

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



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

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays

10.00 a.m. Said Holy Eucharist

Friday.

7.00pm Compline



DIARY NOTES September 2022

Day/Date	Event
4th September 12th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament Anne O’Gorman
11th September 13th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
18th September 14th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
25th September 15th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles

From Mary

I expect that you have heard the quote "he who sings, prays twice" words attributed to St Augustine of Hippo, words which speak of using our gifts to the full. Hymns we should always remember are another way in which we pray. So for a moment let's consider the many different forms of prayer that exist. In 2002 the Bishop of Jarrow, John Pritchard, published a book called "How to Pray...a practical handbook". In each of the 25 chapters he describes a different form of prayer, and his list is only the beginning. I know that there have been moments in my own Christian journey where when confronted by particular ways of praying I have thought ..."this is not for me", and I also recognize that this is the same with hymns and so we must remember that we are all different.

The Episcopal Church can, at times, be seen as a middle way amongst Christian denominations as we are, as they say, both catholic (small c) and reformed. Over the years I have noted that we are quite often a place where Christians who have come from other traditions have gathered together in order to worship God. Just as we are aware these days that immigrants and refugees bring with them their traditions the same is true in our churches of our gathered congregations, as we carry with us the words and tunes that may have informed our faith, may have given comfort or may have allowed us to draw closer to God.

Our own personal hymnody is very personal to us and it speaks of our own Christian journey. Perhaps it is the music which is chosen for funerals which illustrates this point best. Regarding the phrase which I often use in spiritual direction 'what does it mean to you?...that is what is important' is significant in the choice of our favourite hymns. It is also important to remember that we live in a community remembering that in our choice of hymns we must live along-

side others being tolerant of our individuality.

There are some hymns that I would never *inflict* on you, that never the less mean a great deal to me. The point being that I was a young Christian adult in the 1970's in the years of folk masses and the like, time when much liturgy was dominated by guitars. In my defence I will say that I was also singing in a cathedral choir and so Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols and Psalm 121 from Mendelssohn's Elijah both have a place in my heart.

Over the next few months I am to have some input in choosing the hymns at St James, for better or for worse you will probably notice some differences. On one hand I recognize that St James has a particular musical tradition and I have no intention of throwing the baby out with the bath water, so to speak, however, I would like to ensure that the hymns that are sung reflect the breadth of who we are. And that we perhaps ask questions that allow us to understand why a particular hymn is important to others or not as the case may be. And then, of course, there is the issue of tunes!!! There have been moments when I have looked forward with great glee to the singing of a particular hymn only to be totally deflated when it was the wrong tune...alas we all carry hymns in our hearts and they are precious to us as they often are our prayers.

So a story...As a little girl, I would go with my father to visit a couple who lived in the backwoods. They had no running water nor electricity. I'm not quite sure how my dad had built up a friendship with Greta and Bill as they were Grace Baptists and we were Roman Catholics and it was the 1960's.

Regardless. What the Robinson's did have was a pump organ, a huge old thing, which dominated the 'parlour'.. Greta spent quite a bit of time with me teaching me to play 'How Great Thou Art' on the organ...it was a special time, a time of care and love. And so when I hear or sing that hymn I remember "the woods and forest glades" An important time of my Christian

development

SO.....please let me know the hymns and the tunes you love and through the sharing of music let us grow together in faith.

Emails are always good!!!! m.jepp@btinternet.com

Yours in Christ

Mary

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. There will be a short joyful service led by Rev Mary first 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 we 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 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

So you think your taste in books is odd?

I suspect many of you know of the St James Book Browse, now in full swing again after the lockdown closure. One of the effects of lockdown was to make us re-think the event to keep it socially distanced, and it dawned us that we should hold it in the church itself (rather than the hall). If you haven't already visited the Book Browse, the next one is on Saturday 3rd September (from 10 till 4) and Sunday 4th September (11 till 4). Remember there are over 2,500 books on sale, all at £1 each. If you are reading this after those dates, the next one is on November 5th and 6th.

This move into the church had a number of surprising and unexpected benefits. First, we had much more space, so we could sort the books into genres more clearly. But better still, people could sit in the pews and browse, and still be socially

distanced (we have boxes of books on every second pew).

Secondly, we discovered a much easier way of setting up and packing away (it was always a laborious task), so making the whole event much more enjoyable.



Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, we were surprised at the number of people (particularly local people) who had never been in St James. They are staggered, not surprisingly, at the beauty of the building. I am sure many have now come back simply because it is a lovely place to visit. Beautiful books and a beautiful building. What is not to like!! Certainly, the last event, in early July, was very busy and we raised a record amount of £1,038.

But the real surprise was the consequence of the decision at the beginning of lockdown to go on-line. Quite a few of our donations are really odd books, (apologies to the very generous donors!!), some over 100 years old, some quite special and rare. The likelihood of selling them in Stonehaven is not high. So, we use a website called Abe Books (see us at www.abebooks.com – if you just want to see St James, click on Advanced search and put St James in as the seller's name). You probably wouldn't credit what has sold.

A few examples:

- Fray Bentos recipe book from the 1960's - 16 pages - £5

- Val McDermid's crime novels, signed by the author - £25
 - Kennedy's Latin Primer (can you remember that at school?)- £8
 - A 1940 Geometry school textbook to Galway, Ireland to someone with a very Indian name - £4
 - 6 I-spy books from the 1950s - £12
 - 'Forbidden Journey' - a book about a trek across Tibet - to a lonely Episcopalian in Syracuse, New York State - £10
 - 12 Rupert Bear Annuals from the 1960s sent to Australia - £48
 - 1940's Knitting pattern book - £5
 - Charles and Diana's wedding commemorative edition of the New English Bible to South Carolina - £10
 - A book on the 12 Caesars to Hatchards, the bookshop in Piccadilly, London -£9
 - "Language Truth and Logic" to Waterstones in Gower Street, London - £4
- ..and so on.

Since early 2021, we have sold 183 books out of an on-line catalogue of about 900 books. All of the books are, of course, donated so the net proceeds to St James over the 18 months amounts to £800. Not bad for satisfying odd tastes!

In case you are wondering, we get more books donated than we can sell, but the excess (minus the real rubbish) goes to Better World Books, a charity run by Amazon in Dunfermline, who either sell them themselves, or send them to the Third World, or get money for pulping them. Much better than landfill.

The Book Browse will be celebrating its 10th birthday in November this year (birthday cake might be available!!). If

you want a book, do come and visit. If you want an odd book, please use the web site (discounts could be offered!!).

All in the name of Jesus Christ.

David Fleming (This was first published in Grapevine)

Vestry Minutes 13th July 2022

Correspondence

Thank you email received from Gordon Powell and Margaret McDowell for the service of interment Mary conducted for them. They are descendants of the Hare Family who donated the Lady Chapel window.

Thank you email from Philip Wardle (Great Grandson of John Wardle) for details on the website enabling him to be in touch with the local Wardle family.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£29,806.83
Fabric Fund Account	£3,287.23
Buildings Account	4,774.14
St Philip's	£1,722.49

Report on St Philip's

St Philip's has now been handed over to the Catterline Community Church. Works are taking place inside and outside - the pews have been removed, walls repainted and works on the floor are in progress. The stained glass window is being repaired.

Chris Rodger meets regularly with Mary and David.

Worship/Priest's Report

In the Church's calendar we are now in Ordinary Time.

Mary asked how we saw our future, she spoke about St James

having a visible presence within the community, outreach and mission. We need to raise our profile. For example having an A5 leaflet ready for the next Book Browse which contains all the church services/forthcoming events/information about St James.

There was a discussion about identifying volunteers who would be willing to help within the church. The Men's Shed and the Narcotics Group helped at the last Book Browse. Edward has offered to keep a register of all helpers and their skill set. Peter and David will look towards producing a thank you card.

There is to be a meeting on Friday with the view to setting up a safe meeting place for Ukrainians in this area. St James will be joined by St Ternan's and the Catterline Community Church.

We now have a said Communion service at 10 am each Tuesday and Compline each Friday at 7 pm. Both services are well attended and it is hoped to have a healing service in the future and a service of meditation.

Bishop Dalcy (the Bishop of Swaziland) will be visiting Stonehaven on 10th August. This will include meeting at the Far and Wide Shop, they have donated a substantial amount of money towards projects in eSwatini. She will also visit St Ternan's and St James.

Mary reported that the recent wedding went well.

Fabric

Church: David reported that he has sourced a new supplier for the strips for the Remembrance plaques at the

back of church. Two of the plaques will be replaced with the new metal ones.

Mike and David are doing any small jobs that are required within the church.

An extension lead which was PAT tested in April is not working and is dangerous to use. David to investigate.

Hall: The bookings for the Hall are up. Sadly the Tea Dance Group will be returning to the Town Hall as the floor there is better for them.

Bees have been found nesting in the hall roof. George Masson, who is a bee-keeper, was consulted and we were told to leave them alone for the moment. They will leave in the Autumn. The boards on the roof will be replaced in September.

The water in the kitchen has never been very hot, this is to be investigated by a plumber.

Garden: The appeal for the font to be installed in the Garden of Rest was refused. A friend of Edward's may be interested in taking it.

Rectory: A condition report on the old rectory is awaited.

Fund Raising/Social

There had been a very successful Book Browse raising, with the hand knits and preserves, over £1,000. Thanks were expressed to the Men's Shed and the Narcotics Group for their help, and to Mary for delivering posters. Sandy Cook has volunteered to put up posters in the future for the Book Browse.

Abe Books has made a gross profit of £2,700, and a net profit of £754. Thanks were expressed to David, Diane and Anne for their hard work.

The Harvest Service and Tea for seniors will be on Thursday, 29th September. Jane Cook will deliver posters to the care homes. David Smail has requested to sing.

The Harvest lunch will be on Sunday, 1st October. This will be bacon rolls. A list will be put up in church for people wishing

to decorate windows. Donations of food will go to the Far and Wide food bank, perishable goods to The Haven.

AOCB

David reported that he had been nominated for the Diocesan Building Committee. He expressed his concerns that there are no policy guidelines. He is happy to join in an effort to support making of policy documents and has been in touch with Fay about this.

David is now part of the Diocesan environmental working group.

David has received an email from the Aberdeen night shelter. It is asking if anyone has a spare room for the night for a 16-25 year old. A poster will be put up.

David Smail has offered to paint the corridor outside the church toilet.

Edward said he is still awaiting a quote for the stained glass window in memory of Jonathan.

Next Meeting: 17th August

St James in 1973

The World: **Jan:** Britain, Denmark and Eire now full members of the EEC; Bombing of N Vietnam halted by Nixon; US Ex-president Lyndon B Johnson died; 5000 evacuated as volcano in Iceland erupted; Vietnam peace treaty signed in Paris. **Feb:** Makarios re-elected as President of Cyprus. **Mar:** last US troops left Vietnam; London car bomb killed one person and injured 200 – responsibility claimed by IRA; Noel Coward died. **April:** VAT introduced into Britain; 4 of President Nixon's aides resigned over Watergate; Picasso died. **May:** US Skylab launched into orbit; US Senate hearings began on Watergate. **June:** US-visit of Soviet leader Brezhnev. **July:**

US oil billionaire Paul Getty's grandson kidnapped; French tested H bomb in Pacific. **Sept:** J R R Tolkien died; 20 Trade Unions expelled from TUC; Juan Peron elected president of Argentina; W H Auden died. **Oct:** Dan Smith arrested on Poulson corruption charges; US Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned over tax evasion; oil prices rose by 70%; Yom Kippur War – Israel invaded by Egypt and Syria. **Nov:** Six Watergate burglars jailed; Gerald Ford sworn in as US Vice-President; Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips married. **Dec:** Veteran Zionist leader David Ben-Gurion died.

Also: Pulitzer Prize for Watergate journalists.

Konrad Lorenz won Nobel Prize for medicine.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance successfully developed as a new diagnostic technique at Aberdeen University.

Stonehaven

25th January: The balance sheet for the year ending 1972 was presented. There was a credit balance of £161.94. The balance sheet was accepted. The Dean pointed out that the cistern and wash basin in the downstairs toilet in the Rectory were in a pretty bad way and, after inspection, it was agreed that they be renewed. Mr Grant, who had been Lay Representative for a number of years, felt he had to resign because of his inability to attend the various meetings. Capt J W Christie was appointed in his place. Tea was served by Mrs Hayes.

30 January: The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall at 7.30 pm. There were 35 members present. The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer. The Dean pointed out that in the near future there was a possibility that the church insurances would have to be increased. The Dean said in his remarks that it would be a good thing if something in the way of a social evening could be arranged to give new members the opportunity of meeting the congregation. This was met with approval and it was agreed that a committee be

formed to go into the matter. After discussion it was agreed that a coffee evening be held in the hall on the evening of 6th March. The Dean also announced that the Rev David Brunt would be visiting the congregation to give a talk on his work as overseas Chaplain. This would be held in the hall on the evening of 18th March at 6.30 pm. Thanks were given to Mrs Christie for preparing tea and sandwiches, and to the ladies of the Ladies Fellowship for the purchase of the new chairs for the hall.

Message from the Community Council

“The Stonehaven & District Community Council, working with community groups and organisations are in the process of working a local resilience plan to help the community in case of any emergency in the future. Part of this exercise is to try to capture the local skills, knowledge and expertise that we have in the community.

If you click on the link below then you will be taken to short series of questions. If this is something that you feel your organisation would like to be part of the SDCC would very much appreciate your answers.

All data kept is stored securely and in compliance with GDPR guidance and is only accessed by the SDCC Officer tasked with this exercise.”

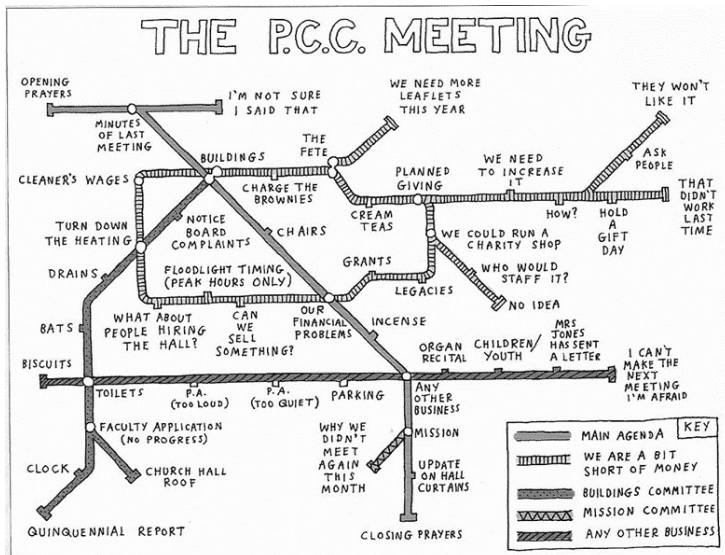
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We will consider this request at the next meeting of the vestry, but do feel free to circulate it to any organisations in Stonehaven who might be interested. Peter Sharp

A vestry meeting.

David Fleming sent a copy of the diagram below which describes a typical meeting of the Parochial Church Council. This is a body in the Church of England which is similar to the vestry in the Scottish Episcopal Church.. Of course it bears no resemblance to our vestry meetings which, under the able chairmanship of Mary, are well focused, concise and make clear decisions.

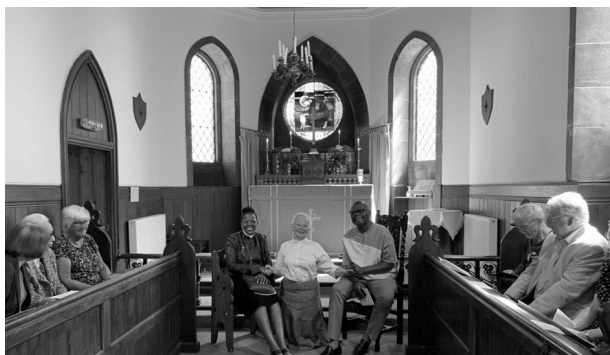
Peter Sharp



Visits

In August we had a visit from Bishop Dalcy of eSwatini (Swaziland) and her husband Anthony and by Bishop Betsey of Iowa and her family. Eswatini and Iowa are companion dioceses to Brechin. They had both been over in the UK for the Lambeth Conference and were invited by Bishop Andrew

to visit the diocese. Bishop Dalcy spent the day in Stonehaven and Muchalls. Apart from enjoying the tourist delights of



Stonehaven, she also visited Far and Wide which had provided financial support to her diocese. While there she was presented with a cheque. Bishop Betsey preached at the morning service at St James'.





Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
4th September 12th Sunday in Trinity	Dt 30.15-20 Ps 1 Philem 1-21 Lk 14.25-33
11th September 13th Sunday in Trinity	Ex 32.7-14 Ps 51.1-11 1 T 1.12-17 Lk 15.1-10
18th September 14th Sunday in Trinity	Am 8.4-7 Ps 113 1 T 2.1-7 Lk 16.1-13
25th September 15th Sunday in Trinity	Am 6.1a, 4-7 Ps 146 1 T 6.6-19 Lk 16.19-31
2nd October 16th Sunday in Trinity Harvest Festival	Hab 1.1-4;2.1-4 Ps 37.1-10 2 T 1.1-14 Lk 17.5-10

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

Greeter	Lessons 1+2	Coffee
Peter Sharp	Heather Grant	Diane Fleming
Irene Paterson	Irene Paterson	Peter Sharp
David Fleming	Diana Peters	Diane Fleming
Diane Fleming	Peter Fogiel	Paula Fogiel
Diana Peters	Val Cadd	Val Cadd

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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	Rev Mary Jepp

The copy deadline for the September Newsletter is

Sunday 25th September 2022 Reminders will not be sent out.

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