

NEWSLETTER

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PARISH CHURCH

OF

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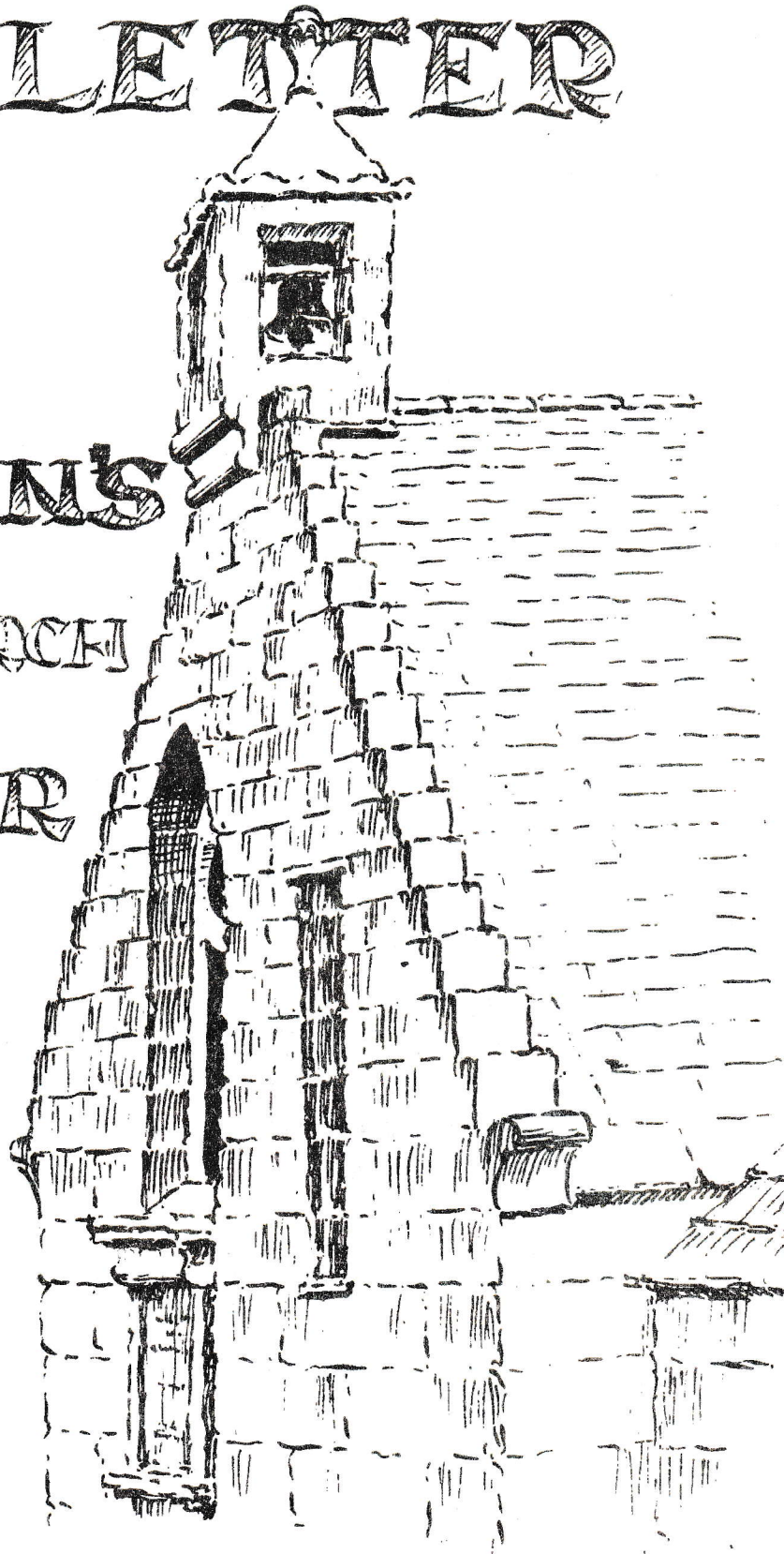
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 - (Pastoral Care, Worship & Preaching, & Life of Prayer)
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OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

Garden of Remembrance

Aberdour Community Council is delighted that Fife Council has provided a Garden of Remembrance in the cemetery. The memorial planter is now in place and some landscaping is in hand.

Fife Council is now seeking formal applications for plaques and enquiries should be made to Mrs Liz Murphy (address below) at the Council. Plaques will be engraved with an inscription chosen by each applicant and as previously suggested will cost approximately £150-£200 depending on the amount of engraving required.

The Community Council would like to thank everyone who has indicated support for this memorial, which we believe will help many of the community remember loved ones in a tangible way. All those who have previously expressed an interest in obtaining a plaque are requested to get in touch with Fife Council, who will send out application forms.

Anyone may subscribe for a plaque in memory of loved ones, whether or not they lived in the community. Enquiries should be made to

Mrs Liz Murphy Fife Council

Burial & Cremation Office

Masterton Rd Dunfermline

KY11 8QR Tel. 01383 738611

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 of July, August and September, Morning Worship in Church Hall

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship in St Fillan's

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
Session Clerk: Mrs C. Duncan, 43, Humberie Terrace.	860611
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Dear Friends,

The role of the parish church

I believe it essential that we are always conscious of the fact that we exist as a Parish Church to work with the Lord in advancing the Kingdom of God. St Fillan's has a 'statement of purpose', a summary of what we are about reminding us that everything we do should be done for God, with God, and in the name of God.

Our Church has an important place in the life of the community. We exist, as a Church of Scotland congregation to reflect the love of God to all people, to be a place where any and all may experience God's presence, and to be a fellowship, which seeks to nourish and sustain its faith through worship, friendship, care and education. In response to the Love of God, we seek to serve the community in every aspect of its life and to promote the Christian values of concern for others, forgiveness, reconciliation, truth and integrity, whilst acknowledging that we ourselves do not always live up to these values.

The Church of Scotland provides religious services for the people of Scotland through its parish ministry. In the parish of Aberdour this means that St Fillan's makes available the ordinances of Christian religion to our members, and everyone living in the parish. Many reading this will have an affiliation with other Christian Churches, and, although you will look firstly to your chosen Church to meet your spiritual and pastoral needs, we hope that you will feel able to join in and make use of the various services that we offer.

We aim to meet the needs of our people in various ways. Some are obvious and include weekly Sunday worship, the preaching of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments of

Communion and Baptism, and other ordinances of religion, such as funerals and marriage. In this newsletter mention is made of some (perhaps less well known) of the other ways in which we reach out the hand of Christian friendship and I commend them to you as appropriate. Some of the facilities we offer (such as Sunday crèche, tape ministry, and transport to church) are to help those who want to participate in our Sunday worship. Others (such as home communion, Queen Margaret patient to pew, and Henderson House) allow the Church to be with people who for various reasons cannot come to Church. A third type of help (including hospital transport and flowers) is pastoral, and allows the church to be available to people at special times of need. I would like to take this opportunity of saying thank-you to everyone who helps in any way with the Christian activity of St Fillan's.

What we do in the name of Christ is easy to quantify. It is however important that we know whether there are gaps in what we provide, we can then address whether we can meet these needs. Everyone has different religious needs; some shared with other Christians, others unique to themselves. To allow your Parish Church to know whether we meet your needs I would ask you to speak with me if you think there is anything we should be thinking of doing to help you in your spiritual journey. I close with a reference to Matthew's Gospel chapter 7, vv 7-8. Jesus tells us 'Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.....'. In the name of the risen Christ I invite you, if you feel the need, to 'ask, seek and knock' on our door- it's only when we know of unfulfilled needs that we can start to meet them.

Yours in Christ
Peter Park - Parish Minister

The Difference

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me? I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask".
I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, grey and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "but you didn't seek".
I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock".
I woke up early this morning,
and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.



Sunday 18th June. at 10.00 am and 3.00pm.

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

Mar 12 James Michael Barlow
Apr 2 Linzi Grace Emily Devine
Apr 2 Laurence "Laurie" Robert Talbot-Heigh

Jesus said "Baptise them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Marriage

May 6 Fraser Harrison and Caroline Homes

God is Love, and those who live in Love live in God, and God lives in them.

Changes to our membership

Members Joining

We bid welcome to new members

By Certificate of Transfer

Mrs Anne Findlay, 6 Dovecot Park
David Graham, 21 St Fillan's Crescent
and hope they enjoy their time in St Fillan's

Members Leaving

By Certificate of Transference

We bid farewell to

Mrs Moira Meiklejohn, to Kirkcaldy
Mrs Myra Adam to Dalgety Bay
Mrs Fiona McLean to Edinburgh
and wish them well in their new spiritual home

Bereavements

Members of St Fillan's

Mar 21 The Reverend Robin Hall, 31 Hawkcraig Road

Apr 16 William Meldrum, Grayforth, Burntisland

May 5 George McKay, Sands Place

Things beyond our seeing, things beyond our hearing, things beyond our imagining have all been prepared by God for those who love Him. 1 Corinthians 2:9

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.

JUNE/JULY CHURCH SERVICES

<u>Sunday 4th June</u>	10.00 am	Morning Service
	6.30pm	St Fillan's Church
<u>Sunday 11th June</u>	09.00am	Morning Service
	12.00 noon	Millennium service Dunfermline Glen
<u>Sunday 18th June</u>	10.00am	Communion Service
	3.00pm	Communion Service
<u>Sunday 25th June</u>	10.00am	Morning Service
<u>Sunday 2nd July</u>	10.00am	Family Service Church Hall
	6.30 pm	Evening Service St Fillan's Church
<u>Sunday 9th July</u>	10.00am	Morning Service
<u>Sunday 16th July</u>	10.00am	Morning Service
<u>Sunday 23rd July</u>	10.00am	Morning Service
<u>Sunday 30th July</u>	10.00am	Morning Service

An open invitation is extended to everyone to all Services



How God named Dog

When God had made the earth and sky
the flowers and the trees.
He then made all the animals
and all the birds and bees.

And when his work was finished
not one was quite the same
he said I'll walk this earth of mine
and give each one a name."

And so he travelled land and sea
and everywhere he went
a little creature followed him
until its strength was spent

When all were named upon the earth
and in the sky and sea
the little creature said "Dear Lord.
there 's not one left for me."

The Father smiled and softly said
"I've left you to the end
I've turned my own name back to front
and called you Dog my friend."

Anonymous

Rock On

Kenneth Hodge

The Dour Dingers are a happy go lucky set of stressed out hand bell ringers. Having made one or two ever so slightly false starts they feel almost confident to play in public. In other words "do a gig". The Christmas gig at the day centre went very well with the youngsters from the primary school singing along to Jingle Bells. I sent an Email to my Nol son (who plays drums in a rock band) telling him all about it and that it had been videod. He Emailed back with a request to see the video. He said, "I'll need to see it. It'll probably be like a rock concert except without the stage diving...but maybe I'm wrong? Do members of the Dour Dingers, from time to time, launch themselves into the audience, surf on top of the crowds hands before being directed toward the stage again? Cool."

For future gigs the "mosh-pit" is by ticket only.

The Day Centre

The Day Centre in Aberdour has been in existence for twelve years, supplying company, lunch and entertainment for the elderly and house bound from the village and its environs. It operates on the Tuesday of each week in the Community Centre from 9.30 am till 2.30pm. There are around twelve members, both ladies and gentlemen, but there is space for a few more. If you or some one you know might be interested to join, please phone in complete confidence to Janette Smith - 860045, for more information.

Also, is there anyone out there who would spare a few hours perhaps once a month to help at the centre? Your offer would be gratefully received by Janette as more volunteers are needed.

A letter from our Missionary Partner

Dear Friends in Aberdour

Thank you very much for the gift of £126.53 which I received at the end of 1999. We really appreciate this token of your love and concern. All these love tokens are going towards the cost of reconstructing the rooms damaged by fire last May. We borrowed money in faith and the work went on from July to December and on 8th January we all gathered and had a thanksgiving service in front of the rooms and the girls moved in for the first time.

We've had rain today, for which we were very thankful. Everything has been so dry and dusty since last September and this is only the fourth day of rain we have had in five months.

We started the school year sadly with the death of one of our 9th Class girls. She was ready to come and started vomiting and so could not travel. A village doctor attended her, but she died in about twelve hours. It was very traumatic for all here when the news came. Her father's name is Talib. Please pray for him and for all the family.

On the whole, life is going on more hopefully in Pakistan now, but prices are high and people are desperate - can't afford to send children to school any longer and have little to eat. In some ways people have become more sophisticated in their ways and that makes it even more difficult for them. I have difficulty in getting people to pay the little fees we ask.

You will get more news in a partner letter soon.

With love and thanks
Yours Sincerely
(signed) Catherine Nicol

St Fillan's Activities

Some of what goes on behind the scenes

The following outline some of the services that are available to our members and/or parishioners. Most are available to all but some, for example Home Communion are of necessity restricted to our membership.

Details available from the contact people mentioned or any Elder.



Tape Ministry

A recording is made of each Sunday morning service and tapes are made available for anyone who wants to utilise this service.

Details from Norman Macdonald



Home Communion

The Minister is delighted to take Home Communion to any member. This may be done at any time but is most often requested around the time of our Communion services. Please arrange through your district Elder



Contact Companions

Our pastoral committee can arrange for "a special eye" to be kept on those needing it. We appoint a nominated person as being our principal contact. Currently there are some 15 people visited through the scheme. Details from the Pastoral committee



Transport

Provides transport to Church and other needs, for example situations where, through disability or other special reasons, members wish to visit friends and relatives in hospital but would find public transport unsuited to their needs. It can also provide transport for shopping and such like.

Details from the Pastoral group.



Church Flowers

The giving and receiving of flowers is important to many people.

Catherine Duncan our flower organiser maintains the rota of those who want to donate flowers (or money for flowers) to the church during the year and the names of donors are displayed on our Church notice Board.

Flowers are often sent out after services to people who are ill or bereaved, or are celebrating significant times or events in their lives. Please inform any Elder or Catherine Duncan of anyone to whom it might be appropriate to send flowers.



Church Library

We have a library of Christian books and hope to keep these in the Church Hall from where they can be borrowed. Details from Margaret Tollick



Share prayer

On the first Sunday of each month we have a time of group prayer held after the morning service. This provides an opportunity for us to pray for people who may or not be present at the Share Prayer Time. A box for prayer requests is in the Welcome area in the Sanctuary. The Prayer time starts about 15 minutes after the end of worship and anyone is welcome to attend.



Queen Margaret patient to pew service



We have a rota of volunteers who go along about 4 times each year to help transport patients from their hospital ward to the Hospital chapel for Sunday morning worship. The hospital chaplain leads worship each Sunday. Details from the pastoral group.



Henderson House worship

We have a rota of volunteers who go along every 6th Tuesday to lead worship for 30 minutes at Henderson House. We sing some hymns and the Minister, or someone else, gives a short talk and leads prayers. Smiley faces are more important than excellent singing for this worship time. Details from the pastoral group.



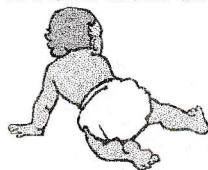
Church Choir

Every Sunday other than summer months
Details from Jim Fairlie, church organist



Wheelchair Access to Hall

A portable ramp is kept in the Hall for wheelchair users.
All group leaders know how to set it up
Details from Brce Drever



Creche in Vestry every Sunday morning

*Many thanks to all who are involved with any of the above
Your help is greatly appreciated*

Sunday Morning Scripture Readings



The following are the planned passages for the next few months. If you would like an exposition of the theological or historical issues pertaining to any of the passages please speak to me and I will try to help.

Jun 4	1 John 5: 9-13 John 17: 6-19	Aug 6	2 Sam 11: 26-13a John 6: 24-35
Jun 11	Acts 2: 1-21 John 15: 26-27; 16: 5-16	Aug 13	1 Kings 19: 1-9a John 6: 35, 41-51
Jun 18	Is 6: 1-8 John 3: 1-17	Aug 20	1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14 John 6: 51-59
Jun 25	1 Sam 17: 32-49 Mark 4: 35-41	Aug 27	Psalm 84 John 6: 56-69
Jul 2	Psalm 130 MarkS: 21-43	Sep 3	James 1: 17-27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Jul 9	2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10 Mark 6: 1-13	Sep 10	James 2: 1-17 Mark 7: 24-37
Jul 16	2 Sam 6: 1-5 12b-19 Mark 6: 14-29	Sep 17	James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38
Jul 23	2 Sam 7: 1-14a Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56	Sep 24	James 3: 13 — 4: 8a Mark 9: 30-37
Jul 30	2 Sam 11: 1-15 John 6: 1-21		

Please let me know if you would like to come on to the
Scripture reading rota
Peter Park — parish minister.

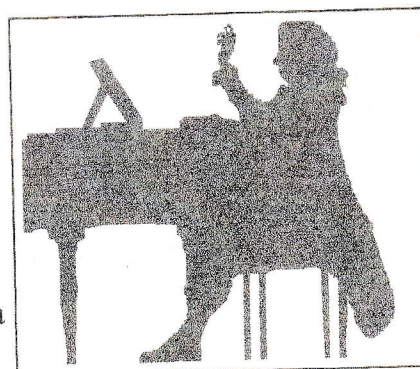
From our Music Correspondant and Organist - Jim Fairlie

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685—1750)

May I draw the attention to all lovers of church music whether it be organ or choral, that the year 2000 marks the 250th anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach.

Bach's work, vast in bulk, contained every kind of music current at the time, except opera—though there is a strong link between such works as the Matthew and John passions and Wagner's music dramas of a century later.

The chief influences in Bach's music are the Lutheran Chorale, the church and organ music of his predecessors. In his lifetime he had a great reputation as an organist, but curiously his music is thought by many to be over elaborate and old fashioned. There was no doubt that he was a universal musician, whose music has a universal appeal even to this day, and is steeped in the flavour of its period.



- 1) Church music: Magnificat: St. John & St. Matthew Passions, Christmas Oratorio,
Mass in b minor:
198 cantatas
- 2) Secular choral music: 23 cantatas
- 3) Orchestra: six Brandenburg concertos
- 4) Organ: six sonatas; 143 chorale preludes; and there was a lot more:

It is said certain traits run in families. I think it is safe to say that music, particularly composing and organ music ran in the 'Bach' family before and after J.S. In 1749 his eyesight began to fail and after an unsuccessful operation he spent the last months of his life totally blind.

It is every organists ambition to 'have a go' at least once with a 'big choir' at one of 'Bach's Passions', and as a young organist in Ayrshire my dream came true.

A total of sixty voices, my own church choir and a friend's church choir plus miscellaneous 'can I join in' from all over the county, made 'Passion of our Lord' according to St. Luke, a truly great occasion.

The other thing I remember about that evening that after the performance the choir quietly made their way into the adjoining hall, stood silently for a period, a short prayer by the conductor and we made our way home.

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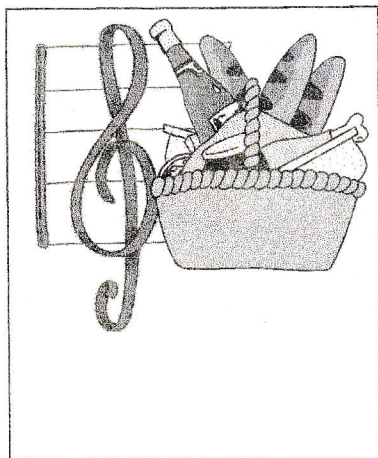
The Milk of Human Suffering.

Comment from the Editor

So says Ezekiel "There is nothing new under the sun". This statement came to mind during the revelations that milk may not be fit for human consumption. Years ago it was said in jest that scientists would discover that no food is fit for humans. It has come to pass that every thing has some thing that is not quite right.

Genesis tells the story that eating from the tree of knowledge can be hazardous to health. It was true and never more so than today. Scientists have pushed back our innocence into obscurity. We have access to, and are aware of so much knowledge. Knowledge is our first priority in everything and it is damaging our very being. Consider the young child playing in the full innocence of life and what a joy it is to watch. It is a stage we would love to go back to and forget the troubles and responsibilities that are heaped upon us. How many forget that Christ has been there before us. His spirit is the only life line we have in our troubled world. Hold it, keep it and say "Thanks" often.

St Fillan's Musical Supper



Friday 30th June

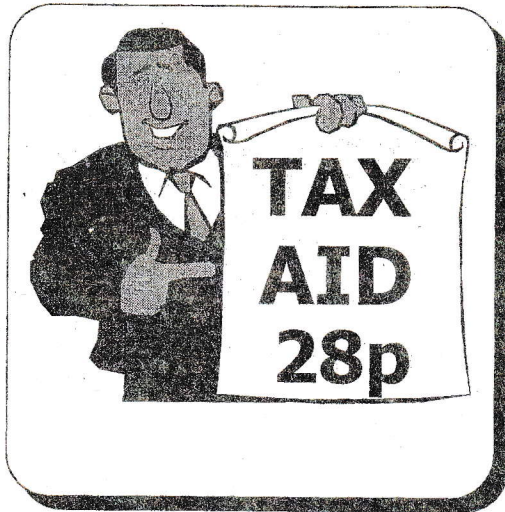
Church Hall, 7 for 7-30

An Evening of Fellowship, Food and

Light Entertainment

YES 28p!

That is the additional amount St Fillans earns on every £1 donated to the Church through Gift Aid.



We are now able to reclaim tax on all donations (one off or regular giving) regardless of amount or period of time.

The page opposite details the requirements we have to meet.

The back page carries the Gift Aid Declaration Form.

Trish Niven (Tel No. 860355) has kindly agreed to be our Gift Aid person and to find out more about how you can help increase your giving at no extra cost to yourself speak to Trish.

Take the opportunity to speak to your district elder or any office bearer if you want to know if your giving qualifies (eg tax position).

Thank you for taking the time to read this

NOW take the next step
sign a Gift Aid Declaration.



Ewart McSkimming
Stewardship Convenor

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL TAX PAYERS

CHARITY TAXATION CHANCES: COVENANTS & GIFT AID

New Rules. From 6 April 2000 new rules will be in force for all Charitable giving. The changes affect not only those who presently give by deed of covenant, but also those who give by Weekly Freewill Offering, by cash in the open plate or by straight forward individual donations.

From 6 April 2000 the £250 minimum limit for Gift Aid is abolished, so that all donations from taxpayers to charities will qualify for tax relief, **provided that charities are able to show an audit trail from the donation to the donor.**

The present Gift Aid Certificate will be replaced by a Gift Aid Declaration, to be made by individual donors. These Declarations can be made in advance of the donation, at the time of the donation, or at any time after the donation has been made (subject to the normal six year limit), and can cover one or more donations.

Declaration. Depending on the wording used, a Declaration may apply to future donations indefinitely, and there will be no requirement for such Declarations to be renewed periodically. A blank copy of a Declaration is attached.

Existing Deeds of Covenant. From 6 April 2000, there will no longer be a separate tax relief for Deeds of Covenant. Tax relief for any payments will be made under the new Gift Aid scheme. As a transitional measure, donors will not be required to make a Gift Aid Declaration in respect of Deeds of Covenant made on or before 5 April 2000. The Deed will stand and claims can continue to be made until the Deed expires.

WFO. The new rules offer great opportunity to those who are taxpayers and who give by uncovenanted WFO envelopes. Simply completing the Declaration will enable us to reclaim the tax according to the actual sum you give, rather than to the long— term financial commitment required by a deed of covenant.

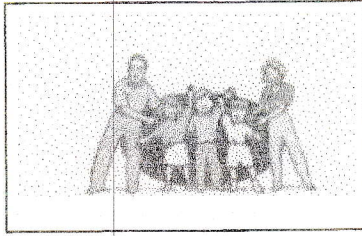
Higher Rate Taxpayers. The new proposals will allow donors to claim higher rate tax relief for their donations against either income tax or capital gains tax.

Lower rate taxpayers. The present rules requiring donors to pay basic rate income tax are to be relaxed. In future donors will be able to meet the basic rate income tax that the charity reclaims on their donation with an equivalent amount of tax paid on their income or capital gains, whether at the basic rate or at some lower rate.

IMPLICATIONS FOR ST FILLAN'S

**If you pay tax and complete a Gift Aid Declaration,
for every £1 you give to St Fillan's at any time we can reclaim 28p.**

**If you are not already giving by Covenant or Gift Aid,
WHY NOT COMPLETE THE GIFT AID DECLARATION NOW & GIVE IT TO
Simon Fraser (55 High Street or to any Church Office Bearer)**



CHURCH FAMILY SERVICES in CHURCH HALL

On the first Sundays of July, August and September we are going to hold 'all age' morning worship in the Church Hall and each monthly service will be followed by tea/coffee.

We are doing this for a number of reasons including:

- It allows our children to be involved when schools are closed and Sunday school is on holiday
 - It lets us worship together as a church family once a month
 - It provides an opportunity for fellowship after the service
- The Hall venue is suitable for different forms of worship — for example a projector screen can be seen by everyone

Using the Hall, rather than the Sanctuary, allows us to try out some different forms of worship.

The July service, which will include a Baptism, will be a 'praise service (lots of singing) and the August service will focus on what our children did at their June Holiday Club. September format still to be decided! On these Sundays there will also be an evening Church service and the July evening service will include the Sacrament of Communion.

We hope that as many as possible, young and old, will be able to join us for these services.

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DISTRICT CHANGES

Three of our Elders, Bill Chalmers (District 6), Ursula Hodge (District 14) and Kenneth Hodge (District 22) have considered it necessary to retire from their District duties, and we very much appreciate and thank them for their faithful and committed Service to their Districts.

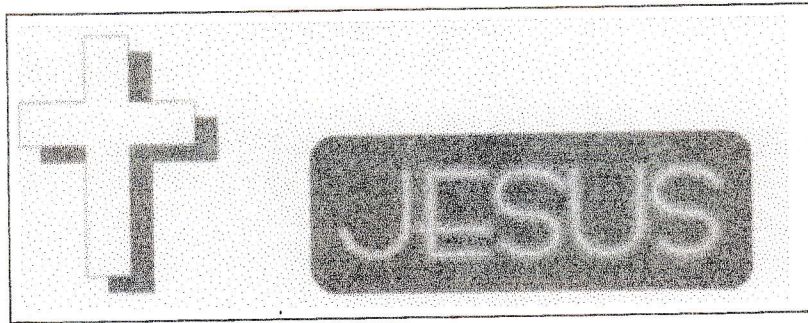
We are also very grateful to the following who have offered to amalgamate those districts with their existing ones and be responsible for visits etc., to their "new" parishioners.

Graeme Stevens (District 7) will also include Inverkeithing Road (formerly 6)
David Hannah (District 13) will also include Murrell Terrace/ Lower Glebe (formerly 14)

Lois Hutchison (District 5) will also include St. Colme's Crescent (formerly 21)
Margaret Tollick (District 23) will also include 1—7 and 2—18 Dovecot Park (formerly part
of 22)
Eileen Harper (District 29) will also include 9—13 Dovecot Park (formerly part of 22)

We wish them well and pray for God's Grace and guidance to all our Elders to enable them
to carry out their duties.

Catherine E. Duncan
Session Clerk and Roll Keeper.



The Man Behind the Millennium

The arrival of the year 2000 was accompanied by considerable excitement and many
suspect the millennium celebrations will be repeated when we enter 2001!

In the midst of all the festivities and hype we do well to remember the reason for it all
A Man born in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago - a birth that was to change the
world in so many ways - God coming to earth in human form

Jesus, the Son of God, walking amongst and talking with God's people - telling the
world that salvation was freely available to all

To celebrate the Millennium of the birth of Jesus a documentary video (based on the
Gospel of Luke) has been produced. This is an excellent account of the life of Jesus,
with (some of) the Gospel Words set against an exciting pictorial re-enactment of life
as it was 2000 years ago in the holy Land.

A copy is available (through our church library) to anyone who would like to borrow
it. Please speak with Margaret Tollick, Tel 860559, who looks after our library.

Winning Numbers on your calculator.

- 1 Take the number of books in the Bible
- 2 Multiply by the number of the Trinity
- 3 Subtract the number of churches addressed in the book of Revelation.
- 4 Multiply by the number of disciples who did not betray Christ for money.
- 5 Multiply by the number of letters written by John.
- 6 Multiply by the number of letters written by Peter.
- 7 Multiply by the number of times Peter denied Christ.
- 8 Turn the calculator upside down for the best guide to life.



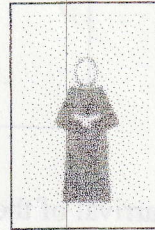
On the second Sundays of June and September we will have 'songs of praise; services in the Sanctuary at morning worship.

In these some of our worshippers (about 7/8 each time) will nominate a favourite hymn or passage of scripture and tell us all why their choice is important to them.

If you would like to choose a hymn or scripture please speak with the Minister as soon as possible

As many of you know I am Interim Minister at Beath and Cowdenbeath North and am likely to be so for the next 9 months or so as they look for a new minister.

For the foreseeable future my time will be split between 2 parishes and I am most grateful for the support and understanding I am receiving from you at this time. Our Elders and Pastoral Group are being most helpful in doing most of our parish visiting at this time BUT if anyone especially wants me to visit them will you please let me or your Elder know and I will arrange a suitable time to meet with you.



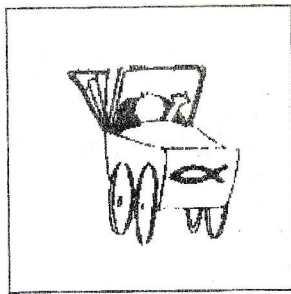
Peter Park - Parish minister

MESSIAH

BT VOICES FOR HOSPICES.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN, PLEASE CONTACT ELAINE NICOLL 860617

Rehearsals begin 4th September. Concert on 14th October.
In aid of Rachel House and Strathcarron Hospice. Contact Elaine Nicoll 860617



Infant Baptisms and Blessings

In our last newsletter I wrote about the meaning of Baptism. Baptism is a Sacrament of the Church in which faith is presupposed to be present. The act of Baptism on its own has no meaning or significance and only becomes significant when there is a real attempt to give children a Christian upbringing in partnership with the Church. That is why the Church asks that at least one parent be a member (or adherent) of the church.

Not all parents feel able to take stringent Baptismal vows with integrity but ask whether the Church can still recognise the occasion of the birth of their child. The answer to that question is yes, through a Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing. I would normally do this service in church with family and friends at a suitable time out-with public worship. There are no restrictions or preconditions involved in this service. Parents take vows related to the way they would like to see their child brought up and I would pronounce a blessing similar to the one given in marriage.

If anyone would like more information about Baptisms or Blessings please speak with me.

Peter Park - Parish Minister

Some new Beatitudes

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves:

they will have no end of fun.

Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a molehill:

they will be saved a lot of bother

Blessed are those who know how to relax without looking for excuses:

they are on the way to becoming wise.

Blessed are those who know when to be quiet and listen:

they will learn a lot of new things.

Blessed are those who are sane enough to take themselves seriously:

they will be valued by those about them.

Happy are you if you can take small things seriously and face serious things calmly:

you will go far in life

Happy are you if you can appreciate a smile and forget a frown:

you will walk on the sunny side of the street.

Happy are you if you can be kind in understanding the attitudes of others, even when the signs are unfavourable:

you may be taken for a fool but this is the price of charity.'

Blessed are those who think before acting and pray before thinking:


they will avoid many blunders.

Above all, blessed are you who recognise the Lord in all whom you meet:

the light of truth shines in your life for you have found true wisdom.

West Wyalong Parish Bulletin

KIRK SESSION **COFFEE MORNING**
SESSION &
SATURDAY **BOOK**
24TH **SALE**
JUNE



CHURCH HALL 10.00 TILL 12.00

As it is intended to have a very much reduced in size Book Stall at the Annual Sale of Work in November, we would greatly appreciate if you could sort out your surplus books now and donate them to the Book Sale. Donations of baking for the Coffee Morning will also be gratefully accepted.

All proceeds from the Coffee Morning and Book Stall will go to our Millennium Promise Fund.

Enquiries to Catherine Duncan on 860611.

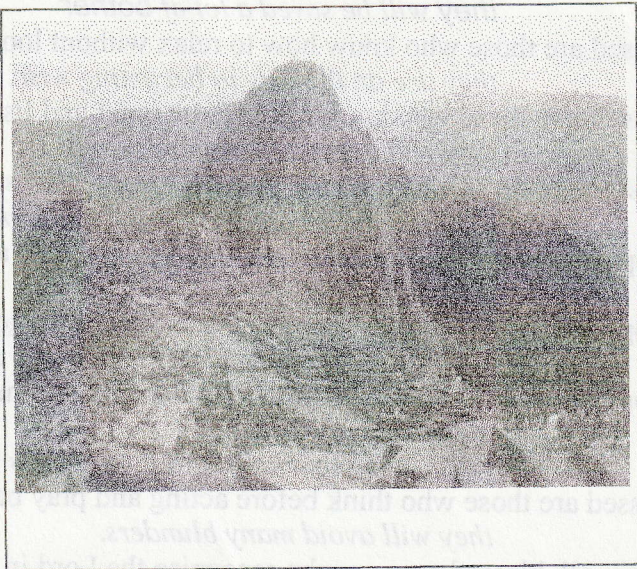
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Marjorie Jeffs is Going to Darkest Peru.

On a dark and dismal evening last November I saw an appeal on television for people willing to trek in the High Andes to raise funds for the work "Barnardo's" and "Kith and Kids" carry out with disabled children and their families.

A high altitude trek, camping out at night in freezing conditions, trekking from the Sacred Valley of the Incas to the lost city of Machu Picchu? Could I get fit enough to hike at 4,200 metres? What would Fred and the family say? Would I be able to raise £2,500? Could I save enough to cover the cost of the trip and cover my own expenses?. The information pack arrived and I told Fred of my plans, right down to the last press-up. Looking a bit doubtful he said "Go for it - ring them right now".

Less than four months to go and I'm fitter than I've ever been, I've paid for the trip and the fund-raising has begun in earnest. May I ask for the support of "the village" in my fund-raising venture. Any offers of help or donations to 3 Inch Avenue.



Sale of Work

Saturday 18th November at 2.30.

Please note this date in your diary

- Something for everyone
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- Children's Corner* Face painting and caricatures and much much more.

- Bric a Brac
- Arts and Crafts
- Cake and Candy
- Gift's and Handiwork
- Plants and Produce
- Books/Video and Tapes
- Bottle Stall
- Entry fee 50p which includes tea and cakes.

Start searching the attic, working those needles and making those arts and crafts.



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