

# NORTHERN LIGHT

# News from the Scottish Episcopal Church Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

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# **Fellowship of St Andrew Award**

Bishop Anne writes:

In order to recognise and honour those who have made a significant contribution to the life of the Diocese and beyond I am inaugurating a Fellowship of St Andrew. Fellowships will be awarded to lay people who have made such a contribution over a good number of years, and whose gifts have been evident in a wide range of settings. Through the Fellowship the Cathedral and Diocese will recognise major contributions to our common life that leave a legacy of great and lasting benefit to those who follow.



The first Fellowship has been awarded to Professor Andrew Morrisson. I am pleased to mark the significant contribution made by Professor Morrisson through the music at our Cathedral. He received the Fellowship at the Diocesan Choral Festival hosted by the Cathedral in May.

# **New Appointments in the Diocese**

#### The New Rector of Ellon and Cruden Bay



The Rev'd Dr Dennis Berk has been instituted by Bishop Anne as the new Rector of St Mary's Ellon and St James' Cruden Bay. We welcome him as he begins his ministry amongst us.

### A New Rector for St Ternan's, Banchory

The Rev'd Lynsay Downs is to be instituted as Rector of St Ternan's Church, Banchory on Saturday 11 August.

Lynsay currently serves as Rector of St James-the-Less, Penicuik, and St Mungo's, West Linton in the Diocese of Edinburgh.



#### A New Canon of the Cathedral



The Bishop has made the Rev'd Neil Brice a member of Chapter. Neil has an extensive and well respected ministry in Shetland. He is Rector of the churches of St Magnus, Lerwick and St Colman, Burravoe, and a Diocesan

Clergy Representative on General Synod. His ministry is marked by an attention to pastoral care and ecumenism.

In appointing Neil to Chapter, the Bishop will welcome a voice representing the island churches.

#### A New Rector for St Devenick's, Bieldside

The Rev'd Capt. Gerry Bowyer is to be the new Rector of St Devenick's Church in Bieldside. Gerry currently serves in the Caf4e Community in Bridge of Don, and will be instituted as Rector of St Devenick's in September.



# "If you go down in the woods today You're sure of a big surprise"

The enterprising folks at the registered Ecocongregation of St Ternan's Banchory arranged a visit to Alastrean woods on the



edge of Tarland, one pleasant Spring afternoon. It was full of surprises, though perhaps not in the way that some were expecting....

Our leader was Aileen Salway, who is with the Aberdeenshire countryside ranger service and has a keen interest in bats. It wasn't long before Aileen was delving into her rucksack to produce some examples of (deceased) pipistrel bats for us to examine; and playing the echo chamber and social sounds made by these nocturnals. We were also invited to take a close look at a dead dung beetle.

But if we are to truly love God's creation, to ignite that spark that will fuel a lifetime's interest, then we need to get "deep down and dirty, yeah" as the song goes. Nevertheless, some declined the opportunity to examine a badger latrine. Who knew that we share with this mammal the need to construct a purpose-built toilet? Evidence from a video, released from a camera trap nearby, revealed a member of this Mustelidaen family who constructed it. Unlike us, the badger uses the latrine to communicate, hence the pungent aroma. Badgers check with a quick sniff to reveal whether a recent user was a member of the family or a stranger.

Trees also communicate. We know that trees emit scent through their blossom calling out to pollinating insects to come and taste their sugar. But did you know that they can warn off grazing animals by pumping toxic substances into their leaves? At the same time, they give off a gas to neighbouring trees to tell them to do the same. They can taste the saliva of some insects and will release pheromones which attract the prey of the biting insect. They also use the 'wood wide web', a combination of interlocking roots and the fibre-optic cables of fungi, to send electronic signals to other members of their species, and channel nutrients to less well off members of the family, rooted in poorer soils. Recent research indicates that roots also emit sounds. So when walking in the wood and you hear a rustling sound, yet there is no wind ruffling the leaves, they could be talking about you! Oh, and please do not hug a tree. They may not like your smell.

This lovely woodland walk of a few miles had lots of wildlife interest and lovely views towards Pittenderich. The psalmist says, "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?" [121.1] To which Isaiah replies,

### Message from the Bishop:

One of the joys of summer walking for me is discovering a church building. This might be in a city, but it is much more likely to be in a town or village. If the garden is tended, the grass cut, the path tidy, then hope rises that the door might be open, and I can go inside.

There are many such churches in our diocese, kept open for the casual passerby, who might come over the threshold just to have a look, and then discovering themselves to be in a house of prayer, might stay, sit and speak with God.

As I have been going from place to place I can see many signs that our buildings are loved and cared for. The spaces are tidy, flowers freshly arranged, brass polished. All of this done by faithful folk who are not often seen by a casual visitor.



If you are one of those on a rota, or one of those tending for a much loved place of worship, then you are due our thanks for all that you do to make these holy spaces welcome to stranger or regular worshipper. "Being faithful with the little things', Jesus called it. So thank you for this faithfulness.

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight paths for Him." [40.3] And sure enough a path leads from this part of the woodland to the hill, like an arrow. We heard the song of the willow warbler returning from its West African winter holidays as well as spotting some of our common woodland residents of chaffinch, great tit, robin and bullfinch. A small pile of feathers raised the suspicion that nature is also red in tooth and claw and later we discovered the roadside 'cafe' where a sparrowhawk had enjoyed a full breakfast.

John Calvin was fond of saying that nature is "the theatre of God's glory". For John Muir, the Scottish naturalist, who emigrated to America and was responsible for the creation of the Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks in California, nature was his cathedral. The soaring trunks of Scots Pine can give this architectural impression. Here Muir discovered the sacred and a revitalising theology. For us, on this Saturday afternoon, we found an escape from the shopping malls and retail parks that are cathedrals and worship places of our consumerist society.

Participants were invited to bring along a little reflection or poem to share, so we heard from G K Chesterton's 'The Donkey', Patience Strong's 'In the Forest; and later, at The Commercial Hotel in Tarland Square, whilst enjoying a cream tea, we listened to W H Davies' 'Leisure'. There was a plea for more walks like these. "Another slice of honey and lavender cake anyone?" Yes please, to both.

#### THIS AND THAT – DIOCESAN NOTICES

#### **TWO VACANCIES**

#### **Centrepost Editor**

We are looking for a new Centrepost Editor, to collate information on events taking place throughout the diocese and list them in Centrepost and on the website calendar. The Centrepost Editor also has a key role within our Diocesan Communications Team and has a seat on the Diocesan Information and Communications Committee and on the smaller Editors sub-group.

For further conversations about this role or other roles within the Diocesan Communications Team, please contact Mary McKinnell, the IT Officer in the Diocesan Office at <a href="mailto:itofficer@aberdeen.anglican.org">itofficer@aberdeen.anglican.org</a> or on 01224 662247.

#### **Diocesan Mothers' Union Treasurer**

The Diocesan Mothers' Union is looking for a



Treasurer. We are in danger of closing down as we can find no-one able to take on this vital role.

We are a small diocese which supports many local, national and international projects. Members are involved in the following activities:

- Services for residents of Sheltered Housing and a Resource Centre.
- Knitting baby clothes for premature babies.
- Providing toilet bags for emergency hospital admission and Grampian Women's Aid.

For more information, our web page link is <a href="https://www.muscotland.org.uk/aberdeen.htm">www.muscotland.org.uk/aberdeen.htm</a>. We are no longer a charity and so OSCR is not an issue.

We are looking for someone to keep the books and organise the yearly audit.

Our financial flow is:

- 1. Collecting the subscription fees annually there are 51 members based in three branches and 16 Diocesan members and sending them on to our headquarters at Mary Sumner House.
- 2. Collecting the money for and ordering of our magazine Families First.
- 3. Collecting monies and sending cheques to support the work of the 'Away From It All' (AFIA) and Overseas projects.

There is no need to be a member of the Mothers' Union nor to attend any meetings. If you are interested please contact Rachel Officer via the Diocesan Office.

#### A New Era for Diocesan Videos

After a year's break in producing videos at a Diocesan level, I'm currently working to develop a new Diocesan Video series – with more variety, covering occasional services, news, events, talks and anything else we can from around the Diocese and from congregations, as well as the occasional sermon when appropriate to do so. I hope the new series will feature more faces and hear from more voices (not just the clergy and lay readers).

Please get in touch with me if you have any suggestions for a video – events (e.g. talks, special occasions) at your churches, examples of the church out in the community, or any other ideas are most welcome.

Mary McKinnell

#### Young Adults off on Retreat 12-14 October, 2018 - St Drostan's, Tarfside

St Ninian's Church Young Adults Group has previously joined with others from St Mary's, Carden Place for two weekend retreats. This year we would like to extend an invitation to all young adults in the diocese (must be 18+ but the upper age limit is very flexible). It's a chance for young adults from across the diocese to experience a retreat, spend time together and share experiences with friends old and new.

The retreat will include whole group activities, worship, time in silence, and opportunities to go walking in the beautiful countryside. There is a cost for the weekend which includes accommodation, transport, and food, but we are able to offer assistance from a grant already received from the Diocese.

For more information, please contact Jaime Buckingham via the Diocesan Office.

### Westhill Holiday Club 9 - 13 July at Westhill Community Church

Runs from 10:00am to 12:15pm each day. Registration forms can be picked up from the church office or can be downloaded from the WCC website: www.westhillcommunitychurch.org.

# Refuel – A festival event for all the Family 23-28 July, 2018 at Gordon Castle

Speakers include Sandy Millar, co-founder of the Alpha Course, Dr Andy Bannister, director of Solas Centre for Public Cristianity. More information is available at <a href="https://www.refuelscotland.org.uk">www.refuelscotland.org.uk</a>.

#### NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

#### Rev'ds Joan and Nick on the Camino



The Rev'd Nick Bowry of St Clement's, and the Rev'd Joan Lyon from St Ninian's have walked the 126km of the Camino, from

Santiago to Muxia. The walk was in aid of Embrace, a charity which helps Middle East Christians to bring healing and hope through education, healthcare and community development projects.

#### Fr. Emsley was walking... again!



Fr. Emsley Nimmo and Steven Boon of St Margaret of Scotland, Gallowgate have been on the road again during May. Over the past four years they have, walking, raised over £20,000 for charitable purposes in the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney. This time they walked from St Andrews to Iona for the purposes of raising money for UCAN - the

Urological Unit at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary which is doing pioneering work in the treatment of cancer. You can support Fr. Emsley by donating to his Just-giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emsley-nimmo.

#### St Margaret's visit St Michael's, Inverness



The clergy pictured on the day: Gerald Stranraer-Mull, Clare Caley, John Cuthbert, Emsley Nimmo

Members of St Margaret's Church in Aberdeen joined St Michael & All Angel's Church in Inverness for a celebration Mass in honour of Canon William Lachlan MacIntosh on Saturday 28 April. Splendid hospitality was enjoyed after the service, and the group also admired the famous war horse which was also in Inverness for the day.

#### Confirmations at St Ternan's, Banchory



Bishop Anne conducted her first confirmation service at St Ternan's Church in Banchory. Congratulations to Harry and Jack van Bergen and William Stubbs who were confirmed.

#### The Fraserburgh Bell

Keith Suckling, Priest in Charge at St Peter's Fraserburgh writes:

A few weeks ago we made a recording of



the single bell at St Peter's, Fraserburgh. We ring it before every service at 11 am on a Sunday. You can hear the bell, with the wind and seagulls, on our Facebook page. We ring it before every service at 11 am on a Sunday. We have sent the recording to https://armisticebells.com.

This is a site where the sounds of church bells in Scotland are being collected for possible inclusion in a composition celebrating the 1918 armistice. The work will be featured by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and is being composed by Martin Suckling, who is the nephew of the Priest in Charge at Fraserburgh,

#### SOLI in new building on Unst



The community of Our Lady of the Isles (SOLI) have completed the build of their new building on the Shetland island of Unst, following their move from the Island of Fetlar.

The community continues to be led by Mother Mary Agnes, pictured here with Bishop Anne.



# **Farewell and Happy Retirement to**

Avril Scott - Bishop's PA...



On Thursday 31 May, people from around the Diocese gathered as Avril, pictured here with the office staff, retired as our Bishop's PA. We

wish Avril, her husband Billy and their family well in this next chapter of their lives.

Avril's successor will be Maureen Lerche who joins the Diocesan Office team on 2 July.

#### ... and Richard and Jen Hines

On Sunday 22 April, Bishop Anne presided over a service in St James' Holburn Junction held to mark the departure of the Rev Dr Richard Hines. Richard had served as Priest in Charge at St James' over a space of three years and during that time he and his wife Jen had entered into the



hearts of all the members of the congregation. As Canon Ruth Edwards said at the reception that followed this service "These have been three very special years for us at St James's under Richard's expert and devoted guidance. He has done so much more for us than his job required, and Jen has been a wonderful support both to him and to us all with her gifts of friendship and understanding."

Prior to coming to St James' Richard and Jen had for seven years lived in the Falkland Islands where Richard had been Vicar of Christchurch Cathedral, Stanley. Followers of BBC Television will no doubt recall the programme entitled "An Island Parish" that featured Richard and Jen's work in the Falklands. Later one of his colleagues there wrote about him "Little by little Richard made his way in to the community of the Falklands, not always an easy thing to achieve, until his knowledge of people and personalities in this very wide flung parish was second to none. It mattered not if those with whom he met were churchgoers or not, contact was made and he was trusted by all." How well we could write the same except for the Falklands read Aberdeen!

There were three qualities which Jen and Richard shared during their time at St James'. The gift of FAITH, a faith nurtured by prayer, a living faith in the God who cares for us all; the gift of LOVE, shown in so many different ways,

not least in Richard's regular pastoral visiting, in his spells of hospital chaplaincy, and in his and Jen's warm hospitality in their home, Jen's welcoming of people in church, her intercessions, her serving of refreshments, including her much appreciated home-bakes. And thirdly, HARD WORK, there have been few priests at St James's who went to so much trouble over the fabric of the building, liaising with tradespeople, sweeping up the outside steps, checking up on leaks, the microphones, and even the cleaners! And, of course, preparing sermons and services meticulously, liaising with other Episcopal churches and ecumenically, and supporting the Mother's Union and the choir.

The congregation of St James' have fully appreciated how much both Richard and Jen played such a central role in the life and worship of our church and that both are sorely missed now they have left us. Life must go on however and we give them both our sincerest best wishes as they enter a yet another chapter in their lives when they set up home in Wisbech.

#### **Diocesan Choral Festival**

Fifty-two
singers from
our choirs
around the
Diocese
gathered to
sing Choral
Evensong at
this year's



Festival, superbly directed by Professor Andrew Morrisson and accompanied by Organist Bill Henderson and Organ Scholar Chris Black.

#### Lay Readers renew their vows



During the Diocesan Choral Festival, seven of our Lay Readers renewed their promises of service before Bishop Anne and the gathered congregation. We

thank them for all they do in the Diocese.

#### **Chrism Mass**

Clergy from around the Diocese gathered in the Cathedral

on Maundy Thursday to renew their vows before a gathered congregation.

The Chrism oils were also blessed by the Bishop during the service.



#### A Note from The Provost



Friends,

#### A New beginning

I would like to the thank our Bishop and the Diocese through the members of the Diocesan Synod for your prayerful and overwhelming support to the life and witness of the Cathedral in the diocese. Bishop's Charge to

Synod was one of its kind. Please listen to it online on the Diocesan Website if you have not done so.

#### **A New Vision**

It was in that context of complex hopes, aspirations and emotions that the Cathedral was made the single item on the agenda and the question was put to members of the Synod, 'how you think that Cathedral may serve the diocese?' The Cathedral Fundraising Strategy Development team began a consultation with all stakeholders such as the Bishop, the Cathedral Trustees, Patrons of the Cathedral Development Programme, the Diocese, Aberdeen City and Shire Councils, Highland and the Islands, places and people where the Diocese is called to serve.

#### Thank you

The idea of exploring 'the role of the Cathedral in the Diocese' had multiple origins and there were strong opinions expressed while the exploration was still underway. However, when the question was put to the diocese, the response was resoundingly clear that members of the Synod had a clear sense that the Cathedral has a distinct role to play in the future of the This overwhelming commitment and diocese. determination of the members of the Diocesan Synod had generated a much needed energy into the Cathedral Development Programme 2020 team that they and the Trustees (including two Diocesan Trustees, Mr Derek Whatling of St Ternan's, Banchory and Dr Nicola Mills of St Mary's, Carden Place, Aberdeen) would like to thank you, the members of the Diocese for your encouragement and support.

#### A Way forward

The simple answer to the question, 'how might the Cathedral serve the Diocese?' the resounding response was, 'very well.' Our bishop has a tagline for it and she calls it, 'the Flagship of the Spirit'. At the end of the Civic Reception, that is reported elsewhere in this edition, I felt sure that the world is better aware of our purpose, vision and mission. Therefore the time has come to rise and shine, to believe in that promise of God, 'I will make all things new'.

#### An Appeal for help

The Cathedral Development Programme 2020 was launched at the Diocesan Synod of 2017 and invited people

of the Diocese to commit to prayer and giving. The Appeal reached one quarter of the way i.e. £100,000 out of £400,000 in 3 months and we have three quarters of the way to go. So, firstly, please pray that God will gives us the ways and means of reaching this goal. And secondly, the Cathedral needs someone with experience in accounting to advise and act as the Treasurer. If you know of someone who will help the Cathedral on a voluntary basis, it would make a big difference.

Finally, one of the core missionary aims of the Cathedral is to keep its doors open for prayer throughout the week. Especially in the summer months the doors are kept open with a help a small band of Cathedral Stewards drawn from the Cathedral membership and various churches in the diocese. If you have 3 hours a week to spare, then please call Lynda Johnston (Tuesday to Thursday) at the Cathedral Office on 01224 640119 cathedral@aberdeen.anglican.org Alternately, come to the Cathedral during week days (Tuesday to Friday) between 10am and 4pm from the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and sign up to help.

I look forward to seeing you sometime over the summer period.

#### A Civic Reception for the Cathedral

The Lord
Provost with
Bishop Anne,
Heather
Ingman and
Ferdinand von
Prodzynski.



A civic reception was held by the Lord Provost of Aberdeen to honour the Cathedral for the contribution made to the well-being of the City, and also noting the consecration of +Anne as Scotland's first female Bishop.

Those present include the Cathedral Trustees and those who contribute to the regular acts of service and worship at St Andrew's, as well as ecumenical and civic partners from the city of Aberdeen.

#### **Diocesan Synod**

Diocesan Synod took place on 17 March at the Hilton DoubleTree in Aberdeen.

In her charge, the Bishop outlined her five priorities:

- 1. Lay foundations of Episcopal Pastoral Ministry.
- 2. Support of Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers.
- 3. Preparation for Mission Planning.
- 4. Networking beyond the Churches.
- 5. Building Trust after a troubled time.

Video and Text Copies of +Anne's charge is available on the website at <a href="https://aoepiscopal.scot/videos/2018-bishop-charge-synod/">https://aoepiscopal.scot/videos/2018-bishop-charge-synod/</a>.

#### Is the Old Testament Unhistorical?

Quite often when people ask about archaeology or history and the Old Testament – this is what they're really asking. Can we trust it? Is the Bible true?

People sometimes think that if we can 'prove' the Bible, then we can 'prove' God exists- or (more typically) if the Bible is shown to be inaccurate then God can't possibly exist. If God is real, then scriptures must be a perfect historical account of ancient history.

The problem is, whilst modern day historians and philosophers like to argue about whether it is possible for us to truly record 'impartial' history, one thing is sure: there was no such thing as impartial history in the Ancient Near East. The Old Testament is essentially a 'history book' written by people who didn't know what a 'history book' was! In the Ancient Near East the nearest one might get to history was genealogy, myth, storytelling, poetry or wisdom writing: all the things that comprise the Old Testament as we know it.

And yet, a close reading of the Old Testament demonstrates that there is a significant quantity of history to be found. In particular, many passages recount the dealings of ancient Israel with their neighbours and foreign powers: the Moabites, Ammonites, Assyrians, Babylonians and Persians. These empires, particularly the later ones, were enthusiastic record keepers, and many of their records survive in the form of clay tablets, engraved obelisks and wall reliefs. Often, perhaps more often than we anticipate, these records can be shown to corroborate, or at the very least resonate with, the biblical account.

One has to read these records with an eye to propaganda. A prime example would be the conflicting accounts of the battle of Qarqar (853 B.C.E.), recorded in the Assyrian annals and also in the Old Testament in (1 Kings 20). Both accounts seem to record a victory, although the Biblical writers do so somewhat reluctantly as Ahab was not a righteous king! However, since the Assyrians (by their own account) opt to withdraw from that region in the immediate aftermath of the battle, and return just a few years later to fight subsequent battles there, the implication is that victory was truly on the part of Bad King Ahab.

This is just one small example of the way in which theologians and historians must hold the tension between conflicting voices, agendas and ideologies when dealing with ancient sources. I have recently been able to offer an evening session entitled 'Is the Old Testament Unhistorical?' at St Ternan's Banchory, which looks in more detail at how we might work with the Old Testament in the light of some of the records and

inscriptions left to us by Israel and Judah's neighbours. I would be more than willing to offer this to other congregations or interested groups. If you would like to know more I can be contacted by e-mail: henna.cundill@yahoo.com.

Henna Cundill

#### St Colman's, Yell at Easter

Easter Day was a gloriously busy day on our little island. To start with, all three churches — us Episcopalians, the Methodists and the Church of Scotland all had their own services. That doesn't often happen because we only have a service on alternate Sundays and the C of S has theirs on the intervening weeks.

But every Easter we join together for a Praise Evening in a local hall and this year it was led by Ruth Underwood from our church and the theme was New Beginnings, based on the Lenten Study from Embrace.

It was a joyful evening with members from all three churches, and some who have no affiliations to any church, with upwards of 40 people attending, which, given that our average attendance at the individual churches struggles to meet double figures, was very heartening. The service was well planned and folk from all over the island took part as readers, speakers and music makers. We finished the evening with refreshments and donations were accepted for Yell for Cancer.

Praise Evenings are a regular feature of our Worship on Yell and are ecumenical, hence the use of a hall. We are fortunate in that the three churches work together, and support each other throughout the year and not only at Praise Evenings but also within the individual churches. We are invited to take active parts in each other's services to read, preach etc, and we try to organize our services so they don't overlap.

Alma Lewis, St Colman's, Burravoe, Yell.

#### A Message from the Editor

We hope you have enjoyed our summer edition. We have gathered news and views from across the diocese and have found space for most items that came to us – the editorial team regrets that there was no space for one or two items. Our thanks to all who have contributed.



The Autumn edition has a deadline of 31 August. Please keep your news, views, pictures, poems, even letters to the editor coming into the office. This is your journal, the editorial team simply put it together.

Have a great summer,

Michael



# James, The Old Pretender

Findlay and Murdoch in their chapter entitled 'Revolution to reform' suggest that Scottish political history of the eighteenth century is based on the aforementioned significance of the 'Glorious' Revolution of 1688-89. Much later in the first half of the eighteenth century, the two most tumultuous events for Aberdonians namely, the 1715 and the 1745 Jacobite Rebellions physically challenged the citizens. These insurgencies were a direct result of the deposition of James II (and VII) affording William of Orange his opportunity to seize the British Throne. Aberdeen City Fathers' were also unhappy with the amount of debt that they had built up during the 'troubles'. Numerous marauders blackmailed the Councillors, the city coffers being used to 'persuade' the insurgents of their support for their cause, as the city fathers changed their allegiance in an effort to exercise 'damage limitation'. An incoming army, large or small, meant that their subsistence demands had to be met, sometimes by loans from leading citizens. George Garden, rebel Minister of the East Kirk was dispatched to London to plead political and ecclesiastical concerns on behalf of the Town Council, particularly over the outflow of funds. This was an unexpected choice as Garden had openly refused to pray for King William and Queen Mary, betraying his ardent Jacobite tendencies. When the 'Old Chevalier' landed at Peterhead in December 1715 and despite suffering a heavy influenza, travelled to Aberdeen in disguise as a French Naval Officer, Dr Garden was one of the dissidents that greeted him in Aberdeen. Fenton Wyness in his romantic, congenial style relates, "It was an overcast day with a thick sea haar hanging over the town. Shortly after noon, the small group entered a pend on the north side of the Castlegate for a welcome meal at the house of Alexander Scott a well-known Shipmaster. After a brief rest, the party took the road for Fetteresso Castle. Amongst the clergy were Dr Garden and Dr Andrew Burnett, both of whom had re-occupied their former pulpits in the High Church of Saint Nicholas, in honour of their 'Pretender'. James Francis



Edward Stuart was there proclaimed James VIII (of Scotland) and III (of England). Loyal addresses were given by Dr Garden, and the Jacobite Provost, Patrick Bannerman received a knighthood."

The 1715 Rebellion was badly organised and predictably disastrous for the Episcopalians. Scared for his safety, the Scots returned James to France uncrowned. Eventually crowned 'King of Scotland' in Rome by the Pope, James died on 1st January, 1766.

Stuart Donald from 'Skinner's Legacy' (2004)

The coat of arms of James Francis Edward
Stuart as Prince of Wales created by
Inchcape; and the portrait of James Francis
Edward Stuart from Internet sources
Aberdeen Before 1800
Dennison/Ditchburn/Lynch (Tuckwell 2002)
further information from
archives@aberdeen.anglican.org
Aberdeen Diocesan Library & Archives