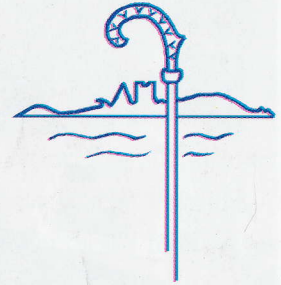


# ST. FILLAN'S CROSIER



St. Fillan's Church News

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## Alumenda, Malawi



A group photo of the congregation at Alumenda, Malawi.

St. Fillan's is supporting the building of a new church for the congregation at Alumenda. A more detailed report appears on page 7.

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**Gladys Hunter on her 98th birthday**



**John Anderson wins the raffle at the Sale of Work**

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## ST. FILLAN'S LUNCHES



Our Tenth Anniversary has come and gone.....and so have the one hundred limited edition copies of our "Soup"er Recipes Books which were 'launched' at the Sale of Work. Our thanks to all who purchased one (or more) and for the compliments received about the publication. It is our intention to produce a "Book Two" and already hold one or two recipes for that – so...to those of you who missed the last deadline to let us have your recipe, now's the time to look it out and let us have a copy.

We do appreciate each and everyone's support by whatever means, and, as always, would like to say a very big "THANK YOU!" to all our diners and volunteers. All it takes to be a volunteer to serve our valued customers is to let us know and you will be put on the Rota (3 times per year for 2 hours) and you don't even need an apron as one is provided. We are always keen to welcome more customers and more volunteers at any time.

**Sandra and Ewart (823454) and Catherine (860611)**

## THE LIGHT

You may know the story of the ship cruising in the channel when the Admiral in charge saw a light coming dangerously close to him. So he flashed a message, 'Move over fifteen degrees.'

He got a message back saying, 'You move over fifteen degrees.'

He was very cross and flashed another message that said, 'I am an Admiral. Move over fifteen degrees.'

And back came the message, 'I am an able seaman. You move over fifteen degrees.'

So he sent his third message, furious, 'I am a battleship. Move over fifteen degrees.'

And back came this reply: 'I am a lighthouse. You move over fifteen degrees!'

I think some of us are inclined to treat the Word of God rather like that. We see something that is really clear and all the ingenuity of human nature sets about trying to find a way round it.

Somebody once asked Mark Twain what he made of the difficult passages in the Bible. 'It's not the difficult passages that worry me' he said, 'It's the easy ones.'

The issue often is how we respond.

## ST FILLAN'S OPEN DOOR

"DON'T PANIC!" was the appeal at the beginning of the Open Door season as over 50 people settled down to listen to Chris Short's spellbinding talk on the witch craze in 16th & 17th century Scotland. We didn't realise how close to home these witchcraft episodes took place!

Next came Richard Lloyd's reminiscences of Aden 40 years on, an amusing and brief insight into life as a Pilot Officer during conflict overseas.

PC Mike King gave us a thought provoking presentation on wildlife and environmental crimes, which are seldom reported to the police. Many of us are now aware and can be more vigilant in the future.

Christine Hodge, from the Vine Trust charity, gave a moving account of her experiences with the street kids in Peru. It did end on an optimistic note, however, as she told us that seven centres are operating as a refuge for the children, with more in the planning stage. These centres provide food, shelter, education and help to find jobs for young people.

Yet to come is Bill Paterson, on 14 February, with his history of Scotland's lighthouses, which should be an absorbing subject and appeal to a wide audience, with lots of good pictures of lighthouses!

Following this, on 13 March, Carol Latimer will tell us about refugees on the Thai/Burma border. This is an area many will not be familiar with - where because of the Burmese repressive military junta, every year more and more people stream across the border looking for work, asylum or both.

We would like to thank all our speakers for giving up their time to come and expand our knowledge on so many subjects. The programme for this coming autumn is still in the planning stage, but you can be sure we will have an exciting line up, beginning on Thursday 9 October at 10.30, in the church hall. Remember that all are welcome, and after the talk you can catch up with friends, while enjoying tea, coffee and home baking

The members of the planning group wish you an enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming every one through the 'Open Door' in October.

Sue Lloyd with Lynn Bastow, Alex Harper, Helen Jamieson, Margaret Paterson, Richard Lloyd, Alex Waugh and Jay Whimster.

### WEEKLY TAPE MINISTRY



IF YOU ARE UNABLE to come to our services and would like to receive a tape either on a regular basis or as a "one off" please speak with Norman Macdonald 860585.

### THE EDITORIAL TEAM

IF YOU HAVE ANY ARTICLES, reports, pictures etc. which you would like included in the next edition of the St. Fillan's Crosier in October, please contact the editor Colin Campbell or any of the editorial team of Linda Brown, Wallace Cowan, Shiona Doig, David Graham and Alec Waugh.

**St Columba's Church, Aberdour**

**Come and Dine  
to Music through Time**

**Saturday 3rd May 7.00pm**

St Columba's is offering dinner with musical entertainment in St Fillan's Church Hall. The evening will include a three course meal with a glass of wine, followed by music and songs from operetta, musical comedy and well known hits from Broadway. The artists will be professional, semi professional and our own home-grown singers.

The evening is being held to raise much needed funds for expensive restoration work on our Church windows.

**Please come along, enjoy the evening and help us restore our church to its full glory.**

Tickets are £17.50 and will be available from the beginning of April from members of the congregation or Anne Chadwick (Tel 821216)

**Concert in aid of Rachel House  
Children's Hospice, Kinross**

**Cadenza**

Come and enjoy an evening's entertainment with one of Edinburgh's best and most well-known small mixed voice choir's

Please make a diary date at

**St Fillan's Church**

**Saturday 10th May 2008 at 7.30pm**

Enjoy a varied programme of unaccompanied music for all tastes from Rachmaninov to Rutter, from Vaughan Williams to Richard Rodgers - modern classics, arrangements of well-known folks songs and introducing some pieces perhaps not so familiar.

More information nearer the time

**FAIRSHARES**

01592 870071

Fairtrade items can be purchased at

Fair Shares

128 High Street, Burntisland

Fridays 10am - 12 noon and 2pm - 4pm

Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm

In **Aberdour**, we have a Fairtrade stall at every Open Door meeting from September to March.

We shall also have a stall at the Church Coffee/Book Mornings on **Saturday 8th March** and **Saturday 20th September**, and at the Christian Aid Coffee Morning on **Saturday 17th May**.

**Christian Aid  
Coffee Morning**

Church Hall

**Saturday 17 May  
10.00 to 12 noon**

## PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Bereavements

October 21 Mrs. Ina Niven  
November 14 Miss Isabella Henderson

*Things beyond our seeing, things beyond our hearing, things beyond our imagining have all been prepared by God for those who love Him* Corinthians 2: 9

### Marriages

October 28 John Taylor and Madge Millar  
December 15 Dougal Brown and Sarah Bonnell

*God is love and those who live in love live in God,  
and God lives in them*

### Baptisms

November 18 Hamish William Macgregor  
Rebecca Isobel Alison Tidswell  
December 23 Jake William Lee  
January 27 James Matthew Ramsey Byrne  
Olivia Anna Elaine Byrne

*Jesus said "Let the children come to me"*

### Joining by Transference Certificate

Mrs. Angela Smith  
Mrs. Mary Stobbart

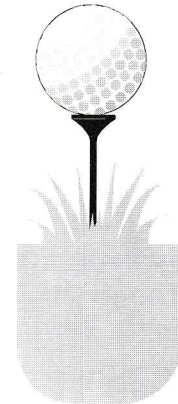
### Joining by Resolution of the Kirk Session

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith

*We welcome and hope you enjoy  
your fellowship here*

**Please advise editor of any omissions from  
above – these will be  
included next time**

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SPONSORED GOLF – 2008



THE CHRISTIAN AID annual golf week raises money for two worthy causes through sponsorship or by donation. Over the years Christian Aid and Macmillan Fife Appeal have benefited from this fun competition between St Fillans Church and Dalgety Parish Church for the David Rutherford Cup and several other prizes. St Fillans is the current holder of the Cup. This year's competition will be held between 02 and 06 June with the prize giving later on the Friday evening 06 June in the Clubhouse.

To take part you do not need to be a member of St Fillans or Aberdour Golf Club. The Golf Club has made the course available and will take tee bookings before and during this period for the event, at no cost. If you would like to raise money for two very deserving causes and have a game of golf with your friends and relations, please contact Jim Wyse on 860732.

## Alumenda Church Construction in Malawi



Laying of the foundation brick for the new church at Alumenda

A MAJOR STEP WAS TAKEN on the 23rd December 2007 when the Blantyre Synod Moderator Reverend RG Bona performed the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Alumenda church assisted by Reverend Peter Kandulu. The weather was not kind; nevertheless the event was well attended by other Parish Ministers, elders, congregation, Synod Building Supervisor and construction contractor personnel. The photographs show the arrival of the Synod Moderator greeted by Rev Peter Kandulu, the laying of the foundation brick by the Synod Moderator and the Alumenda group after the event.

We have received estimates for the major elements of work namely, foundations & superstructure, roofing & ceiling, plumbing, electrical and lastly painting. Plans have been received by post and also electronically which indicate the general details and outline of the church building, a copy is attached. The foundations expect to be completed sometime in March or early April, a little later than previously planned, primarily due to rains at the start of the year.

Communications are now well established and as the construction progresses setbacks may occur but with the understanding we now have, we are in a better position to help and support the project. We will also be given regular updates to minimise any concerns.

During 2007 St. Fillan's donated a total of £2,500 to the congregation at Alumenda. The majority of this was used to purchase cement for the foundations of the new church. In addition the funds provided for some special bibles for the blind. In response to their request, we also arranged supply of 200 advice leaflets on HIV/AIDS

Moderator and members of the Alumenda Synod



## SCRIPTURE UNION SUMMER HOLIDAY MISSION ARRIVES IN ABERDOUR

A week to keep free in your diary! An exciting new venture for Aberdour Churches!



- When?** - 11th-17th August 2008  
**Where?** - St Fillan's Church Hall  
**Who's it for?** - All children P1-7 in mornings and S1-6 in evenings.

This summer, a group from St Fillan's and St Columba's churches are teaming up with Scripture Union to run a Summer Holiday Mission Club. We see this as a great opportunity, not only to introduce children and young people to Christ, but also to help all children and adults get to know Christ better.

During the week there will be morning activities for P1-7's and an evening Youth Club for S1-6's. There are plans for an evening Family Quiz Night and a Family Barbeque.

A team of 6-8 SU members will stay in Aberdour all week organising and planning activities **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.** There are opportunities for all age groups to be involved in this new venture. We are looking for many volunteers:

- To join with The SU team in both the morning and evening sessions – the activities will be decided by the SU team but we need to ensure that there are plenty of adults to interact with the children
- To provide bed and breakfast accommodation for the SU team
- To provide food – evening meals and lunch snacks for the team to eat together, also fresh fruit and homebaking

We hope you will be able to join us in some way and/or that you will encourage youngsters to attend and have a fun-filled week.

If you are able to help in any way or require more information, please contact:

We look forward to speaking with you! Thank you.

**Kathleen Fergus 860804**

**Sue Farrar 860851**

**Eileen Harper 860151.**

