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NEWSLETTER

MARCH

ST. FILLAN'S

PARISH CHURCH

OF

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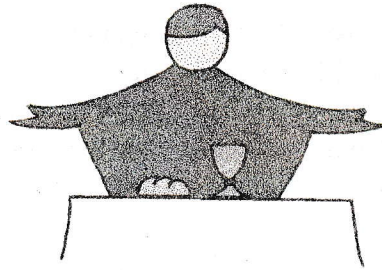
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CHURCH SERVICES in St Fillan's
Morning Worship 10.30 AM all year round
Evening service in church 6.30 PM – 1st Sunday each month

Some Contact People

Parish Minister	Revd Peter Park 36 Bellhouse Rd e-mail	860349 peter.park1@virgin.net
Session Clerk	Mrs. Catherine Duncan 43 Humbie Terr	860611
Clerk to the Board	Mrs. Karyn Crowe 13 St Fillan's Cr	860721
Treasurer	Mr. Simon Fraser 55 High St	860361
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Pastoral	Mr. Norman Macdonald Watchhouse, Lower Glebe	860585
Stewardship	Mr. Ewart McSkimming 6 Crowhill Rd Dalgety Bay	823454
Youth/Education	Dr. Sue Farrar 3 Dovecot Park	860851
Focus Group	Mr. Eric Williamson 9 Main St	860201
Social	vacant at present	
Worship	The Minister	
Link group (ecumenical activities)	Mrs. Kathleen Fergus Glenelg, Inverkeithing Rd	860804
Board Committees		
Property Conveners	Mr Graeme Stevens 16 Manse St	860238
Finance Convener	Mr. Ewart McSkimming 6 Crowhill Rd Dalgety Bay	823454
Hall Convener	Mr. Bruce Drever 15 Inch Ave	860353



An invitation to the Lord's Table

Sacrament of Communion

Sunday 16th March

10.30 AM and 3.00 PM

For everyone who loves the Lord

*There will be a retiring offering for the
Scottish branch of the Huntington's Chorea Association*

**If you are unable to attend the Sacrament of Communion in Church
And would like Communion in your own home
Please speak with the minister or any of our elders**



Church Annual Stated Meeting

Wednesday 26th February 7.30PM Church Hall

Open to everyone interested in what is happening in and around our church
A supplement accompanying this newsletter contains details of our accounts and reports on various issues affecting St Fillan's and/or the wider church.
This meeting includes the annual election of members to our Congregational Board (the group in the church responsible for fabric and finance matters).

Changes in our Kirk Session

On 12th January we ordained and admitted Christine Waddell and David Graham to our Kirk Session. We welcome them to our fellowship and hope they enjoy their new office.

Some of our senior elders, Bill Allan, Harry Cunningham, Adam McLean and Willie Nelson, have decided the time is right to retire as district elders and although their expertise in 'the field' will be missed we are delighted to say that all have readily agreed to remain on the Kirk Session. We thank them for the many years of devoted service given to their districts. Each of them will arrange the hand over with their successors.

This has necessitated some changes to districts (and who is the district elder) and details of these are on the back page.

Children's activity pages 10 and 11



Parish information on facing page

MY GIT UP IS GONE

How do I know my youth is all spent?
Well, my get up and go has got up and went.
I really don't mind; I can say it and grin
When I think of the places my get up has been

When I was young, my slippers were blue;
I could go all day long, and half the night too
Now I am old and my shoes are plain black;
I shuffle to the store – and puff all the way back

Old age is golden, so it has been said
But sometimes I wonder when going to bed
With my ears in the drawer and my teeth in a cup
And my eyes on the dresser until I get up

Before going to sleep I say to myself
“Is there anything more I should lay on the shelf?”
I wake in the morning and dust off my wits
Glance through the paper and read the obits!

I know I ain't dead if my name isn't there
So its breakfast for me, then the old rocking chair.
And that's how I know I ain't young any more
The things that were easy, are now a big chore

Oh, I still get to church, and my Bible I read;
And I still find my chances to do a good deed.
But one thing I'm glad of, on heavens bright shore
There ain't nobody going to get old any more

Author unknown



Wedding Hymn

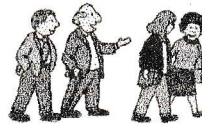
sung to tune : Morning has Broken

1 Be our chief guest, Lord, Lord of
all living,
Lord of all loving, this wedding day;
Bind us together, in your sure keeping,
So we may never wander away

2 Bless all who have brought us, up
from our childhood
Caring, forgiving, through the long day;
May the same spirit, shine in our home,
Lord,
Lighting our pathway, we humbly pray

3 Bless all our friends, Lord, happy
and true friends;
Laughing or crying, always the same;
Bright with this friendship, may our own
home be
Ready to welcome, all in your name.

4 Be our chief guest, Lord, Lord of
all living
Warm with compassion, showing the way;
Keep us together, in living service,
Families and friends, Lord, this wedding
day



Visitors to St Fillan's in 2002

We often hear people say that St Fillan's is a church well worth a visit – and last year we had some 700 entries (which may include more than one person) in our visitors' book. From UK and 27 other countries.

381	Scotland	11	New Zealand
118	Rest of UK	8	France, Denmark
52	USA	7	Holland, Italy, Ireland
24	Australia	5	Sweden
21	Germany	4	Austria, Spain
20	Canada	3	Portugal, Switzerland
	2		Norway, Belgium, Lithuania, S Africa, Zimbabwe
1			Belarus, Argentine, Finland, Kuwait, Chile, Japan, Lebanon

Considering many entries are for more than 1 person we must have had over 1000 names in the book and countless others who visited but did not leave their names.

St Fillan's Aberdour

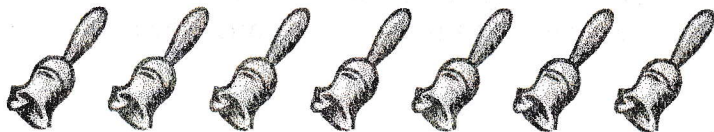
'Encouraging people to follow Jesus Christ'

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.

If you want to know more about the work of St Fillan's or would like to find out about membership please speak with the minister or any of our elders



St Fillan's Handbell Ringers

We would like to thank everyone who supported us in our various concerts and performances in 2002. We were able to give some £1000 to various charities as a result of donations made at various events.



Would you like to sponsor an olive tree in the holy land?

If so please send a cheque for £15 payable to Christian Aid to Diana Kattan, Christian Aid, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL. For more information on the project phone Christian Aid on 0131 220 1254



Especially for parents

Is there a magic cut off period when offspring become accountable for their own actions? Is there a wonderful moment when parents can become detached spectators in the lives of their children and shrug, "It's their life." and feel nothing?

When I was in my twenties, I stood in a hospital corridor waiting for doctors to put a few stitches in my son's head. I asked, "When do you stop worrying?" The nurse said, "When they get out of the accident stage." My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing.

When I was in my thirties, I sat on a little chair in a classroom and heard how one of my children talked incessantly, disrupted the class, and was headed for a career making license plates. As if to read my mind, a teacher said, "Don't worry, they all go through this stage and then you can sit back, relax and enjoy them." My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing.

When I was in my forties, I spent a lifetime waiting for the phone to ring, the cars to come home, the front door to open. A friend said, "They're trying to find themselves. Don't worry, in a few years, you can stop worrying. They'll be adults." My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing.

By the time I was 50, I was sick & tired of being vulnerable. I was still worrying over my children, but there was a new wrinkle. There was nothing I could do about it. My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing. I continued to anguish over their failures, be tormented by their frustrations and absorbed in their disappointments.

My friends said that when my kids got married I could stop worrying and lead my own life. I wanted to believe that, but I was haunted by my mother's warm smile and her occasional, "You look pale. Are you all right? Call me the minute you get home. Are you depressed about something?" Can it be that parents are sentenced to a lifetime of worry?

Is concern for one another handed down like a torch to blaze the trail of human frailties and the fears of the unknown? Is concern a curse or is it a virtue that elevates us to the highest form of life?

One of my children became quite irritable recently, saying to me, "Where were you? I've been calling for 3 days, and no one answered. I was worried." I smiled a warm smile. The torch has been passed.

PASS this ON TO OTHER PARENTS
(and also to your children. That's the fun part)

Some misprints from Church Newsletters

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is hell?"
Come early and listen to the choir practice

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered

Potluck supper Sunday at 5PM
Prayer and medication to follow

**A nostalgic look back on the 'old days'
Here's something about the 'toughness' of being born before 1980**

Kids of today are wrapped in cotton wool..... Read on....

If you lived as a child in the 50's, 60's or 70's, looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have... As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Our cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cupboards, when we rode our bikes we had no helmets. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill; only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. On Sundays we all went to Sunday school and our parents went to Church. No mobile phones. We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents? We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it. We ate cakes, bread and butter, and drank cordial, but we were never overweight...we were always outside playing. We shared one drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this. We did not have Play stations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games, 65 channels on pay TV, video tape movies, surround sound, personal mobile phones, Personal Computers, Internet chat rooms ... we had friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell, or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian - how did we do it? We made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever. Footy and netball had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment... Some pupils weren't as smart as others so they failed an exam and were held back to repeat the same year. Tests were not adjusted for any reason. Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law, even when a Policeman had clipped your ear, or brought you home to get a 'hiding' from your parents - imagine that! This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you're one of them. Congratulations! Please pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before lawyers and government regulated our lives, before God got lost in the maze of life and we lost faith...for our own good....

Thanks to David Hannah for passing this on to the editor



For those who like texting

A modern version of the Lord's Prayer

Oedad @ hvn, u r spshl. we want wot u want & urth 2B like hvn. giv us food & 4giv r sins lyk we 4giv urras. don't test us! Save us! bcos we kno u r boss, u r tuf & u r cool 4 eva! Ok?



Homestart Central Fife (HCF)

St Fillan's has long supported the work of HCF.

This article seeks to give readers an idea of the work of this very worthwhile charity.

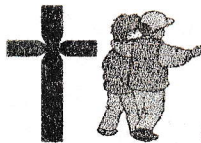
HCF, based in Lochgelly, is one of 18 schemes, aimed at children of pre-school age, forming Home-start Scotland. It is supported entirely by grants and voluntary donations and works through a very small paid staff, its committee and most importantly its 25 active home-visiting volunteers. In 2002 97 families were supported by the scheme; 44 families received volunteer support and 73 attended the family group meetings

The main thrust of their work centers on volunteer workers who work with families in their homes, providing informal parenting advice and links between homes and schools. Last summer a programme of activities, which it is hoped to continue throughout the year, provided a useful focus for children who might otherwise be unoccupied.

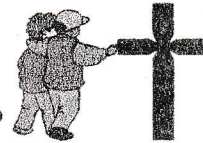
A substance misuse group has been working to remove barriers and help mothers who feel reluctant to approach the official social work organization. This has been another good example of how Home-start works in partnership with agencies to the benefit of the child and family. A crèche is provided which benefits not only the parents who might need respite, but also the children, who learn how to play and to share and to gain new experiences. Each child has a key worker who deals specifically with the child's progress and discusses this with the parent.

Homestart are always looking for volunteers, either to work with the families or to help on the committee. Anyone interested can contact Elspeth Fraser (860361) or Susan Milton (01592 783041)

“CHANGING YOUR LIFE WITH NEW FRIENDS



a Christian organisation”



‘Friends First’ is an organisation that assists single Christians to meet new friends and potential partners. It was established in early 2000 in Birmingham with the support of many church leaders. Katharine Gray, the coordinator, has recently written to us telling us that it continues to go from strength to strength as people of all ages find new friendships really do change their lives. Katharine says that the feedback she receives from happy members says it all: “I know I joined ‘Friends First’ to meet other people, but I cannot believe what is happening in my life. I did not anticipate meeting someone so lovely as Felicity and that we would get on so well. If I have learnt anything over the last year it is that it is only when you take a risk, only when you do something different, do you allow God to start working in your life.”

Membership continues to grow as the organisation attracts men and women in their 20's to their 80's (and everything in between), from all walks of life - both professionals and non professionals, single people and people who've been married before.

Although it can seem daunting to join something like this, it is a friendly, discrete and confidential service. Moreover the organisation is founded on the principles of security, integrity and discretion. If you think it's a service that might be of interest to you or your friends then further details can be obtained in a number of ways. Look at www.friendslst.co.uk, ring Katharine on 0121 427 1286 or write to her P0 Box 8377, Birmingham B1 7 9TE, or finally email her at info@friendslst.co.uk.

A bereavement prayer

1 We pray for strength, O gracious Lord
To face the loss of those we love;
When darkness seems to close around
We seek your shining light above

2 We pray for courage, loving Lord
To bear the surging pangs of grief:
We know that you have conquered death;
Our greatest hope, our sure relief

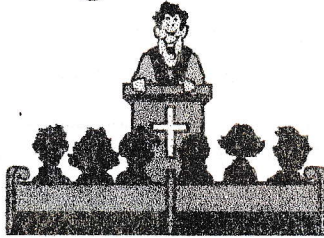
3 We pray for trust and faith, dear Lord
To face a new and altered way
To find your peace in solitude
And know our blessings ev'ry day

4 We pray for holy guidance Lord
To comfort others weighed by fears
To share their sorrow, pain and loss
And try with love to banish tears

5 We pray for joyful hope O Lord
To see again those gone before
Through death's dark curtain into light
Where pain and sorrow are no more

W J Hanbury

What are you doing with the rest of your life?



The Church of Scotland is looking for gifted and committed people to serve future need. If you would like to find out more about the various options for service in the church's mission then why not consider attending an enquirer's conference at which all will be explained.

The next one is being held on
April 4th and 5th at the Kelvin Conference Centre Glasgow

For further information contact Mrs Liz Chalmers at
Church of Scotland, 121 George St Edinburgh tel 0131 225 5722

Closing date for applications to attend this conference is 7th March



PASTORAL INFORMATION

We have pastoral information cards in the Church welcome area
If you think someone needs a visit etc please complete these as required

A prayer at night

Watch thou Lord with those who wake or weep or watch this night
and give thine angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend thy sick ones O Lord Christ, rest thy weary ones,
bless thy dying ones, soothe thy suffering ones, pity thine afflicted ones
and shield thy joyous ones, all for your love's sake. Amen.
(From Scottish Churches' Industrial Mission, Prayer Diary 2003)



Used stamps

The Church of Scotland, World Mission Dept collects and sells used postage stamps and the proceeds help finance their work.

Someone in each congregation collects these locally and sends them as required to 121.

Helen Hannay has done this job in St Fillan's for many years but has now given this up.

We want to thank Helen for all her work and ask whether any one will volunteer to take over the job of stamp collector.

If interested please speak with any of our elders

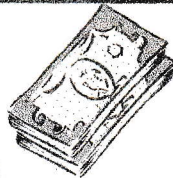


Are you interested in Christianity across the world?

If so would you like to be our liaison person with the Church's World Mission section?

This involves receiving and disseminating information from our Mission partner (Clarence Musgrave in Jerusalem) and also passing on information through our newsletter and suchlike as to what is happening in the wider world. If interested please speak with one of the elders.

Note from minister. Mrs Helen Hannay has for many years been our World Mission 'person' and has now decided to let someone else have a 'shot'. On behalf of everyone in St Fillan's I would like to thank her for doing this important job for the Church



Cash Gifts

to St Fillan's

From time to time we receive anonymous cash donations in our offering plate.

These are very much appreciated and we thank those involved.

However if the donors are willing (and able) to make their donations through the Gift Aid scheme the church would benefit further from the donation by being able to claim a further 28p in every £1 from the Inland Revenue.

This means that when someone gives us £50 we can claim a further £14; when someone gives £100 a further £28 and so on.

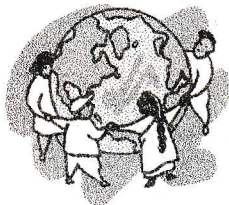
Gift Aid can apply to one off and/or regular donations and if the donor identifies him or her self we can usually make retrospective claims. If you would like to know more about gift aid, for past or perhaps future donations to the church please contact our church treasurer Simon Fraser, tel 860361



We have a weekly tape ministry

We record our Sunday services and distribute tapes to a number of our members

If you are unable to come to our services and would like to receive a tape either on a regular basis or as a 'one of' again please speak with Norman Macdonald 860585



Maggie's cancer caring centers

Are planning to build a support center at the Victoria hospital in Kirkcaldy. Some £200000 has already been raised but they need to raise a further £250000 this year before the go ahead for building will be given.

As part of their fund raising they are organizing a sponsored hike in South Africa this year. A poster giving more information and contact numbers is on display in the church hall.



Sunday Morning Scripture Readings

Feb 16	2 Kings 5: 1-14 Mark 1: 40-45	Apr 6 Lent 5	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 John 12: 20-33
Feb 23	Isaiah 43: 18-25 Mark 2: 1-12	Apr 13 April 20	Palm Sunday Easter Day
Mar 2	2 Kings 2: 1-12 Mark 9: 2-9	Apr 27	Acts 4: 32-35 John 20: 19-31
Mar 9 Lent 1	1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 9-15	May 4	Acts 3: 12-19 Luke 24: 36b-48
Mar 16 Communion	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Mark 8: 31-38	May 11	Acts 4: 5-12 John 10: 11-18
Mar 23 Lent 3	Mark 9: 30-32 Mark 15: 21-32	May 18	Acts 8: 26-40 John 15: 1-8
Mar 30 Lent 4	Numbers 21: 4-9 John 3: 14-21	May 25	Acts 10: 44-48 John 15: 9-17



Where to look in the Gospels for help with ...

Worries	Concern about how you look	Matthew 6: 25-34
	Jesus calms our storms	Mark 4: 35 - 41
	About the future	John 14: 1 - 14
Fear		Matthew 14: 22-33
Resisting temptation		Matthew 4: 1-11
Need forgiveness		Luke 7: 36-50

If anyone needs help in locating appropriate scriptural passages to help with their life situations please speak with the minister or any of our elders

BOOKMARKS!

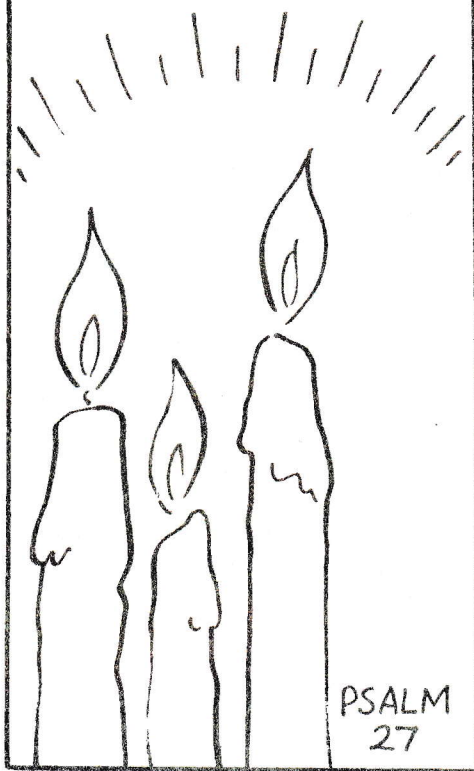
Try making these - and some of your own!!

The
 Lord
 is my
 shepherd,
 I have
 everything
 I need




PSALM 23

The
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 is my
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 and
 my
 Salvation



PSALM 27

We
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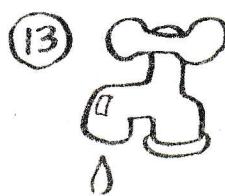
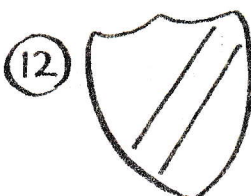
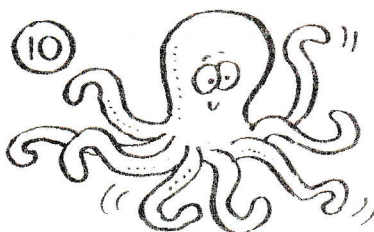
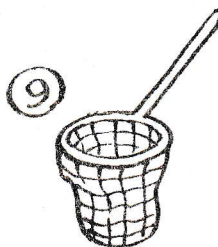
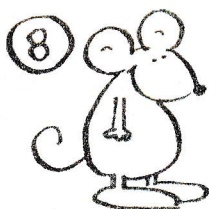
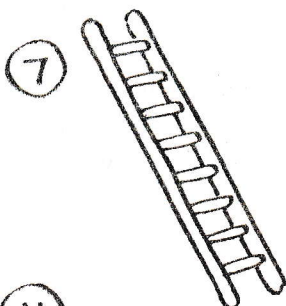
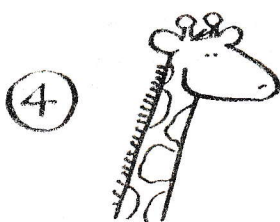
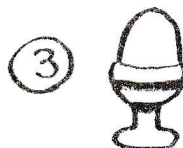
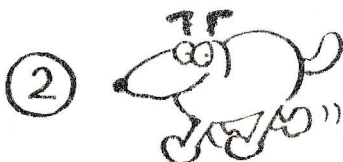


PSALM 36

Hidden Message



WRITE DOWN THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH OBJECT IN THE NUMBERED BOXES, TO FIND OUT THE HIDDEN MESSAGE (YOU CAN CHECK IT BY READING PSALM 27)



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Young Daniel went with his mum to arrange the church flowers. The lady caretaker was in church doing her chores. Daniel disappeared for a while and when he returned his mum asked him "where have you been?" "Looking for God, but I couldn't find him" was the reply. "But I found Mrs God doing the housework and she let me help her!"



Open Door 2002/3

An inspiration became a reality in October of 2002!

St Fillan 's Church Hall OPENED its DOORS on the second Thursday of each month from October to March, to say .. welcome to everyone, Church member or not. Come in, hear a really interesting speaker, have a cup of coffee and a home-made scone (or two!!) chat to good friends and make new ones.

These have been good mornings for all who have come along. Each speaker has given a most interesting talk, often a challenging talk, leaving listeners with much to think over.

The committee which has planned these mornings and shared the leadership, is delighted with the warm response from all involved in this first year. After any small expenses have been dealt with, any accrued funds will be donated to some of the charities about which we have heard these last few months. Thank you all.

Would you like OPEN DOOR to be planned for next autumn/winter?

Yes, we hear from so many, that gladly we will put together another series of talks and will welcome any comments or suggestions from you.

After the summer, look out for notices about the restart in October, when St Fillan 's will again say WELCOME TO ALL DO COME IN OUR OPEN DOOR.

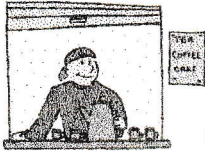
*Wallace and Beth Cowan, Douglas and Mary Crow,
Bill Cochrane, Trish Niven, Eileen Harper, Kathleen Fergus.*



Church Flowers

Thanks to everyone who is on our flower rota – We admire and enjoy the flowers put in the church week by week and those who receive them after services are also very appreciative of them. Thanks also to those who have agreed to be part of the distribution team.

We still have some gaps in the rota and if you would like to donate flowers (either arranged by yourself or a payment towards the cost of flowers) please speak with our flower organizer, Mrs. Catherine Duncan 860611



Church Coffee Morning and Book Sale
Saturday 5th April



Now's the time to start emptying your shelves of books you don't want or need any more

And to put the date in your diary so that you can come along and buy replacements to fill the empty spaces

World Day of Prayer service
Friday 7th March

St Columba's Church, Aberdour
Everyone welcome to attend

Main speaker : Revd Scott Burton, Church of Scotland minister in Kelty

Bible studies will be held at 11.00 am on 14th. 21st. 28th February at Dalgety Church



St Fillan's Lunches First Thursday each month

12 – 1.30 PM In the church Hall

Everyone welcome to join us

soup and filled rolls £1.50

We have a rota of helpers but would welcome some additional help
If you would like to come on to the helpers rota (about once every 3 months)
please speak with Mari Park or Catherine Duncan

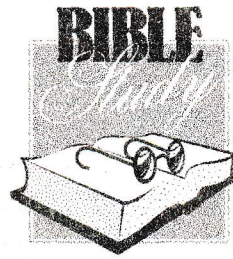


Would you like to share a soup recipe?

At our monthly lunches we always receive rave reviews for the variety and good quality of the soups that our volunteers provide.

Some of our lunch helpers are considering producing a booklet of soup recipes – in particular those provided over the years for our monthly lunches

SO Will you please let us have your recipes
These should be given to Mari Park or Catherine Duncan



LENT BIBLE STUDIES 2002

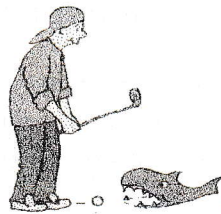
For five Monday evenings during the spring of 2002, a group of about twenty people met each week to study and discuss the material 'Called to be Saints; drawn up by the 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland', for Lent 2002.

The carefully planned course and Bible study took us from the Saints of history, through their work, location and devoted service, to the realisation that we who are Jesus' disciples now, are the saints of today.

In the caring atmosphere of this group of folk from five different denominations St Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Viewfield Baptist Church Dunfermline, The Vine Fellowship Dunfermline, Quaker Meeting, St Fillan's Presbyterian Church of Scotland ...many local needs and community challenges were aired, with some good possibilities suggested towards matching those needs.

The group was welcomed into five different homes and a different member led each evening. All taking part enjoyed this annual study time and valued the friendship and fellowship of these evenings, which culminated in a shared communion on the last evening.

That was last year ... so, ... now, in 2003.... LOOK OUT SOON FOR THE NOTICES ABOUT THIS YEAR'S STUDY TO WHICH EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED.



Sponsored Golf

Sincere apologies to all those who supported the sponsored golf competition in 2002 = golfers and sponsors.

I'm afraid I missed the deadline for the last Newsletter, not because we lost the David Rutherford Cup, but because I left the country to lick my wounds.

To be serious it was as usual a well supported competition with the usual mixed weather conditions – Dalgety church winning by 240 points to 234.

The St Fillan's trophy was won by Gary Waddell, and the other 5 who made up our best 6 scores were Jim Thomson, Alasdair Raffan, Angela Parker, Alastair Gibson and Martin Farrar

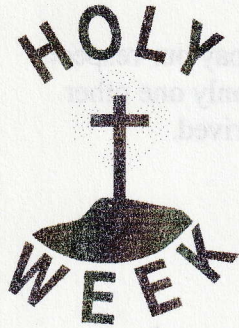
The total sum raised was £2743, of which £1060 came from St Fillan's and £1683 from Dalgety. The money went to Christian Aid, and the £500,000 New Macmillan Fife appeal.

Thanks to everyone who supported the competition and please start practicing for June!

Lois Hutchison



Thanks to all who have provided articles for this newsletter
If you have an article you would like included or any suggestions as to what else you would like to see in the newsletter please speak with the minister.



in St Fillan's

Palm Sunday 13th April 10.30
 Sunday school in for first part of service then go to school

Maundy Thursday 17th April 7.30 PM
 With Sacrament of Communion

Good Friday 18th April 7.30 PM

Easter Sunday 20th April 10.30 AM
 Children in for entire service
 Sacrament of Communion after service



SUNRISE SERVICES

Easter Sunday –

Meet in the Church Yard at 5.40AM

Sunrise is at 5.55 AM

Includes Sacrament of Communion

Afterwards we roll Easter Eggs (please bring your own)



Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Saturday 17th May

10.30 – 12.00 Church Hall

Tickets £1

Contact Elana Gray

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Did You Know?



On November 11th 2002, Margaret Tollick and I visited a war memorial to pay our respects and leave flowers. Not unusual at that time of year? Perhaps, but there was only one other bunch of flowers and two rather lonely poppies at the memorial when we arrived.

Who were we remembering?

The men, from this area, who died in Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

Men who are sometimes described as prematurely antifascist.

Where is this memorial?

In the landscaped gardens behind Kirkcaldy Railway station quite close to the road.

Who put it there? I do not know.

Do you?

Any information will be of interest to Elizabeth Lloyd 860044



Prayer Requests

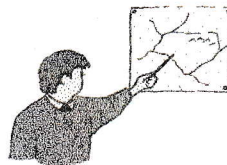
We have a box in the Church welcome area for prayer requests.

If you wish prayers for yourself and/or others please complete one of the request cards (on the table in the welcome area) and put it in the prayer box



The Minister's beard has disappeared
 doesn't his face look a little weird?
 His countenance is pale and sleek,
 without a hair upon his cheek.
 Easier now to see his sunny smile.
 than it has been for a while.
 Hope he won't get bitten by Johnny Frost.
 Now that his furry coat has been lost.

(David Hannah)



Chernobyl Children's Lifeline

Last year we asked the congregation to collect two pences for the children of Chernobyl, some of whom visit this area for a holiday each year. Within a few weeks we had collected £140 and we passed this to the organizers in July. Since then several people have continued to collect two pences – and one pences too! – and give them to us.

Bible class would like to give the charity another cheque this summer so please keep collecting – or start collecting – and pass this money to us.

We were delighted when we were told that St Fillan's was giving the Chernobyl appeal £400 as part of the annual congregational donations.

We thank everyone for helping this most worthwhile appeal

St Fillan's Bible Class