

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

No. 17

JULY

1950

MINISTER:—The Revd. D. W. RUTHERFORD, M.C., B.D., The Manse, Aberdour.
ASSISTANT MINISTER:—Mr HENRY C. MARTIN, B.A., The University, Edinburgh.

Session Clerk—Mr A. R. Milne, Station House.
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Treasurer—Mr C. J. Kerr, J.P., National Bank House.
Proclamations Officer—Mr H. Cecil Lyon, Park View, Park Lane.
Organists: Aberdour—Mr J. Gillespie, Ardene.
Dalgety—Mrs Machin, Wayside, Aberdour.
Beadles: Aberdour—Mr Lawrence Moir, Sands Houses.
Dalgety—Mr Harry Moyes, Ardmohr.

TIMES OF SERVICE.

Aberdour—In St. Fillan's Church and St. Colme's Church alternately, at 11 and 6.30. (A notice is put up each week outside the Parish Hall saying in which Church the Services are the following Sunday).

Dalgety—Every Sunday at 12.30.

Primary Sunday School—St. Colme's Church, 12.20 p.m.

Senior Sunday School—Alternating according to the Church in which the service is being held, at 12.20 p.m.

Dalgety Sunday School—Dalgety Church, 11.30 a.m.

Junior Bible Class—St. Fillan's Hall, 12.20 p.m.

The Young People's Fellowship—St. Fillan's Hall, 7.45 p.m.

Woman's Guild—St. Fillan's Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.45 p.m., and on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

THE MANSE,
ABERDOUR.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Four hundred and sixty-four pounds is an immense sum of money. At any time the gathering of such a sum would be a great undertaking, but in these days of economy, it will be particularly so, if on 22nd July at our Fête we are to reach our target. There are some who have already said that to raise such a sum is an impossibility. But is it an impossibility? Jesus once said, "All things are possible with God." It is a saying which has been interpreted in various ways. One writer affirms that the preposition 'with' is the key to its meaning. "Many persons," he avers, "take the words to mean only that God can do everything, that nothing is impossible to Him. But what Jesus says is that a man with God can do impossible things." I do not know whether this is a correct interpretation of the verse, but it is true. It is one of the great truths of Christian experience. With God working in us and through us we can do impossible things.

Whether then we do this seemingly impossible thing, the raising of such a large sum of money, will depend on whether God is with us. It will depend on whether we have allowed Him to place upon our conscience our responsibility for our fellow Scots in the New Housing Areas. If we have allowed Him to make us feel the importance and the urgency of providing for their spiritual needs, then we shall give gladly and freely, and achieving so great a sum will not be difficult.

I would remind you that this is a special effort by the congregation. We are trying to do in one year what ought to have been done in many. Let it also be a special effort by each individual. Remember, you are not being asked for a yearly subscription towards Church

Extension. For some of you this may be the only time you will have opportunity of contributing to this most important work. At the very least it is a first-class insurance against lawlessness and anarchy in the days to come; at the greatest it is the most urgent piece of work for Christ requiring to be done by our generation. Calculate carefully then what part you are going to play. What share are you going to bear of its cost? Is your share to be reckoned in pence, or shillings, or pounds?

“All things are possible with God.”

Yours sincerely

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

CONVENORS OF STALLS.

Refreshments ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Miss R. McLauchlan.
Grocery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs J. Mitchell.
Cake and Candy ...	...	...	...	...	Mrs D. W. Rutherford and Mrs Primmer.	...	...
Fruit and Vegetables ...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs W. Crowe and Mrs Ainslie.	...	
Jumble Stall ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs H. C. Lyon.
Lemonade ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Miss Simmers.
Men's Stall ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mr Herd.
Work Stall ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs Wright

WOMAN'S GUILD.

A large company of Guild Members and friends enjoyed a bus run to the “Seven Lochs” on the 25th of May. Lunch was served at Balloch Castle Park and the company had a short sail on Loch Lomond. The route thereafter was by Helensburgh and Whistlefield, Ardlui and Arrochar to Crieff, where tea was served. The homeward journey was by Glen Devon and Cleish. The Guild Echo Meeting was held in Rosyth Parish Church and representatives from our Branch heard very interesting accounts of the Women's Meetings at the General Assembly. The Guild resumes its fortnightly meetings at the beginning of October, and all ladies in the congregation are warmly invited to join.

E.W.K.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP.

Before the Young People's Fellowship broke up for the summer they held a very successful concert in aid of the funds towards the upkeep of their adopted child, Morag. The sum raised was approximately £50, £35 of which was sent to the Hawthornbrae Home, for Morag, the remainder being banked for next year. The members would like to take this opportunity of thanking friends for their support and donations.

On Wednesday, 5th July, the Fellowship are going a bus run to Alva Glen in the evening, leaving the village at 6.15 p.m.

Meetings are meantime held on the last Sunday of every month when the members go for a short ramble.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

The Aberdour Sunday School spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening at Kinghorn on the 17th of June, despite weather conditions which, until four o'clock in the afternoon, were decidedly adverse and necessitated the use of St. Leonard's Church Hall until after tea time. While the younger children were entertained in the hall by members of the teaching staff, most ably assisted by Mr and Mrs Rutherford and Mr Martin, a party of the older boys were by the very kind permission of the Management shown over the Kinghorn Glass Works at Pettycur, where much of interest was seen and knowledge was gained of the processes involved in the making of glass bottles. In the evening the time was spent on the beach; the older members of the company availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the interesting church of St. Leonard's-by-the-Sea. The sports, after a second postponement owing to rain on the Wednesday night, were most successfully held in the Public Park at Aberdour on the following Friday.

ANNUAL FLOWER SERVICE IN ST. FILLAN'S CHURCH.

On Sunday, 25th June, the morning service took the form of a Young People's Service. Flowers, eggs, fruit and other suitable gifts were brought by the children of the Sunday School. After an address by the Rev. David W. Rutherford, M.C., B.D., prizes were presented to the scholars. After gifts had been allocated to all the ailing or aged of the congregation, the remainder was, as in previous years, taken to the Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital, where it was very gratefully received.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

2nd April —Janet Mary Aspinall, Burntisland.
2nd April —Peter Keir, Burntisland.
2nd April —Robin Faill, Inverkeithing.
2nd April —Innes Fraser Russell, Huntwood.
16th April—Heather Letitia Gillespie Brown, Humbie Terrace.
16th April—Rosemary Jean Hays, Murrell Terrace.
16th April—Lorna Gibson Sanderson, Manse Street.
16th April—Moirra Anne Thompson, Humbie Terrace.

MARRIAGES.

"What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

22nd April—Arthur Johnson to Sheila Muriel Baker.
3rd June —Clifford Stanley to Catherine Gauld.

DEATHS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

23rd April—Mrs Christie, Dick Crescent, Burntisland.
21st May —Mrs Dickie, Prospect Bank, Aberdour.

ACCESSIONS.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS—Margaret Black, Hawcraig Road.
George S. Borthwick, 26 Murrell Road.
Helen C. Bowman, 2 Manse Place.
Ronald Coleman, 29 Humbie Terrace.
Janet Dunlop, Dalachy Cottages.
Robert Dunlop, Dalachy Cottages.
Gerald E. Doidge, 6a Castle Terrace.
William Nicolson, Croftgarry Cottages.
Joseph Meiklejohn, 32 Humbie Terrace.
Mary Meiklejohn, 32 Humbie Terrace.
Alexander Robertson, Annfield Farm.
Helen T. Stackhouse, 19 Humbie Terrace.
Norman Stackhouse, 19 Humbie Terrace.
Catherine Stanley, Edina, Easter Aberdour.
Clifford Stanley, Edina, Easter Aberdour.

BY CERTIFICATE—Mr and Mrs Brown, c/o Nicol, St. Helens.
Miss Chalmers, 30 Rossend Terrace, Burntisland.
Mr and Mrs Duncan, 4 Murrell Road.
Mr and Mrs Semple, 44 High Street.
Mrs Ure, Murrell Terrace.

BY RESOLUTION OF KIRK SESSION—Mrs Cabrelli, Hollybank.
Miss Caithness, Ardene.
Mrs Walker, Eden Cottage, Seaside Place.

DISJUNCTIONS.

Miss Margaret Philip to Cowdenbeath.
Mr and Mrs Dorward to Leuchars.
Mr and Mrs Jeffrey to Lochgelly.