

NEWSLETTER

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PARISH CHURCH

OF

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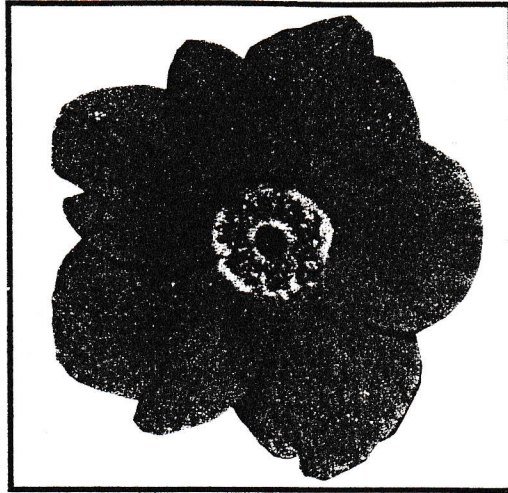
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Remembrance Day Service Sunday 8 November



This year's Service will be held in St. Fillan's Church Hall commencing at 10.00 a.m. All are invited to attend and there will be a creche in the upper hall for younger children.

The service of remembrance will last 45 minutes and will be followed by a short Act of Remembrance around the War Memorial commencing at 10.55. Our youth organisations will parade their colours.

Christmas is almost upon us

We will have another newsletter nearer the time but here are some dates for diaries:-

Christmas Morning Worship 10.30
For the whole family

Sunday 13 December 12.00 - 1.30
Carols in the Castle

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St Fillans Church, Aberdour

PUBLIC WORSHIP: Sunday at 10.00 a.m. June, July and August.
10.30 a.m. September till May
1st Sunday in the month **6.30 p.m. In the Church Hall**

ALL ARE WELCOME.

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

Minister: Rev. Peter Park, The Manse, 36, Bellhouse Road. 860349
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Dear friends,

We have a good attendance at Sunday worship and those who manage to come regularly, or who listen to our taped services, know that we remind ourselves frequently in Worship of our membership vows and consider their relevance to our Christian witness. We also however have a number of members who for various reasons do not join us at church for regular worship. I believe it is essential for their spiritual state that they too should periodically review their relationship with Jesus Christ and consider what part they play in the ongoing work of the Kingdom. In writing this letter I invite every reader to reflect through prayer and in the privacy of your own home on the promises individuals make on joining the Church. If you are already a member ask yourself whether you are keeping the promises you made in the past. If you are not a member but worship with us regularly I invite you to consider whether you would like to join us. The promises currently used in St Fillan's are as follows:

- ❖ I believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and I confess Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord
- ❖ I promise to join regularly with my fellow Christians in worship on the Lord's day
- ❖ I promise to be faithful in reading the Bible and in prayer
- ❖ I promise to give a fitting proportion of my time, talents and money for the Church's work in the world
- ❖ I promise, depending on the grace of God, to confess Christ before men, to serve Him in my daily work, and to walk in His ways all the days of my life

Many of you are still able and willing to keep your original promises, or indeed exceed what you originally intended. I know how much

you enjoy being involved in the work of Christ, because many of you tell me, and for those still spiritually and physically an active part of the work of the Master I pray that through the Grace of God you continue doing so.

There are times however when a change in circumstance means we cannot keep the promises as we made them in the past. For example deteriorating health, work commitments, or something very personal prevents you from attending Sunday worship; failing eye sight makes it difficult to read the Bible as formerly, or a change in financial circumstances means you cannot give as generously as previously. Although everyone understands that lifestyle changes can affect our church involvement many members who can't come to church tell me that this causes them concern. They miss St Fillan's and perhaps feel they are letting the side down. If you are someone who still wants to be involved but cannot join us for Worship it is important that you realise you are no less worthy in the eyes of the Lord or to your Church. You might however want to explore other ways of holding true to your promises. For example if you cannot attend on Sundays ask to receive our taped services and listen to them whenever convenient and/or take time to pray during worship time where ever you are. If you find it difficult to read scripture, would you like to receive a copy of the Gospel on tape? There are many ways in which you can keep in touch with Christ and remain an important member of St Fillan's. If you want to talk about different ways of staying involved with the Lord's work please let me know. Remember you are still very important to Christ and your Church.

Some of you however will admit that the church plays a less important part in your life than it used to. The promises you made in faith in the past seem less important now. For whatever reason you have got out of the habit of confessing Christ as Master, coming to Sunday Worship, reading your Bible, praying, or supporting the Church's work. The question for you to answer is "what are you going to do about it?" It is easy to get out of the habit of coming to Church, but often much more difficult to get back into it. Let me say however that St Fillan's follows the example of Christ and maintains an open door, if you want to come back we will welcome you with open arms.. If you have drifted away and want to speak with me about issues of faith I will be delighted to meet with you.

Please remember when Christ called the first disciples He said the words "follow me" Those words still apply to us, Christ wants his people to follow Him and be involved in the Kingdom. He wants us to stay the course, remember His lovely words, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through Me". That message applied to you when you made promises, and it still holds true. It is good to review regularly where we are and where we are going and I hope this letter will encourage all our members to pray and think about their involvement with the Lord. If you are reading this as a non-member and want to know more about church membership please let me know, I will be delighted to speak with you.

May God bless you all

Peter Park

Parish Minister

The Smile

The smile doesn't cost anything and yet works wonders. It enriches those that receive it without them being the poorer.

It lasts but a second, the remembering lingers to eternity.

No one is so rich to lack it and no one is so poor that they cannot give it.

It gives the home peace and it is the tender sign of friendship.

The smile enriches the tired soul and it gives the downhearted new strength.

If you meet a person who does not smile, be gracious and smile at him because he needs it because he cannot smile.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: This will be celebrated on
Sunday 18th October at 10.30 am and 3.00pm.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

<u>Sunday 4th Oct</u>	10.30 am	Morning Service
	6.30pm	Evening Service
<u>Sunday 11th Oct</u>	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving
<u>Sunday 18th Oct</u>	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Service of Holy Communion
<u>Sunday 25th Oct</u>	10.30am	Morning Service
<u>Sunday 1st Nov</u>	10.30am	Morning Service
	6.30pm	Evening Service
<u>Sunday 8th Nov</u>	10.00am	Morning Service in Church Hall
	10.55am	Remembrance Service beside the War Memorial
<u>Sunday 15th Nov</u>	10.30am	Morning Service
<u>Sunday 22nd Nov</u>	10.30am	Morning Service
<u>Sunday 29th Nov</u>	10.30am	Morning Service

An open invitation is extended to everyone to all Services

**To enable parents of young children attend the morning service there
will be a crèche in the Vestry at the Church.**

PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

- June 28 - Kiandra Courtney daughter of Andrew and Elana Gray
July 19 - Charlie Stuart son of David and Suzanne McDonald
Aug 2 - Amy Jennifer and Alasdair Ewing daughter and son of Hamish and Liz Ireland

Marriage

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| Jun 13 - Craig John Molloy, to Gail Jane MacMillan, | Now residing |
| 27 - Robert Campbell, to Ceinwen MacSween, | Dalgety Bay |
| July 11 - Adrian Hogarth to Barbara Ann Lloyd, | Kinghorn |
| 24 - Michael James Paul to Kirsty Ann Stuart, | England |
| 25 - Kevin Jackson, to Jane Duffin, | Dalgety Bay |
| 25 - Stephen Muntus to Wilma Paterson | Balfron |
| | Burntisland |

Deaths

- May 25 - George Reekie, Manse Place
Jun 8 - David Blair, 27 Dovecot Park
28 - David Menzies, Emerald Cottage, Park Lane
28 - John Hands, Norwood, West End
July 22 - Catherine Crocker, Murray Place
Aug 10 - Jean Mills, Caberfeidh Nursing Home
27 - Charlie Smith, Countess of Moray's
28 - Helena Gilbert, Telny Place
Sept 7 - Mary Henderson, 8 Park Lane
9 - Nessie Smith, Murrell Road
19 - Margaret Lamb, 74 Main Street

Members Joining

By Profession of Faith

Alex Waugh, Main Street

By Transference

Mrs Liz Ireland, 10 Inch Avenue

Ms Linda Rae, 23 Morayvale

If you know of anyone interested in joining the Church please ask them to speak to the minister.

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.

Alpha Group

The Alpha Course A Brief introduction

Ronnie Kerr

Twenty years ago, Charles Marnham, a clergyman at Holy Trinity Brompton; an Anglican church in West London, began looking for a means of presenting the basic principles of the Christian faith to new churchgoers. This work led him to create the Alpha course.

By the time Nicky Gumbel became responsible for Alpha in 1990, the course had become a central feature of Holy Trinity Brompton's life, with the number of participants on each course regularly totalling around a hundred people.

One evening, when he was acting as leader to a group of eight people who were attending the course, Nicky discovered that none of the people in the group were churchgoers. They had enrolled through a desire to find out for themselves what Christianity was all about. At the end of the course all eight had decided to become Christians.

Nicky realised how this simple course in basic Christianity could become a powerful medium for evangelism. He quickly worked to give the course the kind of 'feel' which might be even more attractive to non-churchgoers.

The welcome, the atmosphere of the small groups, the food and the material of the talks themselves were all changed to make them as attractive as possible to the person who walked in 'off the street'.

Nicky encouraged Alpha group leaders to address every question from those attending the course both courteously and thoughtfully - no question would be considered too trivial, threatening or illogical. And no-one would be pressured if they chose not to continue with the course - they would be as free to leave as they had been to join.

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• An Orthodox priest was leading a religious education class in St Petersburg. He
 • explained to the pupils what the first Russian cosmonaut said on return to Earth, "I have
 • been up there and looked everywhere but I never saw God." Quick as a flash one
 • youngster replied, "Then he can't have been flying high enough."
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In a recent newsletter it was stated with regret that Lucky had passed on. This photograph of Lucky was passed to us by Ian Davey.

Lucky and Dorothy Bell were regular attenders in St Fillan's and many will remember the way Lucky shook himself as the service came to a close as if to say "That's long enough."

What did you do during The Aberdour Festival?

A lot of the River Forth has passed beneath the proverbial bridge since the Aberdour Festival took place but one thing stands out in my memory for August past and that was the Ceder Inn's "Aberdour Photo Quiz". Apart from drawing people out and making them walk in places they didn't normally walk, some of the pictures stressed the mind and the neck to severe limits. It is only when you have to look at roof vents do you realise how many there are. The letter "E" is the most used letter in the language and we had to recognise this particular one. Cracks began to appear in the family veneer over diverging opinions as to where the "cog wheel" was and it was finally concluded to be a case for Mulder and Scully. Roof spikes? I have seen enough to last a year. Having walked the village four times searching out the last one only to find it in passing in the car was a moment of frustration leading me to believe that the perpetrator of this entertainment must have a warped sense of humour.

From time to time, when one was not actively seeking Aberdour landmarks (and when wasn't one?), other people were noticed to be serupticiously scribbling in furtive ways as something was discovered but it was nice to trade "finds" and hear of other peoples harrowing tales of how they found this or that. It seemed as though the village was collectively battling it out not so much with a sheet of paper but with the thought that some one else knows more of village landmarks than oneself.

The battle with the weather was another notable occasion highlighting people's forbearance when picnics were enjoyed in the pouring rain before the concert in the church. And then there was Tim Ribchesters recital, again in the church, when he took on Rachmaninov and won. Those who were there will surely remember for a long time a remarkable performance.

Talking of remarkable performances, there was the occassion when the minister was seen to be paddling like fury to make an itinerant raft go places it did not wish to go.

The festival produced a lot of fun for many people, young and older, and a lot of hard work for the committee. It was a great success and the next is looked forward to with anticipation.

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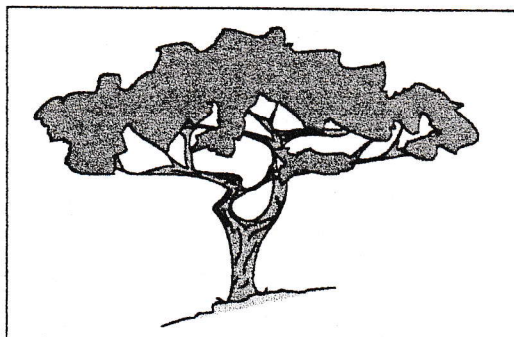
"Can" you help

Speaking with Lesley Gordon on the subject of Ecology and the wasteful society that we are can prove to be an interesting experience. For some years now Leslie has collected empty drinks cans, cat/dog cans, plastic containers, paper etc. etc. all to raise money to put back a little bit of the ecology.

She has formed a group at the Inverkeithing High School, where she teaches biology, called the Watch Club. Their aim has been to create a natural pond where damsel flies, skaters, frogs et al can live and be studied. The money earned from the collections once bought trees which were planted round the pond but because there is no longer money in any of the collectable items mentioned except drinks cans they can no longer buy trees, so, not to be outdone, the group created a tree nursery and grow there own.

From time to time this extra curricular group head for the Lochore Meadows and lend a hand to the Warden thus learning a little of what makes the country side tick.

If you would like to help this very worthwhile project please save all your drinks cans and give them (bagged) to Lesley at 82 Main Street.



Euro- English

The European Commission has announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the EU, rather than German, which was the other contender. Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had room for improvement and has therefore accepted a five-year phasing in of "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make sivil servants jump for joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of the "k", which should klear up some konfusion and allow one key less on keyboards. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f", making words like "fotograf" 20% shorter. In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of the silent "e" is disgrasful. By the fourth yer, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v". During ze fifz yer, ze unesesary "o" ken be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubls or difikultis and everivun vil find it ezi to understand ech ozer.

Anon

A Tree for Alan Wark

On the sort of morning that golfers persuade themselves the drizzle is not as wet as it appears, a small group gathered around a newly planted Rowan tree just a little to the west of the seventeenth green. Joan Lawrence finished off the planting and dedicated the tree to the memory of Alan Wark.

In his "reflections" of Alan, Bill Chalmers said that Alan and Cathie Wark moved to



Aberdour in 1972. They had been attracted to the village by its historic church and by the unique golf course on which he had played as a young man with his father—a prominent law lord.

Bill mentioned that Alan and Cathie were committed deeply to both the church and the golf club, Alan becoming an elder in the kirk and although never aspiring to council service in the golf club his support to the various club captains was constant and unwavering.

Bill said that Alan excelled as a musician serving 50 years as a church organist. "Like most of us here, Captain, excepting yourself, Alan could not claim the same degree of excellence as a golfer. However he enjoyed the challenge of the game. He loved the game, loved the course, loved the club even though his name does not appear on any of the clubs trophies." The Captain was thanked for the ceremony.

Sponsored Golf

Lois Hutchison



"It is better to give than to receive" So said our Reverend Peter to Dalgety's Reverend Peter as he accepted the David Rutherford Trophy on behalf of the winning St Fillan's team in this year's Sponsored Golf Competition. These words must have been in the thoughts of the golfers and their sponsors who raised the excellent sum of £887 for Christian Aid and The Macmillan Cancer Relief.

As in previous years it was a most enjoyable competition with around 100 golfers taking part and the result in doubt until the last scores came in on the Friday evening.

The winning St Fillan's scores were returned by Willie Mackay, Graham Campbell, Jim Thomson, Alisdair Raffan and George Brown.

Dalgety Church golfers and sponsors did a magnificent job in raising £1067 and thanks go to all who participated in any way. Last but by no means least a big thank you must go to Bob Pearston who came out of his brief retirement to once again be the overall organiser of the competition.

Vegetables Ahoy

Norman McClelland

Our church member, Jim Thomson of Dalgety Bay, was earmarked to receive the first ever gold medal by Fife Wide at the Glenrothes flower show on 26/27th September for the best vegetable

garden. A minimum entry of five different vegetables is required and inspectors visit gardens during the growing period. The season started with Jim winning the local area competition and then to the much more important Fife West competition which he again won, this time for the eighth time in succession. Then to the final distinction when Jim won the general assessment for the Fife Wide gold medal - at the same time showing that he had really outstanding onions. The final stage judge was Willie Duncan, ex superintendent of Fife parks and star of TV's "Potting Shed".

In passing many will remember the lovely display of gladioli, dahlias and chrysanthus which he gave to the church on 13th Sept.

Kirk Organists or Who Are They?

Ministers like Royalty through the ages have been held in awe by certain members of the population (minus a brief period of the beards and polo necked sweater brigade).

Ministers of the Kirk are held in such a respect by Kirk goers that I always liked the story of the couple out for a walk when suddenly the woman turned to the man and said, "Straighthen your tie, here's the ministers dog coming".

Kirk organists? Now you are talking of a different kettle of fish. He can sit happily in his loft in a wee world of his own for years and not be recognised at kirk functions.

As long as he doesn't rock the boat by playing or mis- playing too many wrong notes, unconventional music or simply not turning up, then he is part of the fabric. a slip of the fingers on the keyboards or the foot pedals and it's "Aye Organist, and you were giving it a bit of a skirl with the largo this morning"

Organists also get full blame for alternative or new tunes to well loved hymns or psalms, as I found to my cost playing in a previous church in Ayrshire. A douce Tarboulton farmer and elder sat above the clock in the centre of the gallery and after listening to the first bars being played, stood up and slammed his hymn book shut with such force I could imagine the organ pipes rattled.

Members of various congregations have said the playing was too loud, too soft, too quick, too slow and a time when I was remonstrated for playing a delightful (in my opinion) little gavotte "not conducive to the kirk" and then being met by two folk outside who said they "liked that peace, what was its name?"

To finish up, I'm still most aware of a comment to my son in the village, on my choice of music in St Fillan's one Sunday, "Aye your fathers not bad, but he's no the player of Alan Wark, He was really good, he played music that we didnae understand." Incidentally I related the story to Alan and the both of us enjoyed it. In conclusion, choir practice starts in St Colmes Hall on Thursday 8th October and I still have plenty of spare seats. Everyone is welcome to come along for a bit of fun and some singing as well.

Jim Fairlie.

Places That Have Been Visited.

Margaret Smith

At the Annual Festival of Remembrance in the Albert Hall, London, there is always loud applause for the Chelsea Pensioners who complete the muster.

In June, I joined with friends from the St. Andrew's United Reform Church, Walton on Thames, to visit The Royal Hospital, Chelsea. There, Dan, a sprightly 87 year old, garbed in his red coat, and with an imposing row of medals, told us about the history of the Royal Hospital, and, in particular, about the beautiful Chapel which is in regular use. The large

Dining Hall, which is nearby, with chandeliers and portraits, was being prepared for the evening meal and we saw from the menus that the residents had a large choice of dishes from which to choose.

Earlier, we had visited Kensington Palace, birthplace of Queen Victoria. First of all, we viewed a new presentation of the Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection.

Here were costumes and accessories from the 18th and 19th centuries. The needlework on the exquisite garments was wonderful, but we were saddened to hear how the seamstresses who did this lived in very poor conditions, worked extremely long hours, and were often blind by the time they were 25, or even dead before then from exhaustion and poor food.

The more modern part of the Collection contained garments which had belonged to the late King George V and Queen Mary, and ones which belong to our present Queen. We all recognised the outfit she wore at the Investiture of the Prince of Wales and guessed at which wedding she wore the various hats on display.

From the Exhibition, we proceeded to the State Apartments where, amidst sumptuous surroundings, we could envisage the owners of the garments from the 18th and 19th centuries parading at special gatherings.

The contrast between the two places visited gave us much food for thought.

A Brittany Adventure

John Anderson

During a holiday in France in June we met a British couple who had moved on retirement to Baud (Morbihan) a small town in Brittany. They told us how much they were enjoying their new home and said that there was a very active British community in the area. We asked about Church services and they told us that the Roman Catholic Bishop for the district had offered the use of a redundant chapel (the Koh Coet Chapelle of Saint Andrew, Guenin) for interdenominational worship. Services are held monthly in English followed by Holy Communion and follow broadly the Nonconformist order of service (although many regular members of the congregation are Anglican) with prayers, hymns, readings from Holy Scripture and a short sermon. Services are conducted by the Rev. Iain Jenkins a retired Minister of the Free Church of Scotland. This seemed to us to be a very good example of ecumenical worship in practice. St Andrew's Chapel is about half an hour south of Pontivy by road and ten minutes north of Baud just off the N24. Services start at 10.30 am and for the remainder of this year will be held on 20 September 18 October 15 November and 20 December

The "Friends of St Andrew's were planning to hold a "Glyndebourne Style" concert and picnic in a large garden lent by a French lady on 2nd August to raise funds for the refurbishment and maintenance of the Chapel.

On 21 June the final day of our holiday we set off early from St Male to drive to Cherbourg for a midday ferry crossing. It was a quiet Sunday morning with not much traffic. We switched on the radio and tuned in to the BBC world service. Imagine our surprise when we heard the announcer introduce the Sunday morning service which came over loud and clear from the West Kirk of the Church of Scotland in Helensburgh!

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Country Dancing - Having got off to a good start with 4 beginners and 20 old friends to get our feet tapping, Bill, our accordionist was on great form and Linda had lots of new dances for the programme, right up to the Christmas party. There are only two negative points about StFillans Country Dancing Club, there is hardly anyone from the village coming, only 2 from St Fillan's Church and the other is that your calves don't half ache after the first night back. Come on all you stiffies get along to the Church Hall on Wednesday nights. For further info call David Hannah on 860 877.

Family Rambles -

Despite any significant support our small band of happy wanderers are preparing for another season of easy low level walks in the fresh air. As we obviously haven't been able to attract you with our last efforts we are asking you for suggestions on what walks you would us to arrange for you. We can get a 15 seat minibus and usually try to arrange breakfast/ lunch / dinner with a group booking. Our regular walkers range from 5 to over 70 and I'm sure we can arrange something you can manage. Next Ramble Saturday 7 November - details to follow. Phone or send in your suggestions to : David Hannah, 3 The Glebe, Tel 860 877.

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St Fillan's Church Aberdour
Invites you to come and listen to the
YNYSYBWL
WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR
in the
CHURCH HALL, ABERDOUR
on
SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 1998
at 7.30 pm
Tickets are available £3.00 each from -
JUST U, Shore Road
GRINDALL'S STORES, Main Street
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Catherine Nicol MA. Our Missionary in Sialkot, Pakistan.

Catherine, who comes from Gifford, East Lothian, graduated MA from Edinburgh University. She trained as a teacher in Moray House and obtained the Diploma in Religious Education. She had experience with young people in Sunday School, Youth Fellowships, Brownies, Rangers and was a Brownie Owl and Guider. She taught in Oakly, Fife.

Her appointment was to West Pakistan in 1961 and after language study, became the principal of the Christian Girl's High School in Gujrat. In 1969 she was transferred to Sialkot and became principal of the Christian Girl's High School, Barah Patthar until the school was nationalised in 1972. At that time she was appointed superintendent of St. Columba Religious Training Centre(RTC), a hostel for Christian girls studying in the town. In 1973 she became assistant treasurer of the Sialkot Diocese of the Church of Pakistan and also treasurer from 1976. In addition, Catherine was appointed as secretary to the Bishop of Sialkot in 1989 and has continued there till the present time.

Helen Hannay

ST FILLAN'S CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The first Elders' Districts Beetle Drive was held on Saturday 12th September 1998 in the church Hall. Many thanks for all those who supported an enjoyable (and quite competitive!) evening.

Although few in number, we achieved the main purpose of the evening, which was to get to know fellow Church members whom we did not know previously. It was also lovely to have such a great age range in people attending, from the youngsters to the not, so young, including all those in between.

Due to the low numbers attending the Beetle Drive, it was felt that, rather than hold a further three Beetle Drives, we would cancel the next two, planned for 26th September and 10th October, and hold a final Beetle Drive on Saturday 24th October. Please, therefore, accept this as your invitation to attend the second Beetle Drive. All are welcome. Starting time is 7.30pm, finishing...whenever! Refreshments will be served - and it's free!!

We were sorry to have to cancel the Car Treasure Hunt scheduled for Saturday 20th September due to lack of interest. For this reason, we felt it would be opportune to include a questionnaire with this issue of the newsletter, to try and identify which social activities you would like to attend, and perhaps get some feedback on other activities you would like to see organised (if indeed, you want any organised at all!?).

We would therefore appreciate you taking the time to complete the questionnaire and drop it into one of the boxes which will be placed in the Church, Church Hall, Grindalls, The Aberdour Stores, and the Post Office. The last date for "posting" of the questionnaires will be Saturday 31st October 1998.

Other events planned are as follows:

- Sat 24th October: Beetle Drive at 7.30pm Church Hall
- Sat 21st November: Test your knowledge at the Family Quiz Night - questions to suit all ages (£5/£2 including Cheese & Wine)
- Sun 13th December: Kirk Session & Congregational Christmas Dance at the Halfway House Hotel, Halbeath (£11.50 per person) Sat 16th January:
- Sat 16th January: A "Reel" Scottish Family Ceilidh with "Ceilidh Folk"
Tickets £5/£2 including supper.
- Wed 24th February: Church AGM with basket supper - half of those attending bring a basket of food to share with another member.
- Sat 20th March: Musical Supper - Entertainment to be arranged - Price to be advised.
- Sat 24th April: Inter-Church Quiz Challenge

The primary function of the social committee is to encourage fellowship within our Church, and to get to know fellow members.

Please feel free to speak to any of the Committee members with your comments or suggestions.

Your committee members are:

Judith Pritchard : Margaret Tollick : Irene Wyse : David Hannah

**Life can only be understood backward; but it must
be lived forwards.
Soren Kierkegaard**

ST.FILLAN'S CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please tick as many of the following boxes as apply. Use a separate column for each member of your family.

In order to determine which age group we are catering for, please insert which age category you fall into in the box above your column

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 under 10 11-14 15-18 19-25 26-35 36-50 51-60 over60

1. Of the following activities already planned by the Social Committee, which events would you attend?

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| 1) Beetle Drive | : | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Family Quiz Night | : | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) Kirk Session/Congregational Board Christmas Supper Dance | : | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Family Ceilidh | : | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) AGM with Basket Supper ** | : | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6) Musical Supper | : | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) Inter-Church Quiz Night | : | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

** please include your name below if you would be willing to provide a basket of food.

2. None of the above appeal to me.

3. I do not wish to attend any social events organised by the Church

4. I would like to organise and/or run an event on behalf of the social committee
 (Please include your name below so that we can contact you)

5. I would like to attend other social events which may include:

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1) Bus Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | : |
| 2) Theatre trips | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | : |
| 3) Christmas Pantomime | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | : |
| 4) Whist Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | : |
| 5) Trip to the Time Capsule in Airdrie (swimming & ice-skating) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | : |
| 6) Tenpin bowling | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | : |
| 7) Games Night | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | : |
| 8) Car Treasure Hunt | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | : |

6. Other events I would like to see organised are.

Name (optional):

Tele:

SALE OF WORK

in THE CHURCH HALL
SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER '98
 at 2-30 p.m.

STALLS	CONVENERS	TEL.
BOOKS	Elizabeth Lloyd	860044
Bottle	Douglas Crow	860291
Cake & Candy	Catherine Duncan	860611
Gifts	Lois Hutchison	860444
Plant & produce	Betty Craig	823252
Sunday School.	Lesley Bowie	860642
Teas	Janette Smith	860045
White Elephant & Bric a Brac	Collette Adam	860515
Work	Marnie Rennie	860711

ADMISSION including tea) 60p

Any queries contact Dorothy Drever 860353.



YOUR contributions for the various Stalls are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED, and may be handed in on the morning of the Sale from 10.00a.m.



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