

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



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

Day/Date	Event
2nd July 4th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Morning Prayer Edward Dickens
9th July 5th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
16th July 6th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Reserved Sacrament Arma Iles
23rd July 7th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Holy Eucharist. Rev Mary Jepp
30th July 8th Sunday in Trinity	10.00am Morning Prayer Anne O'Gorman

From Mary,

On the 28th of June it will be 15 years since I was ordained deacon, the following year in 2009 I was ordained priest. 15 years on it seems like a very long time ago. Never in a million years did I think, when I was having a cup of tea with a priest friend perhaps in 2000 and I said I would like to be a reader, did I ever think that I would end up a priest. In my naivety, having not long started to attend my local Church of England parish church, I thought that being a reader meant that I would read the lesson!!! And so, shortly afterwards, I found

myself sat in front of Bishop John Flack, who informed me that he thought that I was not being called to Reader ministry, phew I thought, but to the priesthood. May I say I did a lot of back pedaling...his response – I think we will have a conversation in a couple of years' time, and needless to say he was right. So at the 15 year point, I hope you will indulge my reflections on those years.

As many of you know I have had a varied ministry, starting my curacy in a town centre Anglo-Catholic parish, then into the countryside of Cambridgeshire (being rector of 7 parishes), followed by downtown Kilmarnock, an area of deprivation, then leafy Hampshire and finally here to the north east. I know that many of my colleagues who were ordained at the same time as me have remained in their initial parishes, but this was not my calling. Now some might think that my moving around has something to do with my inability to stick with things, but I would say that I don't think that is the case. Just like in my teaching, I have always ended up in positions where I seem to set the scene for whoever is meant to follow on after me, such being the case with transitional minister.

Alongside that work, of course, is the normal day to day pastoral work, the calling of coming alongside people and walking with them for a period of time. The words I have just written have been very carefully chosen. The notion of walking alongside, in a sense journeying with people, is central to what I hope to do as a priest. As I think back over the years I have gained much from those I have accompanied along the way, there have been many stories shared and many insights gained and I am the better for it.

I believe that all of us who profess a faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ are called. In church communities you

often hear the laity being described as volunteers but this, I think, is a misnomer as Christians we are all gifted and we are all called. It may be as a grandparent, carer, or parent, it may be in support of a charity, as a musician or in cleaning, it may be sitting quietly and praying for the world situation but regardless they are called. Speaking honestly there have been moments when I wish the pressures of ministry might disappear, but many more times when I am able to acknowledge the privilege of ordination. I hope that at least some of the time I am able to stand in the gap, representing God to those that I serve as well as representing those that I serve to God. Many thanks for being part of my journey.

Fund Raising Report

3rd June saw the annual Feein' Market in the Market Square. As previous years we had a Home Crafts stall. It was lovely weather. Thank you to every one who helped in any way. We raised £804. Also St James won the shield for the best-dressed stall.



In June we held a Fashion Show, with cheese and wine, in church. Lola, a Stonehaven Boutique, ran the event. All had great fun. Ticket holders were also entitled to 15% off clothes bought, the following week in the shop. We raised £1,050 after expenses.

Our next planned events are:-

Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm classical evening.
To include music by Elgar, Vivaldi, Bach, performed on organ, fiddle oboe, guitar and voice.
Free entry with retiring collection.

Sunday 9th July 11.30
Organ recital by one of our organists Ian Lovegrove.
This will be followed with a bring and share lunch.

Look out for details next month for Open Doors.

Sunday 8th October, after their very successful free concert on the Coronation weekend Granite City Brass will be back. There will be a raffle and retiring collection .

Anne

St James in 1982

The World: **Jan:** US plane hit bridge over Potomac, 78 killed. UK- unemployment topped 3 million. **April:** Argentina seized Falklands. Canada – Queen transferred sovereignty of constitution. **May:** British launched counter-attack in Falklands. Pope John Paul II visited Britain. **June:** Argentinians surrendered over Falklands. President Galtieri ousted. Birth of Prince William. **July:** Palace intruder got into Queen’s bedroom. IRA bombs

killed 11 and injured more than 50 in Hyde Park and Regents Park. Rev Moon married 4,000 in mass ceremony in New York. **Aug:** Henry Fonda died. Ingrid Bergman died. **Sept:** Princess Grace of Monaco killed in car crash. **Oct:** Henry VIII's flagship '*Mary Rose*' raised from seabed off Southsea. **Nov:** Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev died. Yuri Andropov elected as Brezhnev's successor. **Dec:** Barney Clark received first artificial heart. Concert pianist Artur Rubenstein died.

Also: Richard Attenborough's film '*Ghandi*'. Stephen Spielberg's film '*ET*'. Thomas Keneally published '*Schindler's Ark*'. The Barbican Centre in London was opened.

Stonehaven::

5th Jan: The Rector reported that the leaders of the kindergarten had been visited by the fire authorities to check on safety regulations. The only thing missing was the provision of a fire extinguisher. The ladies agreed to rectify this but the Rector pointed out it was to the Church's advantage to have one and St James should bear part of the cost. The accounts for the year ending September 1981 were presented showing a deficit of £1224.08, largely due to heavy expenses during the year including £1800 for the organ restoration with £800 already being collected. It was agreed that a further £50 per annum be added to the organist's fee.

19th Jan: The AGM was held in the hall. There were 17 members present. The Rector reported that there had been an increase in the number of communicants from 161 to 189. Taking into account the number of deaths in that time there had been an overall increase of 61. There had also been 6 confirmations. The Rector had also received an honorary canonry and been approached for the post of Synod Clerk which had unfortunately eluded him by one vote. He thanked Capt Christie for the various jobs done round the church, Mr Harper for producing the monthly Newsletter, the Sunday School teachers, the flower arrangers and the Ladies Fellowship.

Regular giving had also increased by nearly £700.

25th May: Concern was expressed at the state of the church wiring. Capt Christie said he would contact the Hydro-electric Board to give a free survey of the church. A discussion was held about the continued use of the hall by the playgroup. The business of the evening was disrupted by the presence of the committee members of the Ladies Fellowship. The Rector proposed that they join the vestry. However Mrs Sharp objected to the presence of the Ladies Fellowship, but after the reading of the previous discussions on the playgroup they were invited to join in the discussion. The Rector outlined the confusion over the Fellowship afternoon tea, with the Fellowship expressing their need for the hall usually four times a year and, because of family commitments, both mornings and afternoons might be required. The playgroup was agreed to be a success, with the number of children attending, the waiting list and the favourable comments in the town. Members of the Fellowship and Vestry expressed the need for better communication and clearly defined rules of conduct for the hall, because not all members of the church present agreed with this summary. Capt Christie was asked to provide electricity readings to give an idea of the real cost of the playgroup. Mr Steel proposed that in future all correspondence relating to the use of the hall should be dealt with by the secretary, and a diary provided in the hall.

The Rector proposed a motion which would be for members of the vestry and Ladies Fellowship to consider before the next meeting and would act as a 'cooling off' period as discussion had become overheated.

11th June: It was with regret that the vestry accepted the resignation of Capt Christie. A proposed draft resolution was presented concerning the playgroup's use of the hall. The conditions were (1) to keep the hall tidy at all times and

to leave it clean. (2) to be responsible for any damage or break-ages that take place during occupation. (3) to be responsible for the cost of heating and lighting during occupation. (4) to make a contribution to the general maintenance of the hall. (5) not to introduce storage units or bulky equipment without the express permission of the vestry.

Mr Emslie kindly offered to fit a meter to the hall. The vestry agreed to renew the permission of the playgroup to use the hall for 5 mornings a week during the academic year under the following conditions: (a) providing the conditions of church hall use are met permission will be granted on an annual basis, to be reviewed in March. (b) it must be understood that the church has prior claim on the use of the hall and the kindergarten will be given reasonable notice by the vestry of the dates required.

10th Sept: The meeting was called to discuss church finances. The treasurer outlined his strategy and documentation was handed out for the vestry to consider before the next meeting. The Rector had received only one estimate for exterior decoration of the rectory, it was thought to be reasonable and therefore would go ahead. The church hall requests are being met in harmony, various organisations are requesting its use. The vestry had no objection to a British Sailors' Society tea, the probable use by the Choral Society during their annual concerts and of course the Ladies Fellowship.

Mr Grant will ask for a valuation of the silver, pewter and furniture for the purposes of insurance. The secretary will arrange estimates for the repair of the tower after Thompson's had declined the repair previously proposed. He will also request the Hydro Board's survey for heating and wiring after their failure to action the first request.

3rd Nov: Matters discussed were the Choral Society's use of the church, the rectory painting in the spring, the slater replacing tiles and the insurance of the church buildings and valuables. It

was with regret that the vestry accepted the resignation of Mr N Bomey the organist, several 'stand-ins' would have to be found until a replacement was found. Mr D Muir suggested a guide for the church.

15th Dec: The cost of a guide book was to be estimated. Mr J Clapp would play the organ for the moment and would be given first refusal as a permanent replacement. The secretary agreed to calculate the number of vestry members required for 1983 after the vestry accepted the resignation of Mr R Christie and Mr D Muir who both felt an injection of new blood was required. Mr J Christie also tendered his resignation as People's Warden due to failing health.

Vestry Minutes 26th April 2023

Matters Arising

David asked if any procedure had been put in place for locking the church offices and switching off light and heating after the Sunday service. It was agreed that the server will do this.

Correspondence

Val had received a donation of £25 for Easter flowers. She has sent a thank you letter.

David and Diane had received an email from Better World Books thanking St James for the books donated after the Book Browse ended.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account:	£21,875.50
Fabric Fund Account:	£3,435.84
Buildings Account:	£3,617.36
St Philip's:	£7,682.83

£50 was donated from the congregation to the Bishop's Lent

appeal. It was agreed to make this up to £100.

Worship/Priest's Report

Mary reported the Easter services went well and had a good attendance.

She said she had a good working relationship with Fr Mark and Sarah from Carronside. St James is becoming known as the Town Church.

It was the Church of Scotland's turn to host the Remembrance Service this year but both Sarah and Mark (from Fetteresso) are away.

Paul and Ian are sharing the organ playing for the Sunday service.

Mary is now the Sea Cadet padre and will also be installed as a Canon in the cathedral on 30th April.

She will be on retreat at Westray from 18th - 27th May.

It was suggested that a possible fund raiser could be to pay £5 for your 5 favourite hymns to be played on a Sunday.

Net Zero

Mary, Peter Sharp and Peter Fogiel met to consider proposals for net zero from the Diocese. Comments have been sent to the Diocese. A revised version on net zero will be presented at the General Synod on 8th June for approval.

Fabric

Because Peter Fogiel was unable to attend the meeting a copy of his report was circulated to all Vestry members and a copy filed with the minutes.

Hall: David asked if the Warm Hub was still running and Mary confirmed it was.

Peter Sharp reported that our insurance company has given permission for a generator to be installed to supply emergency lighting to the hall in connection with the

Stonehaven resilience plan.

Garden: Mary reported on the garden community project with Inspire, a charity for people with learning difficulties. Anne said a skip would be hired to enable the area to be cleared. Paula has applied to the Lions for a grant for this. If this does not transpire, money raised from the Rock Choir concert will be used. The shed has been demolished and we have been awarded £480 from the Diocese for a new shed and tools..

Rectory (Old): Mary, Peter Sharp, Peter Fogiel and Anne met with Scott Rennie from Messrs Raeburn Christie. Scott had prepared a letter of acceptance for the price of £153,000, the property will be purchased as it stands and the proposed sale will be completed on 1st June.

Fund Raising/Social

The final Book Browse raised over £1,200.

There will now be a separate fund raising committee who will liaise with the Social Committee. Fund raising schemes currently booked and a Rock Choir concert and the Fein' Market.

Val has organized a Coronation Tea for Sunday 7th May. This will be a 'Bring and Share' tea.

AOCB

David said he would be happy to ring the church bell on the day of the Coronation.

It was agreed that if the hall was let when the church was in use it would need to be agreed with the hall user that the toilets could be used.

A light sensor has been fitted in the corridor between the church office and the vestry.

Date of next meeting: 14th June 2023

Inspire Garden Project

From a chance conversation with Inspire at one of our Thursday Drop-In sessions an amazing community project has arisen. Inspire is an association which caters for people with disabilities. They mentioned that they were having problems in finding projects for people to do. Now, to the east of the hall we have a garden area which, in pre-covid times, was used as an allotment but has since been neglected and become overgrown. Mary took the manager to have a look at it and they became very enthusiastic at the prospect of developing the plot. So started an amazing community project.



To clear the site we needed a skip and some manpower. Paula managed to get grants to cover the cost of the skip, a garden shed, tools, a water butt and other garden implements. The Masons were approached to see if they could help in any way. One Sunday they arrived with a truck, digger and lots of manpower. Paula, Peter, Mike and myself were on hand to help and supply refreshments.



Wow, what a transformation! The rhubarb and some strawberries were transplanted along with some currant bushes.



Next month more community involvement and the start of the garden being planted up.

Anne

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
2nd July 4th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 22.1-14 Ps 13 Ro 6.12-23 Mt 10.40-42
9th July 5th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 24.34-38,42-49,58-67 Ps 45.11-18 or S of S 2.8-13 Ro 7.15-25a Mt 11.16-19,25-30
16th July 6th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 25.19-34 Ps 119.105-112 Ro 8.1-11 Mt 13.1-9,18-23
23rd July 7th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 28.10-19a Ps 139.1-11,22-23 Ro 8.12-25 Mt 13.24-30,36-43
30th July 8th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 29.15-28 Ps 105.1-11,(45b) or 128 Ro 8.26-39 Mt 13.31-33,44-52
6th August 9th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 32.22-31 Ps 17.1-7,16 Ro 9.1-5 Mt 14.13-21

Year A – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

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

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

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GROUP CONVENORS

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 June Newsletter is Sunday 23rd July 2023

Reminders will not be sent out.

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