

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



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

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays

10.00 a.m. Said Holy Eucharist

Friday.

7.00pm Compline



DIARY NOTES July 2022

Day/Date	Event
3rd July 3rd Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
10th July 4th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
17th July 5th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
24th July 6th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
31st July 7th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles

From Mary,

Not long after my arrival in the Diocese, I had a phone call from the Bishop. I have been hanging around the church long enough to know that rarely do they who wear pointy hats call unless they are going to ask you to do something. It is the way of Bishops on both sides of the Border, it is probably fair to say that the phone calls are less frequent south of the border just because there are more priests. The request was to be a clergy representative to General Synod. I had thought as I had done my time in Glasgow and Galloway I might escape, not so the case!

Therefore in early June I set off. On reflection I am not quite sure what my expectations were. I was looking forward to seeing friends from my time in Kilmarnock, and even surprising some of them. However, looking at the agenda and papers I truthfully would say that I was not looking forward to all of the sessions. The General Synod is the Scottish Episcopal Church's annual general meeting, it is an opportunity for Bishops and elected representatives of laity and clergy to gather together to determine together the way forward for our church. Here it is important to note that the work of the Synod is embedded in prayer, and numerous speakers drew attention to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our deliberations and our need to be attentive to the Spirit's presence.

The General Synod opened with a Eucharist and it was at the end of this service that our Primus the Most Rev Mark Strange gave his charge. Much of what he said echoed the thoughts of those gathered. In his words he touched on topics of concern for those not only within the church but those outwith. He reminded us that as Christians we are simply called to love those we live alongside and to love God's creation. In our loving he said that there was a necessity for us to be primarily welcoming, to be hopeful people; carrying on in the face of the world's problems. Several times in his charge Bishop Mark stated that he had missed all of us, that he missed the collegiality of General Synod. And it must be said there was a real sense of a family gathering together over the next two and a half days. Here it is worth remembering that families do not always agree, but at their best they do continue to love each other.

And so to business...now some might say that the business of Synod is very far removed from the day to day struggles of small charges in small communities. By chance this year I found myself sitting next to a member of the laity who had not long come into the Episcopal Church, as well as being new to Synod. As we

worked through the agenda I found myself explaining to him the contexts of the discussions and why they were important to our church and how the decisions made in Synod affected charges.

Perhaps the theme of the entire Synod was in one way or another relationships, and how we continue to build a church which will be resilient and fit for purpose in our current world. The Scottish Episcopal Church is a minority church, and as such has the opportunity to be a prophetic voice, speaking words that many may not often wish to hear within our wider society and government. Time was spent considering our response to the Ukraine and in the opening charge Bishop Mark made reference to the removal of refugees to Rwanda, once again stating that our nation needs to be seen as a place of welcome.

As in any annual general meeting time was spent examining the accounts and hand in hand were presentations and discussion regarding reaching the ecological target of net zero. The environmental discussion followed on from an excellent presentation by Robert Woodford of the Provincial Environment Group. He said "We need to be realistic about the challenges ahead." He set out some of the particular challenges that, he said, the SEC faced: large buildings that are rarely used, tight finance, the Scottish climate and the size and terrain of Scotland.

The most contentious area of debate was, some might think surprisingly in the area of points of procedure, specifically moves to change the way Bishops are elected. The move to involve Diocesan representatives in a final decision along with the College of Bishops should elections fail was tabled for a first reading, this motion was passed. It should be noted that several individuals spoke from the floor, expressing undue pain experienced by candidates in the existing protocols. It was stated that

individuals are called to be candidates, as without candidates there can be no selection process, and that call can be costly to them in so many ways.

Synod was truly a gathering, as are our churches, an opportunity for individuals to come together recognizing not only our differences in perspectives but that we are united as Christ's disciples in carrying his love into the created world. In the presentations and debates I was reminded over and over again that we in our charges are part of a much greater whole and that policies and canons allow us to show a common face of who we are as Scottish Episcopalians to each other, the Worldwide Anglican Communion and those outside the church.

Feein' Market

Thank you to all who helped, donated or purchased from our stall at the Feein' Market. It was a great day and brilliant weather. It was lovely to be out mixing with the community again. As well as networking we raised £950.

Anne



St James in 1971

The World: Jan: Coup in Uganda puts Idi Amin in power. Feb: Rolls Royce declared bankrupt. Apollo 14 landed on moon.

Introduction of decimal currency. **March:** US comedian Harold Lloyd died. Civil war broke out in Pakistan. In USA Lt Calley convicted in My Lai massacre case. **April:** Soviet composer Igor Stravinsky died. Barbican Arts Centre to be built in London. Haitian dictator 'Papa Doc' Duvalier died. **May:** US poet Ogden Nash died. Pompidou says way is clear for UK to join EEC. **June:** Lord Reith died. US Supreme Court upheld printing of 'Pentagon Papers'. 3 Russian cosmonauts died on return trip. **July:** Louis Armstrong died. Tito re-elected as President in Yugoslavia. **Aug:** Internment introduced in N Ireland. **Sept:** Nikita Khrushchev died. Fishermen protested about abandonment of inshore limits. **Oct:** Israel refused entry to 21 Jewish black Americans. Congo changed name to Zaire. **Dec:** Pakistan and India went to war over Bangladesh. US resumed bombing of Vietnam.

Also: Stanley Kubrick's film '*A Clockwork Orange*'. Visconti's film '*Death in Venice*'. Losey's film '*The Go-Between*'. '*Fiddler on the Roof*' became the longest running musical in Broadway history. Chay Blyth sailed round the world. Mount Etna erupted. Coco Chanel died. Switzerland became the last developed Western country to enfranchise women. Mariner 9 space probe mapped the surface of Mars.

Stonehaven

5 Jan 1971: The Rector welcomed Mr George Taylor to the Vestry in place of Mr Gavin Leiper who had resigned. The balance sheet for the year ending October 1970 was presented. Income over expenditure amounted to £471-11s-2d. This was accepted. The Vestry retired to the kitchen of the Rectory where it was found that certain repairs were necessary. It was agreed that these be carried out. It was also agreed that a gift of some description be given to Mr Hoy in appreciation of his work in compiling the balance sheet. Tea was served by Mrs Hayes.

26 Jan 1971: The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall. There were 31 members present. It was proposed by Mrs Wilson and seconded by Mrs Lees that the accounts be accepted. Mr Harper was appointed as Rector's Warden, Mr A Christie as People's Warden. Mr R Christie, Mr W Wilson and Mr D Harrison were re-elected. Mr A Christie spoke of the work done for the Church by the Rector's

wife which was greatly appreciated by the Vestry and congregation. Mrs Hayes was presented with a suitable gift. There was a break for tea. The Rector drew the attention of the congregation to the state of the roof on the south side of the church. The People's Warden reckoned it would cost in the region of £300 to restore it to a watertight condition and it was agreed that this work should be put in hand. Representing St James on the committee for Christian Aid Week would be Miss Christie, standing in for Mrs J Christie who was at present from home, and Mrs A Masson. Mr E Harper spoke of Canon Hayes' appointment to Dean of the Diocese. The Bishop, by making this appointment, had conferred a great honour, not only for Canon Hayes, but to the congregation of St James. To recognize this great occasion a subscription list would be opened to help towards a gift for the new Dean. The meeting closed with the Rector thanking Mrs Wilson, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Christie for making the tea.

Vestry Minutes 26th April 2022 (via Zoom)

Matters Arising

Anne reported that Far and Wide had sent £1,000 to the Diocese for eSwatini.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account:	£40,595.04
Fabric Fund Account:	£3,465.67
Buildings Account:	£729.14
St Philip's:	£1,122.49

Mary thanked all involved in the Book Browse and craft sale. The books raised £662.01 and preserves and knitwear £145. There was an increase in children visiting the Book Browse, and a number of people interested in the Exhibition and Church. David is aware that some members of the congregation are using stand-by Gift Aid envelopes and he will arrange to provide them with their own envelopes.

Report on St James/Worship

Mary reported on the Lent Course, saying there were some good conversations. There will now be a said service on Tuesday mornings at 10 am and Compline at 7 pm on Friday evenings. She said we need to look at the possibility of other types of services, and times of services. These could include healing or morning prayer.

St James is the only church in Stonehaven which is open during the day. Easter services included a Good Friday service of reflection, which was attended by members of other churches in Stonehaven.

Easter Saturday was celebrated with an Easter Vigil with Bishop Andrew in attendance.

Easter Sunday began at 8 am with an Ecumenical service at the Harbour followed by breakfast at St Bridget's.

Mary has been helping with Rainbows and Brownies. Mary spoke about transitional projects. She said we need to look at our advertising and she has been speaking to David about this.

The Primus will be at St James on 29th May and this will be a joint service with St Ternan's.

David is compiling the rota for the second half of the year and the bookmark for the readings is being updated.

Report on St Philip's

The handover service of St Philip's to the Catterline Community Church was a good and energetic service. The Memorandum of Agreement has been signed by Catterline Community Church and Mary is now to sign it. We are still awaiting the agreement of the Canon 35 for the removal of the pews.

The stained glass windows will be removed and the woodworm treated on 16th May.

Fabric

Church: The electricians have been checking the church electrics. They will compile an Electrical Installation Condition Report. There are 70 portable appliances in the church.

Thanks were expressed to David Smail for painting the church toilet.

Hall: The hall electrics have been checked. The microwave failed the PAT but Val Cadd had a spare one which was checked and is now in use. There have been two new bookings – an Art Group and a Mother Makers group. As this latter group is a new venture the fees are waived initially.

Garden: The new trees and bushes for the hedge will shortly be ordered. Grants and donations will cover the cost. The Brownies will plant a tree on 2nd June. Canon 35 has been refused for the font to be put in

the Garden of Remembrance. It was agreed that we should appeal this decision and the Vestry agreed on the grounds for appeal.

Rectory:

Old: The electrical check is still to be done. When this is complete the other issues on the Quinquennial Report will be looked at.

New: New fire alarms, heat and carbon dioxide detectors have been fitted.

Fund Raising/Social

David spoke about the concert being held in church on 28th May in aid of the Ukrainian appeal.

During the Book Browse a party from the Tayside Organists were also entertained. A thank you letter will be sent to them for the £50 cheque received.

The Feein' Market is on 4th June, period costume to be worn if possible. Doors Open days for 2022 are 17th and 18th September.

David said there are a large number of Priests and Pipes leaflets and it would be a good idea if these were distributed round the town.

There will be a Social Committee meeting on 3rd May to look at refreshments for 29th May and the Jubilee. Val has received a cheque from Mr Lees for Easter flowers, she has sent a thank you letter.

PVG

Mary reported that there had been an issue and we had followed due process. The church has done a risk assessment and the matter is in hand.

AOCB

Edward spoke about having a window in St James in memory of Jonathan Leslie. Some preliminary work has been done towards a design. Vestry was happy for Edward to submit a pre-application for a Canon 35 for the window. The congregation will be consulted before any final decision is made. The 'common cup' was discussed. It was decided not to recommence using the chalice at present.

Next meeting: 7th June

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
3rd July 3rd Sunday in Trinity	Is 66.10-14 Ps 66.1-8 Gal 6.(1-6)7-16 Lk 10.1-11,16-20
10th July 4th Sunday in Trinity	Dt 30.9-14 Ps 25.1-9 Col 1.1-14 Lk 10.25-37
17th July 5th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 18.1-10a Ps 15 Col 1.15-28 Lk 10.38-42
24th July 6th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 18.20-32 Ps 138 Col 2.6-15(16-19) Lk 11.1-13
31st July 7th Sunday in Trinity	Ec 1.2,12-14;2.18-23 Ps 49.1-11 Col 3.1-11 Lk 12.13-21

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

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

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

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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	Rev Mary Jepp

The copy deadline for the August Newsletter is Sunday 24th July 2022

Reminders will not be sent out.

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