

ST FILLAN'S CROSIER

ST. FILLAN'S GOES DOWN TO THE FARM...

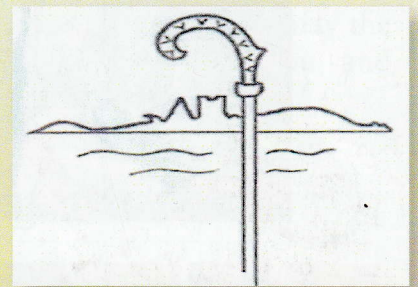
'Twas a fine Sunday in a sunny September
Aberdour,
St. Fillan's Church was empty at the usual worship
hour,
It's Harvest thanks, it always banks... high in the
villagers' ranks,
But, not to the church sanctuary they go to pray....
To Parkend Farm for giving worship, thanks and
communi-tay

The farmers, the Weatherups were extremely
kind.....
They responded up to a throwaway 'quip' from the
minister' s mind
They hosted Harvest Thanksgiving... Not in the
church after it's fire from a dodgy wire,
But on the farm with cows around in a great big
byre!

After worship we were treated just as fine,
With a slap-up tea on which to dine,
Not in the hall, as is usually meant,
But with beautiful crockery in a great big tent,

Where better, to worship , give thanks and abide,
In a place where God so abundantly and seamlessly
provides,
So thanks again to the Weathrups and the Minister,
for harvest worship for all on this date,
We really appreciated the opportunity to
innovate.....

Douglas Christie-Scott



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A right royal morning

The date as usual for the Christian Aid coffee morning was set early in the year as 19th May. Imagine the panic when a certain young couple decided to hold their wedding at Windsor Castle on the same day? Nothing daunted, St Fillan's and the village inhabitants rose to the challenge admirably by turning the coffee morning into a right royal event with many helpers and attendees wearing wedding attire. Her majesty the queen even found time to attend!



This year's theme "Together we are stronger than the storms", focused on the issue of internally displaced people, especially after the devastating storms that hit Haiti, already struggling to cope with the after effects of the earthquake. Some of the money will be used to build houses with stronger foundations to better withstand further damaging hurricanes.

Thanks to the generous support of the community of Aberdour and beyond, this year £1557.77 was raised for the work of Christian Aid. I hope that you will once again be able to support the Aberdour CA group to raise funds for the 2019 CA Week campaign.

Lesley Gordon



Letter from the Manse

My Parents' deaths so close together shaped our Family life for the past few months. Moments of happy memories are replaced by ones of deep sadness and a sense of loss.

Yet through all these feelings breathes a sense of deep gratitude, to two people who got married late in life, and who tried to bring up two boisterous boys as best they could, in the 1960s & 70s, decades they did not relate to in any way.

Did I enjoy the strict discipline enforced at home? No, but looking back, I'm grateful for it. Above all, I am grateful for the way they encouraged us in Faith, till the days they died, by praying for us, and sharing their joy in Christ.

To be loved is a wonderful treasure for any human being – to be loved by one's Parents is one of the greatest gifts in life.

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This autumn will see one of the most poignant events of recent years, as many will mark the Centenary of the 1918 Armistice.

The numbers are almost too large to comprehend – so many killed to gain a few yards on the Western Front.

The War Memorial, cemented in to the Church Hall wall is easier to comprehend. So many men never came back from the horrors of France & Belgium, their names for ever in the hearts of those who mourned their passing.

And now the mourning and the remembrance are our precious duty, as we stand and gaze up at their names. But standing still, pausing for two minutes, cannot even begin to honour

The memory of those who fought and died, and the suffering of those who fought, and survived.

If this Centenary Remembrance Day is to be at all meaningful, we have to take seriously the words written on a Second World War memorial, in the Far East.

The Kohima Epitaph reads:

"When you go home, tell them of us, and say: "For your tomorrow, we gave out today".

Our tomorrow is now. And the world in which we live looks ever more unstable, with treaties being torn up, old alliances questioned, and political uncertainty across the globe.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: *"Blessed are the peacemakers..."*.

There is simply no better way to honour those whose names are inscribed on our War Memorial, than to strive for reconciliation, in our families, among our friends, in our country, and throughout the world.

That task is not easy, for stubborn hearts and long-held hatreds do not disappear overnight. But without even starting to work towards reconciliation, it will never happen.

As you go through your life and work, may the Blessing of Almighty God be upon you, and upon those whom you hold dear.

Peter Gerbrandy-Baird
Parish Minister

St Fillan's Annual Sale of Work on Saturday 17th November

Doors open 2pm; £2 entry to the sale includes tea/coffee, with homemade scone, pancake and fancy cake.

The stalls include; cakes and tablet, and home produce, new and nearly new gifts and jewellery, a Christmas table, white elephant and bric a brac, toys, music and DVDs. There is also a bottle stall to try your luck, and a superb Christmas Hamper and delicious home-made Christmas cake with a bottle of Champaign, to be won in the raffle.

Do please join us to take advantage of the splendid fare and unrivalled bargains.

You might want to donate; unwanted gifts, items once loved but now forgotten, goodies for the hamper or bottle stall, baking for treats, to be sold, or served up on the day. Liberate your castoffs; make space on your shelves! All your contributions will be most gratefully received. Please hand in to the Church Hall late afternoon, until 7pm on Friday 16th or the morning of Saturday 17th November.

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A SEASONAL WORD SEARCH

CANDLES CARDS
CAROLS
DECORATIONS
FUN HOLLY
PARTIES
PRESENTS PUDDING
REINDEER SANTA
SHOPPING STOCKINGS
TREES TURKEYS

We associate everything
on this list with Christmas
but what is missing?

Family Fun Events.

Good Friday - Snow fall and then 'The Beast from the East' caused the cancellation of planning meetings and we began to despair if we would have sufficient time, before Good Friday, to actually meet to 'put some flesh on the bones' and finalise our plans. After many e-mails flying around with proposals for crafts, snacks, etc., some of the Group eventually managed to hold a meeting just to firm up ideas and confirm the programme. The topic this time was the people who met Jesus after He rose from the tomb.....Mary Magdalene and Mary (James' Mother); Peter and John; Cleopas and his friend on the road to Emmaus and of course (doubting) Thomas. It is thanks to these people, and the many others who saw Jesus after that first Easter morning, that we know today that Jesus really did conquer death and is alive forever.

Following the welcome, introduction and some songs, the morning continued with craft activities, including making an Easter wreath telling the story of Easter, showing the people Jesus met after he rose. Volunteers dressed up as these characters to bring their stories to life. There were also some ingenious snacks, games, and a quiz. The children also made Cross keyrings or necklaces using significant coloured beads.

In previous years our Good Friday Fun Day has usually attracted around 25 children and so, living in hope, we prepared for 32, but to our immense surprise and delight a total of 45 children turned up !!! (actually 46 but sadly, being too young, one had to leave). Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event. A huge thanks must go to the helpers: this year there was almost double the number of children, and fewer helpers, and yet they managed to give the children a truly fun day. Well done to everybody

Family Fun Week. We took a return visit to "Rocky's Plaice" for our Summer Fun Week,(a theme we'd used several years ago) when an overall total of 69 children came along to the Hall and the Institute to learn through related video, stories, songs, games, crafts and snacks about the Ascension, Pentecost, The healing of the Man who couldn't walk, and Peter's meeting with Cornelius. Again everyone had a happy fun time and enjoyed the week.

On Thursday evening, in lovely weather, a goodly number of us met at Silver Sands and greatly enjoyed our Barbecue and some games to round of a great week. Our sincere thanks to our catering and 'Barbie' crew.

Our next event will be our '**Adventure Christmas**'. Another Fun morning on **Saturday, 1st December in the Church Hall.**

Please watch out for the flyer nearer the time.

Hope to see you then!

Catherine E. Duncan
(Fun Group Communications)

Parish and congregational register

Bereavements

2018

Mr. Andrew Dykes; Mr. Stuart Nicoll; Mr. Andrew Robertson; Mrs. Liza Graham; Mr. Alex. Harper; Mr. John Stafford; Mr. Timothy Oliphant; Mrs. Ella Stackhouse; Mr. William Coltart

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

2018

Miss Vikki Lamond and Mr Ryan Stobie

Miss Lauren Watson and Mr. Andrew Smith

Ms Clare Rees and Mr Craig Hunter

Miss Rebecca Cross and Mr Lawrence Waugh

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder

Baptisms

2018

Dylan Richard Connolly; Skye Ann Connolly; Magnus Stewart Embleton

Jesus said "Let the children come to me"

The church service at St Fillans is recorded weekly. This is then copied and distributed to those at home who for what ever reason no longer attend church. Several of the people who receive the recording listen to it on the following Sunday – they then feel that they are at church!

The recording is made onto a USB stick which can be played on a computer, laptop or other device. If you do not have one of these, there are also a few USB players that you can borrow.

Would you like to receive the service at home? If so please let me know. David Graham 01383 861297.

This parable was the children's address a few weeks ago, I thought some of you might like to hear it again.

PARABLE OF THE PENCIL

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. "There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be."

"One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand."

"Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

"Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

"Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

"And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replacing the place of the pencil with you. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

And Five: On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties.

By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart.

Author Unknown

Advent & Christmas

2 December

10.30am	Advent Service	St Fillan's
3pm	Give thanks for the Year	Dalgety Parish Church
6.30pm	Advent Evening Service	St Fillan's

9 December

10.30am	Festival of Lessons & Carols	St Fillan's
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16 December

10.30am	Family Advent Service	Church Hall
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23 December

10.30am	Advent Service	St Fillan's
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Christmas Eve

3pm	Crib Service	St Columba's
6.30pm	Children's Service	St Fillan's
11.30pm	Watchnight Service	St Fillan's

Christmas Day

10.30am	Christmas Family Service of Holy Communion	St Fillan's
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30 December

10.30am	"Hogmanay" Service	St Fillan's
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