

# NEWSLETTER

ST. FILLAN'S

PARISH CHURCH

OF

ABERDOUR

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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 Humble 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,

On at least two occasions recently in Edinburgh people living on their own have died in their homes and their bodies lain undiscovered for a considerable time. Neighbours expressed horror that such a thing could happen in their neighbourhood and may even have experienced a sense of guilt that it did - "We didnae ken". Sadly, these are not isolated incidents. Good neighbourliness used to be taken for granted, but with the expansion of the Social Services people began to feel less and less responsibility as gradually their role as neighbour was taken over by what has come to be known as the caring agencies. Publicity has recently been given to cases of trouble between neighbours, mostly over the playing of loud music at all hours of the day and night, one extreme case resulting in the murder of a neighbour.

Have we become a less caring society? All the signs are that we have, but what is not publicised, or only occasionally, is the amount of caring that does go on sometimes to the point of sacrifice, as I am sure many of you can testify from personal experience. When Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan he redefined the term "neighbour" as being anyone in need, whether next door or the next street or the other side of the world. The question we must ask ourselves is not "Who is my neighbour?" but "To whom can I be a neighbour?" - the answer being "anyone who needs me".

Let me share with you a thought from a publication of the Corrymeela Community of Northern Ireland, an organisation which works for reconciliation in that land: "Make me more aware that

where was St. Fillan's Church? It really was inconvenient of those 12th-century church planners and builders not to be considerate enough to leave room for cars and car parking, wasn't it?

It seems no time at all since Grace and I attended our first service in June, but at the same time I feel that lots has happened. The thought of entering the pulpit of such an ancient centre of worship terrified me and as you know my throat dried terribly. As I write it is still my goal to be able to enter the pulpit and leave without drinking the place dry.

I have enjoyed my time with you immensely and thank God that in his goodness this place has been my first experience of ministry. You are a kind and caring people and I have been blessed not only by your patience in receiving me at morning worship but also by being invited into your homes.

As I go now into my last year of study I am sincere when I say that my life has been enriched by being with you in Aberdeen. I shall remember you with fondness, and hope (God willing) that when I am licensed by the Presbytery next year you will feel free to come along.

Grace and I thank you most sincerely. May God richly bless you all.

Love in Christ,

ARTHUR CHRISTIE

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#### THE CHOIR

Choir Practice resumes at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 6th October at 1 Bellhouse Road. New members, especially male, will be most welcome as indeed will present Choir members.

#### 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.

#### 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 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 third year and its increasing membership reflects its popularity.

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## WOMAN'S GUILD

The St. Fillan's Branch of the Woman's Guild resumes on Tuesday 4th October in the Church Hall at 2.00 p.m. The theme for 1994-95 is "Let Your Light Shine". The money from this year's Project, "Listening with the Heart", will be used to provide Christian-based local Counselling initiatives throughout Scotland. It will enable the Board of Social Responsibility to employ a Project Leader who will identify areas of need, liaise with local congregations and services, and train volunteer counsellors. The money from last year's Project, "Strengthen our Schools" - over £137,000 - has now been transferred to World Mission which has plans in hand to enable schools to realise many of their dreams.

This year's theme now takes us forward, ever forward. "Let Your Light Shine" in all that is done this coming session and may God bless all our work for Him.

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## SALE OF WORK

This will take place on Saturday 12th 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.

Help to set up the stalls on the Friday evening and to clear up after the Sale on the Saturday would be much appreciated.

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## PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Baptisms

- Apr. 3 - Kirsti Ethel Melville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, 19 Main Street  
July 17 - Robin Joshua, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bremner, 84 Main Street  
Aug. 21 - Cameron John Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Reneville, West End  
Sep. 11 - Christopher James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rendall, 5 Livingstone Lane

### Weddings

- Mar. 27 - Michael McPhee, 8 Bellhouse Road, to Alison Walkingshaw, South Queensferry  
May 28 - Andrew Morgan, Dunfermline, to Sally-Anne McSkimming, 6 Crowhill Road, Dalgety Bay  
July 16 - John Robertson, Croftgary Sawmill, to Jillian Stokes, 16 The Firs, Dalgety Bay  
Aug. 6 - Charles Neilson, Carnoustie, to Nikki Scott, 24 Seaside Place  
Aug. 19 - Glenn Ward, Glasgow, to Alexandra Hopker, 10 Home Park

Deaths

- Mar. 11 - Mrs. Marguerite (Midge) Seath, 5 Hawkcraig Road  
Apr. 3 - Mrs. Martha Duncan, 31 Morayvale  
June 4 - Mrs. Minnie Houlston, 1 Murrell Road  
10 - Mrs. Evelyn Hunter, Countess of Moray Houses  
13 - Dr. James Hunter, Seaview, 36 Shore Road  
30 - Mrs. Pearl Falls, 19 St. Colme Crescent  
July 3 - Elsie Oliphant, 23 Inchmickery Drive, Dalgety Bay  
31 - Robert Duncan, formerly 31 Morayvale  
Aug. 13 - Mrs. Ignatia Methven, 42 Murrell Road  
26 - Annie Wilson, Joisla, Inverkeithing Road  
Sep. 10 - Margery Hill, 3 Murray Place

Members Joining

By Transference Certificate

- Mrs. Agnes Husband, 16 Telny Place\*  
Mrs. Margaret Johnston, 1 Humble Terrace\*  
Mrs. Carole Kelly, 11 Bellhouse Road  
William Meldrum, 1 Humble Terrace\*  
Mr. and Mrs. David Hannah, Belgrano, 3 The Glebe  
Douglas Smith, Reneville, West End  
(\*omitted from previous issue)

By Resolution of Kirk Session

- Dr. and Mrs. Scott Christie, North House, Seaside Place

Members Leaving

- Dorothy Patterson, 23 Main Street (to Dunfermline)  
Mrs. Janet Bell, 13 Humble Terrace (to Australia)  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith, Limekilns (to Edinburgh)  
Christine Johnstone, 19 Park Lane (to Edinburgh)

Any change of address should be notified to the minister or Session Clerk. Members leaving the district should obtain a Transference Certificate from the minister which they can then hand in to the congregation they intend joining.

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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES - ABERDOUR

Registration for those residing within the parishes of Aberdour and Dalgety is available at:

The Registrar's Office,  
6 Heriot Street,  
Inverkeithing.  
(Telephone: Inverkeithing 417742)

Opening Hours: Monday and Tuesday - 9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday - 1.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.  
(There is no opening on Wednesday or Saturday)

Heriot Street is behind St. Peter's Church

In emergency, the Registrar at Cowdenbeath should be contacted:  
Mrs. Margaret Clark - Telephone Cowdenbeath 510855



just under £27,000.

Still to come is the Youth Fellowship Fashion Show in November. Please watch out for further details in October. The Edwardian/Victorian Concert has been booked for Friday 24th February 1995 in the School - a date for your new diary!

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### IN BRIEF

The amount raised in Aberdour for Christian Aid (from Coffee Morning, Choral Concert, Golf Professional's Fun Day) was £1,206.86p. The organisers thank everyone for their continued support. The total raised in Scotland for Christian Aid Week 1994 was £1,155,580.

By the time you receive this the new heating system in the church will be installed and fully operational. Not only should this be more efficient than the old system but will also be cheaper to run. The full cost of around £6,000 will be met from the Legacies Fund which currently stands at £6,926.

A concert of light classical songs and music will be presented by Csardas in the Institute on Friday 28th October at 7.30 p.m. The group comprises Bernard Docherty (violin), Sheila Osborne (Mezzo-soprano), Derek Barron (pianist), and has played all over Scotland to full houses. Tickets, including refreshment, are £6 (con. £5) and are available at Brambles and Grindall's or from Mary Sutcliffe (860516). Proceeds will go to Church Hall Fund.

The student attachment, Arthur Christie, who was with us over the summer months as part of his practical training, is now serving in a similar capacity at Rosyth Parish Church. He is about to start his final year as a student, and once that has been completed will be sent to a church to serve full-time as assistant for an 18-month probationary period.

The congregational Fabric Fund has benefitted from a donation of £3,000 from Miss Christine Johnston who recently left the congregation and returned to Edinburgh. Such generosity is greatly appreciated.

During the school holiday week in October, 17th to 21st, when most of the organisations are having a break, the church hall floor will be sanded and re-sealed.

The annual visit to Inchcolm was held on Sunday 4th September when 106 people made the journey. Because the weather looked a bit uncertain the service was held in the Refectory, whose ancient walls echoed to the sound of excellent hymn singing.

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FINALLY - Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which look out Christ's compassion on the world, yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now. (Teresa of Avila)

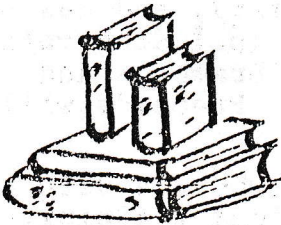
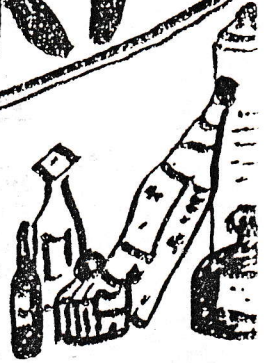


# SALE OF WORK

in THE CHURCH HALL

SATURDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, '94

at 2.30 p.m.



## STALLS

## CONVENORS

## TEL.

BOTTLES .....	D. CROW .....	860291
BOOKS .....	D. ROBERTSON ...	860297
WORK .....	Mrs. M. RENNIE ...	860711
GIFTS .....	Mrs. L. HUTCHISON ..	860444
PRODUCE & PLANTS .....	Mrs. B. CRAIG .....	823252
CAKE & CANDY ..	Mrs. C. DUNCAN ...	860611
WHITE ELEPHANT ..	Mrs. C. SCOTT .....	860349
SUNDAY SCHOOL ..	Mrs. C. CAMERON ..	860609
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!