

NEWSLETTER

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PUBLIC WORSHIP: Sunday at 11.15 a.m. and on the first Sunday of every month except January at 6.30 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME

HOLY COMMUNION: Celebrated on the third Sunday of March, June and October.

HOLY BAPTISM: By arrangement with the minister.

Minister: Rev. John Scott, The Manse, Manse Street . . . 860349
Session Clerk: Mr. Ian Foster, 38 Main Street 860737
Clerk to Board: Miss C. Simmers, 11 Inch Avenue. . . . 860386
Treasurer: Mr. Fred Jeffs, 3 Inch Avenue 860820
Organist/Choirmaster: Mr. Alan Wark, 1 Bellhouse Road . 860816
Church Officer: Mr. Michael Cook, Whitehill Cottage. . . 860739

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Dear Friends,

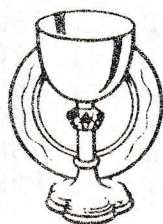
In last year's October magazine I mentioned that the Congregational Board was considering the possibility of carrying out a complete renovation of the church halls, which involved converting the main hall into two floors and improving all the facilities. With the help and guidance of professional architects, rough plans were drawn up and presented to the Board for its consideration. As the total cost was going to be over £200,000, the project was put before the Annual Meeting of the congregation in March for a decision but after much debate was considered too great a financial burden to take on. However, approval was given to proceed with the first part of the scheme, namely dealing with the area of the kitchen and the small hall. Because of the design and construction of this part of the hall there is a continual and severe problem with dampness which can really only be remedied by demolishing the whole area and rebuilding. Considerable improvement to the kitchen would have been required in any case because of new government health and hygiene regulations applying to places used for the preparation and/or serving of food which come into force next year. The Congregational Board has elected a Committee to organise the raising of funds to carry out this work which it is estimated will cost a minimum of £70,000.

As a first step this Committee decided to bring the Appeal to the attention of every home in the parish, bearing in mind that the use of the Church Hall is not confined to church organisations, and that many families have enjoyed activities there, mainly in the uniformed organisations for which the Church Hall is the only suitable accommodation in the village.

In the next week or so an envelope with a covering letter will be delivered to each house seeking financial support in this venture. It will be collected the following week by collectors who will have identification with them. I realise that demands on finances can be quite considerable in this time of recession but I hope you will be as generous as possible, bearing in mind that what is planned is not just for ourselves but for future generations of hall users.

Your minister and friend,

John Scott



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: This will be celebrated on Sunday 18th October at 11.15 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. The retiring offering at both these services will be for the British Red Cross Association. To enable the parents of young children attend the morning service there will be a creche in the vestry at the church.

Other Services:

Sunday 27th September: 11.15 a.m. Sunday School in Church then to Primary School; speaker from the National Bible Society sharing service; soup and sandwich lunch (organised by school pupils) in school after service in aid of Save the Children Somalia Appeal.

Sunday 4th October: 11.15 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Service. As a token of our gratitude to God there will be an offering on entering this service for the work of Christian Aid. Sacrament of Baptism.

6.30 p.m. Monthly Evening Service.

Sunday 25th October: 11.15 a.m. Sunday School in Church for Family Service. Remember to put clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

Sunday 1st November: 11.15 a.m. Morning Service.

6.30 p.m. Monthly Evening Service.

Sunday 8th November: Remembrance Sunday. There will be an Act of Remembrance at the village War Memorial at the Church Hall at 10.50 a.m. followed by the service in St. Fillan's at 11.15 a.m. There will be the usual retiring offering for the Earl Haig Fund.

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG FOLK!

It is intended to start up a Sunday evening Youth Fellowship for all young people in Aberdour who are presently in 2nd to 6th year at High School and who are invited to a first meeting on Sunday 27th September at 71 Main Street (the home of Judith Pritchard who will be leading the Fellowship) at 7.30 p.m. A very varied programme is envisaged over the winter months and it is hoped that many young folk will take advantage of this opportunity. All will be made most welcome.

PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

- May 31 - Fraser Colquhoun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathisen, 11
St. Fillan's Grove
- Aug. 2 - Anthony St. John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes, West
End Cottage

Weddings

- May 1 - Robert Wood, Kent, to Claire Adam, Corriemar, The
Shore
- Aug. 1 - Stephen Robinson, London, to Jill Rennie, Westray,
The Shore
- 15 - Lee Langdale to Janis Whyte, 18 High Street
- Sep. 19 - Stewart Struthers, 22 Murrell Terrace, to Wendy Crow,
3 Manse Street

Deaths

- Mar. 2 - Ross Macdonald, The Watch House, Lower Glebe
- Apr. 3 - Mrs. Nan Webb, 4 Castle View
- 26 - Leslie Kincaid, Kirklands, High Street
- May 4 - John (Jack) Shaw, Netherton of Bucklyvie, Coaledge
- June 1 - James Kerr, Mill Farm
- 17 - Steven Russell, 26 Dovecot Park
- 23 - Cyril Phillips, The Lea, Seaside Place
- July 13 - Mrs. Catherine Masson, 2 Humble Terrace
- 26 - Peter Bradley, 36 Humble Terrace
- Aug. 16 - Mrs. Janet Rennie, Sunnyside, The Glebe (formerly
Humble Farm)
- 23 - Mrs. Veronica Reid, 2 The Glebe

Members Joining

By Transference Certificate

- Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mathisen, 11 St. Fillan's Grove
- Mrs. Jane Simpson, 14 Telney Place, King's Gate

By Resolution of the Kirk Session

- Kenneth Chalmers, 18 Dovecot Park
- Mrs. Keppie, 7 Telney Place, King's Gate
- Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, 26 Morayvale

Members Leaving

- Mrs. Davina Mackay, 16 Bellhouse Road (to Melvich)
- Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Drummond, Bendameer Lodge (to Lossiemouth)
- Mrs. Lily McIntyre, 1 St. Colme Crescent (to Alloway)
- Mr. and Mrs. James Lawson, Otterston (to Inverkeithing)
- Mrs. Rhona Smith, Otterston (to Bannockburn)

Any change of address should be notified to the minister or
Session Clerk.

CHRISTIAN GIVING - WHERE DO YOU STAND?

The members of St. Fillan's have a very good record for giving and the Church is grateful for that. Nevertheless we are by no means the most generous parish in the Presbytery of Dunfermline and it is all too easy to get into the habit of giving the same amount year in and year out, regardless of changes in circumstances. For some of us this is a necessity. But from time to time we should all consider where we stand. This is particularly the case for those who give by Deed of Covenant or Weekly Freewill Offering envelopes. The table below summarises the number of members in each band of giving.

Are you where you ought to be or can you move up a band?

Amount per year	By Deed of Covenant	Amount per week	Weekly Freewill Offering
Less than £50	2	Less than 50p	15
£50 - 100	38	51p - 75p	14
£101 - 150	26	76p - £1.00	28
£151 - 200	20	£1.01 - £2.00	13
£201 - 250	12	£2.01 - £2.50	12
£251 - 300	10	£2.51 - £3.50	4
£301 - 400	6	£3.51 - £5.00	5
£401 - 500	3	£5.01 - £7.50	8
£501 - 600	1	More than £7.50	4
More than £600	2		

120 members give by Deed of Covenant; 109 give by W.F.O. of which 34 are Covenants.

Any such table cannot, of course, include those members who give, some most generously, by Open Plate (i.e. by cash offering), but they may use the above table to consider their givings as well.

There are over 500 members on the congregational roll.

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CHURCH FLOWERS - During the year some of the senior ladies have "retired" from donating and arranging their flowers in church, and we thank them for their many years of faithful service. There are, as a result, some "free" Sundays in the diary, and anyone interested in having their name included should contact Catherine Duncan (Tel. 860611)

MISSING? LOST? MISLAID? - The drawer is empty! Do you know where the Church Hall Tea Towels are hiding? Perhaps you took some home to launder and have not yet returned them. ???

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION- For several years the late Dorothy Bell collected milk bottle tops and tinfoil for the above Association, and it would be a pity to let this lapse. We would like to continue donating and if you would like your milk tops, etc. to be collected, please contact Elaine Nicoll (860817) or Catherine Duncan (860611) for more details.

CHURCH VESTRY - Under the guidance of the indefatigable Eleanor Morrison, some members of the Bible Class (Alyson Smith, Neil Morrison and Andrew Marrian) have completely redecorated the vestry, including the making of new curtains. Our thanks to them for making such an excellent job.

Steven Russell

(Pulpit tribute at Morning communion service on 21st June)

Since we met here last Sunday this congregation has suffered a great loss in the death of our brother in Christ, Steven Russell. For some time we had been concerned about the state of his health, and though we realised that he was a very ill man, his death nonetheless, seemed to come very suddenly and as a shock to us. Steve was a member of the Kirk Session, he was free-will offering treasurer, and he served on the finance committee, duties that he willingly took upon himself and performed diligently. But he was more than diligent in all that he did - he did it joyously and lovingly, as a servant of the Master. He never held back from giving of himself to others, particularly within the fellowship of the church, and I know of no district in which the elder was held in such high esteem or with greater affection. His elder's district was the farms to the east and north of the parish, an area he had requested when the previous elder left. It reflected his love of the country and country life. But even more than that Steve loved people, a love that so many experienced in his outgoing and warm friendliness, a great asset to any elder. His ready cheerfulness hid a sad and sometimes lonely heart for the death of his wife to whom he was utterly devoted left a great gap that could never adequately be filled. Steve wasn't just a Sunday Christian, though he seldom missed a church service, for his whole life was one of loving service in the name of his Lord. He will be remembered too for his many acts of unheralded and unsought kindness and generosity. No minister could have had better or more loyal support, no Kirk Session a more concerned elder, and no congregation a more faithful member.

CHRISTIAN AID/SPONSORED GOLF COMPETITION

The Sponsored Golf Competition (Stableford) was held in the second week of May with over 100 golfers taking part. As usual there was great rivalry between the teams with St. Fillan's retaining the David Rutherford Trophy by only two points, 241 to 239. The St. Fillan's Trophy for the best Aberdour score was won by Ray Thurogood with 42 points.

Aberdour sponsors raised £800, the Dalgety Bay total being £1260.85, a very creditable sum divided between Christian Aid and St. Columba's Hospice.

The inter-denominational Coffee Morning held in May raised £1,240 which, with £650 from the Golf Competition, gave a total of £1,890. Christian Aid thanks everyone for their participation and continuing support.

WOMAN'S GUILD

The Woman's Guild resumes on Tuesday 6th October at 2.00 p.m. in the Church Hall, High Street.

The theme this year is "Who is my Neighbour?" and the Project is Sharing and Learning Together (SALT). The money raised for the Project will go to the continuing work of St. Colme's College, Edinburgh, the Church of Scotland Training Centre.

A warm welcome is always extended to new and present members. Meetings are on 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

SALE OF WORK

on

SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER, '92

in CHURCH HALL at 2-30pm.

Stalls:- Cake & Candy, Produce, Grocery,
Gifts, Handicraft, Fancy Goods and
many others.

Contributions for the various Stalls may be handed in
on the morning of the Sale from 10am.

PLEASE GIVE **YOUR** SUPPORT TO
YOUR LOCAL CHURCH.

