

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



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

Day/Date	Event
<b>4th June</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am Reserved Sacrament</b> <b>Arma Iles</b>
<b>11th June</b> <b>1st Sunday in Trinity</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Eucharist.</b> <b>Rev Mary Jepp</b>
<b>18th June</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Trinity</b>	<b>10.00am Reserved Sacrament</b> <b>Anne O’Gorman</b>
<b>25th June</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Trinity</b> <b>Patronal Festival</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Eucharist.</b> <b>Rev Mary Jepp</b>

**From Mary,**

Today, the 28th of May, we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost in our morning service. On this occasion we were joined by members of the Community Church at Catterline, who hold their services in the Episcopal Church building of St Philip's. What a wonderful service it was...wonderful to share leading the worship with my colleague and friend Chris Rodger, their pastor, wonderful to have congregation of around 60, wonderful to hear great singing and music, (Ian our organist was on top form!) wonderful to sit and listen to a sermon, wonderful

to feel the buzz after the service as we joined in coffee etc., catered for by Richard.

But most wonderful was that we were able to join in heartfelt worship with our Christian brothers and sisters from up the road, who go about worship in a slightly different way. At the beginning of the service I joked about how tribal we Christians are in our ways of worshipping God. I realise that the word tribal might to some seem a slightly harsh, but so much of what we do in church is about our own particular likes and dislikes...how we worship I believe says much more about us than it does about God. Think for a moment of all the different ways that we do church; do we wear vestments, have overhead screens, kneel down, stand up, have hands in the air, light candles...the list is endless. Many of these things are actually the things that separate or divide us as followers of Christ, they are things that are inward looking and do not reflect the calling to follow Christ and make disciples of humanity.

You may be aware, perhaps through your own observation and reflections or via the media, that church numbers are falling drastically. The Church of Scotland is said to be closing many of its churches up and down the country... there is a great sadness in all of this. The question, I believe, is about caring welcome, and not necessarily a welcome to services where the subtext is you are welcome to join in our service, the way that we do it. It, I think, is a difficult thing to say that just maybe what we do does not suit everyone. In saying this I also recognize that what Catterline Community Church, or Dunnottar or Fettereso or the Baptist Church etc etc. does not suit who I am, and my particular faith journey. I hugely believe that it is important that we recognize individuals own particular needs and in a sense that our many denominations provide a variety of worship whilst at the same time recognizing that we are all God's children..

So what might welcome look like? I think it is about demonstrating love and care to those we live and work alongside. I may sound like a 'cracked record' but I believe with my whole heart it is about us as Christians, being outward looking and being embedded in our community, about being a force of care, love and welcome. That can take many forms. Of course it may be in volunteering, in participating in organisations outwith Saint James, but it is also about being supportive of the initiatives that are already happening within our church community.

Over the last year many have been involved in the Ukrainian Drop In and, much more recently, we have begun to work in partnership with Inspire, the charity which supports individuals with learning difficulties. A month or so ago on a Thursday afternoon drop in, one of the Inspire support workers said that they were having great difficulty finding placements for their participants. Out of this conversation a germ of an idea began to grow. Now I would say it was a Holy Spirit inspired moment when we offered the wee vegetable patch behind church for their use, with a little bit being allocated to the Brownies. What happened next and continues to happen was truly amazing, as the project caught the imagination of many. With the help of the local Masons the ground was cleared, others were involved in getting funding for a skip, shed, tools etc. etc., our Men's Shed built a raised bed which will be used by wheel chair users, a bench is to be refurbished, plants including pumpkin plants have been promised and many have helped remove the rubble and several of our Ukrainian sisters, who love gardening, have also volunteered. So many people coming together and showing what a little bit of care and time can do.

Let us pray that our hearts will be set alight by the Holy Spirit so that we will truly be able to love those we live alongside and all of God's creation.

## **Fundraising and social committee**

Firstly a huge thank you to Paula for asking the Rock Choir to perform their first Stonehaven concert in the church on Saturday 29th April and to Paula and Anne for organising the evening and serving the audience of over 80 with either a glass of wine or a tea/coffee. The Rock Choir were VERY well received and the evening raised over £900. Thank you to the support crew as well.

The following weekend we held our Coronation 'bring and share' afternoon tea on Sunday 7th May - 15 folk brought a lovely spread and there was a lot of chat - thank you everyone involved and thank you Diane and David for the table flags, Union Jack plates and napkins.

In the evening Anne arranged The Granite City Brass to play a free concert in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III. There were well over 100 folk in the church who were treated to a brilliant concert. Thank you very much Anne and your family for all the organisation and the refreshments. The Granite City Brass are offering to do another concert later this year.

The beginning of June means it is the Feein' Market in the Square, this year on Saturday 3rd June from 10am-4pm. Anne has arranged a stall selling home crafts and produce and would appreciate contribution and help - please speak to her directly.

The following Saturday - 10th June, Paula and Heather have arranged a fashion show by LOLA boutique, Barclay Street, Stonehaven, at 7pm. Cheese and wine or fruit juice will be served in the interval, tickets cost £15 and can be bought at the

Lola boutique and from Paula and Anne. There will be a raffle and any donations will be very gratefully received.

On Saturday 1st July Ian Lovegrove (our organist) has offered to host an evening of music - he will be playing the organ. He will have with him a classical guitarist and others to entertain us. There will be refreshments at the interval and a retiring collection.

Finally a date for your diary - Sunday 9th July - bacon rolls following the morning service - further information later.

Val Cadd

### **Ukrainian Drop-in**

The Friday drop in for Ukrainian folk is changing from 1st June to the last Friday only of the month for the 3 summer months - that's June 30th, July 28th and August 25th.

Paula

### **St James in 1981**

**The World:** **Jan:** Yorkshire Ripper arrested. 13 black people died in a fire at a house in Deptford.

**Feb:** US rock singer Bill Haley died. **Mar:** Social Democratic Party formed. President Reagan shot. **April:** US launched first space shuttle Columbia. Race riots erupted in Brixton. **May:**

Francois Mitterand elected French president. Pope John Paul II shot in Vatican City. **June:** Blanks fired at Queen in London. **July:** Widespread youth riots. **Oct:** Belfast Maze Prison hunger strike ended. President Sadat assassinated in Cairo. **Dec:** Song-writer Hoagy Carmichael died.

**Also:** Salman Rushdie's novel '*Midnight's Children*'. Picasso's '*Guernica*' returned to Spain from New York. Meryl Streep in the film '*The French Lieutenant's Woman*'. Steven Spielberg's film '*Raiders of the Lost Ark*'. Hugh Hudson's film '*Chariots of Fire*'. Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical '*Cats*'.

Natalie Wood died by drowning. Bob Champion on Aldaniti won Grand National. Steve Davis won World Snooker championship in Sheffield. John McEnroe beat Bjorn Borg at Wimbledon.

**29<sup>th</sup> July** – Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St Paul's Cathedral.

### **Stonehaven**

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Capt Christie said that work on the belfry would commence at an early date. The treasurer reported that, despite continuing price rises in the last year, the main sources of income had shown considerable increases. Income over expenditure amounted to £1366.46. Mr Harper brought up the question of the organist's fee and felt that Vestry should consider raising the fee. This was agreed and it was suggested that it be increased by £60 per year.

**27<sup>th</sup> Jan:** The Annual General Meeting was held in the hall. There were 27 members present. The Rector noted that Dean Hayes would be celebrating his fiftieth year in the ministry, 25 of them as Rector of St James. He also thanked the congregation for responding so magnificently to the Gift Day and organ appeal fund and that the 10.30 am service on the first Sunday of each month had been worthwhile. The Rector paid tribute to the late Mr Andrew Christie who was for many years a member of the Vestry during which he held the office of People's Warden.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sept:** The treasurer read a letter from Messrs Cunningham and Robertson, Solicitors of Cameron Street informing him that under the will of the late Miss A Green, who died on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the sum of £1,000 was bequeathed to the church. There was also a letter from the insurance company giving de-

tails of the existing cover. There was some discussion over the item 'Theft - all removable objects' insured for £600. It was proposed by Mr Oliver that the church should have all removable objects valued. This was agreed and the Rector agreed to contact the Bishop to find out if he could put the Vestry in touch with someone to carry this out. The Rector read a letter from the leaders of a play group consisting of approximately 20 children requesting the use of the hall for their meetings. Before a reply could be given so many things had to be taken into account ie cleaning of the hall, insurance, heating etc. But the main question was how it was going to affect the church regarding the rates on the hall. The Rector agreed to write to the head of the local finance department explaining the situation. On the recommendation of the Bishop it was agreed to purchase 100 copies of a recent publication containing the Epistles and Gospels for the year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Nov:** It was agreed it be left to the Rector or Secretary to arrange for a local valuer to value the removable objects in the church. The books containing the Epistles and Gospels had been ordered and would be available for Advent Sunday. The main business of the meeting was to consider whether the Vestry should grant the hall to the play group. Feelings amongst the members were divided and after lengthy discussion it was agreed a vote be taken the result being 5 in favour and 4 against. The Rector agreed to write to the playgroup with the decision and specifying certain conditions which would have to be adhered to - namely the installation of a separate electric meter, insurance, cleaning etc.

### **Summary of vestry meeting on 26th April 2023**

The vestry did not meet in May and so the April minutes have yet to be confirmed. Below is a list of the key points of the meeting.



- A donation of £25 for the Easter flowers has been received.
- £100 has been donated to the Bishop's Lent appeal.
- Mary is now the Sea Cadet Padre.
- Mary is going on retreat to Westray, and will be away from the 18th May until the 27th May.
- Mary will be installed as a Canon in the cathedral on Sunday 30th April at 5pm.
- Mary explained that the plot of land at the south of the church is to be used by Inspire, a group for people with learning difficulties, as a gardening project. Paula has applied for a grant from the Lions to clear the land. The shed has been demolished and gone to the Recycling Centre. A grant for a new shed and tools has been awarded by the Diocese.
- The offer of £153,000.00 for the old rectory at 3 Ramsay Road is acceptable to the vestry. The property will be purchased as it stands. The proposed date for the completion of sale is 1st June 2023.
- There will now be a separate fund raising committee who will liaise with the social committee about events that are planned and help needed.
- It was agreed that if the hall was let when the church was in use, there would need to be an agreement with the hall user that the toilets could be used by the congregation.

Readers, and Greeters,

Date	Readings
4th June Trinity Sunday	Gen 1.1-2.4a Ps 8 2 C 13.11-13 Mt 28.16-20
11th June 1st Sunday in Trinity	Gen 12.1-9 Ps 33.1-12 Ro 4.13-25 Mt 9.9-13,18-26
18th June 2nd Sunday in Trinity	Gen 18.1-15;(21.1-7) Ps 116.1,10-17 Ro 5.1-8 Mt 9.35-10.8(9-23)
25th June 3rd Sunday in Trinity Patronal Festival	Gen 21.8-21 Ps 86.1-10,16-17 Ro 6.1b-11 Mt 10.24-39
2nd July 4th Sunday in Trinity	Gen 22.1-14 Ps 13 Ro 6.12-23 Mt 10.40-42

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

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Lessons 1+2</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
Diana Peters	Diana Peters	Jane Cook
Paula Fogiel	Edward Harrison	Paula Fogiel
Jane Cook	Edward Dickens	Peter Sharp
Peter Fogiel	Heather Grant	Diane Fleming
Val Cadd	Richard Clark	Val Cadd

## 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 25th June 2023**

**Reminders will not be sent out.**

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