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**The copy deadline for the December/January Newsletter is Sunday 27th November**

**Reminders will not be sent out.**

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## Episcopal Churches of St. James' Stonehaven. St. Philip's Catterline.

November

2016



### Services at St. James' & St Philip's during November

#### Sundays.

9.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

4.00 p.m. Eucharist St Philips (No service in November)

#### Weekday Services

10.30 a.m. Wednesday:-Eucharist.

10.30a.m. Healing Service (9th November)

DIARY NOTES November 2016

Day/Date	Event
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	10.30 Service of Remembrance for All Souls. Anne Geldart
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November - 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Anne Geldart</b> <b>10.30 Songs of Praise. Anne Geldart</b>
Weds 9 November	10.30 Reserved Sacrament and Healing Service. Anne Geldart
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Anne Geldart</b> <b>10.30 Remembrance Service. Ecumenical Service.</b>
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 Reserved Sacrament .Peter Smart
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Christ the King</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart</b> <b>10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart</b>
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November Advent 1</b>	<b>9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Pam Levack-Moir/Arma Iles</b> <b>10.30 Eucharist. Rev. Jane Nelson</b>
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Pam Levack-Moir/ Arma Iles

Year C – Readings are from the NRSV of the Bible

10.30 am Lessons 1+2	10.30 am Gospel	Greeter	Coffee Rota	Lead Intercessions
Val Cadd	Irene Paterson	Val Cadd	Edna Craig	
<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE - JOINT SERVICE - arrangements TBA.</b>				
Anne O’Gorman	Peter Sharp	Doreen Brankin	Irene Paterson	
<b>Begin</b>				
Heather Grant	Ellie McLeod	Diana Peters	Doreen Brankin	
Val Cadd	Peter Sharp	Peter Sharp	Edna Craig	

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

Date	Readings	8.30 am Greeter/ Reader
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November - 3<sup>rd</sup> S before Advent</b>	Job 19. 23-27a 2 Thess. 2. 1-5, 13-end Luke 20. 27-38	Doreen Brankin
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday</b>	Mal.4. 1-2a 2 Thess. 3. 6-13 Luke 21. 5-19	Edna Craig
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November - Christ the King</b>	Jeremiah 23. 1-6 Col. 1. 11-20 Luke 22. 33-43	Jean Carnie
<b>Year A Readings</b>		
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> S of Advent</b>	Isa 2. 1-5 Rom. 13. 11-end Matt. 24. 36-44	Mel Christie
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December - 2<sup>nd</sup> S of Advent</b>	Isa.11. 1-10 Rom. 15. 4-13 Matt. 3. 1-12	Doreen Brankin

Dr Peter Smart writes ...

**November - a month of and for remembrance**

November is a month of and for remembrance in both the church calendar and in the life of the country. The second of November is celebrated as All Souls' Day, a day on which many churches hold a special service to remember those amongst our families and friends who have left this life and are now, we pray, resting at peace with their Lord. These services include the reading out of the names of loved ones at the request of members of the congregation.

On 11 November the nation remembers the fallen of the two World Wars and of wars in which British forces have fought since then, including Korea, the Falklands, two Gulf wars and the conflict in Afghanistan. This act of remembrance on 11 November itself has taken on a new life over the past decade or so, with shops, airports, railway stations and many other public places asking workers and customers to stop whatever they are doing and reflect in silence for two minutes at 11.00am. This act seems to have been taken to heart by the British public.

The traditional Service of Remembrance takes place on the Sunday nearest 11 November, at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, and in churches and at War Memorials around the country, with the central focus being on the two minutes' silence at 11.00am and recital of the emotive fourth stanza of Laurence Binyon's powerful poem *To the fallen*, as an exhortation for ceremonies of Remembrance to commemorate fallen servicemen and women.

Did you know that the poem was composed by Laurence Binyon, who was too old to serve in the War, as he sat on a cliff top in Cornwall in mid-September 1914 and published in *The Times* on 21 September 1914, just a few weeks after the

outbreak of the First World War? During these weeks the British army had already suffered casualties at the Battle of Mons on 23 August and the first Battle of the Marne between 5 and 9 September 1914, amongst other battles. Could Binyon ever have imagined the scale of the carnage that was to take place in the four years that followed, or during the wars that have followed?

I personally find the stanzas that sit either side of the fourth verse very moving. Here I repeat stanzas three, four and five:

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.  
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.

The counter-point between the enthusiasm of the thousands of young men who went off to war, singing, aglow, slaughtered, falling with their faces to the foe, and the thousands of empty chairs at the kitchen tables of thousands of homes, no longer to be occupied by husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, lovers, boy-friends, sums up in words we can all understand the consequences of war.

As we remember the fallen this year, may we also offer a prayer for all those innocent children, women and men caught up in current conflicts, particularly in Aleppo at this time, a city that looks increasingly as though a nuclear bomb has hit it. And let us pray fervently for peace throughout the world, a world

**18<sup>th</sup> - Hilda of Whitby, abbess.** Hilda 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 double house: a community of men and another of women, with the chapel in between, and Hilda as the governor of both; and it was a great centre of English learning, one which produced five bishops.

**30<sup>th</sup> - Andrew the Apostle.** Most references to Andrew in the New Testament simply include him on a list of the Twelve Apostles, or group him with his brother, Simon Peter. But he appears acting as an individual three times in the Gospel of John. When a number of Greeks wish to speak with Jesus, they approach Philip, who tells Andrew, and the two of them tell Jesus. Before Jesus feeds the Five Thousand, it is Andrew who says, "Here is a lad with five barley loaves and two fish." The first two disciples whom John reports as attaching themselves to Jesus are Andrew and another disciple (whom John does not name, but who is commonly supposed to be John). Having met Jesus, Andrew then finds his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. Thus, on each occasion when he is mentioned as an individual, it is because he is instrumental in bringing others to meet the Saviour.

Several centuries after the death of Andrew, some of his relics were brought by a missionary named Rule to Scotland, to a place then known as Fife, but now known as St Andrews. For this reason, Andrew is the patron of Scotland.

It is said that Andrew was crucified on a Cross Saltire -- an 'X'-shaped cross. His symbol is a Cross Saltire, white on a blue background. This is accordingly the national flag of Scotland.

(Based on **James Kiefer's Christian Biographies** )

a few days later.

**17<sup>th</sup> - Hugh of Lincoln, bishop.** As a sign of his remorse for his role in the murder of the Archbishop Thomas á Becket, King Henry II founded the first house in England of the strict monastic order called the Carthusians. Difficulties arose with the first two priors, and a French noble recommended Hugh de Avalon, who at that time had been a monk at the mother house of the order for 17 years.

On his arrival in England in 1176, Hugh found that the building of the monastery had not begun. Worse, no compensation had been paid to those who would have to lose their lands and property to make room for it. Hugh refused to take office until these persons had been paid "to the last penny." He intervened again on behalf of the builders, whose pay was not forthcoming.

Henry loved him for his plain speaking. "I do not despair of you," Hugh said to him at their first interview; "I know how much your many occupations interfere with the health of your soul." Hugh refused to raise money for the foreign wars of King Richard the Lion-Heart, calmed the king's rage with a kiss, and persisted in his refusal: this was the first clear example on record of the refusal of a money-grant demanded directly by the crown, and an important legal precedent. Richard said, "If all bishops were like my lord of Lincoln, not a prince among us could raise his head against them." Devout, tireless, and forgetful of self, Hugh also had wit, a temper that he described as "more biting than pepper," and a great love and concern for children and the defenceless. He visited leper-houses and washed the ulcerous limbs of their inmates.

He was fond of animals, and they of him. Birds and squirrels came readily to his hand. He had a swan that would feed from his hand, follow him about, and keep guard over his bed, so that no one could approach it without being attacked.

In 1200 the king sent him on an embassy to France. His mission was a success, but he took ill and returned to England to die on 16 November 1200.

which suddenly feels just that bit less secure and peaceful than in recent times, where the enemy may no longer be another nation but a group of barbaric terrorists.

Let us make November a month of and for remembrance. *We will remember them.*

### Behind the scenes - 3 - Robert Duff.

I wonder how many times I have walked through the chancel and glanced at the very ornate memorial on the right-hand (south) wall. It commemorates Rt. Hon Robert William Duff, GCMG of Fetteresso Castle. But it doesn't really give the full story.



Robert was born in 1835 in Banffshire, a member of the landed gentry, but was educated in London. Aged 13, he joined the Royal Navy, and rose eventually to the rank of Commander after 22 years' service.

However, whilst still in the Navy, he was elected MP for Banffshire in 1862, and served for 32 years. He was part of the "Adullamites", a short-lived anti-reform faction within the UK Liberal Party. This name is based on a biblical reference to the cave of Adullam where David and his allies sought refuge from Saul.

Also whilst in the Navy, aged 27, he inherited Fetteresso Castle from his uncle. So he would have been very present whilst St. James was being built.

Eventually in 1893, he retired as an MP to be appointed as

Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New South Wales. He had a turbulent term of office, having to deal with electoral mismanagement and arguments with the state premier. Very unfortunately, after a visit to Tasmania, he caught hepatitis and died in 1895, aged 60, after only two years in office. He is buried in a church called St James the Great, Sydney, a curious co-incidence.



*St James', Sydney*

His wife survived for a further 30 years. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters.

Quite a life, even by the standards of Victorian Britain.

David Fleming

### **Social Committee.**

A huge thank you to all the members of the congregation for the beautiful display in the church at Harvest - the generosity of everyone was stunning. Following the morning service 18 of us sat down to a soup, sandwich and cake lunch. Everything was very tasty and there was no cake left!!!! Thank you very much all who contributed to the lunch in any way.

Our next coffee morning is our Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th December at 10am. We will be having the following stalls - cake and candy, knitting, jigsaw puzzles, raffle, books, tombola (prizes can be wrapped in Christmas paper if wanted) and a special church tea towel. We will be setting up the hall on Friday afternoon (9th) between 2pm and 3pm. All

### **Fund Raising/Social**

The Book Browse is on 1<sup>st</sup> October

The Harvest Lunch is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the Seniors' harvest tea on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### **PVG**

Irene had received a letter from Donald Urquhart. This was about OSCAR reminding charities to report any issues which might affect their charitable status to the regulator.

### **AOCB**

David proposed some ideas for fund raising. He showed Vestry some ideas for book marks and a tea towel. The minimum quantity of each would be 250, we could sell the tea towels for £4.95 each and the book marks for £2 each. The camera club has offered to take some photos of the church (inside and out) which could also be used.

### **Date of next meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

### **November in the Christian Year**

Here are some anniversaries that fall in October.

**16<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Queen of Scotland.** She was the grand-daughter of Edmund Ironside, King of the English, but was probably born in exile in Hungary, and brought to England in 1057. After the Norman Conquest in 1066, she sought refuge in Scotland, where about 1070 she married the King, Malcolm III. She and her husband rebuilt the monastery of Iona and founded the Benedictine Abbey at Dunfermline. Margaret undertook to impose on the Scottish the ecclesiastical customs she had been accustomed to in England, customs that were also prevalent in France and Italy. But Margaret was not concerned only with ceremonial considerations. She encouraged the founding of schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She argued in favour of the practice of receiving the Holy Communion frequently. She was less successful in preventing feuding among Highland Clans, and when her husband was treacherously killed in 1093, she died

- We do not have Fair Trade displays.

### **Worship**

Anne Geldart reported that Sea Sunday was much appreciated by those who attended.

After our service for CLAN their representative said she liked the format of the service and appreciated the write up in the Mearns Leader.

Harvest Festival is on 2<sup>nd</sup> October with the Seniors' Harvest Tea on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Margaret Wells will play the piano.

The November 'Songs of Praise' will be the Remembrance Day service which St James is hosting. The December 'Songs of Praise' will be the Nine Lessons and Carols.

David suggested allocating themes for next year's 'Songs of Praise' services.

Peter Smart said that church numbers had fallen, there were between 6-8 on Wednesdays, 6-7 at 9 am on Sundays, and he was concerned that the numbers at the 10.30 service had also dropped.

### **Fabric**

**Church:** the light bulb had been replaced in the Sacristy.

The nave and toilet windows have been removed for repair.

David is awaiting John Sanders' detailed Quinquennial Report but has a list of actions from the draft report which Gary Black, our local architect, can now complete.

The roofers are due this week.

**Hall:** an email had been received from Sally, our cleaner, saying how messy and dirty the hall, toilets and kitchen were when she came in to clean on Friday. David will send an email to all hall users reminding them to complete and sign the check list and to leave the hall tidy, or their lease will be terminated.

There is a new booking on Tuesday afternoons from CAIR Scotland. This will be for 52 weeks/year.

donations will be very gratefully received and if you have any jigsaws the 500 or 1000 piece ones sell well.

We may be short handed at the next coffee morning and are hoping there may be some new recruits - if you could help in some small way please let me (Val) know - thank you.

If anyone has any vases they have no use of we would be very grateful to receive them for the flowers in the church - many thanks.

Thank you,

Val Cadd

### **Welcoming the Harvest**

On Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October we were pleased to welcome residents from many of the local retirement homes, as well as older folk from the town, to our afternoon service to welcome the harvest. The Hall looked very festive: David had set up an altar under the crucifix at the east end, and the tables were all set up with white cloths, best fine china and a lovely spread of cakes and fancy pieces. We had over 40 guests and our social group had really been working at it to provide a great setting for our celebration. We began with a short service of thanksgiving, with two well-known hymns and a brief address. Afterwards we all tucked into our tea or coffee and fine pieces. Our guests were well pleased and all agreed they had had a 'real good time'. I want to thank all those who helped make the hall look so colourful and a testament to the true spirit of the harvest.

Anne

## Vestry Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

The meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of Maggie Jackson.

### Matters Arising

The Buddleias have been cut back.

The wheelchair has been serviced and is stored in the South Porch.

Anne O'Gorman has emailed Pat Millar about some funds from Far and Wide for Swaziland. There has been no reply so far.

Peter Smart said that monies are used for school uniforms, and supporting the HIV/AIDS programme.

Lyn is still to come back with a quote for folding tables.

The Public Entertainments Licence is still outstanding.

### Correspondence

Peter received a phone call from Michael Turner about hosting a performance of an opera by the Dundee Opera Society in May next year. The Vestry agreed in principle.

### Treasurer's Report

Peter tabled the annual accounts for St James. In view of the short notice given to the Vestry he would be happy to answer any questions at the next meeting. The Statement of Balances of St James at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 is:

Main Account	£16,686.91
Fabric Fund Account	£10,512.13
Buildings Account	£6,007.00
St Philip's	£802.00

A copy of the Draft Budget for 2016/17 was looked at.

### Report on St James

Pam has labelled the heater switches at the back of the church.

David has started the process of producing the rota for next year's readers, greeters, coffee makers etc.

There will be 3 vacancies on Vestry. David and Diane Fleming,

and Melvin Christie have served their three years of office. Three possible recruits to serve on the Vestry were suggested.

### The Way Forward

In answer to questions about good and bad practice the following answers were given:

- The churchyard is well maintained and looked after
- The noticeboard is kept up to date and old posters removed.
- There are photos on display of the Vestry and other parish photos on the web site, including recent events.
- Information of other groups and parish activities are to be found on the noticeboard.
- There is an area containing items to entertain children.
- The Parish magazine is not just about church events.
- There is a mission statement on display.
- There is publicity for social events, church and community in the magazine and on the noticeboard.
- Opportunities are available through Lent and Advent groups to learn more about our faith.
- There is information about charities/voluntary organisations etc on our noticeboard or at the back of the church
- We work together with other churches in our community.
- We have a mission link with Swaziland.
- We work with overseas agencies such as Water Aid by means of donations.
- We do not have notices curling up at the edges or piled on top of each other.
- The only old photos are historical and of interest to visitors.
- We have evidence to show that the church is active at times other than Sundays.
- The books in the children's corner are not old.
- There is evidence that we have concerns for the poor.