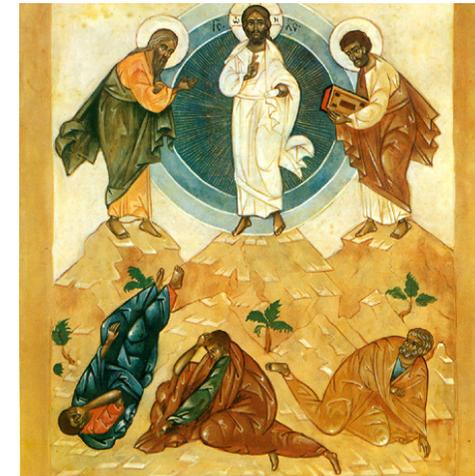


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### Services at St. James' & St Philip's during August 2017

**Sundays.**  
 9.00 a.m. Said Eucharist  
 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

**Second Wednesday in the month.**  
 10.30 a.m. Eucharist and Healing Service

**No services at St Philip's, Catterline until further notice.**



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**The copy deadline for the May Newsletter is Sunday 27th August**  
**Reminders will not be sent out.**  
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DIARY NOTES August 2017

Day/Date	Event
<b>6th August. 8th Sunday in Trinity Transfiguration</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles</b>
	<b>10.30 Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson</b>
9th August	10.30 Reserved Sacrament and Healing Service Peter Smart
<b>13th August. 9th Sunday in Trinity</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.</b>
	<b>10.30 Songs of Praise. David Fleming/Anne O’Gorman</b>
<b>20th August. 10th Sunday in Trinity .</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart</b>
	<b>10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart</b>
<b>27th August. 11th Sunday in Trinity</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Pam Levack Moir</b>
	<b>10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.</b>

Year A – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible  
Year B readings begin on Advent Sunday

10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Greeter	Coffee Rota
Richard Clark	Diana Peters	Diane Fleming	Irene Paterson
Anne O’Gorman	Heather Grant	Stella Wilson	Val Cadd
David Fleming	Irene Paterson	Anne Sproul	Diane Fleming
Heather Grant	Peter Sharp	Val Cadd	Doreen Brankin
Irene Paterson	Richard Clark	Ellie MacLeod	Edna Craig

## Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings	9.00 am Greeter/ Reader
6th August - 8th Sunday in Trinity  Transfiguration	Dan 7.9-10,13-14 Ps 97 or 99 2 P 1.16-19 Lk 9.28-36	Edna Craig
13th August - 9th Sunday in Trinity  Songs of Praise	1 Kg 19.9-18 Ps 85.8-13 Ro 10.5-15 Mt 14.22-33	Doreen Brankin
16th August Eucharist and Healing Service		
20th August - 10th Sunday in Trinity	Is 56.1,6-8 Ps 67 Ro 11.1-2a,29-32 Mt 15.(10-20)21-28	Edna Craig
27th August - 11th Sunday in Trinity	Is 51.1-6 Ps 138 Ro 12.1-8 Mt 16.13-20	Jean Carnie
3rd September - 12th Sunday in Trinity	Jer 15.15-21 Ps 26.1-8 Ro 12.9-21 Mt 16.21-28	Melvin Christie

From Dr Peter Smart

### SUMMER TIME, AND THE LIVING IS EASY

Or is it? I'm taking a break from today's warm sunshine to write this. In our pastoral idyll called Luthermuir (!!), I've spent part of the morning mowing the lawns, we've had lunch in the shade, and my next task outside is to pick the raspberries (a daily task at the moment).

For those of us who are fortunate to have time on our hands (allegedly), the living might be easy in summer time here in the north east of Scotland. But we only have to watch the news or read the papers to know that the same is not true for many of our fellow men, women and children across the globe. Forest fires from Croatia through Italy to Portugal have left many people homeless, and some have even lost their lives. Floods in Bangladesh have washed homes and people away. The ravages of war still bear their toll on innocent citizens, caught between fighting factions. And we can't overlook the continuing stress and trauma affecting the victims of the Grenfell Tower inferno, or those suffering from the recent terrorist acts in Manchester and London.

It's all very depressing, isn't it? Yes. And sometimes it is also frustrating, that we can look on and not do anything about it, and wonder why help seems so often to take so long to be made available to people suffering tragedy in their lives.

So we should constantly offer thanks, as David the Psalmist did, for all the good in our lives, for the springtime and harvest, and for being able to praise God freely and in safety, without fear of a knock on the door by the agents of some repressive regime.

We can also take pleasure in being part of a wider church community: diocese, province, Communion. Just two days ago (as I write), many of us enjoyed the fellowship and fun of the diocesan Garden Fete that Jane and Peter Nelson had masterminded at St Drostan's in Glenesk: games and stalls selling home-made

produce, burgers and hot dogs, lively chatter, catching up with old friends and possibly making new ones, all rounded off by a short Songs of Praise service in the neat little church. The St James' stall raised £195 from the sale of Anne's knitware, Stella's jams, and cakes. St Ternan's also had a stall, with a tombola and handicrafts for sale. It's perhaps a bit *infra dig* to say this, but our two churches probably had greater visibility than almost any other church. Well done! And thank you, Jane and Peter for all the effort that you have put into this event over the years. It helps the diocese show that we are one happy family in the Body of Christ.

### **Building Progress**

Although nothing appears to be happening on the ground, we have made a lot of progress since my last report.

First, I am required to formally let you know that a Canon 35 permission has been granted by the Diocese for two alterations. The first is to put in brass handrails at the pulpit steps, to give preachers more confidence when coming down the steps. The second is to install two visitor counters in the porch. These are small (mobile phone sized) boxes, which have an infra-red ray between them to count how many people come into the church (once it is re-opened!).

We have now had the quotation for the extra work (both scaffolding and actual remedial work) to deal with the larger area of dry rot that has been found. At £18,100, it will use up all our contingency budget, but at least the HLF have agreed to that. So, the work has been authorised, and I expect the men will be back in a week or two, once the special support is made to hold up the roof while they saw away at the infected main beams.

The really good news is that we have been granted £15,828 from the SUEZ Landfill Trust to help pay for the electrical work. And there are other grant applications in hand, so I am confident that we will

### **AOCB**

We need to find a person willing to advertise times of services and events. David will compile a list of possible places to advertise. There is the possibility of putting up boards showing how the renovation work is progressing. There are HLF boards which will need to be put up.

**Next Meeting: 1st August 2017**

### **HELP NEEDED**

#### **Advertising**

To grow our congregation we must ensure that folk in Stonehaven are aware of our services and various activities. The vestry would like to hear from anyone who might be able to help us advertise our activities. This ranges from putting posters in local shops to getting articles into the local newspapers. If you think that you might be able to help with some of this please contact David Fleming or Anne O'Gorman.

#### **Serving**

Over the past months since David and Anne Geldart retired, Pam Levack-Moir has been working hard with the Worship Group to ensure that the church is prepared for our various services. She has also, with the Bishop's permission, officiated at some services. Pam has now indicated that, as from 1st October, she will be stepping down. We are most grateful for all the work that Pam has done in ensuring that our services run smoothly.

We are now looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways with services. For example, this may be in preparing the altar before the service to ensure that everything is ready for the person officiating, or helping to serve or administer the chalice. If you feel that you can assist in any way, and training will be given, then please speak to any member of the Worship Group - Peter Smart, Anne O'Gorman, Arma Iles and David Fleming.

opened each day.

### **Worship**

Peter Smart requested that the time of the joint service with St Ternan's on 29<sup>th</sup> October be altered to 10.45am. This will make it easier for Rev Denise Herbert, who is presiding at the service, as she has an 80 minute drive. It was suggested we could have coffee before the service.

Peter Smart said that he had also been in contact with Reverend Kerry Dixon and Stuart of the Church Army and they may be able to take a service for us.

Peter Sharp said he has a meeting with the Diocesan Council next week and may be able to update us on any future plans.

The Dean is hoping to meet with the Vestry of both churches some time in September.

Rosie is playing the keyboard next Sunday but cannot play the following week. David will speak to Peter Parfitt.

### **Fabric**

**Church:** The dry rot is more extensive than previously thought. Specialist scaffolding will have to be brought in to fully survey the damage. David reported that Richardson and Starling are working very hard to deal with the problem. The guards on the windows are being removed during the next couple of weeks. The steeplejacks are due in August to work on the roof. It is possible they may come earlier to assess where the water is coming in.

**Hall:** David is aware that the back door needs attention. There are two new groups hiring the hall: Baby Signing and Rainbows. The hall is also being hired for a planning exhibition. The fridge is accumulating out of date goods. Lynn used to check the fridge temperature regularly. It was suggested that the Social Committee could discuss this at their next meeting.

### **Fund Raising/Social**

Feein' Market raised £703.

The next events are: a stall at St Drostan's on 16<sup>th</sup> July; coffee morning on 22<sup>nd</sup> July; Book Browse on 5<sup>th</sup> August; Harbour Festival on 27<sup>th</sup> August.

have enough grant money to pay for everything.

The design of the two exhibitions is progressing well. We are about to choose which of the various historical items we want on display. Some of the explanations have been written (ready for checking), and we have acquired a small old organ, which is being rebuilt with Perspex covers so we can show people how an organ like ours works. I am hoping in the next few weeks to put up a display for all the plans for your comments and observations.

Thank you to everyone (especially the servers) for putting up with the disruption. I hope the outcome will be worth it.

If you have any questions or comments on anything going on, please do not hesitate to ask me.

### **Hall bookings**

The bookings for the hall continue to increase. We now have something occupying the hall during the school term time every morning and Monday to Thursday evenings. That leaves most afternoons and plenty of time during the school holidays free. If you know of anyone looking for space to rent to fill these gaps, please ask them to contact me.

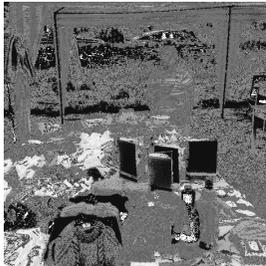
David

### **St Drostan's**

Churches in the Brechin Diocese were invited to St Drostan's Day and Diocesan Barbecue on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July and to have a stall. St James decided to have a mini Feein' market stall.

My trusty sat nav (Arma) and I set off after church. I was very glad Arma was with me as I was driving in unknown territory. We were made very welcome on arrival by Jane and Peter Nelson, with a much needed cup of coffee. It was great to see so many

representatives from St James supporting the event. Mind you it did take 3 men to put up a clothes rail, no names mentioned. But thanks guys and thank you Peter (Smart) for transporting the tables.



The weather was dry and we made an amazing £195. Stella's jams and marmalade proved to be very popular. Thank you Stella and Bill. We were treated to tea/coffee, beef burgers and hot dogs. Thank you to Jane and Peter and their helpers. We finished the day with a lovely service held in the church. A very enjoyable social afternoon.

Anne

### Social committee

There was a lovely friendly atmosphere in the church hall at the Summer Coffee morning on Saturday 22nd of July. A huge thank you to everyone for your very kind donations of gifts, produce and time. We raised a wonderful £514.10 - thank you very much.

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 9th December in the hall and it will be run in conjunction with the Tree of Life.

Val Cadd (Social Convenor)

### Vestry Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Due to her increasing commitments at King's Community Church, Lynn Geldart has resigned from Vestry. Peter Sharp and Anne O'Gorman have written to thank her on behalf of St James.

### Matters Arising

Anne has accepted an invitation to have a stall at St Drostan's Garden Fete and Barbecue on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

The Worship Group is to check with Jane Nelson whether she has informed the funeral directors of the increased charges. The new website is [www.stjames-stonehaven.org.uk](http://www.stjames-stonehaven.org.uk)

### Correspondence

Peter Sharp has replied to the 'Information about Charges' document. This will be used as background information for the recruitment of a new bishop.

Peter has received limited donations for the Bishop's farewell gift from the Diocese. A donation will be made from church funds. Information from Water Aid. Anne will put this at the back of the church.

Pam shared some information from the Bible Society. It was suggested that Anne take this to Far and Wide as this is something they might like to support.

Peter Sharp has received a letter for nominations to join the Preparatory Committee for the election of a new bishop.

An email has been received for discounts available for the Palm Court Hotel.

### Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£26,899.08
Fabric Fund Account	£8,420.35
Buildings Account	£51,560.34
St Philip's	£1,170.00

### Report on St James

The building works have started and David has asked that, due to HLF regulations which specify that all works and repairs have to be recorded, he is advised of any repairs or maintenance needing to be carried out in the church, church hall or church grounds.

HLF regulations state that we must have a 5 year maintenance schedule for the church. David will organise this.

David will arrange for some gift aid envelopes to be taken to the hall.

### Report on St Philips

Pam had visited St Philips. She cleared up, removed candle drips and will check next time she is there whether the church is still being