

**Episcopal Churches of
St. James' Stonehaven.
St. Philip's Catterline.
April 2023**



**Services at St. James' during
April 2023**

Sundays.

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays

10.00 a.m. Said Holy Eucharist

Friday.

7.00pm Compline

1st Wednesday of the month

7.00pm Still @ 7. An opportunity to explore contemplative prayer/meditation within the Christian Tradition



DIARY NOTES April 2023

| Day/Date | Event |
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| 2nd April Palm Sunday | 10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp |
| 3rd April | 7.00pm Stations of the Cross Fr Mark Impson |
| 4th April | 7.00pm Holy Week Service Rev Sarah Smith |
| 5th April | 7.00pm Still@7 Rev Mary Jepp |
| 6th April Maundy Thursday | 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. Rev Mary Jepp |
| 7th April Good Friday | 2.00pm The Passion of the Lord Rev Mary Jepp |
| 8th April Holy Saturday | 8.00pm Easter Vigil Rev Mary Jepp |
| 9th April Easter Sunday | 8.00am Ecumenical Service at the Harbour 10.00am Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles |
| 16th April 2nd Sunday of Easter | 10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp |
| 23rd April 3rd Sunday of Easter | 10.00am Morning Prayer Edward Dickens |
| 30th April 4th Sunday of Easter | 9.00am Said Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp 10.30 am Joint service at St Philip's, Catterline 5.00pm Installation of Rev. Mary Jepp as a Canon. St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee |

From Mary

When I was growing up in Canada, our spring holiday always coincided with Easter. Sometimes Easter would fall in the middle of the 2 week break, sometimes at the end and sometimes at the beginning. Its placement had more to do with ensuring that the school weeks from Easter to the end of June, when we broke up for the summer holidays, were not too long more than anything else, as we didn't have a half term break. That adjustment reflected, as we know, the fact that Easter is very much a moveable feast. I know that from time to time there are cries from the general population about fixing Easter, just as Christmas is fixed, but I personally would think that that would be a real shame. I know that in many ways it would make it much easier for individuals to plan holidays etc but I would miss its movements.

I expect some of you may be thinking at this point, if you haven't already, that I am completely loopy but let me explain...first of all with a personal story. Many years ago, long before I was a Reader in the Church of England, I attended a wee parish church in Cambridgeshire. It was the practice in that church that on Maundy Thursday night there would be an all night vigil. Time slots would be allotted to members of the congregation and we would all dutifully arrive to do our silent stint in a darkened church. Now, perhaps because a friend and I were the youngest in the congregation, we would get the 3 am slot. And so we would trudge down to church and sit in silence for an hour. The church, having had its stained glass desecrated by Cromwell's men, had clear glass windows. It was sitting in that church, year after year, that I realised that on Maundy Thursday night the moon was almost full. Observing this, the penny dropped and the reality of Easter being based on the lunar cycles of the Jewish calendar made sense. It was there that

I first understood that Passover and Easter are truly linked. I realised that as we celebrate the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday we are not only linked to our Jewish brothers and sisters in their celebration of Passover today, but we are truly linked to the story of the first Passover as told in the Book of Exodus 12, the story of the Hebrew people being delivered from the hand of Pharaoh and beginning their Exodus to the promised land.

What a story that is! There were of course moments when they despaired on their desert sojourn, there were moments when they questioned the presence and actions of their God. However, regardless of their thoughts, the reality was that God was with them just as he is with us today. During Lent we have been looking at the Creed for our Lent Study. Perhaps one of the most interesting things about the discussion is the realisation that we bring to the table many different perspectives and understandings. These understandings are rooted in our many life and church experiences. As we consider the stories of Holy Week and Easter it is good for us to remember that, despite our different understandings, as Christian people we believe as the Creed says...*For our sake he (Jesus) was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

And so rejoice that we are children of the resurrection truly knowing that Jesus Christ is risen!!! He is risen in deed...Alleluia!

Note.

Mary is to be installed as a Canon at 5.00pm on 30th April in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee.

Thought for the Day

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, and to have the two as close together as possible.

THE BALLAD OF THE JUDAS TREE

By D Ruth Etchells

In Hell there grew a Judas Tree
Where Judas hanged and died
Because he could not bear to see
His Master crucified.

Our Lord descended into Hell
And found his Judas there
For ever hanging on the tree
Grown from his own despair.

So Jesus cut his Judas down
And took him in his arms
"It was for this I came" he said
"and not to do you harm."

My Father gave me twelve good men
And all of them I kept
Though one betrayed and one denied
Some fled and others slept.

In three days' time I must return
To make the others glad
But first I had to come to Hell
And share the death you had.

My tree will grow in place of yours
Its roots lie here as well
There is no final victory
Without this soul from Hell”.

So when we all condemned him
As of every traitor worst
Remember that of all his men
Our Lord forgave him first.

(Taken from the Newsletter of the American Lutheran Church,
Newport WA and read at a recent Easter Service from King’s
College, Cambridge)

Diane

Social Report

Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all who helped
or supported the very successful
Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th.
We raised a grand total of £637.

It was lovely to see many new faces
and to hear lots of chatter.
Some of our Ukrainian friends, from
the Friday drop in, asked if they
could have a table to raise funds to
buy clothes for the Ukrainian Army.
They sold home bakes on their table.
The total raised through sales and donations was £190.



Future Event for your Diaries.

Rock Choir Concert.

This will be on Saturday 29th April in the church starting at 7.30pm. The cost will be £10 to include a glass of wine or cup of tea/coffee. There will also be a raffle.

Tickets will be available in church on a Sunday or from Paula on 07710529694 or Anne on 01569 765793.

Tickets will also be available from either Paula or Anne at the Book Browse on the 22/23rd April.

Anne

St James in 1979

The World: **Jan:** Cambodian capital Phnom Penh fell to Vietnamese. Shah of Iran fled to Egypt. **Feb:** Iran - Ayatollah Khomeini returned after 16 years' exile and new provisional government set up. **April:** demonstrations in Pakistan as ex-PM Bhutto hanged. **May:** Margaret Thatcher elected first woman PM in UK. Abel Muzorewa became Rhodesia's first black PM. **Jun:** first direct elections for European Parliament. John Wayne died. **Jul:** US space station Skylab returned to earth from orbit. Iran- Khomeini banned broadcasting of music. **Aug:** Rhodesia to be renamed Zimbabwe. **Sept:** Pope John Paul visited Ireland. **Dec:** Charles Haughey of Fianna Fail became Irish PM. Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan following coup.

Also: James Bridges' film '*The China Syndrome*'.

William Styron's novel '*Sophie's Choice*'.

Francis Ford Coppola's film '*Apocalypse Now*'.

Tanzanian troops invaded Uganda and routed Idi Amin's

forces.

Disaster at Three Mile Island – radioactivity released into atmosphere when uranium core of one of the water reactors overheated. Dame Gracie Fields died.

Airey Neave killed by IRA bomb as he was leaving underground car park at House of Commons.

Seb Coe broke 3 world records in 41 days. Earl Mountbatten of Burma was murdered by IRA.

Stonehaven:

16th January: The statement of accounts was presented. Despite heavy expenses (work done on the Rectory) during the year excess of expenditure over income amounted to only £109.85. Expenses during the coming year were expected to be high and the treasurer was given permission to transfer the hall fund amounting to £308.46 to the current account if it was necessary to do so. The secretary had received a phone call from Mrs Beaumont informing him that her husband no longer wished to remain a member of the vestry due to pressure of work.

30th January: The Annual General Meeting was attended by 21 members. The Rector said that he had made 614 visits and according to the visitors' book 98 people had visited the church. He expressed his gratitude for all those who had helped during his absence: Mr Jolly and Mr Bonney, the 2 lay readers Mr Harper and Mr Steel, Dean Hayes and Rev Burnett. Mr Beaumont stated that he was to be transferred to another area in connection with his work but that he would continue as a member of the vestry until he moved. (This statement seems to contradict his wife's previous phone call! – DJF)

As the use of the new experimental Liturgy was being used in many churches throughout the province the Rector asked for views as to whether it should be adopted here. After discussion Mr Steel suggested a 3 month trial at the 11 am service. This was agreed but Mr Stephen hoped the 'Grey Book' Liturgy would be continued at the weekday services.

25th April: The Rector said he had received a phone call from the area organizer of 'Weight Watchers' regarding the use of the hall one night per week. After a brief discussion the vestry were unanimous in turning down this request.***(Note 1)** Mr Beaumont said it was certain that he was leaving Stonehaven and would have to relinquish his seat on the vestry. It was suggested by Mrs Sharp that perhaps one of the ladies from the Ladies' Fellowship would be willing to accept****(Note 2)**.

18th Dec: The accounts for the year ending September 1979 were examined. There was a deficit of £512.82. The accounts were accepted. As the coming year had every appearance of being a difficult one financially, and in order that the deficit be reduced, it was suggested by Mr Harper that some form of 'gift day' could be introduced. This was thought to be an excellent idea and would be put before the congregation at the AGM on 15th January.

The magazine 'Outlook' would no longer be available due to the increase in price from 7p to 12p. Several of the organ keys needed attention and this would be reported to the organ tuner on his next visit. The Rector reported that the dividing wall between the Rectory and the adjacent property was in need of attention but before proceeding it would be necessary to examine the title deeds.

***Note 1:** No reason was given for this decision and why it was unanimous. It is interesting to note that Slimming World has been using the hall for some time in recent months.

****Note 2:** No doubt this suggestion caused palpitations amongst vestry members at the thought of the incursion of another woman onto the male dominated vestry.

Vestry Minutes 25th January 2023

Book Browse

Laura Christie and Diane Fleming attended for this discussion. Laura described how the Book Browse was conceived after seeing men at the coffee mornings sitting talking and reading books purchased from the book stall. David Fleming explained that, pre-Covid when the Book Browse was in the hall, the Book Browse made about £600. Since moving to the Church the takings have increased to £1,000. However the problem is we are now receiving more books, some of them in an unsellable condition meaning disposal is a problem. Also storing and sorting books between each Book Browse is becoming a problem. Everyone is getting older and running the Book Browse is becoming more of a strain. One downside of moving to the Church is the loss of the more intimate atmosphere for coffee in the hall. It was decided to run the Book Browse in February but the last one would be in April, thus no more books would be required. David will enquire how to dispose of the excess books. David expressed his thanks to all who had helped with the Book Browse, and especially the Narcotics Group who were very helpful in putting the boxes away after the Book Browse. Thanks were expressed to David and Diane for their hard work. It was pointed out that alternative ways of fund raising involving the church and community would now need to be discussed. Val said she would arrange a Social Committee meeting.

Peter Fogiel and Sandy Cook were welcomed as new members of the Vestry.

Correspondence

A letter received from David Fleming thanking everyone for his gifts received at the AGM in recognition of his work as

Property Convenor.

Peter has received a letter from the solicitors who dealt with the purchase of 3 Ramsay Road regarding its entry in the Land Registry. New laws are coming in requiring the ownership of all land to be recorded. Peter is awaiting a copy of the deeds to see whose name is on the present register before taking further steps.

David has received a letter demanding payment for registration for sending Abe books to France. David said he does not send books to France (because of various restrictions) and had cancelled the registration.

Treasurer's Report

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| Main Account: | £22,342.60 |
| Fabric Fund Account: | £2,075.92 |
| Buildings Account: | £3,617.36 |
| St Philip's: | £7,549.61 |

Peter reported that the independent examiner has approved the accounts.

Worship/Priest's Report

Mary reported that the Christmas services went well.

Mary has met with Chris Rodgers from the Community Church at Catterline. It is hoped to have a joint service at Catterline on Sunday, 30th April. It will enable us to see all the renovation works that have taken place.

James and Fiona's wedding is on 15th April

Mary has been approached by the Masons as to whether they could attend a service at St James. This was agreed by Vestry and they will attend the service on 16th April.

The Lent Course will commence on Shrove Tuesday. The series will concentrate on the Creed.

Carronside will be serving pancakes in St Bridget's on Ash

Wednesday and will then join St James for the service at 7 pm. Mary has had a meeting with Fr Mark and Sarah Smith. They have agreed that they will take services at St Bridget's on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week. St James will have their own services on Thursday and Friday. Mary is officiating at Gwynne and Paul's wedding which will be at Fetteresso. Permission has been given for Mary to take the service from the bishop and the session at Fetteresso.

Fabric

Church: Sandy asked if the heating was on during the funeral on the 25th. He was assured it was.

The outside lamp has now been fixed.

The church office has been tidied up.

There are some issues with contacting the CCTV company.

Hall: New rails and curtains have been put up.

The grill control was broken, this has now been replaced.

Garden: The shed at the back of the hall is rotten and will be removed. Mary spoke about the plot of land at the back of the hall. At present this is overgrown. Options are to grass the area, or divide into usable plots.

Rectory (old) A meeting is to be arranged to check on outstanding issues from the Quinquennial report.

St Philip's: There are some issues with the windows. Mary and Peter Fogiel to visit.

Peter Fogiel had circulated quotes for fire risk assessments for the hall and church. The vestry agreed to accept the quote of £375 from Gordon Moir.

Peter Sharp circulated a proposed letting policy. Peter Fogiel has spoken to hall users and most have public liability insurance. Church activities like the Feein' Market are covered by the church's insurance. The Ukrainian Drop-in is also covered as the church runs it. David Fleming expressed his

disagreement to groups being forced to sign the agreement. Paula Fogiel will look into whether we need an entertainment licence.

Fund Raising/Social

Anne has received details of this year's Feein' Market. The fees have increased to £95. St James will have its usual stall.

AOCB

Sandy asked why it took 2 months for the minutes from Vestry to appear in the newsletter. It was explained that the minutes have to be approved at the following meeting before going into the newsletter.

On the first session after Christmas of the Ukrainian Drop-in the Ukrainians hosted a Christmas party and 48 people attended. A new family of 5 attended last week.

Warm Hubs – it was proposed to set up a 'Warm Hub' in the hall on Thursdays from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Anne has been in talks about a possible grant for the Ukrainian Drop-in and the Warm Hub.

Next Meeting 1st March

Summary of vestry meeting on 1st March 2023

- The bishop's Lent appeal is for the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria.
- Mary spoke about the Net Zero paper which is out for consultation. The intention is for the SEC to get to near net zero carbon emissions by 2030.
- Refugee workers visited the Ukrainian Drop In and were very impressed as the Ukrainians had ownership of the evening and the churches were there just as the hosts.
- Peter Fogiel reported that the fire risk assessments have been completed for both the church and the hall.

Readers, and Greeters,

| Date | Readings |
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| 2nd April Palm Sunday | Is 50.4-9a Ps 31.9-16 Phil 2.5-11 Mt 26.14-27.66 or Mt 27.11-54 |
| 9th April Easter Sunday | Acts 10.34-43 or Jer 31.1-6 Ps 118.1-2, 14-24 Col 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43 Jn 20.1-18 or Mt 28.1-10 |
| 16th April 2nd Sunday in Easter | Acts 2.14a, 22-32 Ps 16 1 P 1.3-9 Jn 20.19-31 |
| 23rd April 3rd Sunday in Easter | Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Ps 116.1-3(4-9)10-17 1 P 1.17-23 Lk 24.13-35 |
| 30th April 4th Sunday in Easter | Acts 2.42-47 Ps 23 1 P 2.19-25 Jn 10.1-10 |

Year A – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

| Greeter | Lessons 1+2 | Coffee |
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| Jane Cook | Edward Dickens | Irene Paterson |
| Peter Sharp | Heather Grant | Richard Clark |
| Val Cadd | Richard Clark | Peter Sharp |
| Diane Fleming | Diane Fleming | Paula Fogiel |
| Peter Fogiel | Peter Fogiel | Jane Cook |

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

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GROUP CONVENORS

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| Property | Paula Fogiel |
| Communication | Peter Sharp |
| Music | David Fleming |
| Social | Val Cadd |
| Lay Reader emeritus | Arma Iles |
| Weekly Pew Sheet | Diana Peters |
| Hall Management | Paula Fogiel |
| Protection of Vulnerable Groups Officer | Irene Paterson |
| Vestry | Rev Mary Jepp |

The copy deadline for the April Newsletter is Sunday 23rd April 2023

Reminders will not be sent out.

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