

NEWSLETTER

ST. FILLAN'S

PARISH CHURCH

OF

ABERDOUR

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St Fillans Church, Aberdour

PUBLIC WORSHIP: Sunday at 11.15 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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

Minister: Vacant. The Manse, 36, ~~Devoct Park~~ *Bellhouse Rd.* 860349

Interim Moderator: Rev Alistair Jessamine 721022

Session Clerk: Mrs C.Duncan, 43, Humble Terrace. 860611

Clerk to Board: Mrs K.Crowe, 13, St Fillans Crescent. 860721

Treasurer: Mr F. Jeffs, 3, Inch Avenue. 860820

Organist/Choirmaster: Jim Fairlie, 3, Cullaloe Court, D/Bay.

Church Officer: Vacant

OCTOBER 1996

No 118

Abbey Manse
Dunfermline

Dear Members and Friends of St Fillan's

I have been invited to say a little concerning the ongoing ministerial Vacancy which I know is uppermost in the minds of many of you at this time.

The Vacancy Committee has already heard and interviewed a goodly number of applicants for the Charge but, for one reason or another, have been thwarted in the successful selection of a Sole Nominee.

The Committee has decided therefore to extend its search further and, at the time of writing, is busily engaged in a veritable blitz of hearing and interviewing additional applicants.

This means that the Vacancy will not, in all probability, be filled this year (as was formerly envisaged) but, hopefully, within the opening months of the New Year.

This is still within the normal time scale for a Vacancy which, in the Church of Scotland, can last from 7/8 months up to a full year.

Be assured however that the Vacancy Committee continues to be conscious of the responsibility laid upon its members and that they are endeavouring to bring the Vacancy to a successful and satisfactory conclusion which will be in the long term interest of the Parish and community of Aberdour.

In the meantime, I have heard very encouraging and complimentary remarks concerning the high calibre of pulpit supply provided at the Sunday services over the current extent of the Vacancy.

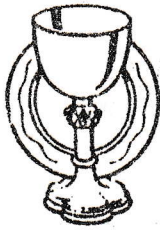
The courts of the Church too are competently carrying on the administration of the spiritual and financial concerns of St Fillan's.

And I am very conscious also of the invaluable role being played by the Pastoral Committee in maintaining contact with the hospitalised and otherwise needful within the ranks of the membership.

With warmest good wishes to you all

Revd ALISTAIR JESSAMINE

Interim Moderator



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: This will be celebrated on Sunday 20th October at 11.15 am. and 3.00pm. The Retiring Offering at both services will be for Aberdour Day Centre. To enable the parents of young children attend the morning service there will be a creche in the Vestry at the Church.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th 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 Holy Baptism. -Rev Michael Orr

Monthly Evening Services suspended during Vacancy

Sunday 13th October 11.15 a.m. Morning Service: Rev Jack Goring

Sunday 20th October 11.15 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Holy Communion.
Rev Jack Goring

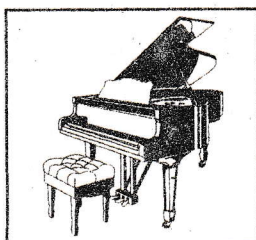
Sunday 27th October 11.15 a.m. Morning Service: Rev Jack Goring.
Sunday School in Church and refreshments in Primary School after Service.

Sunday 3rd November 11.15 a.m. Morning Service
(No evening service)

Sunday 10th 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 11.15a.m. There will be the usual retiring offering for the Earl Haig Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

From the age of 3 years until they leave Primary School, all children are warmly welcomed at the **Sunday School** which meets in the Church Hall every Sunday at 10.00a.m. 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 to the Primary School for classes.



The Sunday School is looking for a piano player to lead the singing between 10.00 and 10.20 am on Sunday mornings. Is there anyone out there who will answer this plea?

The **Bible Class** is for young people of Secondary School age and meets in the vestry at the church at 12.30p.m. New members will be particularly welcome.

PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL REGISTERBaptisms

May 19 Harriet Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs P. Atkinson
5, St Fillans Crescent
19 Lois Bronte Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs S Robinson
1, High Street
June 2 Daniella, daughter of Mr and Mrs R Guidice,
3, Dalcross Way, Dunfermline
Sept 1 Jordan, son of Mr and Mrs P Richardson,
56, Steeple Crescent, Dalgety Bay

Marriage

Apr 6 Douglas Hutton to Ann Young, Linnhead Farm, Auchtertool.
May 4 Murray Scott, The Manse, to Julie Smith, Glenrothes.
July 6 Martin Gilfillan, 32, Shore Rd to Elaine Lawson, Edinburgh.
July 27 Stewart Hughes 24, St Fillans Crescent, to Joanne Dunn
Dalgety Bay
Sep 27 Paul Johnston, Edinburgh, to Aileen Scott, 32, Whites Quay,
Dalgety Bay

Deaths

Mar 20 Robert Walker, Eden Cottage, Seaside Place
Mar 21 Edmond Uniacke, 10, St Fillans Crescent.
Apr 3 Mrs Agnes (Nessie) Sime, 32, Dovecot Park
Apr 5 Norman Stackhouse, 31, Humble Terrace
May 20 Ritchie Seath, 5, Hawkcraig Rd.
Jun 12 Mrs Jo Wakefield, Carlyon Brae, West End,
Jul 8 Mr Peter Wakefield, Carlyon Brae, West End,
Jul 20 Mrs Marjory Campbell, formerly 16, Bellhouse Rd.
Jul 24 Professor Neil Campbell, formerly 16, Bellhouse Rd.
Aug 15 Mrs Margaret Keppie, 7, Telny Place.
Aug 20 Mr Walter Hubble, Seacrest, The Glebe.

Members JoiningBy Profession of Faith

Miss Lynsey Anderson, 6, Bellhouse Rd.
Alexander Black, 35b, Main Street.
Mrs Nikki Neilson, 87, High Street.
Miss Kirsty Liston, 13, Carcraig Place, Dalgety Bay.
Mrs Wendy Robinson, 1, High Street.

By Resolution of Kirk Session

Martin Farrar, 3, Dovecot Park.
Mrs Patricia Niven, Banks Farm.
Mrs Elizabeth Taddei, 1, Dovecot Park.

Members leaving

W Henderson, c/o Sunnyside, Manse Street.
Rev R Trotter, 21, Steeple Crescent, Dalgety Bay.

MEMORY

Bill Cochrane - Chairman of the Pastoral Committee

Casting one's mind back over the past year it has to be said that it has been a very full one. The Rev. John Scott, our minister, and Cath his wife have retired, as has Alan Wark our organist and choir master, another successful festival has been staged, the Golf Club have had their centenary events and celebrations, people have come and a number have regrettably gone.

So our world revolves and it has been a very busy one of late. It is perhaps surprising to us who have experienced these recent events to reflect that in time we will also forget them - that is, of course, if we are given the time to do so.

One of the duties of the Pastoral Committee and other volunteers from the congregation is to run a visiting service to hospital for those who otherwise would find it difficult to travel, and naturally such activity brings us into contact with a number of elderly folk whose memories are starting to become "forgetories". It can be endearing to discover your passenger is unaware as to where you are taking them! (Fortunately the driver has generally taken a previous note of the destination). It can be amusing to discover that although your passenger intends to attend a funeral he/she has forgotten who has passed away! One of our passengers used to tell us that his wife had a terrible memory - she remembered everything! During the operation of this kind of "service" many emotions can be experienced, but the one we all will most readily recall is fulfilment. Whilst the loss of memory can effectively overcome boredom, helping others is another effective way of doing so and one we heartily recommend.

It could be argued that a loss of memory is a good thing, indeed after harrowing experiences it is well recognised that people lose recollection of the event. Certainly most of us look back at our lives and find ourselves less able to remember the "nasty bits" whilst the "good times" stand out. Personal, intimate, and embarrassing situations can live with us for quite some time - like a poor performance in front of those by whom you are well known. During the year there have been times when the elders have required to "stand in" as Church Officer on a rota basis, and not only did I break the Church bell on my first attempt to ring it - much to the consternation of several worshippers who apparently started scurrying to the Church in case they were late, but on my second "turn" (after the bell had been mended) some time later I achieved a similar result. On this latter occasion everyone had become so used to the intermittent quality of the ringing that there was no alarmed rush as before. My name, I imagine, has been discreetly dropped from the list for that duty! This type of instance does seem to linger longer in the mind than the average.

The Pastoral Committee hope that your mind will turn more readily to the more enjoyable occasions of 1996 - such as the minister's retirement evening - rather than the sorrowful events. It is a year in which another small paragraph has been written in our Kirk's long history, and a foundation has been laid for the future and that must be the most wonderful thing for which to be "truly thankful".

FROM OUR FORMER MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Although it is now some 3/4 months since my retirement, you have been much in our thoughts during that time. Cath and I have settled well and happily into our new home, still missing the spaciousness of the Manse but grateful for a home that we are enjoying, it is easier to keep and much less expensive to light and heat.

The memories of my farewell social and my last Sunday with you remain fresh, and here I must express our deep gratitude to the members and parishioners for the fine gifts we received from you. They were exceedingly generous and very much appreciated. Even before we moved we received an abundance of cards expressing good wishes, and those too were greatly appreciated.

We miss Aberdour and especially the beautiful St Fillan's, but we are not so far away that we are completely out of touch. A visit to Tesco's in Dalgety Bay inevitably results in bumping into someone from Aberdour from whom we get the village news. I have been kept busy with pulpit supply over the holiday months with some Sundays still to come. I am glad to help out in this way for I have always enjoyed pulpit work and was always grateful to retired ministers who helped me out.

Cath and I hope it will not be too long before you have a settled ministry once again and that your new minister will know the joy and fulfilment that we did in Aberdour.

Fond memories and kind regards.

JOHN SCOTT

NOTES FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

May I extend the invitation for additional members for the Church choir?

You now have a new Organist and before long a new Minister, so come round after the Church Service, you will be sure of a warm welcome from myself and the current members of the Choir.

We can achieve so much with a basic choir, from leading the singing, especially with the amount of exciting new hymns, OK, I know they have their critics, and there has to be created a nice balance of old and new, but after all it is the way ahead. Lets face it, there was a time without Organs in Churches (and I know some in the congregation will say "beam me back Scottie to that time!)

The Choir practices will start at the beginning of October with the time and place to be announced hopefully to suit the majority of members.

So please come along and see me, I can assure you there are worse ways of spending an hour or two than in good singing company and if the Church gains the spin off with a good singing congregation so much the better.

May I say thank you to all, including your previous Organist, who have given me their help and assistance since I have taken up my new appointment as Church Organist-Choirmaster.

Jim Fairlie



Patience is power; with time and patience
the mulberry leaf becomes silk.

Chinese proverb

Woman's Guild



St Fillan's branch of the Woman's Guild resumes on Tuesday 1st Oct. at 2pm in the Church Hall. You will be aware by this time that change is in the air for the Guild and change at times can be alarming and unsettling, however, sometimes it is necessary otherwise we would stagnate and there would be no progress. At the General Assembly meeting of the organisation the outgoing President (national) told the gathering that the plan for the year ahead was - "To talk - listen and discuss with each other" - and still operating under the existing constitution. This, we continue to do in our branch. The theme for the coming year 96/97 for all branches is "Together for God" - "Togetherness" is what we have in the Guild - Laugh together - Work together - Help others together - Walk together - Talk together - Share together - Share together and Pray together. Would you like to come along and join in with us in this "togetherness"?

Meetings this session will be at 2pm-Tuesdays 1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec, 7th Jan, 4th Feb and 4th Mar.

Please continue to collect your used postage stamps which are given to help raise funds for the wide range of mission work in which the World Mission Dept. is engaged. If possible it would be helpful if the backing paper could be trimmed to about 1/4" of the stamp. This would make our sorting task a lot easier. Stamps could be handed to Mrs Helen Hannay, 3 Hawk Craig Rd. Thankyou.

We look forward to welcoming you.

THE LATE ROBERT WALKER

On Sunday 24th March 1996, the minister paid the following pulpit tribute to Bob Walker, senior elder, who died on 20th March:

A voice has been missing from the choir for some months now and sadly will no longer be heard. Bob Walker died on Wednesday morning at his home in Seaside Place after a long illness. A packed crematorium on Friday afternoon paid tribute to a man who was held in high regard by all who knew him. If he had used only his fine base voice in the service of the church that would have been cause enough for thanksgiving - but there was much more. He was born in Hamilton over 76 years ago, and came to Aberdour in 1948, a temporary arrangement until he and his wife could find a house in Edinburgh where he worked. He was to spend the rest of his life in the village. He joined St Fillan's in 1951; was ordained an elder in 1953; was Session Clerk from 1954 to 1965; served diligently and faithfully in Session and Congregational Board. Bob was the senior elder in St Fillan's and received a long-service certificate from the Moderator in 1985. He reluctantly had to give up his elder's district, Hawkcraig Road, last year because of failing health. He was faithful and diligent in his district, and always a welcome visitor. A banker by profession he freely gave of his administrative and financial skills in the service of the church and in the wider community as Secretary to both the Aberdour Institute Committee and, for something like 20 years, to the Golf Club in which he also served as Captain. He will be greatly missed not least within the fellowship of the church; he served his Master well and faithfully, and has joined those who, as the hymn says: Now with triumphal palms they stand Before the throne on high, And serve the God they love, amidst The glories of the sky. His presence fills each heart with joy, Tunes every mouth to sing; By day, by night, the sacred courts With glad hosannas ring.

PASTORAL AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

While awaiting a new minister, it is appropriate the services of the Pastoral and Social Committee are defined. The Pastoral Committee run a car chauffeur service for people who wish to visit relatives in hospital, but who have not the facility to do so, other than by public transport. The Committee would appreciate information from Elders regarding any of their district members who are either in hospital or might benefit from this service.

At the present time the Committee are compiling a list of members who are either in hospital, recovering at home or in residential care and who require visiting. We would appreciate the support of the Elders for those in their respective districts.

When visits are made these will be reported both to the Interim Moderator and the relative Elder so that everybody is fully informed.

Please contact the convenor Bill Cochrane if in need of the above service.

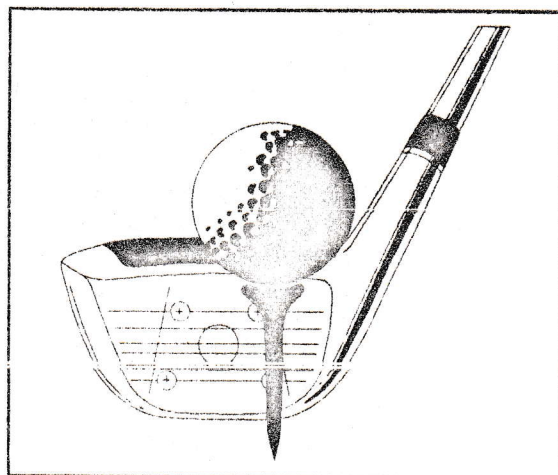
FROM OUR GOLF CORRESPONDENT

This years Sponsored Golf Competition was a very satisfactory one for retiring Captain the Rev. John Scott and the St Fillans members and friends who took part. The total amount of money raised for Christian Aid and the Macmillan Project was £1150, exceeding our previous best of £1017.58 in 1988.

St Fillans won the David Rutherford Trophy by the narrow margin 235 points to 233 in a nail biting finale to a happy week of competition.

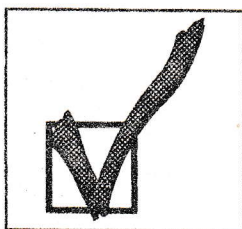
The six scores which contributed to the win were returned by Derek Anderson, Phil Barton, Peter Redhead, Willie McKay, Eddie Mackay and Sheila Robb. Derek Anderson won the St Fillans Trophy for the best Aberdour score.

At the prize giving tribute was paid to Bob Pearston who intimated his retirement after organising the event for over 20 years and helping to raise many thousands of pounds. His role is being taken over by Bill Wood and George Taylor.



16th Nov 1996
CHURCH SALE OF WORK

*This is a date to remember.
Help is needed to setup the stalls for the Sale of Work.
Also to put away the tables etc afterwards.*



**SO TO GET YOUR CHECKMARK IN THE
RIGHT PLACE COME ALONG ON FRIDAY
EVENING AT 6PM TILL ABOUT 8.**

**DONT FORGET YOU ARE NEEDED AFTER THE SALE TO
HELP CLEAR AWAY AS WELL.**

2 CHECKMARKS MUST BE BETTER THAN ONE.

Church Flowers

A sincere thankyou to the small group of ladies who donate flowers and give of their time to arrange them in time for Sunday Worship. Our THANKS are due also to all who kindly contribute to the Church Flower Fund, thus enabling provision of blooms for the Flower Festival, Christmas Trees and decorations for Church and Hall, and also floral arrangements for special events. "Free" spaces in the "Flower Diary" are now quite numerous, and if you could spare a little time on a Friday or Saturday to put some flowers in a vase, you are invited to "Adopt a Date" by signing the Flower Rota which will be available in the porch on Sundays.

Donations for ,or enquiries regarding the Church Flowers should be addressed to the convenor, Mrs Catherine Duncan telephone 860611.



AMPLIFICATION

Centuries ago the Greeks and possibly others before them discovered the benefits of the Amphitheatre that allowed the spoken word to be heard by many at the same time. This was achieved by building the auditorium upwards and circular. Four thousand years ago this must have seemed to be "State of the Art" technology. Today we either build our halls on the level and square or they look like headless swans as does a certain opera house not 12000 miles from here.

Now, after 950 years, St Fillan's has its own built in amplification provided by the very kind offices of a generous donor.

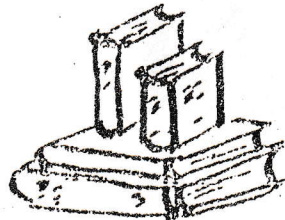
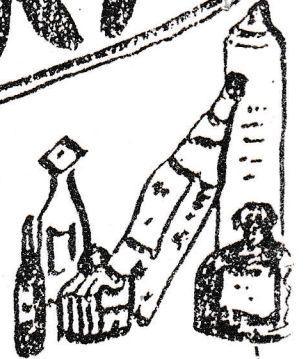
The new equipment, sophisticated and neat as it is, has proved there is more to be learned than just switching it on. In fact switching on and off for some ministers has become a major problem and mutterings of "I dont know if this is on or off" have been heard a few times from the pulpit. One minister on removing the mic. from his lapel had it in bits. Fortunately our Session Clerk is a technical expert. Another forgot to "switch off" at the end of the service and his greetings to the departing parishioners were heard loud and clear in the Church till the power was switched off. But we are learning and I for one look forward to seeing what form the upgrade is in four thousand years time.

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SALE OF WORK

in THE CHURCH HALL
SATURDAY, 16th NOVEMBER '96

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. ADAM ...	860515
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!

