

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church.

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THE MANSE,
ABERDOUR,
August, 1955.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The purpose of this number of our magazine is to acquaint our members and friends with the numerous activities which are just about to commence.

On Sunday, 4th September, we resume our **Evening Services** in St. Fillan's Church. Just before that service I plan to meet with those intending to come forward for the full membership of the Church. The term used to be 'Young Communicant's Class,' but now the balance is the other way, and over the years there have been almost as many adults coming forward as young people. Though this first meeting is called for 5.45 p.m. on a Sunday, once it is known how many are preparing, other arrangements will be made to suit married folk with children.

Sunday, 11th September, is the day fixed for the commencement of both the **Dalgety Sunday School** and the **Dalgety Bible Class**. They both meet at 11.30 a.m., the one in the Church and the other in the Vestry.

The **Sunday Schools** in Aberdour make a beginning a fortnight later, on Sunday, 25th September. The **Senior School** for children from eight years of age up to thirteen meets at 10 a.m., and the **Primary School** for the younger children up to eight years at 12.20 p.m. The **Tiny Tots** will be enrolled then too. The **Sunday Schools** are held in the Church Hall.

The **Aberdour Bible Class** will meet the same evening at 5.30 p.m. in the small hall. It is planned for young people from the ages of thirteen-and-a-half until they enter the **Young People's Fellowship**.

It is likely that Sunday, 25th September, will also be the day of our **Harvest Festival**. It will be in St. Colme's Church in Aberdour and also at Dalgety. In Aberdour gifts of flowers and fruit, etc., will be received on the Saturday afternoon, while in Dalgety the gifts will be received before Church on Sunday morning. After the services gifts will be distributed to the elderly and the sick in the parishes, and the surplus sent to one of the hospitals.

Sunday, 2nd October, will make the commencement of the **Young People's Fellowship**. All young people from Dalgety as well as Aberdour, of sixteen and over will be made welcome to the fellowship and study on Sunday evenings. It meets in the small hall after the evening service.

At Dalgety the **Lord's Supper** will be dispensed on Sunday, 9th October. On the Sunday following we are to have the pleasure of a visit from the **Rev. D. M. G. Stalker, B.D.**, Lecturer in Biblical Studies, at the University of Edinburgh. Mr Stalker was minister here from 1939 to 1948. He will preach both in Aberdour and Dalgety. The **Evening Service** that day is the service of Preparation for the forthcoming **Communion at Aberdour**, which falls on 23rd October in St. Colme's Church.

There follows the weekly diary of the organisations, which all make a beginning by the end of September or the beginning of October.

Mondays at 6 p.m.	The Brownies.
Mondays at 7.30 p.m.	The Girl Guides.
Tuesdays, 2nd and 4th in the month at 2.45 p.m.	The Woman's Guild.
Tuesdays at 7 p.m.	The Badminton Club.
Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m.	The Junior Choir.
Wednesdays at 7.45 p.m.	The Choir.
Wednesdays, 1st in month at 7.30 p.m.	The Men's Association.
Thursdays at 7 p.m.	The Badminton Club.
Fridays at 6.15 p.m.	The Wolf Cubs.
Fridays at 7.15 p.m.	The Boy Scouts.

A warm welcome is given to members and friends to join in the activities of the congregation. All the organisations are open, except the **Junior Choir** which is for members of the **Sunday School** and **Bible Class**, and the **Badminton Club**, whose new members must be from members of the church and adherents.

Special mention should be made of the **Men's Association**. After a successful evening last Spring it was decided to hold a meeting for men on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing in October. A varied programme has been arranged for this winter.

The Woman's Guild offers a warm welcome to the ladies of the community to join them in their afternoon meetings. An interesting syllabus is being arranged, and this year it is expected that some practical work will be required as well. At a recent meeting of the Congregational Board, it was decided that a Sale of Work would be necessary before the end of the year.

From the foregoing, if you have read so far, you will realise how active the congregation is. Besides our worship together there is an organisation for you which will help to cement you in the "fellowship" of the congregation. It is important that all these organisations get the support they deserve. That is especially true of those for the young people. You can do a real piece of service by making sure that all young people of your acquaintance are encouraged to attend the Sunday Schools or Bible Class, and join the appropriate week-night organisation. Regularity in attendance is essential. Parents do not always realise that irregularity reflects much more on them than it does on the child. Illness of course is a different matter, but when children are careless, it is often due to indifference and lack of encouragement at home.

And now what of the Church? What are we planning to do this winter? A Church without a plan is hardly a Church at all. Our plan ought to be, I think, to deepen and broaden our fellowship. We need to deepen our own experience of God's love in Christ, by our meeting together, the community of those who have his great gift in common; and we need, at the same time, to broaden it, in so far as all the time we are consciously trying to bring others within the Fellowship. The influence of individuals is the biggest single influence God can use to bring others to know his love. There are very few who are antagonistic to the Church of Christ; there are great numbers who are longing for the right opportunity to join us. Your example, your word, your encouragement may be God's way of bringing someone else to a fuller life—in Christ.

May God's blessing be upon our congregational life and in all our homes in the days to come.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

CONGREGATIONAL TREASURER.

At a meeting of the Congregational Board Mr J. Dawson Macfarlane, C.A., was appointed Congregational Treasurer. We welcome his appointment and assure him of our support. For the time being he retains the office of Clerk to the Congregational Board.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

- 20th June—Frances Scott Lochtie.
Susan Jane McNair.
Mary Morris McEwen.
- 24th July—Richard Lionel Cooke.
Brenda Beatrice Ogg.
- 31st July—Andrew John Laird.

MARRIAGES.

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

- 1st June—John Forbes to Jean Margaret Thomson Cabrelli.
- 13th June—Henry Moyes to Euphemia Beveridge Wilson.
- 27th June—Charles Alexander Alexander to Joyce Kathleen Fleming Smith.
- 8th July—Malcolm Johnson MacAlister to Isobel Joy Russell.

DEATH.

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

- 23rd July—Miss Lean.

ACCESSIONS.

By Profession—

- Mr Russell W. Buchan, 47 Humbie Terrace.
- Mr and Mrs James K. Hamilton, 2 Murray Place.
- Mr Robert Laird, Hillend.
- Miss Joyce A. A. Smith, 27 Humbie Terrace.
- Mr and Mrs William Smithyman, "St. Margarets."
- Miss Virette M. Williamson, "Dryburgh House."

By Certificate—

- Mr and Mrs James Amos, Bank House.
- Miss Margaret Amos, Bank House.
- Mr James H. Amos, Bank House.
- Mr and Mrs David Graham, 2 Murrell Road.
- Mr David Gordon, Ardene.
- Mrs McGillivray, 53 Humbie Terrace.
- Miss N. Soutar, "Ardgowan."
- Mr and Mrs R. Wood, 16 Humbie Terrace.
- Mrs A. R. Whytock, "Craigie," Manse Street.

Disjunctions—

- Mrs John Forbes to Blair Atholl.
- Miss Anne Stuart to Inverness.