

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline
 Interim Rector. The Dean, the Very Rev Francis Bridger.
 Vestry Secretary: Anne O'Gorman,

**Episcopal Churches of
 St. James' Stonehaven.
 St. Philip's Catterline.
 June 2018**

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	Peter Sharp



**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
 June 2018**

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

First and Third Wednesday in the month.
 9.30 a.m. Children's Service

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

**The copy deadline for the June Newsletter is Sunday 24th June.
 Reminders will not be sent out.**
 St James Episcopal Church, Stonehaven .Scottish Registered Charity No. SC000301
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DIARY NOTES June 2018

Day/Date	Event
3rd June	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
1st Sunday after Trinity	10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
6th June	9.30 Children's Service
10th June	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
2nd Sunday after Trinity	10.30 David Fleming/Anne O'Gorman
13th June	10.30 Reserved Sacrament and Healing Service. Arma Iles
17th June	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
3rd Sunday after Trinity	10.30 Holy Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson
20th June	9.30 Children's Service
24th June	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
4th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.

10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Greeter	Coffee Rota
Val Cadd	David Smail	David Smail	Val Cadd
Diana Peters	Edward Dickens	Edward Dickens	Diane Fleming
David Smail	David Fleming	David Fleming	Doreen Brankin
Richard Clarke	Irene Paterson	Stella Wilson	Irene Paterson
Peter Sharp	Heather Grant	Anne Sproul	Peter Sharp

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings
3rd June 1st Sunday after Trinity	Dt 5.12-15 Ps 81.1-10 2 C 4.5-12 Mk 2.23-3.6
10th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	Gen 3.8-15 Ps 130 2 C 4.13-5.1 Mk 3.20-35
17th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity	Ezek 17.22-24 Ps 92.1-4,11-14 2 C 5.6-10(11-13)14-17 Mk 4.26-34
24th June 4th Sunday after Trinity	Job 38.1-11 Ps 107.1-3,23-32 2 C 6.1-13 Mk 4.35-41
1st July 5th Sunday after Trinity	Dt 5.12-15 Ps 81.1-10 2 C 4.5-12 Mk 2.23-3.6

From Very Rev. Dr Francis Bridger

A New Normal

What if life were an endless holiday?

Isn't that the fantasy when we're away somewhere warm and beautiful? Basking in the sunshine, sea air ruffling our hair, a part of us laments that this life is ours only for a week, a fortnight at most.

But what if we could somehow make our holidays last longer...and longer...and longer? What if this could be a new normal?

At this time of year our minds begin to turn to summer vacations. We long for a breath of fresh air and warmth. We get excited at the prospect of new sights, sounds and tastes to sample, new places to visit, new foreign words to try, new people to meet.

I write in the week leading up to the feast of Pentecost – that great festival marking the birthday of the church, the day when the Holy Spirit empowered those first disciples and changed the world. It is a festival which speaks not of a little breath of fresh air, but a mighty amount of it – cleansing, invigorating, filling lungs with an unprecedented energy. It speaks not of just a bit of heat, but of fire – kindling desire, crackling with God's passion for the world. It speaks not only of the broken words of a different language, but a whole new way of speaking to others. In other words, it seems to me that the experience of Pentecost in many ways is like Summer on steroids! Because of Pentecost, those first disciples were propelled to brand new places. They did things they never

imagined they would do with people they never imagined would be their companions. After Pentecost, life was never the same again...they embraced a whole new 'normal'.

And this is what I think the church and its members are called to do. By the power of God's warming, enlivening, energetic Spirit we are to embrace a new 'normal' in which we permit in ourselves fresh ways of thinking, imagining and serving; a new 'normal' in which we allow our hearts to be set alight by God's love for that part of the world in which we are church; a new 'normal' in which we joyfully learn to speak the language of the people around us and to use this language to communicate the ways of God.

This isn't always easy. If we're honest, all of us wish to return home even after the best of holidays but for those first disciples there was no going back to anywhere after Pentecost. There was only a forward momentum to which the worldwide church owes its existence and to which the church in our day and age will continue to depend for its future. Simply put, God needs us to embrace a new normal: Summer on steroids.

The liturgical calendar has an expression for the months following Pentecost which perfectly expresses this new normal. They're referred to as "ordinary time"! I just love that.

I wonder: shall we allow the Spirit of God to make our ordinary time extraordinary?

Are we up for God's new 'normal'?

Every blessing,
Francis

to give him a second chance. He brought him to see the other Christians, vouching for him. Later, Paul and Barnabas went on a missionary journey together, taking Mark with them. Part way, Mark turned back and went home. When Paul and Barnabas were about to set out on another such journey, Barnabas proposed to take Mark along, and Paul was against it, saying that Mark had shown himself undependable. Barnabas wanted to give Mark a second chance, and so he and Mark went off on one journey, while Paul took Silas and went on another. Apparently, Mark responded well to the trust given him by the "son of encouragement," since we find that Paul later speaks of him as a valuable.

22nd - Alban, First Martyr of Britain. There were probably Christians in the British Isles already in the first century. However, Alban is the first recorded Christian martyr. The traditional date of his death is 304, during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian. Alban was a pagan, and a soldier in the Roman Army. He gave shelter to a Christian priest who was fleeing from arrest, and in the next few days the two talked at length, and Alban became a Christian. When officers came in search of the priest, Alban met them, dressed in the priest's cloak, and they mistook him for the priest and arrested him. He refused to renounce his new faith, and was beheaded. He thus became the first Christian martyr in Britain. The second was the executioner who was to kill him, who was so impressed that he became a Christian, and refused to kill Alban. The third was the priest who hurried to the court to save Alban by turning himself in. The place of their deaths is near the site of St. Alban's Cathedral.

(Based on James Kiefer's Christian Biographies)

Work will start shortly on the control system, Wi-Fi and CCTV. The joiner will also be working in the church. Once all this has been completed this will be Section 2 of the works complete. A meeting has been arranged with the builders and architects before starting work on the exhibition. Work will start during the summer.

Hall: The back door has been replaced.

Garden: The missing bench has been found.

Rectory: Work on the bathroom has been completed, the bath has been installed. Ventilation is still to be completed.

Fund Raising/Social

Book Browse raised £421

Coffee Morning raised £416

The next Book Browse is on 26th May and the Feein' Market is on 2nd June.

AOCB

Two new policies were agreed. Environmental and Equal Opportunities. These were needed for a grant for which David has applied.

Next Meeting: 21st May 2018

June in the Christian Year

11th - Barnabas the Apostle "Joseph, a Levite, born in Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (son of encouragement), sold a field he owned, brought the money, and turned it over to the apostles." This is the first mention we have of Barnabas.

His new name fits what we know of his actions. When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, most of the Christians there wanted nothing to do with him. But Barnabas was willing

Children's service

I have been thinking for some time about what we could do at St James to bring children into the church other than for the Christingle service. I spoke to some mums about having a service during the week. The mums seemed to like this idea and suggested 9.30am was a good time for them. It was decided to hold the service on a Wednesday, initially monthly. After having the first service it was decided to hold the service twice a month. They are now on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month.

The service starts with a prayer, followed by a song. Gwynne then tells them a story. We then have another song. The songs, story and prayers are adapted especially for the young.

We are looking at the Lord's Prayer in an easy format, looking at a different line at each service, also recapping from the previous time. We then finish with a Prayer.

The children are given a picture to colour in after the service or take home with them.

Then it's time for a cuppa and a chat.

We have a theme for each service. The first service was In the Beginning and the second was Adam and Eve. Next time, on Wednesday 6th June, it will be on Noah.

A big thank you to Gwynne, Edward and John who are helping with the service. Thank you also to the members of St James who have come and supported us for each service.

Anne

Social Committee

The social committee met recently and hopefully this will bring you all up to date with social and fundraising events.

Firstly a big thank you for your support at the Spring Coffee morning in April, we raised £455.

Please put the following dates into your diaries.

Saturday 26th May - Book Browse, 10am-3pm, set up from 2.30pm on Friday 25th May.

Thursday 31st May - Recital by Rosie Martin (Anne O'G's granddaughter) and Bruce Wallace, conductor of Granite City Brass. Donations in aid of the Bell Appeal.

There will be another recital, to be arranged in June.

Saturday 2nd June - Fee'in Market - Market Square. We have a stall and all donations of cakes, all kinds of home produce and home crafts very welcome. Please deliver to Anne O'Gorman by 5.30pm (latest) on Friday afternoon or to the stall after 9am but before 10am on Saturday morning.

We also have a stall, to be run on the same lines as above at the Harbour Festival on Sunday 26th August. Please support both our stalls, thank you.

Friday 14th September - Quiz night - Steve Peacock has offered to organise a quiz night for us for the Bell Appeal. Tables of 4 teams, £5 per person. Doors open at 7pm, start 7.30pm prompt, finish 10pm. Please bring your own drinks and glasses, we will have tea/coffee and nibbles for you to enjoy. Please bring along your friends and family, it will be a fun evening.

David has almost completed the new inventory form and was asked to have this available for the Review.

Data protection information has been circulated to all vestry members and some discussion ensued. It was agreed that some security arrangements need to be made for information held on the congregational roll and addresses for newsletters.

Analysis of Future Needs

The Vestry agreed to arrange to meet again with Kerry Dixon and Peter is to write to Kerry with some dates.

A meeting is to be arranged about the future of charges between Arbroath and Muchalls. David is to see the Dean to plan this.

Worship

Arma is happy to cover Peter Smart's services, as well as her own, during Peter's sabbatical. The Vestry thanked Arma for her offer.

David said the themes for the Songs of Praise for the rest of the year are:

May: Ascension

June: Matins

July: Sea Sunday

August: Summer theme

September: Parade Sunday

October: Harvest

November: Remembrance

December: Nine Lessons and Carols

David has spoken to Yvonne Marr, co-ordinator for the British Legion, about Remembrance Sunday and other churches in Stonehaven have also been contacted.

The first Children's Service will be on Wednesday, 25th April at 9.30 in the church.

Fabric

Church: Most of the electric work has been completed.

Requiem, which was also featured in the Choral's first concert all that time ago. The standard of musicianship was of the highest order, under the baton of Ralph Jamieson. The soloists (three of whom were from within the Choral) acquitted themselves with



distinction. The Requiem was preceded by three pieces; a first performance of a setting of Psalm 150 by Ralph Jamieson himself, Vaughan Williams' Benedicite and Purcell's Funeral Sentences for the Death of Queen Mary. What a way to celebrate!

Remember not to miss it the next time.

David

Vestry Minutes 16th April 2018

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£34,084.10
Fabric Fund Account	£11,703.49
Buildings Account	£13,854.30
St Philip's	£741.45

Report on St James

Possible dates for the Quinquennial Review are 17th or 22nd May. The Vestry reviewed the Mission Action Plan from 2014. In the progress column the Christingle service for children, the Christmas lunch for those on their own, the Feein' Market stall and Harbour Festival stall were all added.

Wednesday 10th October - Senior Harvest Service and afternoon tea - the church hall. Invitations will be sent to the town's care homes and sheltered housing and along with these guests we hope friends and families will join us at 2.30pm for a short harvest service and a fine piece.

Saturday 13th October - 10am - decorate the church for our Harvest service. If you would like a window to decorate with anything representing harvest that will be wonderful. Arrangements nearer the time will be announced.

Sunday 14th October - Harvest lunch following the 10.30am service. We are planning to offer a soup and dessert lunch. A list will be out in September for names. If anyone would like to make something for the lunch please let Val or Stella know.

Saturday 8th December - Christmas Coffee morning and Tree of Life.

Val

Progress Report on Building Work

As you may have noticed, we are now reaching the end of Section 2 of the building work in the church.

Section 2 consists of

- Upgrading the plumbing by removing lead piping and installing modern equipment
- Making some safety improvements, especially installing rails on the pulpit and lectern steps
- Replacing outdated and inefficient heaters with modern ones
 - i) Stylish far infra-red heaters at a high level on the aisle rafters;

- ii) More powerful under-pew heaters
- Controlling the heating using a modern zone based automated control system, and with Wi-Fi enabled switches. Together the new heaters and the control system should reduce our electricity bill by about a half, and the result is a much warmer church when it is needed.
- Replacing the existing lighting with LED bulbs, which improve the appearance and reduce the electricity bill by about 80%.
- Installing Wi-Fi which covers the whole church and hall
- Adding the photocopier to the network so that it can be maintained remotely
- Installing CCTV cameras covering the Exhibition areas at the back of the church and the open area between the church and hall

All of this work is physically complete, and we are now in the process of commissioning it, labelling all the equipment, checking it all works correctly, and does what we want it to do. Shortly, we will have an instruction session so that a number of church members will know how it all works.

For the Wi-Fi, we will be setting restrictions on how it can be used, so that it cannot be abused, and people cannot see inappropriate material using the public system.

Once all this is done, we have plans to use the system for other facilities (e.g. controlling the hall boiler remotely, broadcasting services or concerts on local radio, etc.)

The planning for Section 3 is getting under way. Section 3 is the detailed design and construction of the Exhibition Spaces at the west end of the church. We are hoping that this

construction will take place in the July-September period. Most of the research for it is complete, and we have had a lot of interest in the content from a variety of sources (e.g. the Heritage Society, the Burns Club). A number of members of the congregation, and people outwith the church have been involved in the research and design work.

A new Section 4 has been created. Section 4 is the re-installation of the 1788 bell into the bell tower in time for Remembrance Sunday (11th November). At the moment we are still considering the options of how to achieve this. We have consulted half a dozen experts (and got 9 opinions!!). We will decide how we do it in the next month or so.

Lastly, the whole project funding is progressing well. The bell fund stands at about £5,500 – probably about half of what is needed, but other grant requests are in the pipeline. I am confident that the whole project will be funded from our own substantial fund-raising efforts, donations from the community and grants, and so will not take any money from the church's existing reserves, and that we will end up with a beautiful, historic building that is in good order, sustainable, and that we are very proud of.

David

Choral Concert

Stonehaven Choral held their 70th Anniversary Concert in St James' on Sunday 13th May, to a packed church. Not only was the church full, with over 200 concert-goers, it was warm as this was the first occasion that we have had a public event with the new heating system.

The concert featured a wonderful performance of Mozart's