

Episcopal Churches of St. James' Stonehaven. St. Philip's Catterline.

October

2022



Services at St. James' & St Philip's during October 2022

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays

10.00 a.m. Said Holy Eucharist

Friday.

7.00pm Compline



DIARY NOTES October 2022

Day/Date	Event
2nd October 16th Sunday in Trinity Harvest Festival	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
9th October 17th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Anne O’Gorman
16th October 18th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
23rd October 19th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
30th October 20th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp

From Mary

In your reading have you come across Maya Angelou? If you were to look her up online you would see that she was an American poet, storyteller, activist and autobiographer. Although she had a career as a dancer, singer and in other areas of the arts perhaps some of her greatest endeavours were in the areas of civil rights working alongside Dr Martin Luther King Jr. It is said that at the heart of what she did was the desire to raise 'the moral standards of living in the United States'.

Over the years I have read quite a lot of Angelou's works, and it has always struck me that here was a person of energy, who

loved and cared deeply for the people she lived alongside regardless of their race, status etc. etc. Angelou's understandings were born out of her own experiences and relationships growing up and living in Missouri in the mid 20th century. Her works including *I Know Why the Cage Bird Sings*, are now often found on school curriculums on both sides of the Atlantic. Many of her words have a resounding truth for those who read them as in many ways they speak of ordinary experience which transcends cultural bias.

Recently I was reminded of just such words of Maya Angelou:

" I have learned...People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Over the last few day I have returned to those words and remembered, remembered people and places in my own life. And remembered times when I have been scooped up, sometimes rescued, sometimes made to feel safe and most of all loved. In my musings I have also felt myself drawn to the stories of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Intimate moments of connection he had with others. Today I suppose it is true to say that whether it be in person, or by email and the like, in order to make someone feel something there is a need to draw close to them. Perhaps one of the issues in our society, and even in church communities, is that we keep our distance.

If, for a moment, we consider the woman in adultery (John 8. 1-11) or perhaps the encounter on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24. 13-32) we see that Jesus modelled a way of intimacy and encounter. And yet here we are as Christians, highly skilled at pulling up the drawbridge. Those lines of Angelou which at their best speak of encouragement foster an environment where

people feel safe, appreciated and respected. The associated attitudes produce a culture that inspires each person to be the best version of themselves.

So how about considering in our church communities how we make people feel! Ask yourself...am I available to listen to all the members of my community, am I happy to listen to their stories of success as well as stories of challenge and their problems. How about celebrating success...do we celebrate success with one another? What about saying thank you? Do we make those we meet feel safe, appreciated and trusted? How amazing it would be if, through encouragement, we would help each other to be the best we could be and that that encouragement would over pour from our places of worship into the world.

Although it may seem like 'pie in the sky' thinking, in reality it is pretty simple, and what a difference it would make! So let's for a moment think on poor Doubting Thomas (John 20. 14-30). Thomas who had not been with the disciples, Thomas who was, I imagine, struggling to come to terms with the present and probably his future. Imagine how the intimacy of Christ turned his world upside down and enabled him, empowered him whilst holding the truth of Christ's resurrection to travel to Southern India to spread the Good News. Thomas was inspired to be the best person he could be. Who could you inspire?

St James in 1974

The World: **Mar:** US spacecraft Mariner photographed Mercury. **April:** Georges Pompidou died. Golda Meir resigned as Israeli Premier. **May:** W German Chancellor Willy Brandt resigned over spy scandal. New Archbishop of

Canterbury to be Dr Donald Coggan. Helmut Schmidt became W German Chancellor. Valery Giscard d'Estaing won French presidency. Duke Ellington died. **June:** Yitzhak Rabin new Israeli Premier. Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert won Wimbledon singles. **Aug:** Nixon resigned as US President as result of Watergate scandal. Gerald Ford took over. **Oct:** Labour won second election of year. Mohammed Ali regained world heavyweight title. **Nov:** W German terrorist leader Ulrike Meinhof jailed. IRA outlawed in UK. **Dec:** Greece voted to abolish monarchy. Jimmy Carter said he would run for US President.

June 17th - 2 IRA bombs exploded in London (Houses of Parliament and Tower of London), one person killed and 48 injured.

Oct 5th - 28 people died, many injured when IRA bombs exploded in Guildford.

Nov 7th - IRA bomb studded with nails and iron killed 2 and injured 34 at King's Arms public house near Woolwich Barracks.

Nov 21st - bombs planted in 2 pubs in Birmingham killed 21 and caused 182 injuries. There were other explosions during November and December including one in Oxford Street.

Also: 28 people were killed and hundreds injured when an explosion occurred at chemical plant at Flixborough, Lincolnshire.

The twin towers of the World Trade Centre, New York were completed.

ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with 'Waterloo'.

A miners' strike forced the Conservative government to introduce a 3 day working week. Edward Heath lost the general election and Harold Wilson entered his second term as Prime Minister.

St James

Jan 22nd : The balance sheet for year ending October 1973 was

presented. Income over expenditure amounted to £202.97. The secretary had received a letter from Mr W Wilson in which he stated that due to pressure of work he could no longer serve on Vestry.

Due to road reconstruction the drying green situated on the opposite side of the road from the hall had to be incorporated into this scheme. The Dean had been in touch with the appropriate authorities and a sum in the region of £300 may be paid in compensation.

Jan 29th: The AGM was held in the Royal Hotel and was attended by 31 members. Mrs Christie presented Mrs Hayes with a gift in recognition of her service. Mrs Hayes suitably replied.

The Dean said one of the outstanding events of the last year had been the Flower Festival. He also welcomed new families to the church. A performance of Stainer's Crucifixion would be sung in the church on 24th March.

The Dean felt that the present hall was going to present problems due to new fire regulations and it was possible that it would be closed. He had received from an anonymous donor a cheque for £300. It was agreed that this money be added to the sum which may be forthcoming from the loss of the drying green and this could be used to start a Hall Fund so that some day we could build a new hall.

As the social evenings were such a success it was agreed to hold another one in the hall on 26th February and a dinner and social evening towards the end of October.

March 14th: This was a special meeting. The Dean reminded everyone that it had been agreed to start a Hall Fund with a view to building a new hall at the site behind the church. Since then he had approached various interested firms for quotations. Marley Buildings Ltd had given one, with a feature entrance, Scottish fire door, asbestos cement roof for £2396. If a tiled roof were required this would be £542.50 extra. All other work -

excavations for foundations, drainage would be extra. Further costs would be installing water, electricity, toilets and drainage, lining with plasterboard etc. The second quote was from Aberglen based in Tullis offering a similar building for £4050 plus £1962 for excavation etc.

The Dean had heard from Mr Arthur G Balmer, Architect, that he was looking for new premises. The Dean had discussed with him the possibility of Mr Balmer making an offer for the whole property owned by the church at Bridgefield. Mr Balmer has offered to buy the whole property for £5000.

A further discussion ensued and it was decided to ask Mr Balmer if he would estimate the cost of the erection of a hall.

Oct 13th: The secretary read a letter from the Rector, Dean Hayes, tendering his resignation. He felt that by the time his 3 months' notice had elapsed he would have served 25 years as Rector and the time had come to hand over to a younger and more active priest. The Dean had discussed this with the Bishop and his lordship had accepted his resignation. The Dean would continue as Rector of St John's, Drumlithie and as Dean of the Diocese.

Mr A Christie pointed out that the guttering surrounding the church had now been cleaned.

Dec 19th: The Bishop took the chair. Some progress had been made to fill the vacancy - one possibility would be the Rector of Girvan, but on going into his history in the Red Book, his age ruled him out. It was therefore agreed to wait until after a meeting of our bishop with his fellow bishops. It was also agreed that a regular inspection of the Rectory be carried out while it was vacant, and that the two wardens, Mr E Harper and Mr A Christie, contact the Revd N Burnett to see if he would meet the vestry with a view to his helping out with services.

Vestry Minutes 17th August 2022

Matters Arising

Templates for Welcome, Information, and Thank You cards for St James were circulated and agreed by Vestry. The Thank You cards would be kept in the vestry.

Val reported that, in her absence, Jane Cook will deliver posters for the Seniors' Harvest Service. There will be a sheet at the back of the Church to sign to decorate a window for Harvest.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£28,026.24
Fabric Fund Account	4,549.99
Buildings Account	£4,274.14
St Philip's	£1,722.49

The stipend for priests will increase by about 11% next year. The Diocese will meet this cost.

The AGM will be on Sunday, 27th November after the morning service. There are 2 new Vestry members to be appointed.

Worship/Priest's Report

The visit by Bishop Andrew and Bishop Dalcy from Swaziland on 10th August started with a visit to 'Far and Wide' where a cheque for £1,000 was presented. This was followed by a visit to the Food Bank. The Bishops then visited St Ternan's for prayers and lunch. The afternoon was spent visiting St James, ice cream at the harbour, a walk along the boardwalk, and a paddle in the sea. The day finished with evening prayer and refreshments. Mary said it was interesting to discuss why Swaziland was so poor and suffering from civil unrest.

On Sunday 14th August Bishop Andrew and Bishop Betsey from Iowa visited St James. Bishop Betsey preached at the 10 am service.

Mary reported on the mediation course, run by Place for Hope, which she was in the process of undertaking.

The Ukrainian evenings are going well, each evening has been different.

A large collection of clothes has been collected in the church office – these will shortly be sent to a collection point.

Mary is exploring other services, for example a monthly Morning Prayer with hymns.

David presented a list of tasks he does for the church at present. He is happy to continue with some of these, but he would like volunteers to take on others. Mary said that she and Anne would take on the choosing of hymns. Peter said he will do the Gift Aid envelopes. Other tasks are still to be allocated.

Peter Parfitt is moving to Durham and is planning to leave at the end of September. Vestry decided to give him a cheque as a farewell gift. David said there were 3 options to replace Peter: (1) advertise, (2) have a rota of 2-3 organists – Paul McKay is happy to play for 2 Sundays a month and (3) an organ scholarship.

Vestry decided that we would continue with communion in one kind. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Fabric

Church: Mary would like to see the Baptistery tidier. David said he had some ideas for this. The slaters have not cleaned the gutters yet.

Hall: There have been 2 quotes to repaint the barge boards. The work will start in September.

Garden: The trees to be planted between St James and Abbeyfield will arrive on 18th August and will be planted on the 20th.

David will speak to the contractor regarding the removal of the font from the Garden of Remembrance.

Rectory

Old: The electrician has changed the consumer unit. There are some issues with the earth connection.

Fund Raising/Social

The Harvest Lunch will follow the Harvest service. This will be

bacon rolls and Mike has kindly agreed to produce these.

The next Book Browse is on 3rd and 4th September. Jane and Sandy Cook have kindly offered to distribute posters. It will be the 10th anniversary of the Book Browse at the beginning of November. We will celebrate the event on 4th November, which also happens to be Bible Sunday.

PVG

If an organ scholar becomes the next organist, and is under the age of 18, the mentor will need to have a PVG check.

AOCB

The stained glass windows have been replaced at St Philip's. Jean Carnie has requested that her sister's ashes and her nephew's ashes are place in the Garden of Remembrance. Mary will speak to Jean.

Next Meeting: 21st September 2022

Save the Date for the Five Bees

Please put in your diary the dates of Saturday 5th November and Sunday 6th (only 5 weeks away). You are invited to the

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Yes, the book Browse will be 10 years old, and we will be celebrating this huge milestone in a number of ways.

First, birthday cake will be had. Hopefully enough to keep us going from 10:00 till 16:00 on the Saturday and 11:00 till 16:00 on the Sunday.

Secondly, the Communion Service on Sunday will be designated as Bible Sunday, celebrating the best book of all.

You may well have noticed that we are getting a continuing flow of splendid donations, and so please try to set aside some time on Friday 4th (starting at 10:00) to help set up the Book Browse for this very important day. Every pair of hands for every hour makes a difference, and we are very grateful for the help.

Above all, tell your friends and neighbours about the event, and invite them along. Let's make it a worthy celebration of God's gift of reading.

David

Senior Harvest and Afternoon Tea.

It was so very good to be able to welcome residents of Stonehaven and the surrounding area to the Church Hall on Thursday (29th September) afternoon to our annual Senior Harvest and Afternoon Tea. Needless to say it had not been annual since 2019 because of the risks to health surrounding covid.

A super group of 10 volunteers arrived at noon and transformed the hall into a very welcoming tea room with white cloths, flowers, pretty tea cups, saucers and plates. They also brought with them delicious 'fine pieces' that were enjoyed by 35+ guests. We were delighted to welcome residents and staff from The Mowat, Clashfarquhar, and Havencourt - their smiles lit up the room - and friends from other churches in the town.

Our rector Mary wrote a lovely short harvest service, she spoke about her family memories of 'Thanksgiving' in Canada, the land of her birth. There were 4 hymns including her least favourite - 'We plough the fields and scatter' - which was sung with gusto! Margaret Wells, who has played for us before and we were pleased she wanted to come again, was delighted to play 4 hymns. (That information came from my email conversation with her beforehand!)

Talking to Stella and Arma on Thursday we thought the afternoon had first started about 20 years ago - a brainwave of Jean Carnie and Stella Wilson. Originally it was held in the church but it was realised that moving all that furniture was a logical nightmare, so we moved into the hall.

A huge thank you to Mary, Margaret and the great team assembled for the afternoon.

Harvest Windows

A huge thank you to the folk who dressed the windows and altar for the harvest service - Sunday 2nd October. Most of the windows this year were filled with tins, jars and dried food that can be used to make meals. There were few fresh flowers which look pretty but do not sustain life. We also had more food donations which we placed on the chancel steps. All our donations were given to the Stonehaven food bank which is run by the Far and Wide charity shop in Stonehaven.

At most festivals I receive money from Mr Jim Lees who lives in Aberdeen - he likes to have flowers in church in memory of his wife and it is a joy to receive his letter. This time he wrote - 'I enclose money to decorate with flowers and food in the top lefthand window in the church. I think food would be more appropriate in the troublesome times but I leave the choice to you'. I took him at his word and bought a small bunch of flowers and spent the bulk of his money on food goods giving his change in cash to the food bank to buy things they might specifically need. His decorated window is shown on the front page of the newsletter.

Thank you everyone for your kind donations.

Val Cadd - Flower Convenor.

Harvest Brunch

Following the thoughtful harvest service on Sunday 2nd October most of the congregation met in the church hall for bacon butties. We are very fortunate that when Rev Mary joined us as rector she was not alone and her husband Mike also moved to Stonehaven and he's very amenable to being volunteered to help - we are very, very lucky because Mike has now been our bacon chef twice.

About 18 of us enjoyed bacon rolls, custard doughnuts, shorties, tea, coffee and chat following the harvest service and hopefully went away with full tummies.

Thank you to Mike, Diane, Heather and Mary for your efforts and support.

Val Cadd

P.S. Coming up this year is the Christmas Coffee Morning the first weekend in December - Saturday 3rd December.

Vacancy for Organist

The Scottish Episcopal Church of St James the Great, Stonehaven is looking for a competent organist for its main Sunday service, which is a Choral Eucharist (Communion).

The music at the service includes a Setting of the Eucharist, 5 hymns (from Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New), and voluntaries before, during and at the end of the service. There is no choir.

The organ is a 15 rank 2-manual and pedal Wadsworth, historically listed and built by John Wardle in 1881.

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
2nd October 16th Sunday in Trinity Harvest Festival	Dt 30.15-20 Ps 1 Philem 1-21 Lk 14.25-33
9th October 17th Sunday in Trinity	2 Kings 5: 1-3,7-15 Ps 111 2 Tim 2.8-15 Lk 17.11-19
16th October 18th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 32.22-31 Ps 121 2 T 3.14-4.5 Lk 18.1-8
23rd October 19th Sunday in Trinity	Is 45.22-end Ps 119.v129-136 Rom 15. 1-6 Lk 4.16-24
30th October 20th Sunday in Trinity	Dan 7.1-3,15-18 Ps 149 Eph 1.11-end Luke 6.20-31
6th November 21st Sunday in Trinity Bible Sunday	Job 19.23-27a Ps 17.1-9 2 Th 2.1-5,13-17 Lk 20.27-38

Year B – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

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

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 September Newsletter is Sunday 23rd October 2022
Reminders will not be sent out.

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