

NEWSLETTER

ST. FILLAN'S

PARISH CHURCH

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ST. FILLAN'S CHURCH, ABERDOUR

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.

- 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
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Dear Friends,

Because of the large numbers of homeless and hungry refugees in Europe at the end of the Second World War, the British Council of Churches decided it had to do something to help relieve their situation. And so it brought into being a department known as the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service. That was in 1945 and two years later a young woman called Janet Lacey was appointed Youth Secretary with responsibility for that department. In 1956 she approached the General Secretary of the British Council of Churches with an idea that she had - to launch nationally a fund-raising week to be known as Christian Aid Week. With two members of staff to organise it, this new venture was launched. When Janet Lacey retired in 1968 there was a staff of 60 and the annual income had risen from a few thousand pounds to £1.5 million. Now, with a staff of over 200 and an annual income of over 30 million pounds, Christian Aid celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

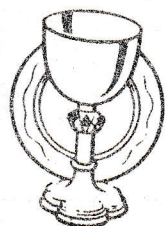
When Janet Lacey died in 1988, it was said of her: "She soon pressed the vision of the organisation beyond concern for refugees alone to the wider needs of the world's poor, urging that gifts and grants for food, shelter, seeds, land and livestock should be without religious strings. She coined the phrase 'need - not creed'". Here was a woman who not only had a vision but brought it into reality.

The apostle Paul frankly and freely confessed that there had been a day when he tried to eliminate the name of Christ and to blast the Christians out of existence. But his vision of destroying the followers of Jesus was replaced by a vision

of telling the world about Jesus, and his thinking was a major influence in shaping Christianity, an influence that was not confined to his own time. Vision can be both a gift and a responsibility, spreading from its starting point to include others and sometimes to change the world. Do we ever have a vision for ourselves, for our family, for the community, for the church, for the world? It may be a glimmer of God rather than a blinding light, but even so it can be our gift and our responsibility.

Your friend and minister

John Scott



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: This will be celebrated on Sunday 19th March at 11.15 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. The retiring offering at both these services will be for National Bible Society of Scotland. To enable the parents of young children attend the morning service there will be a creche in the vestry at the church.

Sunday 12th March: 11.15 a.m. Admission of First Communicants - Kirk Session meets in the Session House at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 19th March: 11.15 a.m. Service of Holy Communion
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Sunday 9th April: 11.15 a.m. PALM SUNDAY Service

Friday 14th April: 7.30 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY Service - Offering will be for the Fife Hospice

Sunday 16th April: 11.15 a.m. EASTER DAY - Morning Service - Short communion after service.

Please note there will be no Sunday School on Sundays 2nd and 9th April because of the school holidays. It will resume on Sunday 16th April at 10.00 a.m. for an Easter celebration.

WELCOME TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is open to all the children in the village from the age of three to Primary 7 age. It meets in the Church Hall on Sunday mornings at 10.00 a.m. (except the last Sunday of the month when it is in church at 11.15). Children will enjoy the singing, the activity, the fun and the learning. An experienced and capable staff is always pleased to welcome children coming along for the first time.

PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

- Oct. 2 - Hannah Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson, 1
Morayvale
9 - David Colin George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, 17
Morayvale
Dec. 18 - Kirsty Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Struthers,
2 Murrell Road

Marriage

- Dec. 17 - Lisa Christie, North House, Seaside Place, to Graeme
Gunn, Edinburgh

Deaths

- Oct. 2 - Mrs. Annie Hutchison, formerly 5 St. Colme Crescent
6 - Thomas McPhee, sometime of the Cedar Inn
15 - William Dryburgh, 5 Dovecot Park
Nov. 10 - John Milne, The Murrell
Dec. 23 - Mrs. Sheila Thompson, Park Lane
30 - James Henderson, 12 Dovecot Park
Feb. 26 - Mrs. Helen Hart, formerly 1 Hawkcraig Road

Members Joining

By Confession of Faith

Alexander Bremner, 84 Main Street
Lisa Christie, North House, Seaside Place
Mr. Graeme Gunn, 110/15 St. Stephen Street, Edinburgh
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Rendall, 5 Livingstone Lane
Mrs. Lindsay Taylor Smith, Reneville, West End.

By Transference Certificate

Mr. and Mrs. David Mathieson, 1 Morayvale
Mr. and Mrs. James Nesmith, 46 Main Street
Anne Stuart, 19 St. Colme Crescent
Alastair Gibson, 38 Dovecot Park

Members Leaving

Mrs. Nichola Thick, 24 Shore Road (to Ipswich)
Mrs. Alexandra Ward, 10 Home Park (to Stirling)
Mrs. Ruth Stuart, 35 Hawkcraig Road (to Kelso)

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Members of the Church moving into the area and wishing to join St. Fillan's should obtain a Certificate of Transference from their previous congregation and hand it in at the church door at any service. Members moving away from the district should obtain a Transference Certificate from the minister. The minister or Session Clerk should be notified of any change of address so that the congregational roll can be kept up to date.

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)

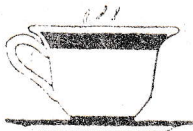
Opening Hours: Monday and Tuesday - 9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
Thursday and Friday - 1.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
(There is no opening on Wednesday or Saturday)

In emergency, the Registrar at Cowdenbeath can be contacted:

Mrs. Margaret Clark - Telephone: Cowdenbeath 510855

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 1995

The Annual Christian Aid Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 13th May in St. Fillan's Church Hall between 10.30 a.m. and 12.00 noon. Tickets are available from Committee members or at the Hall door - 50p. Donations for bric-a-brac, books, baking, plants and gift stalls would be much appreciated.



Christian Aid Week for 1995 is 14th to 20th May.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CHURCH?

Even if you are only thinking about it and simply want to know what's involved, the minister would like to hear from you. There will be a series of six classes for such enquirers beginning on Sunday 30th April at 4.00 p.m. in the Manse. If you cannot attend on that date still get in touch and alternative arrangements can be made.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Dunfermline District Council has drawn up a plan to set aside ground at the Aberdour Cemetery for what's known as a "Garden of Remembrance". The proposal is to site it on the ground on either side of the path just inside the entrance gate. The Garden provides for the purchase of small plots in which the ashes of those cremated may be interred and over which a small plaque may be placed. Or those wishing a permanent memorial to someone who has died and been cremated may simply use the plot for the placing of a plaque. It is hoped this facility will be available in the fairly near future.

CHURCH HALL RENOVATION FUND

The Church Hall Appeal stood at £42,000 at the end of February. This does not include tax recovery from covenants and gift aid which it is anticipated will, in time, bring in approximately a further £1,500. In addition to the continued generosity of donations from members, the most recent source of income to the appeal was a very successful concert at the end of February by ENSEMBLE. As well as being a most entertaining evening due to the excellent standard of singing by the group, there was an opportunity to socialise after the event over a glass of wine, making for a very complete evening. The sum raised was £864, much due to the efforts of Bruce and Dorothy Drever and a willing band of helpers.

The next fund-raising event is a Bridge evening on Thursday 6th April at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets price £5.00 (including supper) from Collette Adam, telephone 860515.

It is recognised that the appeal has largely run its course as far as fund raising in the village is concerned and plans for the hall improvements will have to be made on this basis. However, there is still the opportunity for grants from a number of sources and these will be pursued in due course. It is likely, therefore, that the project and funding Committee's target of £50,000 will be reached and the support received by the Committee from the community is much appreciated.

THE APPEAL FUND IS NOT CLOSED AND FURTHER DONATIONS WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

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CAN YOU HELP

Look through your drawers and cupboards to see if you have any gents' shoes, socks, hats, scarves, and gloves that are still useable but which you no longer require? If so, an old men's club in Edinburgh would be most grateful for them. Contact Anne Stuart on 860049.

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FINALLY AND BRIEFLY

The minister and our Presbytery Elder, Kenneth Hodge, will be commissioners at this year's General Assembly which is from 20th to 26th May.

A limited number of extra copies of the Congregational Year Book are available should you wish to send one to a friend or former member who might be interested - or for your own use. Contact the minister.

A fast copier machine has been purchased to enable Kenneth and Ursula Hodge make copies of the taped Sunday service much more speedily - just a few minutes instead of 20 minutes for each tape.

Hall users can help maintain the "new" hall floor by carrying chairs from one part of the hall to another instead of dragging them across the floor.

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EASTER

Church Services

GOOD FRIDAY - 7.30 p.m. - a quiet
time of meditation

EASTER DAY - 11.15 a.m. - a time of
celebration

