

# NEWSLETTER

ST. FILLAN'S

PARISH CHURCH

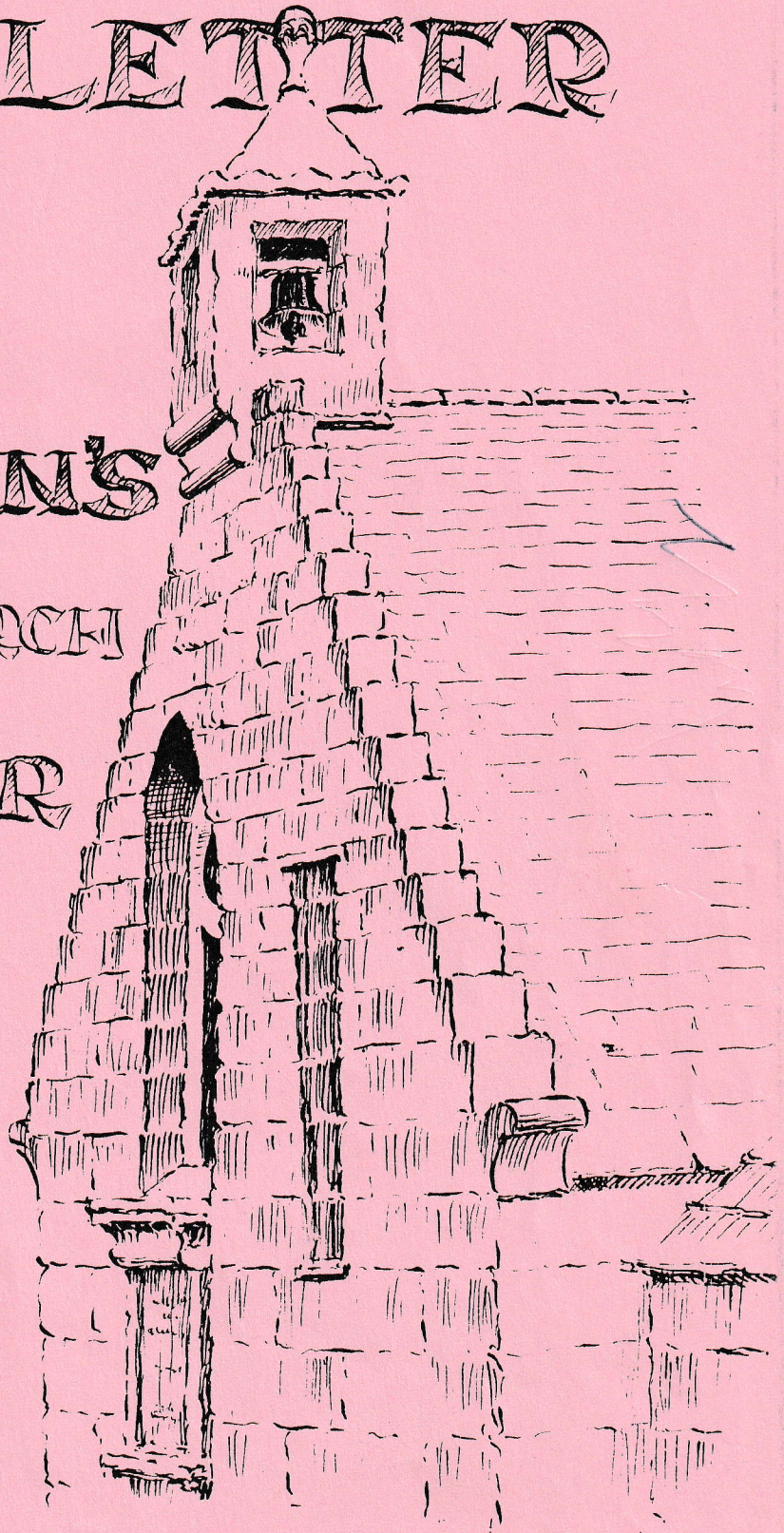
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PUBLIC WORSHIP: Sunday at 11.15 a.m. and on the first Sunday of every month except January at 6.30 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME

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

HOLY BAPTISM: By arrangement with the minister.

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**Minister**: Rev. John Scott, The Manse, Manse Street . . . 860349  
**Session Clerk**: Mrs. Catherine Duncan, 43 Humbie Terrace. 860611  
**Clerk to Board**: Mrs. Karyn Crowe, 13 St. Fillan's Cresc. 860721  
**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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The Manse  
Aberdour

Dear Friends,

Since the last issue of the magazine, two new names have appeared at the head of this page - Mrs. Karyn Crowe and Mrs. Catherine Duncan. It has been mentioned previously that Miss Carleen Simmers retired after 37 years as Clerk to the Congregational Board, but her successor has only recently been appointed - Mrs. Karyn Crowe. Karyn had secretarial experience before marriage and motherhood and was Secretary to the Aberdour School Board when it was functioning. I welcome her warmly to the post and am sure she will have the full support of the congregational Board in all her duties.

When I came to Aberdour in late 1975, the Session Clerk was Mr. Bill Chalmers. At the end of 1976 he resigned from that post, having served diligently and faithfully for twelve years, to be succeeded by Mr. Scott Stewart who had no sooner taken office than the Bank for which he worked moved him to another part of the country. The search for a successor was taken up again, and on 1st August 1977 Mr. Ian Foster took up the duties. At its meeting in April this year, the Kirk Session received a letter from Mr. Foster intimating his intention to retire at the end of June. Reluctantly the Kirk Session had to respect his wishes, for in these sixteen years he undertook all the duties required of him with diligence and cheerfulness, willingness and humility.

Session Clerk is an office in the Church that is peculiar to the Presbyterian Church, and the Church of Scotland in particular has been extremely fortunate in the very able men and women who have served in that capacity. Taking minutes of meetings,

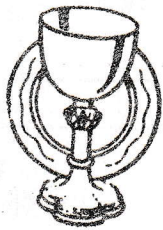
dealing with correspondence, keeping the congregational roll, organising communion, preparing door duty rosters - these are just some of the duties undertaken by Ian during his years in office, and I personally am deeply grateful for the way in which he has carried them out. The Session Clerk is the minister's right hand "person", and when my left hand didn't know what it was doing, my right was always there to keep me on the proper path. The Kirk Session has appointed as his successor Mrs. Catherine Duncan who has been an active member of St. Fillan's for over 30 years and an elder for fourteen. She brings many gifts and talents to the office, and I am sure the Session's choice will be well justified in the future.

In welcoming these ladies to their respective offices, I am sure I speak on behalf of all in assuring them of our continuing support for them.

Your minister and friend,

*John Scott*

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** This will be celebrated on Sunday 17th October at 11.15 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. The retiring offering at both these services will be for the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society's Nazareth Project - a hospital for Jew and Arab in that town. 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 3rd 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.

6.30 p.m. Monthly Evening Service.

Sunday 10th October: 11.15 a.m. Ordination and Admission of New Elders; Woman's Guild Dedication Service.

Sunday 31st October: 11.15 a.m. Sunday School in Church and refreshments in Primary School after service.

Sunday 7th November: 11.15 a.m. Morning Service with Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

6.30 p.m. Monthly Evening Service.

Sunday 14th 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.

**There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class on Sunday 17th October because of school holidays.**

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Choir Practice resumes at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 7th October at 1 Bellhouse Road. New members will be most welcome as indeed will present Choir members.

## PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Baptisms

- Apr. 18 - Kraig John Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Bouprie Farm  
June 27 - Emma Louise Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waddell, 18 Inch Avenue  
Sep. 12 - Claire Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon, 15 Linburn Grove, Dunfermline  
Amy Jill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travers, 26 Dovecot Park  
26 - Laura Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doig, 20 Inch Avenue  
Kirsty Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell, c/o 55 High Street

### Weddings

- Apr. 3 - Alasdair Silver, Dysart, to Janice Mills, 15 Hawk-craig Road (at Dysart)  
June 5 - Philip Gachagan, Whitburn, to Jane Jamieson, 6 Inch Avenue  
19 - Stewart Johnston, 28 Murrell Road, to Fiona Stafford, 40 Main Street  
26 - Andrew Brooker, Bracknell, to Carol Wallace, 34 High Street  
July 17 - Alan Cormack, 2 McLauchlan Rise, to Susan Gilfillan, Aberdeen  
Aug. 7 - Christopher Chilcott, Aberdeen, to Felice Taddei, Tanglewood, High Street

### Deaths

- Mar. 20 - William Ness, Seafield Farm, Kinghorn  
24 - Mrs. Christina Borthwick, 26 Murrell Road  
29 - Mrs. Margaret McGowan, 5 Humble Terrace  
Apr. 17 - James Erskine, Ardgowan, Main Street  
17 - Mrs. Myra Ford, 1 Morayvale  
May 8 - Mrs. Christine Pattie, Drift Inn, Main Street  
19 - Mrs. Margaret McCamlie, 10 Seaside Place  
25 - Mrs. Marion Street, 44 Main Street  
June 5 - Mrs. Dora McLeod, 27 Main Street  
26 - Mrs. Joan Dewar, 66 Main Street  
29 - Mrs. Joy Turner, 78 Main Street  
July 6 - Thomas Fraser, 5 Morayvale  
16 - Charles Methven, 42 Murrell Road  
24 - Mrs. Annie Henderson, 12 Telney Place  
31 - Robert Sells, 19 Hawk-craig Road  
Aug. 10 - George (Pat) Lochtie, 12 Humble Terrace  
25 - Mrs. Isabella Melville, Pentland View, Coaledge  
Sep. 9 - Mrs. Eileen Cumberland, 18 Bellhouse Road  
25 - William Balfour, Dean House, Station Place

### Members Joining

#### By Confession of Faith

- Fiona Drever, 15 Inch Avenue  
Derek Miller, 6 Home Park  
John Robertson, Croftgary Sawmill  
Jillian Stokes, 16 The Firs, Dalgety Bay  
Margaret Watson, Croftgary Farm

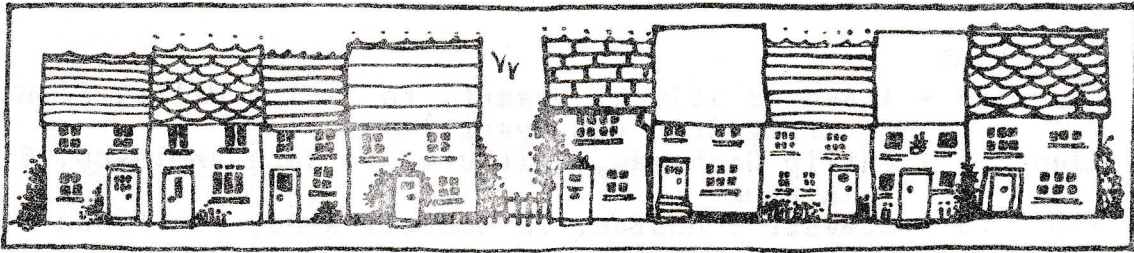
By Transference Certificate

Mrs. Sandra Martin, 13 Hawkcraig Road  
Mrs. Jane Tyrrell, c/o 55 High Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cowan, 7 Lumsdaine Drive, Dalgety Bay  
Mrs. Annie Henderson, 12 Telney Place, Earl's Gate  
Mrs. Margaret Smith, 52 Main Street

Members Leaving

Mrs. Ann Shaw, 1 Lower Glebe (to Whitley Bay)  
Mrs. Jane Thomson, North House (to Edinburgh)

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

From the age of three years until they leave Primary School, all children are warmly welcomed at the SUNDAY SCHOOL which meets in the Church Hall every Sunday at 10.00 o'clock. The exception is the last Sunday of each month when it meets in church at 11.15 for about 15/20 minutes and then goes over to the Primary School for classes.

The BIBLE CLASS is for young people of Secondary School age and meets in the vestry at the church after the morning service, i.e. 12.20 p.m. New members will be particularly welcome.

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ST. FILLAN'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Nothing to do on a Sunday evening? If you are at Secondary School (2nd to 6th Years) you will enjoy the the informality, the fun and friendship of the Youth Fellowship which meets at the Church Hall every Sunday at 7.00 p.m. Why not come along and bring your friends with you? The Fellowship is now into its second year and its increasing membership reflects its popularity.

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WOMAN'S GUILD

"Walking with God" is this year's theme for the Woman's Guild, and for our Branch "walking" sounds good. Thankfully we are not in a race, although most of us would no doubt agree that the past year has gone too quickly. Over the years we have journeyed together in faith. Some of that journey was exciting

and stimulating, but most of it was routine - brief devotions, a speaker, tea. However, always at the root of everything is our faith and our hope that this is where God would have us be. Our desire is to walk humbly with God, to praise and thank Him continually for all His goodness to us, and somehow to encourage other companions to join us.

The Woman's Guild meets on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Church Hall at 2.00 p.m. and new members are assured of a warm welcome.

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### SCOUTING FOR LEADERS

Aberdour 'SCOUTS' are scouting for new Leaders for the Cub (ages 8-10½) section.

Perhaps you have recently moved into the village and have experience of Scouting in other places or even if you have no experience but are willing to train, your services would be required. Aberdour celebrates 60 years of Scouting in the village in February 1994 and there is a real danger of the Cub section folding unless there is additional adult support forthcoming.

Aberdour is part of Rosyth Scout District, one of the more active and progressive districts in the country, providing Scouting to over 650 young people in the district and 60 in the village.

If you feel you can or would like to become involved in youth work through the largest youth movement in the world, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Ian Smith, tel. 860045, or Cath Scott, tel. 860349, for details.

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### SPONSORED GOLF COMPETITION

The Sponsored Golf Competition took place this year with the usual number of enthusiastic participants. Unfortunately the event got off to a bad start with no play possible on the Monday due to a water-logged course. However most of the players were accommodated on the other days with a most exciting finish on the Friday evening.

The Aberdour team had a fairly comfortable lead at the start of the evening's play, but as the results came in Dalgety drew level and eventually took the lead to regain the David Rutherford Trophy by 238 points to Aberdour's 235 points. The St. Fillan's Cup was won by Neil Hill with 42 points, and an amazing Scratch Score of 65 on the Thursday evening - equalled by Grahame Milne for Dalgety on Friday evening. The best lady was Jan Rough with 40 points.

Aberdour sponsors contributed £821.40, while Dalgety raised £1290.15, a very satisfactory total divided between Christian Aid and the Fife Macmillan Project. The organisers would record their thanks to the participants and the sponsors for the success of the Competition and Aberdour Golf Club for the courtesy of the Course.

## SALE OF WORK

This will take place on Saturday 13th November, opening at 2.30 p.m. The Church Hall will be open during the morning to receive donations for the various stalls, a list of which appears on the back page of this magazine. The Convener of the Sale is Hamish Hardie, tel. 0592 872232. If you cannot come on the day but would like to support the Sale, any donation would be gratefully received.

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## SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose!  
(The more things change, the more they are the same!)

I'm not trying to introduce a French lesson, but simply expressing some thoughts which came into my mind from two sources in recent weeks.

The first was on reading an article in the September issue of Life and Work under the heading "Questions for Today's Church", which dealt once more with the obligation for members to face up to their commitment in Christian Giving. Twenty years was the length of my service in the ordained ministry and it saddens me when I recall how much of that time seemed to be occupied in trying to deal with that particular matter. I shared our own minister's reluctance to raise the topic in the context of preaching, but in a charge which struggled to pay the Minimum Stipend it was almost impossible to avoid the issue as it arose with distressing frequency whenever finance raised its ugly head. Wherever the fault lay and whoever was responsible, I hesitate to give an answer, but certainly my experience was - "the more thing change, the more they are the same!"

The other occasion which made me think about this was on seeing the programme presented on the B.B.C. "Everyman" series the other week, which dealt with the Anglican Service of "Even-song". Even with the background of a Presbyterian tradition, there must be few who cannot appreciate, and at times be moved by, the haunting words and music which comprise this act of worship, especially when heard in the setting of a large cathedral. A lady described very movingly the influence which she had found over many years from sharing in the service and, living in Winchester, she was still actively involved in the work of the Diocese. All this was part of a tradition which had continued over many centuries, but she also saw it as worship which was "acceptable and well pleasing to God" because it seemed to convey an eternal dimension to her living which obviously gave her much satisfaction.

It would seem that this particular cathedral is fortunate in having a choir of many young people and a Choirmaster who is looking for ways in which the service can adapt to our changing circumstances without losing its essential character. But I'm sure that finance will always be a constant concern in that situation with the recurring question of "how much longer shall we be able to cover the cost of it all?"

Once there were committed people in every denomination who were in the fortunate position that they could provide the means which would prevent such problems arising. Nowadays the commitment has got to be shared among a much larger section of society than just the lairds and landed gentry.

But how many are prepared to accept this challenge and believe that what is offered is "acceptable and well pleasing to God"? The answer to that question may well decide whether or not we can finally dispense with the saying: Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose!

R. K. Hall

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**LOOK OUT FOR** the Supper that will be held in the Church Hall on Friday 25th November. This will include a two-course meal with coffee and a programme of musical entertainment. Further details will be available nearer the time, but put the date down in your diary now so that you will not be disappointed.

The visit to Inchcolm this year on 5th September was a wonderful experience with the weather absolutely perfect and the Firth on its best behaviour. Just over 100 people attended, all returning safe and sound and much refreshed. Unfortunately the income was insufficient to meet the expenses and only some generous donations reduced the loss to £10. However, the Kirk Session has decided to continue this annual pilgrimage in 1994 and look forward to your support.

On Wednesday 7th July, a good-sized audience in St. Fillan's was entertained and enthralled by the sound of over 50 voices of the Nevada Union High School Concert Choir from California. The beauty of the performance was matched by the enthusiasm of the singers, and those present came away with a great feeling of uplift. "Specialised Travel", organisers of the Choir's European Tour, sent a letter of thanks to St. Fillan's and included a cheque for £100 towards church funds - perhaps it should have been the other way round as a token of our appreciation for the Choir's visit!

*Heavenly Father, walk with me today down every street, in every shop; stand in each queue and share each conversation; let me introduce you to all I meet, and see their needs and listen to their fears.*

#### **REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS**

Registration is available for Aberdour District (including Dalgety Bay) at 87 Main Street, Aberdour. The Registrar is Mrs. Lesley Thomas and the telephone number 860498.

Hours of opening are: **Monday & Wednesday - 9.30-11.30 a.m.**  
**Saturday - 10.00-12.00 noon**

The service is available to all those intending to marry in Aberdour or Dalgety Bay or those wishing to register a birth or death provided that either the event took place in the District or the permanent address lies within the District or both.

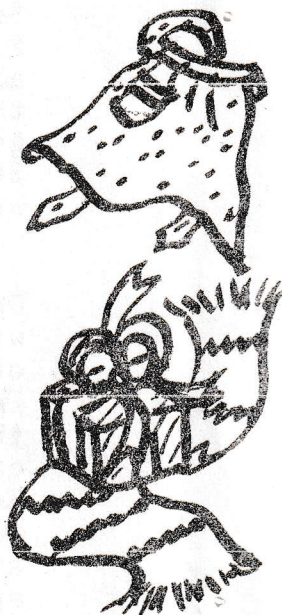
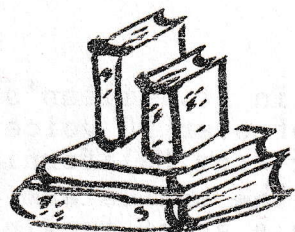


# SALE OF WORK

in THE CHURCH HALL

SATURDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, '93

at 2.30 p.m.



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BOTTLES .....	D. CROW .....	860291
BOOKS .....	D. ROBERTSON ...	860297
WORK .....	Mrs. M. RENNIE ...	860711
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PRODUCE & PLANTS .....	Mrs. B. CRAIG .....	823252
CAKE & CANDY ..	Mrs. C. DUNCAN ...	860611
WHITE ELEPHANT ..	Mrs. C. SCOTT .....	860349
SUNDAY SCHOOL ..	Mrs. L. GORDON ..	860030
TEAS .....	Mrs. J. SMITH ..	860045

We need YOUR contributions.

PLEASE bring them along!

(Hall open from 10am on morning of Sale)

THANK YOU for YOUR support!

