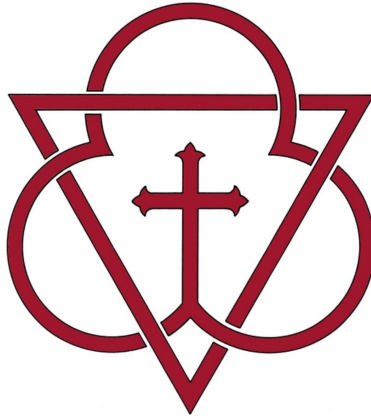


**Episcopal Churches of  
St. James' Stonehaven.  
St. Philip's Catterline.  
August 2022**



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

**Sundays.**

**10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**Tuesdays**

**10.00 a.m. Said Holy Eucharist**

**Friday.**

**7.00pm Compline**



## DIARY NOTES August 2022

| Day/Date  | Event  |
|---|--|
| <b>7th August</b><br><b>8th Sunday in Trinity</b>   | <b>10.00am Holy Eucharist.</b><br><b>Rev Mary Jepp</b>                                       |
| <b>14th August</b><br><b>9th Sunday in Trinity</b>  | <b>10.00am Holy Eucharist</b><br><b>Bishop Andrew and</b><br><b>Bishop Betsy (from Iowa)</b> |
| <b>21st August</b><br><b>10th Sunday in Trinity</b> | <b>10.00am Holy Eucharist.</b><br><b>Rev Mary Jepp</b>                                       |
| <b>28th August</b><br><b>11th Sunday in Trinity</b> | <b>10.00am Reserved Sacrament.</b><br><b>Arma Iles</b>                                       |

### From Mary

Sitting at my desk, writing this, I am aware that we are mid summer holidays...there is a constant stream of kids passing my window! And I discovered you can even buy ice-cream at 10pm. The joys of summer. Mike and I both love travelling, guide books in hand we often aim to get off the beaten track. In 2011 we found ourselves on a wee island, Cruit, off the coast of Donegal. The accommodation was basic and we felt that we were a million miles away from the hubbub of Cambridgeshire. One evening we did venture to a local pub, and for a few hours returned to civilization. Peering over someone's shoulder we were informed of the Syrian Refugee Crisis. Devastating images of people fleeing their beloved country flooded the television screen in the small bar. In the next few days we occasionally caught RTÉ the Irish National Television Station, and we were both aware that the Irish

response was quite different to what was happening in England. A response which we then saw replicated in communities on the west coast of Scotland. Over the years I have thought about this a lot and wonder if the experiences of migration due to the Clearances and the Irish Potato Famine showed a different sort of welcome to the stranger. Of course, many of our community are English, Americans and even Canadian, and here we should remember that many have come from somewhere else and built homes here. I realise that this is probably an over simplification of the story but I do wonder....

Welcome! Fàilte! Bienvenue! Salamo alaykom! ласкаво просимо!

Is perhaps the most important word in our vocabulary and in the vocabulary of all people. Welcome is the word that speaks of the truth of our Christian faith, the love of God as demonstrated by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and those, including ourselves, who have come after him. I think that we can all think of examples when we weren't made welcome over the years, or perhaps were not even particularly welcoming to others. Perhaps it is worth thinking of the reasons why welcomes have not been forthcoming, perhaps fear of the stranger, fear of offending, shyness, and at times even being overwhelmed by our own particular life situations or maybe a fear of rejection.

These days, of course, we are painfully aware that our church attendance numbers are declining and of course it is a worry. An American Franciscan, Richard Rohr, suggests that the exodus from churches may mean that many Christians are moving beyond the church walls and instead living lives that demonstrate Christian values in the world within community. He states "Jesus does not need our singing; we need instead to act like a community. Actual Christian behaviour might just be

growing more than we realize" That is not to say that Christians will not gather to pray, but that perhaps the groupings may become smaller such as house groups, prayer groups, or healing circles etc. etc. Much to think about!!

A few weeks ago, Oksana and I had lunch together, I was introduced to the art of pierogi, central European dumplings, making and eating. In the time we shared we talked about many things and, of course, the subject of the war in Ukraine came up and all that it means. I am not sure how exactly we came to the point where we began to speak of a 'Drop In' for Ukrainians living locally, a safe place where people can gather and to share. Well one thing led to another and several conversations later and, at a meeting on Friday the 15th of July at St James, it was decided that we will have a go!!! And so the first drop in will happen at St James Hall on the 5th of August between 6 and 9 pm. Initially I had thought that it would be good if St Ternan's, the Community Church at Catterline, which meets in St Philip's, and St James would work together as hosts. St James Hall, as it is central, would be the venue. However, many others from all sorts of organisations have expressed an interest to Welcome those who I hope will become our friends.

Since the 15th, I must say the notion has 'grown like Topsy' or as someone said 'grown legs'. I have been amazed at the response, not only from church people, but from those outwith the church including local government and the NHS. Phrases such as "you have the will and the kindness to organise, and we can help with any questions - so it's a perfect combination." and "this is gold dust for my colleagues in our service (NHS) and "Despite our best efforts we've found it difficult to find a communal space for all our Ukrainian friends to meet up. "

Let us build a house  
Where love can dwell  
And all can safely live.  
A place where  
Saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace,  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.

## **Social Committee - Harvest 2022**

### **Senior Harvest Service and Afternoon Tea.**

The Social Committee is delighted to announce that we will be holding our Senior Harvest Service and Afternoon Tea in the church hall on the afternoon of Thursday 29th September. First there will be a short joyful service led by Rev Mary and then tea/coffee with many 'fine pieces' will be served. Margaret Wells has agreed to play the keyboard for us - it is lovely to know she is able to join us again - there will be well-loved hymns and who knows what else musical.

Everyone from Stonehaven and surrounding area are very welcome to join us and especially our congregation and their friends. The service will start at 2.30pm so we are inviting everyone to arrive from 2.15pm.

### **Harvest weekend - Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd October**

On Saturday 1st October would like to invite you to decorate a windowsill in the church. If you would like to choose a windowsill - a list will be available at the back of the church from Sunday 11th September - what you do is your choice. In previous years there have been flowers, tins, dried food and a combination of all three.

Thank you - the tins and dried food will be donated to the Stonehaven food bank organised by Far and Wide.

If you would just like to bring harvest donations to the Sunday service, we would be very grateful - thank you.

Following the morning service on Sunday 2nd October we are planning to serve bacon rolls like we did in June to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They will be served in the hall and Mike, Rev Mary's husband, has been volunteered and accepted the job of being our morning's chef again. To assist with catering please could you sign the list that will be at the back of the church, it will be there from Sunday 11th September. We are asking for a small donation to cover the costs please - thank you.

Val Cadd, Social Convenor

### **Quotes from the Book Browse**

A visitor from Wyoming who said she would have to buy a new suitcase for all the books she bought.

“A delight to see it so well organised”.

Tourist from East Lothian said “just spotted the lamp-post poster on our way through, and thought it might be worthwhile, but ‘Wow’”.

“Been in Stonehaven for years, but never been in here before. Beautiful, and what a lovely atmosphere.”

“Yelp, - I’ve been looking for that book (a religious tome) for years”.

David Fleming

### **St James in 1972**

**The World:** **Jan:** Maurice Chevalier died; liner Queen Mary destroyed by fire in Hong Kong; British troops fired on civil rights march in Northern Ireland (Bloody Sunday). **Feb:** UK parliament passed bill on entry to EEC; President Nixon visited China; Ted Heath announced direct rule for Ulster; UK miners’ strike ended after 7 weeks.

**April:** Apollo 16 landed on moon. **May:** FBI Director J Edgar Hoover died; Israeli commandos rescued 92 hijack victims at Entebbe; President Nixon visited USSR; Poet Cecil Day Lewis died; Duke of Windsor died in Paris; Spaghetti Junction opened; Margaret Rutherford died. **June:** Attempted bugging of Democrats' Watergate HQ; death penalty abolished in USA; Baader-Meinhof gang arrested (urban guerilla group in West Germany) **July:** Poulson corruption enquiry set up; National dock strike. **Aug:** President Idi Amin planned to expel 50,000 Asians; 20<sup>th</sup> Olympic games opened in Munich; air crash killed Prince William of Gloucester. **Sept:** Bobby Fischer became World Chess Champion; Arab terrorists killed 11 Israeli athletes at Olympics. **Oct:** Iceland boycott of British goods as part of cod war; John Betjeman appointed Poet Laureate. **Nov:** first US B52 bomber shot down over Vietnam. **Dec:** heavy bombing of Hanoi by American B52s; Harry S Truman died.

**Also:** Lloyd Webber's musical '*Jesus Christ Superstar*', Francis Ford Coppola's film '*The Godfather*'  
George Wallace, Governor of Alabama, shot and left paralysed.  
Chi Chi the giant panda died at London Zoo at the age of 15.  
Computerised axial tomography (CAT) developed.

### **Stonehaven**

**24<sup>th</sup> January 1972:** The statement of accounts for the year ending October 1971 was presented. There was a deficit of £128.55. The balance sheet was accepted. The chairman read a letter from Mr Reid in which he stated that he no longer wished to remain a member of the Vestry. Mr Godsman reported that some repairs to the Church House were necessary. Mr Andrew Christie, People's Warden, had carried out a preliminary examination and agreed certain repairs would have to be attended to in due course. This was approved.

**13<sup>th</sup> February 1972:** Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. This was held in the Hall at 3 pm and 26 members were present. The balance sheet was presented and accepted. It was agreed that the old magazine account amounting to £19.13 be transferred to the general Church account.

The Rector's Warden was Mr E Harper, People's Warden Mr A Christie, Lay Representative Mr C Grant. Mr R Christie and

Mr R Taylor were re-elected and Captain J W Christie was elected to fill the vacancy created by Mr Reid's resignation.

The Rector thanked Miss Christie, Mrs Masson and Mrs J W Christie for their part in Christian Aid week; Mrs Gammie and Mrs Fyfe for flower arrangements in the church; the Lay Readers who had kept the services going at St James while the Rector made himself available for the services at Muchalls.

On Wednesday evenings during Lent the Bishop would be giving a series of talks and, as we were faced with power cuts, Mr Jack Emslie very kindly agreed to supply us with Calor Gas lamps should the emergency arise.

Tea was then served.

(NB: this is the first time the accounts are expressed in decimal currency)

### **Vestry Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Main Account:        | £36,172.31 |
| Fabric Fund Account: | £1,884.66  |
| Buildings Account:   | £4,274.17  |
| St Philip's:         | £1,122.49  |

#### **Report on St James**

Mary expressed her thanks to all involved in the visit by the Primus, the Feein'Market and the Jubilee Weekend.

She said she would like to get a Communications Group started. Peter pointed out that there was already a Communications Group – he dealt with the Newsletter and website and Diana Peters the pew sheet. Mary said our profile needs to be looked at, and we need to explore other methods of communication such as Facebook and the Bellman.

The new notice board is in place and Mary has the key.

#### **Worship/Priest's Report**

Mary reported that the midweek service is well attended and she hopes to introduce other services in the Autumn, for example a Healing Service or Evening Prayer.

She will be on holiday for 2 weeks in September, including Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.



Mary would like to have a meeting about pastoral visiting. There is the possibility, from the Autumn, of recording services for those unable to attend church.

Mary also asked about Charity donations. Peter explained that we give to Water Aid every month, we also support the Bishop's Lent Appeal, Aberlour Children's Charity and Far and Wide.

It was decided to use the blue booklets outwith special seasons.

Mary has spoken to Peter Parfitt about different music settings for Advent and Lent.

### **Fabric**

**Church:** Mary said the Choir Vestry had been cleaned and tidied. She would prefer a smaller desk in the office.

**Hall:** The guides are making a wall hanging for the hall to try and deaden the sound.

**Garden:** The guides have planted a rowan tree in the grounds for the Platinum Jubilee. An appeal has been lodged with the Provincial Buildings Committee against the refusal by the Diocesan Building Committee to allow us to install the font next to the Garden of Remembrance.

### **Fund Raising/Social**

The Feein' Market raised £937.

The bacon rolls were very welcome after the Jubilee Service.

The next Book Browse is on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.

Harvest Festival will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> October with the Senior Harvest tea the week before. The date is to be confirmed. Windows in the church will be decorated by individuals, with additional food donations on the chancel steps. Donations of food/money will go to Far and Wide.

It was suggested that we have a Harvest Brunch after the service on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **AOCB**

All phone calls to the church are now redirected to Mary.

The oil filled candles for the altar have now arrived.

It was agreed that the monitoring group mentioned in the Transition Ministry Agreement needs to have a meeting. Peter, Irene and Anne will represent St James. Mary will speak to St Ternan's to see who will be on their group and will then speak to the Diocese about arranging a meeting between her, a diocesan representative and the two monitoring groups.

**Next Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> July at 3 Martin Place**

Readers, and Greeters,

| Date   | Readings  |
|--|---|
| 7th August<br><br>8th Sunday in Trinity<br>Transfiguration | Dan 7.9-10,13-14<br>Ps 97<br>2 Peter 1. 16-19<br>Luke 9. 28-36          |
| 14th August<br><br>9th Sunday in Trinity                   | Jer 23.23-29<br>Ps 82<br>Heb 11.29-12.2<br>Lk 12.49-56                  |
| 21st August<br><br>10th Sunday in Trinity                  | Is 58.9b-14<br>Ps 103.1-8<br>Heb 12.18-29<br>Lk 13.10-17                |
| 28th August<br><br>11th Sunday in Trinity                  | Sir 10.12-18 or Pr 25.6-7<br>Ps 112<br>Heb 13.1-8,15-16<br>Lk 14.1,7-14 |
| 4th September<br><br>12th Sunday in Trinity                | Dt 30.15-20<br>Ps 1<br>Philem 1-21<br>Lk 14.25-33                       |

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

| <b>Greeter</b> | <b>Lessons 1+2</b> | <b>Coffee</b>  |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Irene Paterson | Peter Sharp        | Val Cadd       |
| Diana Peters   | Edward Harrison    | Diane Fleming  |
| Peter Fogiel   | Diane Fleming      | Irene Paterson |
| Diane Fleming  | Edward Dickens     | Paula Fogiel   |
| Peter Sharp    | Heather Grant      | Diane Fleming  |

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

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Vestry Secretary: Anne O'Gorman  
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01569 764473 (for other enquiries)

### GROUP CONVENORS

| 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 September Newsletter is Sunday 21st August 2022**  
**Reminders will not be sent out.**

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