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Services at St. James' & St Philip's during July 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 August Newsletter is Sunday 23rd July
Reminders will not be sent out.
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DIARY NOTES July 2017

Day/Date	Event
2nd July. 3rd Sunday in Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Pam Levack Moir 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
9th July. 4th Sunday in Trinity Sea Sunday	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Songs of Praise. David Fleming/Anne O’Gorman
12th July.	10.30 Eucharist and Healing Service Pam Levack Moir
16th July. 5th Sunday in Trinity .	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart
23rd July. 6th Sunday in Trinity Patronal Festival	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart 10.30 Eucharist. Rev Canon Fay Lamont
30th July. 7th Sunday in Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Eucharist. The Dean. Very Rev. Francis Bridger.

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 Gos- pel	Greeter	Coffee Rota
Irene Paterson	Ellie MacLeod	David Fleming	Val Cadd
Diana Peters	Heather Grant	Diane Fleming	Doreen Brankin
Peter Sharp	Richard Clark	Peter Sharp	Diane Fleming
Ellie MacLeod	David Fleming	Diana Peters	Edna Craig
Val Cadd	David Fleming	Irene Paterson	Peter Sharp
Richard Clark	Diana Peters	Diane Fleming	Irene Paterson

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings	9.00 am Greeter/ Reader
2nd July - 3rd Sunday in Trinity	Dt 11.8-21,26-28 Ps 31.1-5,19-24 Ro 1.16-17;3.22b-28 (29-31) Mt 7.21-29	Jean Carnie
9th July- 4th Sunday in Trinity (Sea Sunday): Songs of Praise	Hos 5.15-6:6 Ps 50.7-15 Ro 4.13-25 Mt 9.9-13,18-26	Melvin Christie
16th July – 5th Sunday in Trinity	Ex 19.2-8a Ps 100 Ro 5.1-8 Mt 9.35-10.8(9-23)	Jean Carnie
23rd July - 6th Sunday in Trinity Patronal Festival (St. James)	Jer 45.1-5 Ps 7.1-11 or 126 Acts 11.27-12.2(3) Mt 20.20-28	Doreen Brankin
30th July - 7th Sunday in Trinity	Jer 28.5-9 Ps 89.1-4,15-18 Ro 6.12-23 Mt 10.40-42	Melvin Christie
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

From Dr Peter Smart

BREAKING NEWS

Less than a month ago (as I write this on 15 June for publication at the beginning of July), we awoke to the news of the atrocious bomb attack by an apparently lone terrorist as many thousands of young people and their parents were leaving the pop concert at the arena in Manchester. Twenty two people died, and on the following Sunday in St James' we had twenty two candles lit in their memory, a brief reflection and then Peter Parfitt movingly played *Nimrod* from Elgar's Enigma Variations for a time of meditation.

Just over a week ago, two days after the General Election, terror struck again, that time in London: a barbaric attack on innocent people walking across London Bridge, mown down by a white van, whose occupants then attacked diners in Borough Market close by with kitchen knives, slaughtering six victims and leaving others with life changing injuries. We lit candles in the shape of a cross in their memory, at the start of Bishop Nigel's farewell service to our two congregations at St Ternan's.

And then yesterday we awoke to the vision of Grenfell Tower in North Kensington, a burning, charred shell of a twenty four storey building. Around 125 families had gone innocently to their beds that night, looking ahead to work, school and whatever their lives offered for the next morning. Sadly, as we know, they were to be woken up by the smell of burning and of flames licking rapidly up through the whole of a building that everyone thought had so-called 'passive safety' built in, to ensure that such a tragedy could never happen. Many got out, many others were less fortunate.

As I sit here writing this, I wonder what I shall be saying

during my sermon slot at St James' this coming Sunday. We can't explain what motivates the terrorist to maim and kill innocent people in a warped interpretation of their religion. We can only sit and watch and weep and pray for their victims and marvel at the stories of heroism and love and communities coming together that come out of these events: those who 'ran towards the tragedy, rather than away from it.'

It's too early to know how and why a fire in one apartment in a twentieth century high rise block took hold so rapidly, leaving occupants to the mercy of toxic smoke and fumes and encroaching flames. There are so many 'why's' and 'how's' to be answered. We pray for those men and women who will be charged with this horrendously difficult task over the coming weeks and months.

But once more, we have seen how tragedy has spurred the surrounding communities to respond generously beyond words with food and water, clothes, accommodation for those who have lost everything: in many cases not just worldly possessions but loved ones and family members. And the churches and other religious organisations have been playing a major part in providing Christ-like care, solace, comfort, counselling: and they've been given air-time by the media for all to see, praise God. In the midst of all three of these recent crises, it has been the love and concern of ordinary human beings that has shone through: practical deeds, not the sound bites that we get from those in power in a brief pause in their normal working day, however genuinely they are made.

Finally, we need to remember and give thanks for all those engaged in the emergency and rescue services, who put their own lives on the line in such situations, as well as the medical professions, the social workers and counsellors, the clergy of many faiths who use their training to respond in the aftermath

Harvest Flowers

A little early especially as we haven't enjoyed summer yet but Harvest will be celebrated on Sunday 1st October and the church will be decorated on Saturday 30th September. If you would like to decorate a window that weekend with flowers/produce/anything for harvest please speak to Val Cadd, thank you.

Val Cadd (Flower Convenor)

Building Progress

The contractors, Richardson and Starling started work as arranged on 5th June. Once they got up to the area of dry rot, they discovered that the infection had spread, and now it reaches almost half way down the south wall. It has also penetrated main roof timbers. This now means that they will have to put up very much stronger scaffolding to support the roof while they cut away and replace a short length of roof timber close to the top of the wall. All this extra is currently (24th June) being assessed, designed and estimated. So, the length of time that we will not be able to use the church will be significantly increased.

Meanwhile the Canon 35 application (which is required for the installation for the Visitor Counters and the extra Safety Handrail by the pulpit steps), as described to the Vestry and in the church on 11th June, is about to be submitted to the Diocese for approval.

Work on the design of the changes to the electrics is also progressing, as is the design of the exhibition spaces. It is hoped that, when the church is reopened, there will be a display board showing all the proposed changes for you to have a look at, to understand, and to ask any questions.

David

Donations of home crafts and cakes would be gratefully received for this event.

Anne

Website

As you may remember, with financial assistance from the Bishop, we employed a consultant, Amanda Boyle, to advise us on ways to increase our income to the church. One of the recommendations was that we needed to improve our website and, in particular, to advertise the fact that we had a hall and church that could be used by suitable groups for a fee. The new website is now operational and can be found at www.stjames-stonehaven.org.uk.

If you have any suggestions as to how we might further improve the site, then please let me know.

It will take a few weeks before it appears on a Google search and our old website will still be accessible until our contract with that provider expires next year. However, I have put on it a link to our new website.

Peter Sharp

Social Committee

The social committee met on Tuesday 20th June and arranged the next coffee morning. Please keep Saturday 22nd July free for the Summer Coffee morning in the church hall at 10am. We will have the following stalls – cake and candy, knitting, books, tombola and raffle. All donations to the stalls will be very gratefully received, thank you, in the church hall either on Friday afternoon between 2pm and 3pm or on Saturday morning before the sale. Tea/coffee tickets will be £2.50, children £1.

If anyone would like to help on the Saturday we'd be delighted to have your assistance, if not we look forward to you joining us for tea/coffee and a fine piece.

Val Cadd (Social Convenor)

in so many ways; and above all the ordinary men, women and children coming together out of love for others in their community. There also is God. Amen

By Dr Peter Smart.

For Sunday 18 June, the Sunday after the horrendous fire at Grenfell House, Kensington, Peter composed the following 'Twenty first century Psalm for comfort in adversity' in place of a sermon. Here are the words he used:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36).

Innocent, they went to their beds,
cosying under the duvets;
babes with their cuddlies and comforters;
children, homework done, i-pads under the covers
despite the admonition of their parents;
their parents, so work weary,
grabbing time to themselves
before the rote of work and family
wakes them for another day;
students, grannies, grandpas, the lonely and the
forgotten;
black, white, Asian, British, Middle Eastern,
multi-ethnic;
Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Sikhs,
multi-faith and none.
Innocent they went to their beds expecting a tomorrow.
*There they thought, if they believed, God was: their shield
and their protector.*

Fire struck.

A fire that should have been contained took hold.

Black toxic choking smoke.

Fierce flames rising, up, up, floor after floor as the world looked on in horror.

Where was God?

By morning, Grenfell House,

a charred emaciated skeleton of a building,

smoking, smouldering,

a tragedy that never should have been.

Yes. Where was God?

Mercy, O mercy,

so many of those, awoken from their slumbers, made their way to safety,

smoke stained, coughing, cradling children,

guiding the elderly, lost in the darkness of the night.

There was God.

Mercy, O mercy,

fire fighters, paramedics, the police,

doctors, nurses, turned up trumps again,

risking their lives, interrupting their own slumbers

to do their job, to care, to love, to seek to heal.

There was God.

Mercy, O mercy,

churches, mosques, temples,

Peter suggested we keep the same provider.

Section 2 of the work will be the upgrade of the Wi-Fi, electrics and plumbing.

Edna is having problems with the lock on the Church's outer door. David will look at it.

Hall: The fire alarm system has been upgraded. There is a new light in the disabled toilet.

Fund Raising/Social

There will be a Book Browse on 27th May and St James has a stall at the Feein' Market on 3rd June.

PVG

Irene reported that there is to be a safeguard training day on 12th May at Blairgowrie but, due to work commitments, she is unable to attend.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 13th June

Home Craft Stall

A big thank you to all who helped and supported our stall at the Feein' Market. From those who donated money, or items to sell, or bought from the stall, to those who helped on the day- whether setting up, manning the stall or dismantling at the end of the day. We raised a magnificent £703. Once again thank you. We have two future venues for our home craft stall:-

-St Drostan's Church & Lodge, Tarfside, where they are holding a Grand Garden Fete , BBQ and picnic on Sunday 16th July from 2.30pm. All churches in the Diocese have been invited to have a stall at this event.

-Harbour Festival Sunday 27th August 11a.m. to 3.00p.m.

which pays for church insurance and heating.

Report on St Philip's

Peter has put up a notice at St Philip's saying there will be no services there at present.

Recommendations by Amanda

Peter will speak to Amanda again about getting a code to link the old to the new web site.

Worship/St James Report

The next joint Worship Group meeting is on 29th May to discuss cover for services at St James and St Ternan's until the end of the year. It is proposed that Jane Nelson will cover the first Sunday, David and Anne the second Sunday, Peter Smart the third or fourth Sunday. It is also proposed that the fifth Sunday will be a joint service with a guest preacher.

The 4th June is a joint service at St Ternan's as a farewell to Bishop Nigel. St James will contribute to the refreshments. Peter Sharp will enquire whether there is a collection for a present for Nigel.

The Remembrance Service this year will be taken by Rosslyn Duncan at South Church.

Pam reported that she went to the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday and brought back oils from the Chrism Mass.

Fabric

Church: David reported that the Church will be closed from Monday, 5th June for a minimum of two weeks to enable the woodworm and dry rot to be treated. Services will be held in the Hall. A big clean-up will be needed once the work is completed.

The window guards will be cleaned and replaced in July.

The phone provider is due for renewal in a couple of months,

community centres, opened their doors.
Clergy, imams, rabbis, priests,
social workers, counsellors,
the lay and the community
did as Jesus would himself have done:
had compassion for the homeless,
the injured, the lost and the bewildered.
There was God.

Mercy, O mercy,
shelter, food, water, clothes and toys
appeared as if by miracle
to meet immediate need.
There was God.

But wait!
Innocent, some went to bed expecting a tomorrow.
They shall never see the light of day again:
not, at least the light of day that we see.
Where was God?

We weep. We pray. We hold out hope
that they shall be welcomed into the light eternal.
There is God.

Dear Lord, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
To be with God.

Dear Lord, comfort those left behind:
the orphaned child, the grieving brother,
the parent left without those whom they have borne,

the boyfriend, girlfriend, lover.
We cannot comprehend what grief they feel.
Where is God?

And wait!
A tragedy that never should have been.
And why?
We all await the answers to that question.
How can a home, a place of safety for so many
become the charred wreck that it now is?
Bewilderment, shock, 'who is responsible'
turns to understandable anger.
How can we stem this anger
being felt by the victims?
Where is God?

But now, today, this week and years to come,
our thoughts and prayers must be with those who
suffered, and will suffer still,
an endless, yes, eternal suffering.
Be with them, God.

Requiescat in pace, Grenfell House.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

*The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. (Psalm 100:5) Amen*

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Vestry Minutes 1st May 2017

Matters Arising

Anne is to check with Lynn about the Albyn Choir.
Anne has spoken to Pat at Haven Court. Rosslyn Duncan is looking at church services for all care homes.

Correspondence

Letter from Inspires to say the magazine is ceasing publication.
A cheque for £100 from Catterline Community Church as a donation for the use of St Philip's at Easter.
Letter from Jane Nelson inviting St James to take part in St Drostan's Day and barbecue on 16th July at 2.30 pm. We are invited to have a stall to raise funds. Anne will take this to the Social Committee.
Letter from the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Information leaflets will be put at the back of the church.
A report on the results of the 2016 Scottish Church census.
Clergy remuneration package received.
Information about Historic Religious Building Alliance.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£24,173.00
Fabric Fund Account	£8,420.00
Buildings Account	£1,050.00
St Philip's	£1,204.00

Peter reported that the quota for St James is going up from £5,617.00 to £6,708.00, for St Philip's it is going up from £325.00 to £326.00.

There was some discussion whether the Funeral Directors have received the 2017 charges. Of the two funerals this year one paid (and was aware of) the new charges, and one did not. Peter explained about the Catterline Fund, currently at £35,000,