday, 3rd April at 11 am. A Canon 35 for the removal of the church pews has been applied for.

There are still some issues regarding the transfer of utilities to the Community Church.

Worship/Priest's Report

Mary recorded thanks from herself and Mike for the welcome they had received. She said the house was great and referred to a book recently purchased called 'The Sense of Belonging'. She will be taking Mondays and Saturdays as her days off each week, and she will be attending a Transitional course on Thursdays beginning at the end of March.

Mary has had meetings with Sarah Smith, Minister of Carron-side. Discussions have taken place on shared ministry, possibly involving healing services or evening prayer. She has also visited Mackie Academy and will revisit after Easter. She has also had a meeting with Jan Horne, the Guide Commissioner, and will visit the Guides and Brownie groups.

Mary suggested we might try specific Communion books for certain services. On Sunday members of the congregation were invited to write down their thoughts on what changes they would like to see at St James. Mary grouped the replies into themes for future discussion.

Fabric

Church: An area of plaster and lath has fallen in the Baptistry. David is awaiting a quote for repairs. The Quinquennial report noted 5 'A' points - ie works requiring immediate attention. These mainly affected the roof. As the inspection took place before the annual maintenance programme of the roof some of these issues have already been attended to. The slaters are due again at the end of May. David is to get a quote for repainting the inside of the church. During the recent power cut the server controlling the heating was affected. This has now been repaired but Vestry should be aware of this for the future.

There was no sign of a water leak in the church office but, with the removal of 2 carpet tiles, the area is drying out. The damp was probably due to water spillage.

The fused lights in the vestry/office have had a temporary repair. Mike has offered to effect a permanent repair.

Hall: The fridge has been repaired. The problem was a broken lead. Jan Horne reported to Mary that it would be good to try and reduce the sound in the hall. This might be achieved by curtains or drapes across the back wall.

Garden: A Canon 35 has been applied for the installation of the font in the Garden of Remembrance. David has suggested planting a hedge between St James and Abbeyfield. The raised concrete areas will be covered with an anti-slip coating. There was a suggestion to plant some trees for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Rectory (Old) The cooker broke down but, as it was under guarantee, has been replaced. David and Peter spoke to the tenants about issues raised in the Quinquennial Report. The tenant was helpful and will comply with the requests made in the report. David will check the premises when he fits the fire alarms.

Fund Raising/Social

Thanks were expressed to all involved in Mary's installation. The Book Browse raised £428 and the hand knits and preserves £131.50.

David reported that 131 books had been sold via Abe. Total sales were £2000 with a net profit of £612.

The Fein' Market is on Saturday, 4th June.

PVG

Mary, Irene and Anne attended a Zoom meeting highlighting forthcoming changes. They will discuss whether any changes need to take place at St James.

AOCB

Anne reported that, at the last Far and Wide meeting, it was suggested that each Church nominate a charity. The plan is to make smaller donations to more charities. Anne will contact Pat Millar regarding eSwatini.

Anne noted that there is a large variation in organists' pay. David will look into this.

Mary said she had been contacted by Fetteresso Church about care home services. This has been put on hold until resources have been assessed.

Next Meeting: 23rd March (Zoom)

Lent Appeal

Each year the bishop holds a charitable appeal during Lent. This year half of the money raised will go to a local charity, 'Energy Action Scotland' - a charity working to end fuel poverty in Scotland. The other half will go to our companion diocese in eSwatini, or Swaziland as it used to be called.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church in which you can put your donation. Then simply place it in the usual collecting box.

We asked Mrs Pat Millar, who acts as the link person with eSwatini, if she would prepare a short report on the situation in the country.

“The combined effects of the continuing and extreme poverty across much of the country, the Covid pandemic and civil unrest related to pro- democracy efforts, mean that the country is in extreme difficulty.

Our priorities in helping to provide support have not changed much, but the urgency has certainly increased.

Key areas of involvement for our Diocese are:-

1. Helping to fund provision of food supplies for increasing numbers of orphans and other vulnerable children.

This group now includes school pupils: schools were closed for over four months and pupils were deprived of their school lunches - for many their only reliable meal.

The parish volunteer care-givers at the Neighbourhood Care Points are struggling desperately to provide basic and meagre lunches for increased numbers of very hungry children and are anxious and distressed at evidence of severe malnutrition and poor health among higher numbers of children.

2. Support for diocesan volunteer Home Based Care teams who provide a basic form of ‘hospice at home’ for very sick people, who are at home with no medical care and often very limited family support. We help to provide funds for supplies including:-

* basic medical supplies - painkillers, vitamins, antiseptics, skin care products

* parcels of food and water - drugs such as antiretroviral medication for HIV & AIDS cannot be tolerated on an empty stomach

* personal care resources - surgical gloves, soap/cleanser, skin lotion, washing cloths, incontinence pads.

The reality of the situation is grim and diocesan resources are constantly over stretched - it is a daily worry for the team at their Diocesan Office.

As a Companion Diocese, we are committed to helping in any way we can - and that largely means helping to raise funds for the projects in which we are involved. “

Easter Flowers.

The church will be decorated at 10am on Easter Saturday-Saturday 16th April.

If you would like to help in any way, please speak to Val or Anne or just join us at 10am on the 16th April.

Many thanks, Val Cadd

Feein' Market

After a 2 year break, due to covid, the Feein Market returns to Stonehaven on Saturday 4th June. St James will have a stall in the Market Square.

As in previous years our stall will be selling home-crafts. Any items of homemade crafts e.g cakes, sewn items, preserves, hand knits etc, that we could sell would be greatly appreciated.

Also if anyone is free to help on the day please speak to Anne. Thank you.
Anne

Refugees *by Brian Bilston*

Read this poem top to bottom as normal. But the poet adds a small request at the end. The results are something else.

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or I
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way.

(Now read from bottom to top.)

Frequently described as the “Poet Laureate of Twitter”, Brian Bilston is a poet clouded in the pipe smoke of mystery. Very little is known about him other than the fragments of information revealed on social media: his penchant for tank tops, his enjoyment of Vimto, his dislike of Jeremy Clarkson.

Diane

St James in 1969

The World: **Jan:** Sir Learie Constantine was Britain’s first black peer; Student demonstrations at London School of Economics; Ian Paisley jailed. **Feb:** Boeing 747 jumbo jet made first flight; US Mariner 6 spacecraft launched to Mars. **March:** Concorde made maiden flight in France; Golda Mair became Israeli Premier; Dwight D Eisenhower died; UK Pilots’ strike grounded all BOAC flights. **April:** France formally withdrew from NATO; 22 year old Bernadette Devlin elected as MP; Liner QE2 left on maiden voyage; President de Gaulle resigned. **June:** phased withdrawal of US troops from Vietnam announced; Georges Pompidou became French President. **July:** rioting broke out in Londonderry; Neil Armstrong first man on moon. **Aug:** Charles Manson murdered Sharon Tate in Hollywood; British troops deployed in Belfast. **Sept:** Libya became republic after army coup led by M Gadaffi; North Vietnamese statesman Ho Chi Minh died; ITV made its first colour transmission; Nixon continued B52 bombing raids on N Vietnam. **Oct:** US author/poet Jack Kerouac died; Willy Brandt elected W German Chancellor; P&O said it will stop sailing to India.

Also: *‘Monty Python’s Flying Circus’* first broadcast; John Schlesinger’s film *‘Midnight Cowboy’*; Woodstock festival in US; Open University began courses; Kenneth Clark’s TV series *‘Civilisation’*. Philip Roth’s *‘Portnoy’s Complaint’* Kurt Vonnegut’s *‘Slaughterhouse 5’*.

Death of Judy Garland. Biafran war dragged on. First fertilization of a human egg outside human body achieved by Dr Robert Edwards in Cambridge. Oil was discovered in British sector of North Sea.

Stonehaven

17th February: The balance sheet for the 11 months ending October 1968 was presented. Income over expenditure amounted to £599-12s-7d. The Rector intimated that he would be sending a letter from the congregation of St James to the minister and congregation of South Church congratulating them on the church's centenary. The auditor, Mr J B Hoy, attended the meeting to give advice on how to invest the money from the sale of Invercowie. He suggested it should be invested in Dated Government Stock. It was decided to leave the decision to the auditor, Rector and treasurer. Other bequests to be included in the investment were: Miss Main's legacy (£200); Mrs Wood of Cowie (£350) in memory of her late husband; Miss Thomson's legacy (£550) making a total of £1,100.

25th February: The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall. There were 23 members present. The balance sheet was approved and accepted. The Rector expressed his thanks for the kindness shown to him and Mrs Hayes during their illnesses. Special thanks went to Mr E Harper for carrying on the services. Mr James Davis was thanked for his spell at the organ while Mrs Hayes was ill. The Rector mentioned that the proceeds from the sale of Invercowie amounted to £5,000. Mrs J W Christie and Mr Gregor Fyfe would represent St James for Christian Aid Week.

{**NB** There were no further Vestry meetings recorded during 1969.}

The Chalice

Owing to the risk of transmitting the virus, the administration of wine from the chalice was suspended at the start of the epidemic. With the recent relaxing of restrictions, the vestry was asked to consider whether to reintroduce its use. Given the rise in the prevalence of the virus and the fact that a number of members of our congregation are vulnerable to serious infection, the vestry decided not to do so and, for the time being, we will continue offering only wafers at Holy Communion.

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
3rd April 5th Sunday in Lent Passion Sunday	Is 43.16-21 Ps 126 Phil 3.4b-14 Jn 12.1-8
10th April 6th Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday	Lk 19.28-40 Litany of Passion Is 50.4-9a Ps 31.9-16 Phil 2.5-11 Lk 22.14-23.56
17th April Easter Sunday	Acts 10.34-43 or Is 65.17-25 Ps 118.1-2,14-24 1 C 15.19-26 or Acts 10.34-43 Jn 20.1-18 or Lk 24.1-12
24th April 2nd Sunday in Easter	Acts 5.27-32 Ps 118.14-29 or Ps 150 Rev 1.4-8 Jn 20.19-31
1st May 3rd Sunday in Easter	Acts 9.1-6(7-20) Ps 30 Rev 5.11-14 Jn 21.1-19

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	Lessons 1+2	Coffee
Paula Fogiel	Peter Fogiel	Paula Fogiel
Irene Paterson	Irene Paterson	Val Cadd
Val Cadd	David Fleming	Peter Sharp
David Fleming	Diane Fleming	Joyce Maduekwe
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St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline

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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	Rev Mary Jepp

The copy deadline for the May Newsletter is Sunday 24th April 2022

Reminders will not be sent out.

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