

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline
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**Episcopal Churches of
 St. James' Stonehaven.
 St. Philip's Catterline.
 November 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
 November 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 September Newsletter is Sunday 25th November.
 Reminders will not be sent out.**

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DIARY NOTES November 2018

Day/Date	Event
4th November 23rd Sunday after Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Holy Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson
7th November	9.30 Children's Service
11th November Remembrance Sunday	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.45 Remembrance Service. Bishop Andrew
14th November	9.00 Reserved Sacrament and Healing Service. Arma Iles.
18th November 25th Sunday after Trinity	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles. 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.
21st November	9.30 Children's Service
25th November 26th Sunday after Trinity Christ the King	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles.

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

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings
4th November 23rd Sunday after Trinity	Dt 6.1-9 Ps 119.1-8 Heb 9.11-14 Mk 12.28-34
11th November Remembrance Sunday	1 Kg 17.8-16 Ps 146 Heb 9.24-28 Mk 12.38-44
18th November 25th Sunday after Trinity	Dan 12.1-3 Ps 16 Heb 10.11-14(15-18)19-25 Mk 13.1-8
25th November 26th Sunday after Trinity	Dan 7.9-10,13-14 Ps 93 Rev 1.4b-8 Jn 18.33-37
2nd December Advent Sunday	Jer 33.14-16 Ps 25.1-9 1 Th 3.9-13 Lk 21.25-36

Bishop Andrew writes:

I am looking forward very much to my first 'official' visit to St James this November, for the civic Remembrance Sunday service to be held in our church in the town. That date, the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, is a very important one for our country as we give thanks for all who have served in the world wars and conflicts since then. As an ex-serviceman myself, for a brief spell in the 1980s, I believe we must, as Christians, honour the sacrifices that men and women have been willing to make.

In this short letter I am also introducing myself as your new bishop, and I will also be taking on the role of overseeing ministry in St James, St Philip and St Ternan's, Muchalls. I am delighted at the strength and skills of the lay teams in these charges and continue to be grateful for the work that Rev Jane Nelson has been carrying out in support of your ministry in the north east. I hope to explore how we can expand, enrich and support your ministry, and examine again what routes, practical and pastoral, may be possible towards getting a priest for the north of our diocese. In the meantime I and the diocesan team will be working to keep the rota fresh and well supported.

I greatly valued the inputs of all who came, on the 6th October, to the 'Northern Cluster Consultation Day' in Brechin. This day was an ongoing development of Bishop Nigel's plans for charges in the north of the diocese to find ways to share a vision as church and to share resources. The day was well attended and people were very happy to speak out about their hopes and fears. Outcomes will include improved diocesan communications on events and activities, a workshop on informal/alternative forms of worship and work to share between charges experience and expertise on fundraising and grant applications (your own David Fleming has an immense

experience in this area!). The atmosphere of the day was positive, the bring and share lunch was brilliant and we will ensure that we don't lose momentum in our endeavours to work together and to share our life as churches!

I wish you every blessing and look forward very much to meeting you all in the very near future.

Vestry Minutes 27th August 2018

Matters Arising

We are using the appropriate service sheet for the Scottish Episcopal Church. It will be ensured that visiting clergy will be given a copy of the readings.

Server's licences are in hand for Bob, Edward and Jon.

Although the roof has recently been inspected some water was noted on the piano. This is being investigated.

Correspondence

The Northern Cluster Consultation Day will be held on 6th October at St Andrew's Church Hall in Brechin. Peter, David and Edward are hoping to attend.

The next Lay Ministries Study Day is on 13th October at the Church of St Mary and St Peter, Montrose. The topic is Healing Ministries and will be led by Rt Rev Dr Robert Gillies.

A letter had been received from Peter Smart thanking St James for their present.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£62,180.35
Fabric Fund Account	£14,175.78
Buildings Account	£10,685.70
St Philip's	£836.45

the Tolbooth museum, where he resisted the temptation to be photographed looking like Revd Alexander Greig baptising out the window.

Back in the Hall we had a lively discussion about the state of the church as a whole, roundly finished off by a helping of Stonehaven's best fish and chips. We then returned to the chancel, where Fr Kevin led us in the service of Compline - a fitting end to an interesting visit.

David Fleming

November in the Christian Year

18th - Hilda of Whitby. Hilda (known in her own century as "Hild") was the grandniece of King Edwin of Northumbria, a kingdom of the Angles. She was born in 614 and baptized in 627 when the king and his household became Christians. In 647 she decided to become a nun, and under the direction of Aidan she established several monasteries. Her last foundation was at Whitby. It was a great centre of English learning, one which produced five bishops.

Roman and Celtic traditions differed, not in doctrine, but on such questions as the proper way of calculating the date of Easter, and the proper style of haircut and dress for a monk. It was, in particular, highly desirable that Christians, at least in the same area, should celebrate Easter at the same time; and it became clear that the English Church would have to choose between the old Celtic customs which it had inherited from before 300, and the customs of continental Europe and in particular of Rome that missionaries from there had brought with them. In 664 the Synod of Whitby met at that monastery to consider the matter, and it was decided to follow Roman usage.

She was urgent in promoting the study of the Scriptures and the thorough education of the clergy. She died 17 November 680.

(Taken from James Kiefer's Christian Biographies)

new parsonage. A wooden hall 60 ft x 25ft with seating accommodation for 150 would cost £385. The Vestry decided that, rather than spend money on a small hall which might prove inadequate for the needs of the congregation, it was wiser to concentrate on the parsonage. The meeting was in favour of a new parsonage as the present one required considerable repair. It was recalled the late Dean Christie had expressed a desire to build a new parsonage for his successor. A Church Endowment Fund was to be started.

Dec: The Home Mission Association had been formed and 40 collection boxes (out of 100) had been taken by the congregation. It was suggested that St James might take an interest in one particular church or mission requiring assistance. There might be a small credit balance of £9 at the end of the financial year. Free Will Offering envelopes were to be placed in the pews and any not collected were to be delivered. It was suggested that seat rents be collected in the Vestry after notification to the congregation of the date as was previous practice.

To be continued

The Funny Friar Visits

Last week (19th) we were host to a short visit from Fr Kevin Goodrich, a Dominican monk from our companion diocese of Iowa, who describes himself as a preacher and teacher on spirituality, living, and ministry. You can find out more about him at <http://fathergoodrich.com/home.html>. He wanted to find out more about Stonehaven. He believes that laughter is good for the soul, which explains his nickname. He certainly lived up to that.

He was very interested as we showed him round our beautiful and historic church, and then we set off for a wander through the Old Town, explaining the many Episcopalian links there. We landed up at

£25,000 from the legacy has now been invested in the unit trust pool.

Report on St James

A new letterhead has been designed.

Plans for the exhibition area are progressing.

Edward and Jamie Campbell have almost completed their work looking into Wardle organs in Scotland.

Some Vestry members queried as to whether there were notices in church advising that CCTV is in operation. We also need a policy on who has access to the recordings and how long they should be kept.

It was suggested a notice be put up reminding people to put the lights off after CCTV showed some visitors leaving lights on.

The AGM will be on Sunday, 18th November after the 10.30 service. It is hoped that the new GDPR forms for members on the congregational roll will be completed by the AGM.

Report on St Philip's

A quotation for the roof repair of £296 + VAT has been received.

The septic tank has been emptied.

There was a query as to who was opening the church, as on one occasion recently the doors were locked.

Worship

The next joint service is at St Ternan's with the Bishop presiding. Arma will ask if they would like any donations towards the lunch from St James.

The next Songs of Praise will be Matins. On 23rd September there will be a Parade Service for the uniform associations.

The vestry agreed that the Worship Group have permission to contact other priests to cover services now that Peter Smart has left.

Fabric

Church: David hopes the snagging issues on the electrics will be completed week commencing 2nd September.

The design for the Exhibition is progressing and it is hoped that installation will take place in October.

The augmented reality video is almost ready and it is hoped will be available for the Open Doors Day.

David has visited the bell foundry in Loughborough and the bell should be back and installed by early October.

There is still work to do on the web site.

A grant of £20,053 has been confirmed from the Fife Environment Trust.

Rectory: Still awaiting installation of ventilation fans and invoice.

Fund Raising/Social

Unfortunately the Harbour Festival was cancelled due to bad weather.

15th September is the Open Doors Day.

21st September is the Quiz Night.

In October there are the Book Browse, Senior Harvest and tea, Harvest service and lunch.

AOCB

David Smail asked about getting all pews covered. Vestry discussed this and it was decided that, with some pews being removed for the exhibition, and efficient under pew heating, it may be something to discuss in the future.

Next Meeting 8th October

Harvest

A huge thank you to everyone for all the effort and donations for Harvest.

Also Edward Elgar died, Enrico Fermi discovered that a chain reaction of nuclear fission could be achieved with uranium, schoolchildren given 1/3rd pint of milk per day to improve nutrition.

Stonehaven – St James' Vestry Minutes

Jan: Discussion of economies to be made. Choir and Rector's vestries to be painted. Dr Burnett had called on Rev Symon and Rev MacDermid about a protest over Sunday golf at Stonehaven. A formal letter from all Kirk Sessions in town protesting against this was to be written. The Vestry passed the following resolution: 'That the general opinion of the Vestry of St James' Church was that we should witness to the necessity of public worship'.

Feb: Annual Congregational Meeting held at Keith Bank and tea was served by Miss Alexander (a collection was taken to defray expenses). Rev Symon commented on the Free Will Offering that 'there was no reason to grumble considering there were so many out of work. If each member on the scheme gave 1½d more per week then this would equal £90 and the Sale of Work would be done away with'. He mentioned that the number of communions made had risen to over 100 but only 6 candidates for confirmation. Rev Symon referred to the hard times caused by unemployment and illness. The Dean Christie memorial fund had reached £30. The church windows had been examined and repaired where necessary to prevent draughts.

April: £83-13-3 had been raised for the Dean Christie memorial. This was not enough for the oak panelling. After some discussion it was decided to buy a 7 piece altar set in solid silver.

Oct: Meeting called to make a decision on whether a new church hall should be built now with part of the NZ bond money, repairing the present parsonage, or buying/building a

Panelling of the Chancel with a plaque above where the Dean sat.

A new stone altar

A rood screen.

A note was to be inserted on the Special Service Leaflet for Armistice Day to encourage donations to the Earl Haig Fund.

Nov: the congregation added the following suggestions for a memorial to Dean Christie:

A new font

A stained glass window

An inscription on a brass tablet

Form of memorial should be decided after subscriptions received.

It was decided that the hall money should not be touched.

Form of memorial to be decided in January.

Dec: Taking into account money received from the Sale of Work there might be a credit balance of £10. There was a shortage of promises through the Free Will Offering of £64-19-4. It was suggested to publish a statement of the scheme and a list drawn up of likely new members to be approached.

1934 - some major events

Jan: Oswald Mosley argued for Fascist dictatorship in UK;

Mar: driving tests became mandatory in UK; **Apr:** Mussolini assumed dictatorial powers; **May:** Wimbledon officials

allowed women to wear shorts; Bonnie and Clyde killed by police;

Jun: Hitler and Mussolini met; Italy invaded Albania;

Night of the Long Knives - SS murdered Hitler's rivals; **Aug:**

Hindenburg died and Hitler assumed dictatorial powers; **Sept:**

262 miners died in Welsh pit disaster; **Oct:** Mao Tse-tung's

Long March began; **Nov:** Churchill warned of growing

German air strength, **Dec:** assassination of Kirov sparked purges in USSR.

Firstly the Senior Harvest service held in the church on Wednesday 10th October. Jean and Stella took the lead and everyone chipped in with a very fine spread. Arma led the service and Margaret Wells joined us and played for us - thank you Margaret and Arma. There were over 40 folk who sat and enjoyed afternoon tea. It was a lovely afternoon as always, thank you everyone, Jean and Stella.

Secondly the church was decorated with produce and flowers on Saturday 13th October by many members of the congregation and the church looked lovely. Thank you to the gentlemen who also decorated windows this time as well. We also had a donation from Mrs. Margaret McDowell nee Adams from Kirkcaldy and photographs of her window have been sent to her via e-mail. The donations of tins and dried food were collected after the Sunday service and delivered to the Cyrenians by Irene and Ewan - thank you.

Finally following our harvest service led by Anne and David, 21 of us enjoyed a harvest lunch of soup, fresh homemade bread and desserts. We are very lucky to have very talented chefs and bakers - thank you Anne, Carole, Sandy, Audrey, Jane, Diane/ David, Arma and Stella.

Christmas Coffee Morning and Tree of Life weekend - Saturday 8th December 2018.

We will combine the Christmas Coffee morning and the Tree of Life baubles on Saturday 8th December 2018. We will have the following stalls; - cake and candy, books, raffle, handknits, scarves and this year fold up/collapsible shopping bags, home-crafts (anything you would like to make and sell) and a tombola and if you wish to wrap your gifts we're using Christmas colours

- red, green, gold, silver.

The baubles will be in the church and if you would like to be on duty for an hour please sign the list (out towards the end of the month).

We will set up the hall on Friday afternoon - 7th December from 2.30pm - all help and donations very much appreciated - thank you.

Finally - stop press - Church flowers will be arranged on Saturday 22nd December at 10am. We will then hide them and place them in situ following the service on Sunday 23rd (4th Sunday in Advent).

Thank you everyone for your support, Val Cadd (Social/Flower Convenor)

St James in the 1930s, Part 2

1933 - some major events

Jan: Hitler became German Chancellor; **Feb:** Japan occupied all China north of Great Wall, Reichstag fire; **Mar:** Nazis began mass arrests of political opponents, Roosevelt inaugurated as President, Dachau and Oranienburg concentration camps opened; **Apr:** Nazis seized Jewish bank accounts; **May:** Ireland -Dail abolished loyalty to British Crown; Jews and Fascists fought in London, burning of books in Berlin; **Jul:** Gandhi jailed; Nazis banned all other political parties; Trotsky granted asylum in France. **Nov:** Nazis won huge vote of confidence in German plebiscite, **Dec:** prohibition law repealed in USA. **Also** George Orwell published 'Down and Out in Paris and London', film King Kong released, Prince of Wales toured

distressed areas of UK, Vitamin C synthesized for the first time.

Stonehaven - St James' Vestry Minutes

Jan: The hall fund now stood at £1,046-5-9. The annual congregational meeting was to be held at Miss Alexander's Boarding House (Keith Bank) and it was decided that Miss Alexander should serve tea.

Feb: There was a good attendance which the Chairman said "was in the nature of an innovation at St James". Rev Symon said that before taking up his post he had been given the choice of a new rectory or the building of a church hall. He had had no hesitation in deciding on the church hall where church members could meet socially and church activities could be carried out. The Bishop had decided to call the new hall the 'Dean Christie Memorial Hall'. It was agreed to be a substantial building worthy of the church and memory of the late dean. However, 'owing to the times it would be inadvisable to commence immediately but should be completed during the lifetime of the people to whom the Dean's memory was clear. As soon as conditions in the country brightened up satisfactorily steps would be taken to erect the hall.' The cost of the hall had been estimated at £2000. The new prayer book was being stocked at the Mearns Leader shop for 1/-. Mrs Symon (the Rector's wife) drew attention to the need for new surplices and cassocks and suggested the surplices might be washed more often. It was suggested the Vestry needed painting and that the belfry should be examined. Someone complained about a draught in the church. Tea was served by Miss Alexander.

Oct: Present financial position made the Memorial Hall impossible. The Chairman had consulted with Mrs Christie on this matter and the following suggestions for a new memorial were put forward: