

# Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church

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THE MANSE,  
ABERDOUR, FIFE,  
May, 1959.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

This May Leaflet is produced mainly so that you may be properly informed about the various events in our congregational life which are planned for the summer months.

- 30th May. The Dalgety Sunday School Trip takes place that Saturday. This year it is proposed to re-visit Kinross. Some of the older children have memories of a very happy afternoon spent by the shores of Loch Leven. We hope that we shall be as fortunate as we were then.
- 27th May. It is becoming increasingly difficult for the Woman's Guild to find a place in Scotland which they have not already visited, but they are still breaking new ground by choosing Kirkcudbright. They go by Moffat and Dumfries and return by Dalveen Pass.
- 5th June. This is a Friday, and in the evening the members of both Bible Classes (Aberdour and Dalgety) will go by 'bus to the Wallace Monument and then on to Stirling. We hope for a good evening and a clear sky so that we may get the view from the top of the Monument.
- 13th June. The senior scholars of the Sunday Schools will visit St. Andrews. There will be an opportunity of visiting some of the historic scenes connected with the reformation of our Church. Later on tea will be served at Craigtoun Park.
- 14th June. The Sunday Schools will close a little earlier than usual this year, and the Flower Services and the presentation of Bibles to those who have completed their course in the Sunday Schools and are about to move up to the Bible Classes will take place on this second Sunday in June.
- 20th June. As last year the outing for the Primary Sunday School in Aberdour and the Junior Scholar will be a separate affair. It will take a similar form to last year's happy family picnic at Otterston Loch. Our hall will be available should the weather prove inclement, and rain or shine the children will enjoy themselves.
- 21st June. The Sunday following is the day of the Sacrament in Aberdour. A warm welcome is offered to all members of the Christian Church to join with us at the Lord's Table. Parents are reminded that children will be cared for in the hall during the morning service so that they may communicate together.
- 28th June. The Rev. Dr. George Lawrence, who was our first American assistant, will conduct the morning service that Sunday. It is five years since he returned to Burlington, Vermont. He brings with him members of his Youth Group, and our own Fellowship have decided to delay their Annual Dedication Service until that evening, when it is hoped that the two groups will be able to join in a common dedication.
- 5th July. I shall be on holiday during the first two Sundays of July with Dr. Lawrence. On the first Sunday the preacher will be the Rev. E. S. Towill, B.D., B.Ed., who is the Teacher of Religious Instruction at Dunfermline High School. He has already made close contacts with some of our young people, and I know the congregation will be interested to have him conduct our worship that Sunday.
- 2nd August. The annual services at St. Bridget's Kirk and on the Island of Inchcolm will not be forgotten. The first will probably take place on the first Sunday of August and the second a fortnight later. Putting them both back to August will give visitors who have never had the opportunity of attending either of them the chance of worshipping in those ancient places of worship.

Here the calendar comes to an end. The past winter has been full of activity, and I should like to express my thanks to Mr Biddle and to Mr Hilton who have both helped me immensely. We are sorry that neither of them could be with us longer. To the Rev. A. M. Watts of Winnipeg, who has just come amongst

us, we extend a very warm welcome. Mr Watts spent two years in Edinburgh studying on a previous occasion and so he is not a stranger to our ways. We hope he will be happy amongst us.

Just last week we had a letter from Mrs Wilkinson. Amongst other things, she writes: "We have been here for more than a year now. Chogoria is eighty miles from a railway station, and for the last forty miles the road winds in and out of the many wooded valleys which wrinkle the slopes of Mount Kenya. Thirty-six years ago Dr. Clive Irvine began the Mission Station and has guided the growth of the church, schools, hospital and dispensaries here and in the surrounding district all these years. It was he who introduced coffee growing to this area. It was found to be very successful and now the neat rows of dark green coffee bushes are seen on every ridge. With the present high price of coffee, this crop brings prosperity to a district which used to be poor. Mau Mau did not get a hold here so the people were not gathered into villages as they are round Tumutumu and Kikuyu. Each family's home stands on its own land, surrounded by its banana trees, maize patches, and its coffee bushes. The people are friendly, and so if a sullen face is encountered one wonders if the cause is all the racial politics we hear so much about. There are many fine Christians in the Church.

Work in the hospital is varied. Many of the patients come in with two or three diseases at once. Because specialist help is a hundred miles away, a telephone forty miles away, and transport uncertain, the doctors here have to do the best with all who come. Among the patients there are often some of the primitive people from the hot plains below us. They come dressed in animal skins and cowrie shells, and show diseases which for years have been controlled in the areas around us. Many of those people have never heard the Good News, but our faithful hospital evangelist talks with them and may see them in their homes on his monthly visits to the low country. The local Woman's Guild here help with his expenses—this is their missionary collection."

Should there be members who would like to go to Kirk Week in Dundee, 4th-11th July, I should be glad if they would let me know immediately.

May God's blessing rest upon you all.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

#### BAPTISMS.

*"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."*

8th March George Brian Sweeney.  
19th April Jacqueline Anne Lowe.  
3rd May Peter John Bradley.  
3rd May Harold John Adams Hilton.  
3rd May Ian Ronald James McNeil.  
3rd May Linda Anne Sinclair.  
3rd May Lynne McLean Roberts.  
3rd May Shirely Murray Roberts.

#### MARRIAGES.

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

14th February Charles Alexander Alexander to Helen Margaret Clarke.  
18th March Robert Morris Carmichael to Christina Ewing.  
28th March George William Best to Margaret Anne Middlemiss.

#### DEATHS.

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

19th February Mrs Meiklejohn, Humbie Terrace.  
8th March Mr Fisher, Lily Place.  
30th March Mrs Robertson, Moss Cottages.  
30th April Mrs Hardie, Starley Hall.

#### ACCESSIONS.—By Certificate—

Mr James H. Crawford, Balmule Farm.  
Mr and Mrs Charles Methven, Murrell Road.  
Mr and Mrs Robert L. Sweeney, Pleasants Farm Cottages.

#### Disjunctions—

Miss Madge Gibson, 17 Hillfield Road, to Inverkeithing.  
Mr and Mrs Wood, Humbie Terrace, to Perth.  
Mrs V. Harvieson, Hawkraig Road, to London.  
Mrs J. B. Ritchie, "Benrinnes," to Edinburgh.  
Mr and Mrs W. A. Dunn, "Belgrano," to Edinburgh.  
Mr and Mrs D. Fraser, Morayvale, to Almondbank.  
Dr. and Mrs MacKenzie, Murrell Terrace, to Edinburgh.