

St James', Stonehaven and St Philip's, Catterline
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The copy deadline for the August Newsletter is Sunday 21st August

Reminders will not be sent out.

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

Sundays.

9.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

4.00 p.m. Eucharist St Philips (14th August)

Weekday Services

10.30 a.m. Wednesday:-Eucharist.

10.30a.m. Healing Service (4th August)

DIARY NOTES July 2016

Day/Date	Event
Weds. 3 rd August	10.30 – Reserved Sacrament and Healing service. Anne Geldart
Sunday 7th August - Trinity 11	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Anne Geldart 10.30 Eucharist. Bishop Nigel
Weds 10 th August	10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Anne Geldart
Sunday 14th August - Trinity 12. Sea Sunday	9.00 Reserved Sacrament Anne Geldart 10.30 Songs of Praise. Anne Geldart 4.00 pm Reserved Sacrament - St Philips. Anne Geldart
Weds 17 th August	10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart
Sunday 21st August - Trinity 13	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart 10.30 Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson
Weds 24 th August - Bartholomew Apostle.	10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
Sunday 28th August - Trinity 14	9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles 10.30 Eucharist. Rev Tracy Dowling
Weds 31 st August	10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles

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

10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Greeter	Coffee Rota	Lead Intercessions
Ellie Mcleod	David Fleming	Irene Paterson	Diane Fleming	
All Age Service	Anne O’Gorman	Stella Wilson	Val Cadd	
Richard Clark	Peter Sharp	Doreen Brankin	Peter Sharp	David Fleming
Val Cadd	Heather Grant	Val Cadd	Edna Craig	Arma Iles
David Fleming	Peter Sharp	Diana Peters	Peter Sharp	

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings	8.30 am Greeter/ Reader
7 th August - Trinity 11	Genesis 15. 1-6 Heb. 11. 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12. 32-40	Jean Carnie
14 th August - Trinity 12	Jer 23. 23-29 Heb, 11, 29 - 12.2 Luke 12. 49-36	Edna Craig
21 st August - Trinity 13	Isa.58. 9b-end Heb. 12. 18-end Luke 13. 10-17	Doreen Brankin
28 th August - Trinity 14	Ecclus. 10. 12-18 Heb. 13. 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14. 1, 7-14	Mel Christie
4 th September - Trinity 15	Deut. 30. 15-end Philemon 1-21 Luke 14. 25-33	Doreen Brankin

FROM PETER SMART

IDs, USER NAMES, PASSWORDS AND PINs

Is there some great insidious plan to turn us all into a series of semi-robotic ID numbers, user names, passwords and PINs, thereby destroying our personal identity? To contact the tax man, I need at least three unique ID numbers: my 'Government Gateway' number to access my account on line; my UTR ('unique taxpayer reference'); and my national insurance number. To log on to my account with my Government Gateway number, I then need my password, which with increasing old age I can no longer remember. Trying to get a replacement takes frustration to new heights, an art form in which the civil service are supreme!

The same applies to the NHS. When I needed to contact NHS Tayside a few weeks ago, it was 'easier' for the administrator to check my records if I could give her my ten digit 'CHI number', rather than my name. I can still recall from those little buff NHS cards introduced back in the late 1940s what my NHS number was at birth, but now it's changed, presumably to make it more computer compatible.

When I call my bank, the first thing they ask for are random characters from my password and my memorable whatever, at which point they call me by name. If I want to get Nectar points when I book a train ticket, I need to remember my Virgin Trains East Coast user name and PIN. When I book an air ticket on line, it's easier to put in my frequent flyer number and PIN at the start of the transaction - in that way, the airline reservation system can tell me more about me than I ever knew myself!

When I went to Australia earlier this year I needed an electronic visa. It only took me a few minutes to complete the form on line and even less time for the system shut away someplace down under to grant me permission to visit the country. I never had an old fashioned paper visa in my passport, but everyone from the KLM check-in clerk at Aberdeen airport to the immigration officer at Sydney could 'see' my visa on their screens whenever they swiped my passport.

All these systems probably make life easier for us most of the time, when we can remember our wretched PINs or passwords. But aren't they all so impersonal - and what is the risk of personal information falling into the hands of a hacker? We seem to have lost the personal touch in so many walks of life. Let's not lose it in our church life, I say. That's why, in administering Communion, I address you 'Vera/Victor (or whatever your name is), the body of Christ broken for you', unless of course old age has got the momentary better of my memory!

When we were baptised, we were given a name, and admitted to Christ's body with water and oil. In all but the rarest of circumstances, that name will stay with us to the ends of our lives. And at that time, as we are committed into the eternal care of our Lord, we are sent on our way by name and shall be welcomed by name as we enter His kingdom. Let's keep church personal, friendly and welcoming, a very special place to be: let's ensure there are no user names, passwords and PINs in our church life.

Blessings to you all.

Peter

Apart from the roof work, the HLF funding allows us to undertake many of the recommendations of the Quinquennial Review (the compulsory 5 year look at the condition of the building). So this will include such things as replacing the heating system (about time, I hear you say), getting rid of the lead piping in the water supply to the church office and sacristy, installing a brass rail to make the pulpit steps less dangerous, and a number of other small items.

Much more excitingly the funding will go towards creating two exhibition spaces at the back of the church, one to celebrate and explain the exciting history of the Episcopal Church in this area over the last 350 years, and the other to explain and educate about our wonderful (and original) Wadsworth organ and the part played by John Wardle, the installer of the organ and St James' first choirmaster and organist.

There is a lot of work to be done to get all these ideas completed. I would ask every member of the congregation, and others, to pray for this project and think what part they can play in all of this work. It is everyone's church, and it is important we all feel part of the improvements.

Please form an orderly queue!!

David Fleming

Harbour Festival on 28th August.

AOCB

Laura asked if we could have some indication as to who was taking the services. Peter said this could be included in the next Newsletter.

Anne O’Gorman said that she had heard from Far and Wide that they had sent £7,000 to Christian Aid.

We were asked to consider two proposals for funding:

Project 1: Tajikistan

Project 2: Bangladesh.

It was agreed to reply to Barbara at Far and Wide that we agreed with her suggestion of Tajikistan.

Date of next meeting: 25th July 2016

St James awarded Heritage Lottery Funding

The Vestry heard recently that the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has agreed to our plans for some repairs and improvements to the Church, amounting to about £119,000 overall.

The most urgent work is to deal with the dry rot which is now very visible in the south east top corner of the nave, and we are now (at the end of July) in the middle of discussions with the HLF team and our architect as to how best to do this. A very necessary part of this is to survey and repair a number of leaks in the church roof. The dry rot only thrives when the wood-work gets damp, and that only happens when the roof leaks!!

One of the leaks was responsible for a considerable ingress of water into the bapistry during the very heavy rainstorms overnight on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th. Luckily not much significant damage was done, and we only lost a few books stored waiting for the next Book Browse.

Social Committee

The next committee meeting of the Social Committee will be held on Tuesday 23rd August at 12, Princess Road at 7.30p.m

Val Cadd (Social Convenor)

Coffee morning

A huge thank you to all who helped on the day and the donations received. We raised a magnificent £600. There are some photos of it on the next page.

The tombola with a prize every time worked really well, we would be grateful to receive donations throughout the year towards this stall.

Thanks.

Our next event is the Harbour Festival on the 28th August. We will again be running our home craft stall, donations for this would be appreciated Thanks

Anne O’Gorman

Quilt Show

Very many thanks to the Patch’n’ Pud Club for putting on the Quilt show. It was truly magnificent as you can see from the pictures on the next page.

Anne O’Gorman.



different parts of the church. They are more helpful when near each other. There is a quiet area by the votive candle stand and we do not have a prayer request book.

- No pens or paper by the prayer board. We do not have a prayer board.

Worship

We have no organist for 3rd July. There is a baptism on 10th July and Sea Sunday will now be on 14th August. The Bishop will be presiding at St James on 7th August and 16th October.

Fabric

Church: Mel has cleaned the gutters. The leak in the Baptistry roof was due to rubbish obstructing the gutters. The leak in the Lady Chapel was due to excess rainfall and moss on the roof. The dry rot is spreading. Mel has resealed the sink in the Sacristy. David will investigate the possibility of CCTV outside and will also investigate putting Wi-Fi in the hall (useful if we intend hiring out the hall).

Hall: A notice board has been put up for the Mums and Toddlers' group. The radiator thermostats should be set on 2 and left on 2. Diane said the small urn has been replaced.

Garden: Ewen will get a peony rose in memory of Fiona for the Garden of Rest. Irene is to ask Ewen if he can cut down the buddleia which is obscuring the church notice board. Mel has put week killer on the gravel path.

Rectory: The six month lease is almost up and the family wish to extend the lease. David will carry out an inspection of the rectory.

Fund Raising/Social

In June the Feein' Market raised £650 and the Book Browse £512. The next events are:

Coffee Morning and Quilt show on 23rd July.

Book Browse on 6th August

responsible for events.

The Way Forward

This month we looked at 'This is a Sacred Space'.

Good Practices:

- A simple prayer at the door. David will look at this.
- Quietness and simplicity. This applied to St James.
- A quiet chapel/corner with icons/candles as a focus. We have the votive candle area and the Lady Chapel.
- Easily visible prayer cards and /leaflets, books of meditation and bibles in significant places. There are bibles in the Lady Chapel and a bookcase at the back of the church with relevant books for all ages.
- Candles available to light. These are available on the votive stand.
- Prayer request books/boards/trees. We will look at this at a later date.
- Prayer pools. We do not have these and there is no plan to have these.
- Leaflet describing a reflective prayer walk round the church. We do not have this.

Bad Practices:

- Tatty prayer hidden among the notices at the entrance. The table in the baptistery is updated and tidied regularly.
- Too much noise. The church is reasonably quiet.
- Clutter of furniture, papers. Mel said he thought the gift aid envelopes and welcome cards made the pews look untidy. It was agreed to put them in stands on the table where the greeter can hand them to visitors.
- Quiet chapel which is bleak and unattractive. We felt the Lady Chapel is attractive.
- Candle stands covered with old wax. The candle holders are cleaned regularly.
- Quiet place, candle stand and prayer requests in



Colour images can be found on the church website at <http://www.stjamesandstphilips.co.uk/>

Vestry Minutes 22nd June 2016

Matters Arising

The keys for St Philip's Church are with the next door neighbour and arrangements have been made to open and close the church. Phone calls coming into the church office have been diverted to David Fleming.

Anne O'Gorman will let St Ternan's know the numbers for catering for the joint service on 17th July.

The Bishop has arranged a meeting on 19th July for the Vestry to meet Amanda Boyle (an expert in crowd funding and helping businesses). She will put forward some ideas on the way forward for renting out the Church Hall. A six week programme would cost £2,600 but some funding would be available.

The Bishop has approved the appointment of Janet Okumbo and Richard Clark as servers and Pam Levack-Moir to administer the Reserved Sacrament.

David reported that all outstanding rents have now been paid. Pam has arranged a vestry key for Edna to give her access to the photocopier for printing the magazine.

Correspondence

A request has been received for any information on Ernest Hays (a previous priest at St James). Anne O'Gorman will look through our records and David Fleming will research the library.

The Diocesan Office has moved: 38 Langland Street, Dundee, DD4 6SZ. Telephone 001382 459569.

David pointed out to the Vestry that there is a Scottish Association of Landlords - it costs £90 to join but might be useful as they could advise on regulations. Peter has been asked to look into this by the Bishop. There is also a question as to who is to pay for this.

Treasurer's Report

Main Account:	£12,144.00
Fabric Fund Account:	£9,621.00
Buildings Account:	£607.00
St Philip's:	£948.00

Report on St James

David has had a phone call to say that we have been granted development phase costs from the Heritage Lottery Fund but written confirmation will come after the EU Referendum. The first meeting with the Project Manager will be in July and Peter will attend this meeting with David.

The Vestry was given a copy of the St James' Church Project Estimates which are divided into four phases:

Development phase costs

Development phase income

Delivery phase costs

Delivery phase income.

The Delivery phase costs were divided into two sections:

Capital Costs which include essential works such as eradication of dry rot, repairing and resealing the roof and installation of a lightning conductor, also minor repairs as recommended in the Quinquennial Report, new building work, professional fees relating to building work and volunteer time.

Activity Costs covers training for volunteers, equipment and materials and professional fees.

Peter Sharp expressed his thanks to David for all his hard work.

Report on St Philip's

Mel will look at the lights at St Philip's.

Pam wondered if the church could be used as a venue for retreats or concerts, perhaps with the removal of pews. Peter Sharp said Kerry Dixon may have some ideas.

Laura asked where any monies would go if the church was hired out, particularly as it would probably be St James being