

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline
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 November 2017**

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**Services at St. James' & St Philip's during
 November 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 December Newsletter is Sunday 22nd November.
 Reminders will not be sent out.**

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

DIARY NOTES November 2017

Day/Date	Event
5th November 21st Sunday in Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson
All Saints Day	
8th November	10.30 Reserved Sacrament and Healing Service Peter Smart
12th November 22nd Sunday in Trinity Remembrance Sunday	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Remembrance Sunday, united service at South Church
19th November. 23rd Sunday in Trinity.	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart Followed by AGM
26th November. 24th Sunday in Trinity Christ the King	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.

10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Greeter	Coffee Rota
Heather Grant	Val Cadd	Anne Sproul	Peter Sharp
Service	at South	Church	
Diana Peters	Ellie McLeod	Val Cadd	Diane Fleming
Peter Sharp	Richard Clark	Stella Wilson	Val Cadd

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings	9.00 am Greeter/ Reader
5th November - 21st Sunday in Trinity All Saints Day	Rev 7.9-17 Ps 34.1-10 1 Jn 3.1-3 Mt 5.1-12	Doreen Brankin
12th November 22nd Sunday in Trinity Remembrance Sunday	Job 19.21-27 Ps 90 1 C 15.51-57 Jn 6.37-40	Edna Craig
19th November - 23rd Sunday in Trinity	Zeph 1.7,12-18 Ps 90.1-8(9-11)12 1 Th 5.1-11 Mt 25.14-30	Jean Carnie
26th November - 24th Sunday in Trinity Christ the King	Ezek 34.11-16,20-24 Ps 95.1-7a Eph 1.15-23 Mt 25.31-46	Melvin Christie

From Dr Peter Smart

REMEMBRANCE

As most of you know, I joined the sacred alliance of septuagenarians at the end of August. I try to kid myself that ageing is in the mind, that 70 is the new 50 and that I've still got the stamina of a 30 year old. But then my body tells me otherwise. Once upon a time, I *could* get out of bed at 3.30, drive to the airport for the first flight to London, do a day's business, take the last flight home and still feel as fresh as a daisy. Not any longer, as I was reminded recently! Once upon a time, I could look quickly at a map, work out a route from station to meeting, commit it to memory and not get lost. Not any longer, as I found a week or two back. I was heading south from Waverley station in Edinburgh and overshot my turning by about half a mile before I realised I was going the wrong way! It was a good job I had half an hour to spare.

Yes. I'm sure our memories do deteriorate as we get older. Yet this is the time of year when we have to jog them back into action, as we have so much to remember. All Souls' Day, when we remember those close to us who have departed this life and are now resting in peace, and All Saints' Day. Firework night, 'remember, remember, the fifth of November'. And Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, where we stand quietly and remember those who died in war, for Queen and country, to maintain the peace and democracy which we so jealously covet: 'They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. In the morning, and at the going down of the sun, we shall remember them.'

However defective our memories become, there are those whom we should never forget. Our parents and grandparents. Our brothers and sisters and grandchildren. And on

Remembrance Day, those who have laid down their lives for us and for our freedoms. We owe so many people a great debt. We should never forget the sacrifices that they made on our behalf. Whatever else we do during November, let's ensure that we take time to ourselves to remember. And to explain to those decades younger than we why we do so, and why they should do so, too. And let us pray for peace in this world of ours, where evil seems to have the upper hand so much of the time. In such uncertain times, we certainly need to pray for a change of heart, for peace, justice and reconciliation. How else can we do justice to those who lost their lives in 'the Great War', from 1939 to 1945, and in wars in Korea, the Falklands, the Middle East and other trouble spots across our globe. Amen

Social Committee.

Saturday 9th December will be a very busy day. The baubles will be in the church for the TREE of LIFE from 10am. The Tree of Life is decorated by members of the church and town in memory of the special people in their lives.

Also, that day we are holding our Christmas Coffee Morning in the church hall from 10am - 11.30am. We will have the following stalls: cake and candy, books, raffle, knitting, second hand scarves and a tombola. If you would like to wrap the prizes for the tombola we are using Christmas colours, red, green, gold and silver. Donations to all the stalls will be very gratefully received either on the morning of the 9th or on Friday 8th December between 3pm and 4pm. Coffee/tea tickets £2.50. Please come and support us.

Also in December the Book Browse will be held in the church hall on Saturday 2nd from 10am until 3pm.

Val Cadd (Social Convenor)

becoming damp. All this work has had a dramatic effect on the inside, drying out everything. It was the presence of damp over a number of years that caused the dry rot to erupt. The steeplejack has in addition given me a lot of advice about looking after such a precious building, and I hope that will bear fruit over the next few years.

All this extra work has, of course, cost some extra money. Some of this we will be discussing somewhat robustly with the contractor, but we have spent more than originally budgeted. However, we are now applying to a wide range of funding organisations to top up our account, and I don't think all of this will be in vain. I am still confident that we will not have to use any of our hard-earned reserves.

We were due to start the next Section (the electrics and plumbing) in November so that they would be complete before Christmas. However, it may be wise to postpone some of that work until after the New Year. We will decide that soon. For Section 3, the Exhibition Spaces, the application for Canon 35 permission is being completed, and should be with the Diocesan Buildings Committee in the next few weeks.

If anyone would like to know more, there is plenty of interesting detail, and lots of photos, so please do not hesitate to ask.

David

AGM

Our church's AGM will be held after the 10.30 service on 19th November. Amongst issues that we have to address, are the two vacancies on the vestry. Please do give some thought towards volunteering to serve on it. It only involves one meeting a month. If you are interested, speak to Anne or any member of the vestry.

Peter

Anne attended a Far and Wide meeting recently. She put forward Pam's request for funds for the Bible Society. £1000 will be donated to the Society to be used for food and scripture. It was suggested that, once we are back in the church, a box is placed in the church for donations of food/items for the food bank.

David pointed out that there is no water in the church at present. The lead piping has been replaced but not reconnected.

Next meeting: 11th October 2017.

Building Project Progress

As of the time of writing (Thurs 26th), I am reasonably confident that the dry rot eradication work will, at long last, be complete by Friday 17th November. We might even get in a few days earlier. We will obviously have a massive clean-up exercise. We will be employing professional cleaners for the heavy stuff, but there will be all sorts of jobs, big and small, to be done, so the more hands the better, and I would greatly appreciate any time that members could spare to come and help. Please keep an eye (or ear) open for the announcements as to exactly when help will be needed.

If this is the case, then we have earmarked SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER as a day of celebration of the completion of Section 1 of the Building Project. It is, appropriately, the feast of Christ the King, so I hope we can make that a very special service. Please try to keep that date as a special one to come to church.

The steeplejack has finished his work, and he has made a really excellent job of things, as you can see. The gutters are now really watertight, the paintwork is gleaming, and the re-pointing in many places looks very good. We have also sprayed chemical on some of the stone roof parts to seal them, and prevent the stonework

Vestry Minutes 4th September 2017

Matters Arising

Robert Dunlop has expressed an interest in becoming a server and has been invited to the next Worship Group meeting. Peter Smart thanked the Social Committee who will be providing lunch/refreshments for the lay readers' training day to be held in the hall on 28th October.

Correspondence

A letter from the Dunnottar Guild inviting members from St James to their meetings. Anne will publish a list of dates and topics.

A letter stating we owe £794 for water/waste which we will have to pay. Due to new regulations we have to apply each year for the church to be exempt, the church has two supply points, we were only aware of one and exemption was applied for only this one. They have now been merged.

Selection of New Bishop

Peter Sharp explained the process of selecting a new bishop. An advertisement will appear in the Church Times on 8th September after which the Preparatory Committee will draw up a short list for interview. These candidates will give a presentation to the Electoral Synod on 10th February and a week later the Synod will make a decision. If, after two attempts, a suitable candidate has not been found then the College of Bishops will make the final choice, they can also veto the Electoral Synod's choice. The new bishop will be consecrated on 19th May 2018.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£28,659.73
Fabric Fund Account	£9,908.35

Buildings Account	£45,212.13
St Philip's	£1,200.87

Report on St James

David reminded Vestry that the congregational roll will have to be updated before the AGM.

Worship

Peter Smart reported that services were covered into the beginning of the New Year.

Geoffrey Hall will be taking a service at St James in September. Denise Herbert will be taking the joint service at St James on 22nd October.

The Ministry Planning group will now meet on 23rd October at St Ternan's.

There was some discussion about services in the care homes. Rosslyn Duncan and the care home managers were aware that St James was unable to do any services. Peter Smart wondered if there was anyone willing to do a short service.

Pam said she is willing to support the servers after 2nd October and asked if there were any volunteers to help with looking after the candles, altar frontals or laying up on a Saturday. At present the worship group are setting everything up on a Saturday in the church hall.

Fabric

Church: David reported that one of the workmen from Richardson & Starling had had a minor accident in the church. It was requested that people do not use the main entrance to the church but, if this is necessary, hard hats and high vis jackets must be worn and these are by the door.

The steel struts to hold up the roof have arrived but there are issues about this. David is in talks with the architect.

Richardson & Starling have cleared the rubble from inside the

church. Electrical work will start once the dry rot has been dealt with.

David has spoken to Christopher James Sykes Wardle, the great grandson of John Wardle who built the organ and was organist and choirmaster at St James for 58 years.

Christopher has offered a mantelpiece clock and vases for the exhibition space. These were presented to his great grandfather in 1907 to mark 25 years service at St James.

Funding Update:

HLF grant £158,000

To complete the works a total of £202,000 is required.

With other grants we have been granted there is still a shortfall of £30,000

David has applied for grants totaling £42,000.

Hall: There is some extra funding still to be used for double glazing. David is awaiting quotes.

Garden: A tidy up of the Garden of Remembrance is in hand.

Fund Raising/Social

The Harbour Festival raised £520.

Future Events: Harvest Festival and lunch on 1st October.

Donations from the Harvest Festival will be divided between the local food bank and the Cyrenians.

Seniors' Harvest Service and Tea on Wednesday, 4th October.

Book Browse on 7th October.

David said that all the books by Bishop Luscombe have been sold. He is looking into the possibility of getting more printed.

AOCB

The AGM will be on 19th November after the 10.30 service.

We need two new members for Vestry.

All reports to be with Anne by 15th October.