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St. Fillan's Church News

The Manse,
Aberdour.

Dear Friends,

This Newsletter must of necessity be in a different form as it was composed in hospital, written from a horizontal position and typed by my wife in a rush job for the Printers. To make it more readable, I shall ask them to insert headings. The first is:-

THANK YOU

Thank you, firstly, for so many kind enquiries, "get well" cards, letters, visits, flowers and remembrances of many kinds while I was in hospital, and to those who made it possible for my wife to visit me regularly. I must thank Mr. Trotter and the other ministers who conducted the services during my absence and my fellow ministers in the Presbytery who undertook pastoral duties. I wish particularly to thank the Rev. Peter Elston of Dalgety who "stepped in" and took the annual service on the Island of Inchcolm. Once again the weather was favourable and those who attended enjoyed the occasion.

Thank you, secondly, for all your kindness to us both in recognising our 25 years in Aberdour. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and I was glad I was warned. I hope I was able to express adequately our deep appreciation of all the help and loyalty and consideration shown to us over the years. It also gave me the opportunity to make some comparisons between life in 1949 and life in 1974.

May I say how proud my wife is of the gold watch presented to her by the members of the Woman's Guild earlier in the year.

Thank you, thirdly, for your great kindness to Jan. She was quite overcome, as we were, by all the lovely gifts given to her on the occasion of her marriage. The sun shone on her wedding day and it was a very happy occasion for our family.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the A.G.M. the following members were appointed to serve on the Congregational Board for the next three years:- Mrs. Wm. Hutchison, Miss I. Moir, Messrs. D. Crow, J. Eadie, K. Hodge and W. Miller.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

Both Sunday School and Bible Class commence on Sunday, 15th September. Let me remind you of the times and location. The three divisions of the Sunday School meet at 10 a.m. in the Church Halls. The Nursery, i.e. pre-school children meet in the small hall; children 5-8 years meet in St. Colme Hall (upstairs) and 8-13 years of age in the large Hall.

The Bible Class meets in the Church after the morning service. The age group is 13-18 years. The Games Night for the Bible Class is on a Wednesday in the Church Hall, and will commence at the beginning of September. The following young people join the Bible Class from the Sunday School:- Ann Hynd, Candida Palmer, Jane Cuthill, Lesley Allan, Lorna Thomson, Janet Rankine, Barbara Lowe, Florence Lyon, Mharrie Gibb, Sally Alexander, Kenneth Sinclair, John Anderson, Derry Robertson, Keith Redford, Kenneth Chalmers.

FILM NIGHT

Owing to rising costs I am afraid that it will not be possible to continue the monthly film evening. Apart altogether from the postage, most of the sponsored films are no longer free and an evening's entertainment such as we have enjoyed in the past would now cost in the region of four to five pounds. I am sorry that this should be so for we have had many enjoyable and instructive evenings.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

The Guild commences on Tuesday evening, 1st October, at 7.30 p.m. in the upstairs hall. New members are always welcome. I seem to get put in first to face the bowling and I have chosen for my subject "People I have Met." Let me assure anyone who may be at all apprehensive that I shall make no reference to anyone in Aberdour! The first two afternoon meetings are on Tuesdays, 8th and 22nd October. The speaker on 8th October is Mr. R. A. Thomson, who will tell of the work in the Royal Blind Asylum and School in Edinburgh, and on 22nd October, Mrs. R. A. Trotter of Aberdour will tell of her recent trip to Australia. An interesting Syllabus has been prepared for the winter months.

There will be the usual Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds at the Manse, on Saturday, 28th September, from 10.30-12 noon, and the Annual Sale of Work will take place on Saturday, 30th November, in the Church Hall.

MARRIAGES

19th June Keith D. Isles and
Jan A. Rutherford
22nd June William A. Henderson and
Angela Hay
10th August Ogilvie C. Tait and
Sheila Russell

BAPTISMS

14th April Euan Mathieson Walker
28th April Simon Hunter Oliphant
12th May Katie Elizabeth Susan Scott
7th July Carolyne Mary Smith

DEATHS

20th March Mr. A. Rutherford,
"Brooklyn," High Street
2nd April Mr. Wm. Mitchell,
"Kingshouse," The Glebe
7th May Mrs. G. MacLachlan,
"Clachaig," Seaside Place
14th May Miss M. Matthewson,
The Kirkton, Burntisland
18th May Mr. D. S. Moir,
26 Murrell Terrace
21st May Mrs. E. Whigham,
24 Main Street
25th May Mrs. E. Erskine,
69 Main Street
14th June Mr. P. A. Jamieson,
c/o 29 Morayvale
15th June Mrs. F. A. Manders,
4 Dovecot Park
20th June Mr. A. H. Kerr,
"Lynwood," The Glebe
20th June Mr. A. C. Lloyd,
"Ivybank," Shore Road
29th June Mrs. M. Lyon,
12 Park Lane
2nd July Mr. R. D. H. Abbott,
The Glebe,
and Dudley Gardens, Edinburgh
7th August Mrs. V. M. Stuart,
27 High Street
8th August Mr. N. Kerr, 47 Main Street

ACCESSIONS

By profession at School:-

Mr. Douglas Inglis,
Dalachy Farm
Mr. Tom Inglis,
Dalachy Farm

By Certificate:-

Mr. & Mrs. R. Walker,
26 Glenfield Road,
Cowdenbeath
Mr. Alistair J. Low,
The Banks Farm

DISJUNCTIONS

Mrs. J. Gilhooley, 42 Murrell Road,
to Edinburgh
Mr. & Mrs. S. Oliphant,
to Inverkeithing
Mrs. K. D. Isles, The Manse,
to Edinburgh

EVENING SERVICES

The date for the re-commencement of the evening services will be announced from the pulpit in due course.

I greatly regret that owing to my stay in hospital I have not been able to visit the families who have recently come to the village. However, when I recommence duties I shall give this priority.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID RUTHERFORD.