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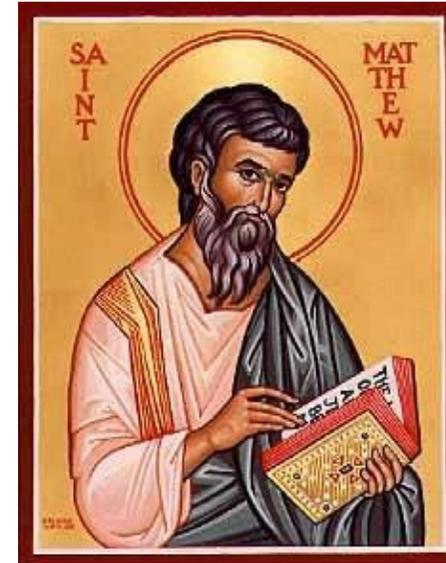
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Services at St. James' & St Philip's during September

Sundays.

9.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

4.00 p.m. Eucharist St Philips (11th September)

Weekday Services

10.30 a.m. Wednesday:-Eucharist.

10.30a.m. Healing Service (7th September)

DIARY NOTES September 2016

| Day/Date | Event |
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| Sunday 4th September 15th Trinity | 9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Anne Geldart 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Anne Geldart |
| Weds 7 th September | 10.30 - Reserved Sacrament and Healing service. Anne Geldart |
| Sunday 11th September 16th Trinity | 9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Anne Geldart 10.30 All Age service. Anne Geldart 4.00 pm Reserved Sacrament. St Philip's. Anne Geldart |
| Weds 14 th September | 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Anne Geldart |
| Sunday 18th September 17th Trinity | 9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Pam Levack-Moir 10.30 Eucharist. Rev Jane Nelson |
| Weds 21 st September Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist | 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart |
| Sunday 25th September 18th Trinity | 9.00 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Peter Smart |
| Weds 28 th September | 10.30 Reserved Sacrament. Arma Iles/ Pam Levack-Moir |

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 |
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| David Fleming | Peter Sharp | Diana Peters | Peter Sharp | |
| All Age Service | Irene Paterson | Peter Sharp | Edna Craig | Anne O’Gorman |
| Tom Walker | David Fleming | Janet Okumu /Stella Wilson | Peter Sharp/ Doreen Brankin | |
| Richard Clark | Irene Paterson | David Fleming | Diane Fleming | |
| Val Cadd | Peter Sharp | Diana Peters | Peter Sharp | |

Readers, Greeters, Vestry and Coffee Rota

| Date | Readings | 8.30 am Greeter/ Reader |
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| 4th September - Trinity 15 | Deut. 30. 15-end Philemon 1-21 Luke 14. 25-33 | Doreen Brankin |
| 11th September - Trinity 16 | Exod. 32. 7-14 1 Tim. 1. 12-17 Luke 15 1-10 | Jean Carnie |
| 18th September - Trinity 17 | Amos 8. 4-7 1 Tim. 2. 1-7 Luke 16.1-13 | Arma Iles |
| 25th/September - Trinity 18 | Amos 6. 1a, 4-7 1 Tim. 6.6-19 Luke 16. 19=end | Mel Christie |
| 2nd October, Trinity 19 | Hab. 1. 1-4; 2. 1-4 2 Tim 1. 1-14 Luke 17. 5-10 | Doreen Brankin |

From Dr Peter Smart

I hope that all of you who have been on holiday over the past couple of months have returned refreshed and ready to respond to whatever your circumstances require. Margaret and I certainly came back from Madeira refreshed (and just a little heavier than when we left) – until we saw how the grass had grown and the volume of fruit waiting to be picked. From the sublime to the mundane!

This leads me to what might appear an impertinent question. Do you go to church when you are away? I know that this is not always possible, especially if you are in a country when English is not the first language. But, apart from church being part of your Sunday routine, it's always good to find out how other people 'do church'. Let me share a few of my experiences of church outside the UK.

Several times in Finland we have attended the *Temppeliaukio Kirkko* (Temple Square Church), where the Lutheran International Evangelical church has an English language service every Sunday afternoon. The church, opened in 1969, is built entirely underground, blasted into 40 feet of solid granite, with a copper roof that looks like a flying saucer has landed. The Communion service used is very similar to our own. The large congregation is very multi-ethnic: the last time I was there, my neighbour was the Korean ambassador to Finland and Estonia and his family. Staggeringly modern.

Just across the Gulf of Finland, I went to the international Lutheran English language service when I was teaching in Tallinn, Estonia. They meet in the magical little church of the Holy Spirit, hardly changed since it was built in 1531, with walls two metres thick, wall paintings and a Dickensian-style

desk as lectern, unscathed by both world wars and the other conflicts with which the Baltic States have been afflicted. The day I went, I had barely got in the door before I was invited to read the lessons, since I was the only native English speaker in the place. Instead of a sermon, the organist played a 5 minute voluntary, improvising on *There is a green hill far away*. Atmospheric in the extreme.

In Philipsburg on the Caribbean island of St Maarten, we located the Methodist church. The home congregation was predominantly black, which set the tone for the welcome, the music, the preaching *and* the length of the service, whilst the tourists, of whom there were many, were predominantly white. With two sung introits before the processional hymn, time welcoming every visitor by name (stand up, please!), and lengthy prayers of intercession, we'd got through 55 minutes even before the lady minister entered the pulpit, some 15 feet above contradiction, to deliver her spell-binding, but bum-numbing, 45 minute oration. Happy, clappy, alleluia!

This brings me to our visit to Madeira in July. We attended the *Igreja Inglesa* ('English Church') both Sundays we were there, and on the second one we were invited to take up the elements during the offertory hymn. The service is taken from the CofE *Common Worship*, with some innovations, such as a version of the creed sung to *Cwm Rhonda*. The church is a nineteenth century, Palladian style building in its own walled sub-tropical gardens, where after-church refreshments are served: the customary tea, coffee and biscuits, or a glass of Madeira and a taster of *bolo do mel* (the local honey cake). Like home but with sunshine and warmth.

words.

21- Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. One day Jesus was walking and saw a tax collector named Matthew, and said to him, "Follow me." And Matthew stood up and followed Him, and became one of His twelve apostles. Throughout the Gospels, we find tax collectors mentioned as a type of sinful and despised outcast.

The name "Matthew" means "gift of the Lord." Mark and Luke, in the story of his calling, name him "Levi." Perhaps this was his original name, and he received a new name from Jesus when he became a disciple. Of Matthew's life after Pentecost the Scriptures tell us nothing. Later accounts of his life vary, some reporting that he was martyred, others that he died a natural death. The Christian community since early times has commemorated him as a martyr.

Whether the Apostle Matthew is also the Evangelist Matthew -- that is, whether the Apostle Matthew wrote the Gospel that bears his name -- is disputed. The Gospel itself does not say who wrote it, but the designation "according to Matthew" is very old.

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

17th - Hildegard of Bingen. Hildegard of Bingen is regarded as one of the most important figures in the history of the Middle Ages, and the greatest woman of her time. She was born in 1098. When she was eight years old she went to the Benedictine monastery at Mount St Disibode to be educated where she later became a nun. Twenty years later, she was made the head of the female community at the monastery. Within the next four years, she had a series of visions, and devoted the ten years from 1140 to 1150 to writing them down, describing them, and commenting on their interpretation and significance.

The community of nuns at Mount St. Disibode was growing rapidly, and they did not have adequate room. Hildegard accordingly moved her nuns to a location near Bingen, and founded a monastery for them.

Hildegard travelled throughout southern Germany and into Switzerland and as far as Paris, preaching. Her surviving works include more than a hundred letters to emperors and popes, bishops, nuns, and nobility. She wrote 72 songs including a play set to music, about seventy poems and nine books. Two of them are books of medical and pharmaceutical advice, dealing with the workings of the human body and the properties of various herbs. She also wrote a commentary on the Gospels and another on the Athanasian Creed.

But her major works are three books on theology: *Scivias* ("Know the paths!"), *Liber Vitae Meritorum* (on ethics), and *De Operatione Dei*. They deal (or at least the first and third do) with the material of her visions. The visions, as she describes them, are often enigmatic but deeply moving, and many who have studied them believe that they have learned something from the visions that is not easily put into

But you don't need to be that far from home to check out a church to attend whilst you are away. It's always good to hear a different preacher with a different slant on the scriptures; or to learn a new hymn or two; or come home with some idea that you think might work here. Give it a try, if it's not already part of your holiday routine.

Decorations in the church at Harvest.

This will be celebrated the first weekend in October and we will decorate the church on Saturday 1st October at 10a.m. If you would like to decorate a window with either flowers or produce or anything suitable, please sign the list at the back of church and if you would like a specific window please say.

Val Cadd

Social Committee.

The Social Committee met on the 23rd August and have arranged a soup and sandwich lunch for the Harvest lunch following the 10.30a.m. Harvest service on Sunday 2nd October. The cost will be £5 (adults) and £3 (children). There will be a list at the back of church to sign by Wednesday 28th September - if you have any dietary requirements please let us know when you sign the list.

The following Wednesday - 5th October we will hold our Older Peoples Harvest Service in the church hall at 2.30p.m. We will be inviting folk from the Care Homes, Sheltered Housing, town and friends and family of our

congregation to join us for a short service and tea/coffee and a 'fine' piece. Everyone welcome.

I was away for the last coffee morning and I would like to give a huge thank you to Anne O'Gorman for leading a wonderful morning and also a huge thank you to everyone who very kindly assisted especially her grandson Sam who ran the tombola stall singlehanded. Thank you one and all.

The next committee meeting for the Social Committee will be held on Tuesday 4th October at 12, Princess Road, at 7.30p.m.

Thank you,

Val Cadd

Stonehaven Harbour Festival.

St James' again had a stall at the Harbour Festival.

We raised £360 and our thanks go to Lynn Geldart and Anne O'Gorman for their hard work in setting up the stall, and to all who donated items for sale.



Diane Fleming

that, of all the sayings attributed to Jesus in the Gospels, the ones that are most certainly His are the ones that give the impression that the end of the world is at hand. Schweitzer himself drew the conclusion that Jesus believed in the imminent end of the world, that he was wrong, and that therefore he was not infallible or inspired or divine.

In 1905 he announced his intention of becoming a missionary doctor, and gave up a brilliant career, to go to medical school. In 1913 he and his wife set out for Lambarene in Gabon, where they built a hospital. His work there was interrupted by World War I. Since he was a German citizen, he was interned by the French as an enemy alien, and spent his prison time writing. He published his *Philosophy of Civilization*, in which he urged "reverence for life," a philosophy of compassion for all living things. After the war, Schweitzer returned to Lambarene and rebuilt his hospital, adding a leper colony. In 1952 he received the Nobel Peace Prize.

16th - Ninian of Galloway. Ninian was a Celt, born in southern Scotland in about 360, and is regarded as the first major preacher of the Gospel to the people living in Britain north of the Wall--that is, living outside the territory that had been under Roman rule. He is said to have studied in Rome. From his base at Galloway, Ninian preached throughout southern Scotland, south of the Grampian Mountains, and conducted preaching missions among the Picts of Scotland, as far north as the Moray Firth, He also preached in the Solway Plains and the Lake District of England. Like Patrick (a generation later) and Columba (a century and a half later), he was a principal agent in preserving the tradition of the old Romano-British Church and forming the character of Celtic Christianity.

leaflets on the table were damaged. Peter and David will replace these. David is still awaiting written quotations for the damaged windows and protective covers.

Hall: There is a chipped window. Lynn said she would do the cleaning the following week as the cleaner is on holiday.

Garden: The buddleia bush by the church notice board needs to be cut back as it is starting to obscure the board.

Rectory: David has still to inspect the Rectory.

Fund Raising/Social

The coffee morning raised £600.

The next Book Browse is on 6th August.

The Harbour Festival is on 28th August.

AOCB

Arma has had the offer of a wheelchair to be used by the church. The Vestry expressed their thanks and will arrange for the tyres etc to be checked.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 29th August

September in the Christian Year

Here are some anniversaries that fall in September.

5th - Albert Schweitzer, Missionary. Albert Schweitzer was a theologian, philosopher, organist, authority on Bach, physician, and missionary. He was born in 1875, son of a Lutheran pastor, in Alsace. He studied at Strasbourg and at Paris, and around 1900 he became a doctor of philosophy and a doctor of theology, and was ordained to the Lutheran ministry and became a preacher and a lecturer in philosophy. He became an outstanding organist, and in 1905 published a study of Johann Sebastian Bach. He simultaneously wrote a book called *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, in which he argued

Refugees

Read this poem top to bottom as normal – it says refugees are not welcome here and should go back to where they come from. But the poet adds a small request at the end ‘Now read from bottom to top’. The results are somewhat different.

Diane Fleming

Refugees by Brian Bilston

They have no need of our help,
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or I
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way.

(Now read from bottom to top)

Vestry Minutes 25th July 2016

Matters Arising

The name of the person taking the services is now included in the Newsletter.

Correspondence

A cheque for £130 has been received from the Pud'n'Patch quilting group as a result of the quilt show. A thank you letter has been sent to Jan Horn.

A letter has been received from the Pud'n'Patch Group saying they are moving to another venue where sewing machines and other equipment can be left out rather than packing everything away each time.

David reported that a new Brownie group will be hiring the hall.

Treasurer's Report

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| Main Account | £13,588.21 |
| Fabric Fund Account | £9,134.00 |
| Buildings Account | £1,607.00 |
| St Philips | £872.00 |

David Fleming is to be another signatory on the Buildings Account which will allow him to access details for the grants and building works for St James. He has applied for the first phase of the Heritage Lottery grant. There is now £1000 donation in the Building Account.

St James Report

The Vestry discussed Amanda Boyle's proposal for a business plan for the hall. The fee would be £2,600, part of which would be met by the Diocese.

Some members were cautious, in particular about the speed of things happening, and it was felt important to remember we have an underlying Christian ethos. It was decided to go ahead with the consultation and explore ideas, but the Vestry did not wish to be rushed.

Pam reported that she had put up photos of Vestry members and those involved in worship, music and flowers.

St Philip's Report

The church is now open during the day.

Worship

Anne Geldart suggested varying the services we have, for example having a Songs of Praise. She said we now have a good team of servers and Arma is helping at the 9 am service and the Wednesday service.

There is to be a ministry planning meeting on 4th August. It was agreed that the notices with the photos would go on the website. Peter agreed to do this.

Sea Sunday is on the 14th August and the Sea Cadets and RNLI have been invited to take part.

Fabric

Church: Peter and David met with the Heritage Lottery Fund people and the first amount of the grant has been applied for. John Sanders from Simpson and Brown is to be the conservation accredited architect. He already had dealings with the Heritage Lottery Fund. He will redo the Quinquennial Report on 3rd August.

There has been more flooding in the Baptistery. Some of the