

# Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church

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THE MANSE,  
ABERDOUR, FIFE,  
*September, 1959.*

My Dear Friends,

The summer is passing and I am writing this letter as a preparation for the winter's activities. It has been a wonderful summer and all the outings have been blessed with perfect weather. They are all too distant for reference to them to have any point but I do want to congratulate the members of the Aberdour Choir on their effort on 8th August when they ran a Coffee Shop on the terrace of the hall. It was an occasion which everyone enjoyed and it brought in £60 to help with the cost of overhauling the organ at St. Fillan's Church.

I find it very difficult at this time of the year to catch up with all the changes in the village and the country districts, and I should be very glad if my attention could be drawn to those who have just come to live in the parishes and who are to be here for any length of time. This year we have had a very large number of changes.

The young people's organisations on Sundays and week-nights will soon be in full swing again and in-

mation concerning the date of commencement will be given from the pulpit. I hope parents will encourage their children to attend regularly. That is part of the promise taken at their baptism—"to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the faith." Having once taken that vow, parents are not permitted to leave it to the child to decide.

The Woman's Guild and the Men's Association issue a warm welcome to the ladies and the men of the district to join their fellowship, while the Badminton and the Drama Clubs are on the outlook for new members from members and adherents of the congregation or from those who worship regularly with us.

The congregation will be glad to hear that the Rev. A. M. Watts, of Winnipeg who joined us in the late spring is going to be able to continue to help throughout the winter. He has been with the Canadian Forces in Germany during the summer and he is returning in September to resume his studies in Edinburgh.

Members often feel the need of a short statement of what we believe. But it is not easy to put it down on paper in a way which will satisfy everyone. Here however is how one of the reformed Churches in the U.S.A. has stated it. It is worth keeping in a drawer and reading every now and again.

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, to whose deeds we gladly testify:

He calls the world's into being,  
creates man in his own image  
and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save his people from aimlessness and sin.  
He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.  
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,

he has come to us,  
shared our common lot,  
conquered sin and death,  
and reconciled the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit  
creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people in all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be his servants in the service of men,  
to proclaim the Gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him,  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
his presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honour, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

May God's blessing rest upon you all.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. RUTHERFORD.

### BAPTISMS.

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

Lorraine Janet Christie  
Elizabeth Jane Colman

Margaret Jane Kerr

### MARRIAGES.

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

22nd July Alexander L. Kerr to Isobel H. Moody 8th Aug. Robert Birnie to Mary Evelyn Blyth.

### DEATHS.

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

19th May Mrs Macdonald, Shore Road

4th Aug. Miss Ann Smith, 27 Humble Terrace

28th May Mrs Davidson, Dunedin

11th Aug. Mr Hunter, Glenelm

10th June Mrs Garvie, 30 Humble Terrace

11th Aug. Mr MacLaren, 25 Humble Terrace

31st July Mrs Gillespie, Late of Ardene

### ACCESSIONS.—By Certificate—

Mrs J. Adams, The Manse

Mrs Robert Kerr, The Bungalow, Pleasants

Mr Jack Adams, The Manse

Mr and Mrs David McEwan, Lindisfarne

Mrs A. A. Baxter, Templeland

### Disjunctions—

Miss Madge Gibson, 17 Hillfield Rd., Inverkeithing to Mr and Mrs D. Fraser, Morayvale to Almondbank  
Inverkeithing Dr. and Mrs Hugh Mackenzie, Murrell Terrace to

Miss Dorothy Gibson, 17 Hillfield Rd., Inverkeithing to

Edinburgh

Inverkeithing

Mr and Mrs Wotherspoon, "Rothes" to Australia

Mr and Mrs Wood, Humble Terrace to Perth

Mr and Mrs A. Fair, Braefoot to Lee-on-Solent

Mrs V Harvieson, Hawkeraig Road to London

Mr and Mrs Brown, Pleasants Farm to Nigg

Mrs J. B. Ritchie, "Benrines" to Edinburgh

Mr A. Rose, Shore Road to Ceres

Mr and Mrs W. A. Dunn, "Belgrano" to Edinburgh