

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



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

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday.

7.00pm Compline (from 11th March)

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



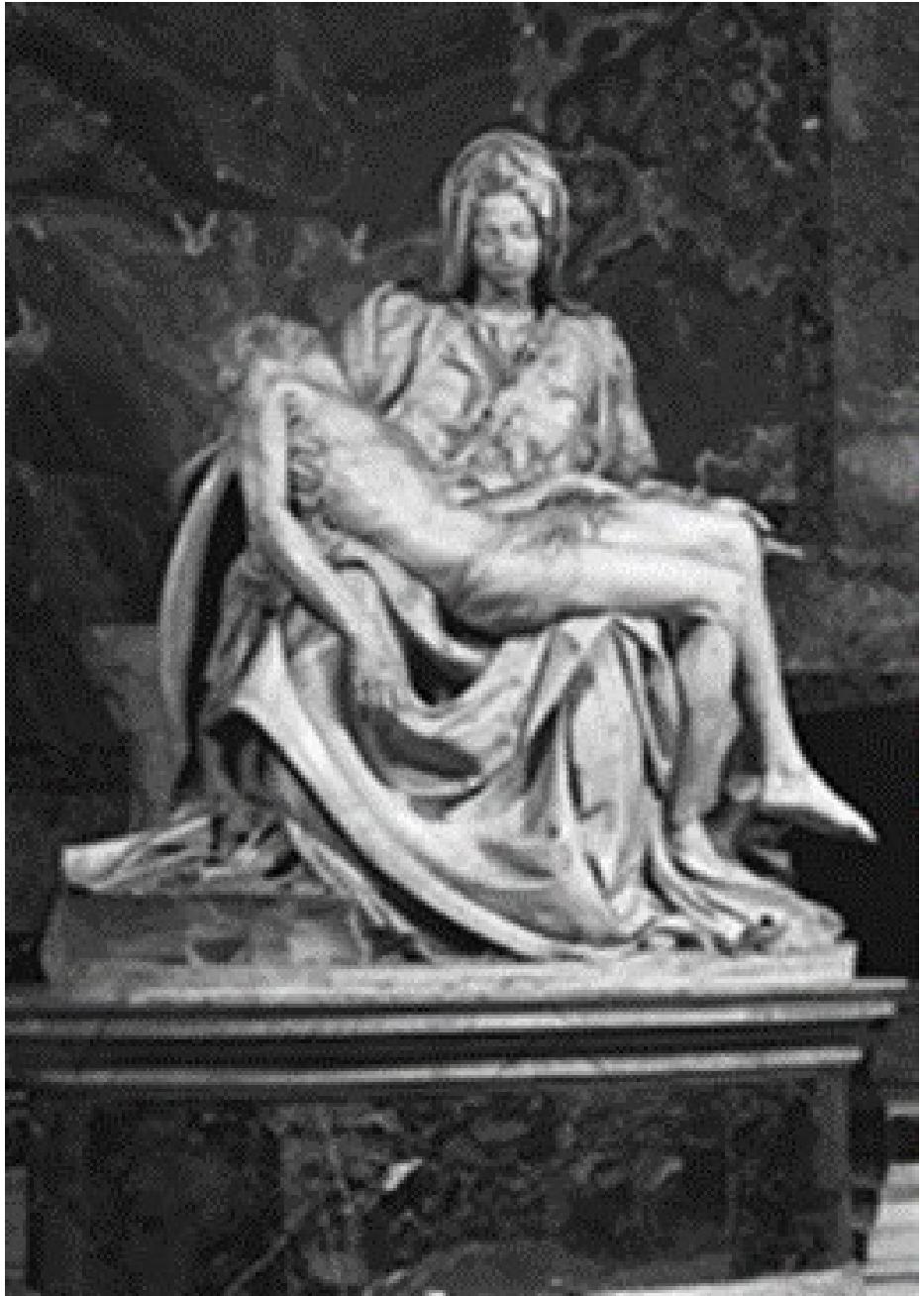
DIARY NOTES March 2022

Day/Date	Event
2nd March Ash Wednesday	10 am Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
4th March World Day of Prayer	7.30 pm at Fetteresso Church
6th March 1st Sunday in Lent	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
8th March Lent Course 1	10.00am Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study. Rev. Mary Jepp
13th March 2nd Sunday in Lent	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
15th March Lent Course 2	10.00am Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study. Rev. Mary Jepp
20th March 3rd Sunday in Lent	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
22nd March Lent Course 3	10.00am Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study. Rev. Mary Jepp
27th March 4th Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
29th March Lent Course 4	10.00am Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study. Rev. Mary Jepp

From Mary

I sit to write this on the evening of Thursday the 24th of February 2022, Russia has invaded Ukraine. Earlier in the day I had a chat with a Church of Scotland colleague in Ayrshire and we talked about prayer. Reflecting on today's news my friend said that for months they had stood up in services and prayed for the peace of the world and they now wondered what was that all about. And so what follows is a very personal reflection on having been a military wife and being the mother of a soldier... a role very much defined by waiting, hoping and prayer.

My eldest son had two tours in Afghanistan, he went there initially as one of twelve British Army trained translators. On Sunday mornings at that time I was in the habit of listening to the news prior to leaving the house, in order to ensure that the intercessions of the day would reflect the daily news. On one particular Sunday morning it was announced that one of the Army translators had been killed. It was like a belly blow, regaining focus, I realised that as no one had knocked on our door in the wee hours of the night so it was probably not our son who had been killed. Immediately however, I realised that somewhere, there were parents who had had the knock on the door, there was a family whose lives would never be the same. I can clearly remember standing in the middle of the kitchen overwhelmed with emotion and then into my mind's eye came the image of Michelangelo's Pietá...do you know it? It is the sculpture of Mary holding the dead Jesus in her arms. A sculpture which can be found in St Peter's in Rome. The sculpture portrays such emotion, perhaps the coldness of the white marble adds to its pathos. At its simplest it is a mother and son at perhaps its most complex; it is a representation of Jesus, God amongst, the crucified one, the saviour of the world.



It is an image that makes little sense if we consider God to be all powerful.

Today it is also very difficult to make sense of the images we see in the 6 o'clock news, Putin's threats, families in terror fleeing from their homes, western leaders considering their and our options; knowing that there are military families in our own nation who will be watching in fear, my own included. I expect many of us are praying for the peace of Europe and the world and perhaps we also wonder where is God in all this. I would suggest that God is right in the middle of all this. I would suggest that if we reflect on the history of the world, considering both modern and ancient history, considering also Jesus' own life, that we soon realise that there have always been events of pain, and destruction in our world; that, as they say bad things happen to good people. Those instances, it is vital to remember, are not of God, they are instances which are harboured in the self seeking interests of minds corrupted by a desire for power and in no way reflect Our God, who is the God of love, who is with us in our trials and tribulations. The God of love is our God, we are called to follow in his ways, in ways that buck the trend of society.

Next week we will begin our Lenten journey, it is a time for reflection, considering especially those things that separate us from God, those we live alongside and the world. What separates us from God and humanity, what stops us from living alongside others in peace and harmony is sin. We are all sinners, no one is without blame, every one of has moments when our focus deviates from the way of Christ. God calls us to bear Christ's message of love into a broken world. So what of prayer, I believe that when we truly pray we open ourselves to the Spirit and are saying that we are willing to become, or at least to try and become, messengers of peace in this world. A

few days ago I remembered the words of covenant spoken by our Methodist brothers and sisters annually, perhaps they should be the focus of an assessment of all our relationships this Lenten season:

I am no longer my own but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
 wherever you may place me,
 in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me
 and when there is none;
when I am troubled
 and when I am at peace.

Your will be done
 when I am valued
 and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment
 and when it is lacking;
when I have all things,
 and when I have nothing.

I willingly offer
all I have and am
 to serve you,
 as and where you choose.

Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 you are mine and I am yours.
 May it be so for ever.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven
Amen.

Vestry Minutes 5th January 2022 (via Zoom)

Matters Arising

£100 was donated to the Aberlour Children's Society.

The accounts for St James and St Philip's have gone to the independent examiner and the annual returns for the church have gone to the Diocese.

We are still awaiting the final version of the memorandum of agreement between St James and St Ternan's.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account:	£45,746.39
Fabric Fund Account:	£3,100.20
Buildings Account:	£729.14
St Philip's:	£1,024.00

Report on St James

David reported that Morag and Pam wished to be removed from the Church opening rota. He will try and find at least one other person to replace them.

From 17th January the Rock Choir will be using the Church for rehearsals.

The usage of the Hall is variable. Val asked if the Hall could be free on the afternoon of 21st January so tables could be set up for Mary's licensing.

Report on St Philip's

The lease document between St James and the Catterline Community Church has been updated and David is to meet with Chris Roger to finalise details. The document will include a paragraph regarding maintenance. Every 5 years, to coincide with the Quinquennial report, a review of the lease, including a rent review and a revision of the maintenance requirements,

will be negotiated.

The quote for repairs to the east window has been accepted and work should start in the early spring. Funding will come from 2 Catterline funds.

David will be applying for two grants for this work, one from Aberdeenshire Council and one from St John's Wind Farm.

There is a question as to who are the trustees of St Philip's.

Worship

As Peter Parfitt is indisposed, David will play the organ on 9th January, Rosie on 16th and 23rd. Paul Mckay is on standby to play on 22nd for Mary's licensing.

Discussion with Bishop Andrew

Bishop Andrew is preparing the service sheets for the licensing and will liaise with Mary regarding hymns. The service booklets will be printed at the cathedral. There will be a rehearsal for the service.

To comply with covid regulations it was agreed we could put out 16 tables in the hall with a suitable space between each table. There would be a waitress service and refreshments would consist of soup and dessert. Peter will put these proposals for refreshments to the Bishop, as well as publicity.

Fabric

A summary of the findings from the Quinquennial inspections, except for that of the church, was considered by the Vestry.

Church: Still awaiting report

Hall: Items picked up by the report are in hand.

Garden: A Canon 35 is required for the font to be placed in the Garden of Rest. The contractors are due to commence work on the gate pillars on 10th January.

Rectory (Old): There were a number of urgent points picked up in the Quinquennial Report. David and Peter are to liaise with

the current tenants.

Rectory (New): The roof tiles have been cemented in place and Gill Walker's team are due to give the Rectory a thorough clean this week.

Fund Raising/Social

The Book Browse raised £589 in book sales and £350 for hand knits and preserves. David reported that Abe Book sales are now £500 net.

PVG

The annual returns for St James and St Philip's have been sent to Denise Herbert.

AOCB

'Stoney Cares' Christmas Day lunch was a great success and the organisers were grateful for the use of the hall.

The tree of life baubles and Christmas decorations will be taken down on 6th January.

Extraordinary Meeting 23rd January 2022

There had been a request for a same sex marriage and there was a process to be followed. There had to be a majority agreement from vestry members followed by specific paper-work.

There was a secret ballot the result being a unanimous 'Yes' for same sex marriages to take place at St James, Stonehaven.

David also spoke about a Canon 35 being required for the removal of pews at St Philip's. Monies from any pews sold will go to the Catterline fund. The Community Church will purchase chairs to replace the pews, these will stay in the

church if or when the Community Church no longer have the use of St Philip's The vestry supported this proposal.

Mary also put forward the idea of having a joint service with St Ternan's whenever there is a 5th Sunday in the month. The Vestry felt this was a good idea.

Next Meeting: 21st February 2022 (via Zoom)

Thank You

We would like to thank Rev Mary, Arma, Ann & all our friends at St James for their condolences & help given at the sad passing of Bill. The last six months have been extremely difficult but all your prayers & thoughts made it easier for us all.

Thank you,

Stella & family

St James in 1968

The World: **Jan:** Cecil Day Lewis became British Poet Laureate; Alexander Dubcek became Czech leader. **Feb:** Kenyan Asians began fleeing to Britain. **March:** Lockheed wheels out *Galaxy* – world's largest aircraft; Dubcek abolished press censorship in Czechoslovakia; Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin killed in air crash; UK Foreign Secretary said Falklands will stay British; Ronan Point disaster. **April:** Martin Luther King assassinated; Pierre Trudeau became PM of Canada; first decimal coins appeared in UK. **May:** Student riots in Paris; Peace talks began in Paris on Vietnam war. **June:** Robert Kennedy died after shooting. **July:** Dr Spock jailed for anti-war activities in US.

Aug: Ronald Reagan said he will run for US President; race riots in Los Angeles; Soviet tanks crossed Czechoslovak border from the east; Pope visited S America for the first time. **Sept:** Major earthquake killed 11,000 in Iran; Arthur Ashe first black person to win US Open; Placido Domingo's debut at Metropolitan Opera. **Oct:** 19th Olympic Games opened in Mexico City; Jackie Kennedy married Aristotle Onassis. **Nov:** Richard Nixon elected as US President; death of John Steinbeck. **Dec:** Nixon chose Kissinger as Security Advisor.

Also: London Bridge sold to US oil company; Lionel Bart's film '*Oliver*'; Gore Vidal's novel '*Myra Breckinridge*'; Katherine Hepburn starred in '*A Lion in Winter*'; Barbra Streisand in '*Funny Girl*'; Simon and Garfunkel's song '*Mrs Robinson*'; '*Hair*' opened on Broadway; Stanley Kubrick's '*2001-A Space Odyssey*'; Tony Hancock committed suicide; anti-Vietnam war demonstration outside American Embassy in Grosvenor Square, London.

Stonehaven

28th January: The balance sheet for 1967 was presented. Income over expenditure amounted to £582-14s-4d.

30th January: The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall. There were 44 communicant members present. The Rector expressed his appreciation and thanks to members who had adopted their method of giving by covenanting their subscriptions. Mr J Gammie was appointed as Rector's Warden, Mr A Christie as People's Warden. Mr D Harrison, Mr W Wilson and Mr R J Christie were re-elected. The Lay Representative was Mr C Grant. Major Alexander Innes was the Lay Elector. In connection with Christian Aid Week the Rector called for 2 members of the congregation to sit on a committee with 2 members of other churches in Stonehaven. The members elected were Mr Flux and Mrs J W Christie.

The Women's World Day of Prayer would be held in St Bridget's on 1st March, and a joint meeting at the South Church Hall on 13th February at which the speaker would be Dr Dorothy Younie. Services during Lent would be held in the Hall and guest speakers would be Revs C B Redwood, J Roy, R Richmond and R Gray.

The question of the 9.30 am service on the 4th Sunday was raised. The main point was whether to continue with this service or change to a different time. After some discussion it was agreed to keep the service for a time. Evensong to remain at 4.30 pm until Easter.

Tea was served after which Mr Flux entertained the company by showing pictures taken during his recent visit to New Zealand.

15th August: The Secretary had a letter from Messrs J Collie, Solicitors informing them that the late Miss Thomson had bequeathed the house Invercowie and ground to St James. After lengthy discussion it was decided to advertise the ground for sale and to advise the solicitors of this decision. The Secretary also had a letter from the Representative Church Council that the financial year of all charges would now end on 31st October each year.

Diane

Diocesan Synod

This year the synod will be held in St Mary's Church, Broughty Ferry on Saturday 5th March. It has been decided that this will be held in person but to ensure safety only Clergy, Lay Representatives, members of Diocesan Council and Provincial Boards and Committees will be allowed to attend.

Copies of the agenda and papers can be found on the diocesan website <http://www.thedioceseofbrechin.org/>.

A livestream of the Synod will be shown on the Diocesan Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Episcopal-Diocese-Of-Brechin-1609270139346562/>

I will give a report on synod in April's newsletter.

Peter

Easter Week Services

Sunday 10 th April	Palm Sunday - Procession
Wednesday 13 th April	7.00 pm Holy Week service at St Bridget's.
Thursday 14 th April	7.00 pm Holy Week Communion at St Bridget's. Followed by Stripping the Altar at St James.
Friday 15 th April	2.00 pm Good Friday Meditation 7.00 pm Holy Week Communion at St Bridget's.
Saturday 16 th April	8.00 pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 17 th April	8.00 am Harbour Service 10.00 am Holy Communion

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
6th March 1st Sunday in Lent	Dt 26.1-11 Ps 91.1-2,9-16 Ro 10.8b-13 Lk 4.1-13
13th March 2nd Sunday in Lent	Gen 15.1-12,17-18 Ps 27 Phil 3.17-4.1 Lk 13.31-35
20th March 3rd Sunday in Lent	Is 55.1-9 Ps 63.1-8 1 C 10.1-13 Lk 13.1-9
27th March 4th Sunday in Lent	Jos 5.9-12 Ps 32 2 C 5.16-21 Lk 15.1-3,11b-32
3rd April 5th Sunday in Lent Passion Sunday	Is 43.16-21 Ps 126 Phil 3.4b-14 Jn 12.1-8

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	Lessons 1+2	Coffee
David Fleming	Diana Peters	Peter Sharp
Diane Fleming	Edward Harrison	Diane Fleming
Diana Peters	Diane Fleming	Paula Fogiel
Peter Sharp	Edward Dickens	Irene Paterson
Paula Fogiel	Peter Fogiel	Paula Fogiel

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline

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GROUP CONVENORS

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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	Rev Mary Jepp

The copy deadline for the April Newsletter is Sunday 20th March 2022

Reminders will not be sent out.

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