

### SOME USEFUL CONTACTS

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### THE VACANCY - A PROGRESS REPORT



THINGS HAVE AT long last moved forward apace towards filling the current vacancy at Aberdour St. Fillan's. Since October 2003: -

- The Kirk Sessions of Aberdour St. Fillan's, Dalgety, Inverkeithing St. Peter's, Inverkeithing St. John's and North Queensferry agreed to form a Parish Grouping to be known as the Forth Churches Group
- ✓ The Dunfermline Presbytery at its December meeting agreed to allow Aberdour St. Fillan's Church to call a minister without restriction
- ✓ The vacancy was advertised in Life and Work at the beginning of the year
- ✓ A Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation to progress the appointment of a new minister
- ✓ A website for the Forth Churches Group, <u>www.forthchurchesgroup.org.uk</u> has been set up which can be developed spread the work of all the churches within the Group
- ✓ The first joint Kirk Session meeting of the Forth Churches Group was held in Aberdour on 11 February.
- ✓ An inaugural service for the Forth Churches Group will be held on 11 March at St. Peter's Inverkeithing at 7.00 pm.

Many of us will not notice any change. The new minister will occupy the Manse in Aberdour and will normally take services at St. Fillan's. The Kirk Session and the Congregational Board will continue to be responsible for the ministry at St. Fillan's. St. Fillan's will continue to manage its funds as it does at present. However the minister will work together with colleagues within the Parish Grouping on the provision of some services on a Group basis. These are set down in the Basis and Schedule of the Parish Grouping. These can only be changed with the agreement of all the Kirk Sessions.

This has been a long process but one that it is probably difficult to avoid when the Church of Scotland has to reconcile the natural desire of congregations to have their own minister and the very significant issue of a shortage of ministers nationally. In fact given the requirement set out by Presbytery to form a Parish Grouping one can only marvel that agreement was reached by the five Kirk Sessions in such a relatively short period of time. Oh – the power of email.

We trust through God's good grace that there is further positive progress in our Call for a new Minister

### News from the Kirk Session and Congregational Board

DESPITE THE CURRENT VACANCY, various groups on our Kirk Session and Congregational Board continue with valuable work both in the wider work of the church and the very necessary management of our finances and extensive property portfolio.

This is a summary of some of the work undertaken by these groups.

### The PASTORAL GROUP arranges: -

- House communion for those who find it difficult to attend church
- Visits to keep in contact with those in hospital and for volunteers to attend services at Queen Margaret Hospital
- For St. Fillan's to be represented at services at Henderson House
- For Church flowers to be distributed each week

The St. Fillan's and St. Columba's **LINK GROUP** have extended their links by adding the Open Door programme which has run from October to March. Links have also been made in publicising Christmas and Easter services.

#### The PROPERTY COMMITTEE has: -

- Appointed an architect to supervise the Church Renovation consisting mainly of major roof repairs to the church.
- Purchased suitable ramps for the church at a cost of £899 in order to meet the requirements of the Discrimination Disability Act.
- Refined proposals for alterations to the Vestry to include dry lining, damp proofing and possibly providing disabled access to the toilet. This is in addition to improving the washing up facilities in the Vestry.
- Arranged for various minor works to be carried out to maintain the fabric of the Church, Church Hall and the Manse.

A long-term task for the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** has been identifying ways of meeting the cost of the Church Renovations for which church the current estimate is £150,000.

The target is to raise at least 50% through grant from Historic Scotland and the Lottery Heritage Fund. Prudent financial management by the Finance Committee has seen a fund for the Church Renovation rise to just under £70,000. However we must not be complacent, as the work has yet to go out to tender. There is also the requirement to spend £10,000 on upgrading the Vestry.

# Christian Outreach

### 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 off" please speak with Norman Macdonald 860585

#### STAMPS



THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND'S World Mission made over £2,000 last year selling stamps handed in from congregations all over Scotland. Help contribute to this by handing them in to Susan Morton at 4, Manse Street, Aberdour, telephone 860051.

#### Please remember: -

- Tear off the stamps from your mail (the stamps do not need to be cut off, but leave an edge no bigger than 2.5cm. or an inch. Nor need they be sorted.)
- Separate any first edition stamps and leave them on the envelope
- Save your postcards
- Stamp collections are of value too

#### **Church Flowers**



A BIG THANK YOU to all who arrange and/or donate money for the Church flowers. These are admired and enjoyed in the church week by week and are greatly appreciated by those who receive them after services.

We still have some gaps in the rota particularly in January, February and March. If you would like either to donate flowers arranged by yourself or to make a payment towards the cost of the flowers, please contact the flower organizer, Mrs. Catherine Duncan at 860611.

### Crèche facilities at Church Services



A CRÈCHE FACILITY is provided in the Vestry each Sunday during Service time, and parents attending worship are welcome to leave their children there. If no children arrive by the start of the Service, those on the Crèche roster go into Church. However sometimes parents arrive a wee bit late and think that no one is on duty. In these circumstances, parents should have a word with the Beadle or those on door duty who in turn will alert those on the Crèche roster.



### Church Coffee Morning and Book Sale Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 am to 12 noon in the Church Hall



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



### 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

50 Please let us have your recipes?
These should be given to Sandra McSkimming 823454

### **CHERNOBYL CHILDREN**



PLEASE REMEMBER to put aside your one and two pences for the children of Chernobyl. Last year we collected £65 and I hope this year it will be even more. If every household in the village could collect just £1 what a difference that would make to the Chernobyl children who visit each year!

Pass your contributions to any church officer on Sunday mornings or give me a call on 860151 and I shall come and collect.

To those who have contributed last year a most sincere thank you.

### PREACHERS DURING VACANCY

The Reverend Peter Elston will continue to lead our Worship until June if required with the exception of 18<sup>th</sup> April when Anne Stuart will conduct worship.

### SPONSORED GOLF - 2004



THE ANNUAL SPONSORED Golf Competition between St. Fillan's and Dalgety Parish Church will take place over Aberdour Golf course at the beginning of June.

The aim of the event is to raise money for Christian Aid and the Macmillan Fife Appeal, with a bit of friendly rivalry thrown in.

It is not necessary to be a member of either Church or the Golf Club to take part. You don't even have to look for sponsors – any donation large or small is welcome.

This has been a most successful fundraiser in the past but we're always looking for new players so come along and help to keep up the tradition.

For further information contact Lois Hutchison at 860444.

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### FREE CONCERT



YES! ONCE AGAIN St Fillan's Church is providing a free concert, open to everyone, not just church members. On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the beautiful 12<sup>th</sup> Century Church the Rhode Island College Chamber Choir will give a

world class performance as part of their UK tour.

Although the concert is completely free, there will be voluntary retiring collection for a nominated charity, and more importantly I am seeking individuals and families to "host" the 29 members of the Choir to a light tea between 5.00 and 7.00 pm. Hosts will be asked to collect their guests from the Church and bring them back to the concert.

Last year when I asked for hosts many of you were otherwise engaged understandably as it was a Saturday but did offer to help out next time. Please let me know if you would be available to help and how many people you would be able to cater for. If you are not available on  $19^{th}$  May but would be willing to host in future please let me know and I'll set up a register.

David Hannah - telephone 860 877

#### IT'S HUGE! - Hundreds attend!

IT'S an INDOORS/OUTDOORS EVENT! - spills onto the pavements!

IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO MEET OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES!

IT's ADDICTIVE! - people just keep coming back for more!

### WHAT IS IT?

It's the

### ANNUAL CHRISTIAN AID BOOK SALE, 8 - 14 MAY, 2004

at the Parish Church of St. Andrew and St. George, George Street, Edinburgh

If you've never been there, you don't know what you're missing. If you have, you'll know just what I mean. Thousands of second hand books - paperbacks, hardbacks, from Ian Rankin to Robert Louis Stevenson, from Shakespeare to "The Slab Boys". Books for children and something for Granny. And not just books! Antiques, Collectables, Paintings and Drawings, Stamp collections, Sheet music, Victoriana and many other Ephemera all jostling for space. Cafe available all day, with soup, rolls, cakes, etc.

Over the years this event has raised over £1,000,000 for the work of Christian Aid.

For several years Willie and Joan Dryburgh from Aberdour have taken charge of the Antiques and Collectables section, and last year Frank and Margaret Tollick were both sorters and sellers of books. We would all agree it is a wonderful example of great organisation, teamwork, fellowship and fun.

This year, Lady Mary Davidson, the Convener, needs even more volunteers. Could you spare an hour or two, or more - either in the week before, sorting and setting up, or between the 8th and 14th May, helping to man one of the stalls? Interested? Please initially contact Margaret or Frank at 860559. Thank you.

### An Opportunity for Growth



THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND'S board for social responsibility is working very hard to raise funds for it many services including homes for the elderly, work with families and children, work re drug abuse etc.

You can help by ordering your Spring needs and plants from the Sutton Seeds catalogue. For every £5 you spend, the Board will receive £1 towards funding their care programmes.

The catalogue is available on the Church notice board and orders, plus monies, may be given to Margaret Tollick, written or phoned - 860559.

### ST. FILLAN'S LUNCHES



Lunch is served between 12 - 1.30pm in the church hall on the first Thursday of every month.

Come along, sit amongst friends for a chat and enjoy a choice of soups, a choice of filled rolls and tea or coffee for £1.50.

Everyone is welcome.

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### CHERNOBYL CHILDREN LIFE LINE

Dunfermline and West Fife Link

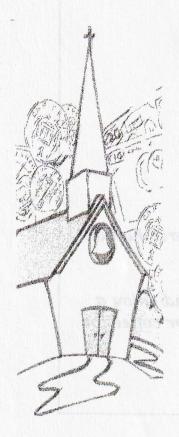
THE ABOVE CHARITY is hosting 10 children from Belarus this summer, removing them from the contaminated areas in which they live and providing a month of clean air and fresh food and vegetables etc. They arrive in Scotland on 11th July returning on 8th August. It costs £3,800 for their air fares and a further £2,000 to £3,000 to provide for them while they are here.

However, asking for money is not my reason for writing this letter. What is needed are host families for these children - six girls and four boys aged 9 to 12 years. Would you consider having a child (or two children) live for a month, or a fortnight if you feel a month is too much? Various events and activities are provided for the children while they are here and there are visits to the dentist and optician arranged. We even provide elementary Russian lessons if you so wish!

If you want to find out more about what is involved contact John Scott, 32 Whites Quay, Dalgety Bay, telephone 820896.

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND HOUSEHOLD SCHEME



### HOW THE HOUSEHOLD SCHEMF WORKS

- You take out a new household policy with the Church of Scotland Household Scheme
- When the policy is issued, a voucher is enclosed for £20
- You pass the voucher to your church treasurer, or leave it in the collection box

### THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND HOUSEHOLD SCHEME

a policy which automatically

covers your contents for up to either £40,000 or £50.000 (including portable possessions), saving you the worry and hassle of having to calculate a sum insured. If you choose to insure the buildings of your home you decide on the sum to be insured. There are also a wide range of optional extensions available.

#### BENEFITS AT A CLANCE...

- ✓ Wide cover is included as standard for both buildings and contents
- Optional extras Accidental loss or damage, Touring Caravans and Boats, Personal Accident, Vet Fees for Domestic Cats and Dogs
- √ Accidental loss or damage to TV, video in the Home as standard
- ✓ Personal money and Credit Card cover
- ✓ Portable possessions away from home
- √ Liability cover
- ✓ Free 24 hour Helplines
- ✓ 'Santa clause
- ✓ PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS BY INSTALMENTS
- ✓ COMPETITIVE PREMIUMS

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### quotation request forn

If you would like a quotation for Household Insurance, please complete the details below and send in an envelope to The Church of Scotland Insurance Co. Ltd at the address shown overleaf.

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Address:

Daytime Tel:

Renewal Date:

Current Insurer:

SUMS INSURED

Contents:

Buildings: (min. £35,000)

No. of Bedrooms:

Year house built:

Personal Possessions: (min. £2,000) (away from home)

Date of Birth: (you may be eligible for a discount)

Date:

Further details from The Church of Scotland Insurance Co Ltd, 67 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2JG, TEL 0131 220 4119 or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@cosic.co.uk">enquiries@cosic.co.uk</a>.

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£1,783 is the amount donated in 2003 by the congregation through Special Collections after church. In addition the Congregational Board were able to agree the following donations: -

Aberdour Playgroup

£400

Homestart Central Fife

£500

Princess Royal Trust for Carers (fife)

£347

MS Society (fife)

£250

Alzheimer's Scotland

£250

## Picture Crossword

Use the picture clues to complete the crossword.

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### FROM OUR ORGANIST JIM FAIRLIE

The man at the "kist 0' whustles" Listening to those annoying 'jingles'



AT ONE TIME or another we have been "plagued" by the misuse of mobile phones in public places - they have even had to put up a notice in crematoriums to no avail. But recently I have been aware that the usual 'pop' tunes have been replaced by classics, e.g., Woodside Garage Johann Sebastian Bach's "Jesu Joy Of Man's Desiring" (no apologies Steven').

I've also "listened into", Handel's "Sheep May Safely Walk", (i.e., the butcher's farewell "music") Mozart's "Symphony No. 40", and more than once "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik".

"Amazing Grace" got a "good reception" from a lady in front of me on the morning Stagecoach to Edinburgh. She hummed it from the "Bridge" right into the bus station.

Incidentally I played at a wedding last year that had "Amazing Grace" as one of the hymns and was surprised at the poor singing of this well known hymn, from a mainly young congregation.

Obviously they hadn't heard of "Judy Collins" (or am I giving my age away?)

On the other hand, again at a wedding with a high proportion of young people (Irish) who raised the roof with a complicated hymn I had never heard of.

I have caught myself trying to identify the mobile owners of a particular tune and found that in most cases it turns out to be the younger elements of our society.

Without being patronising, (I know that in many cases that they have an excellent knowledge of all kinds of music) this is most noticeable in the young couples that come to see me to discus their wedding music requirements. They know exactly the music (if not the composer).

All appear to listen a great deal to radio music of a wide range, with its now amazing quality, so "classical music" in the main appears to be getting through to an audience that wouldn't normally travel to a concert hall.

In conclusion are the "phone companies" doing a service in musical education that the public are unaware of?

#### A NEW SCHEME FOR GIVING TO CHARITY

FROM APRIL 2004, individuals who complete Self Assessment Tax Returns will be able to nominate a Charity to receive all or part of any repayment due to them. St Fillan's Church is a registered charity under this scheme.

The Tax Return form will incorporate a Gift Aid Declaration and Gift Aid tax on this donation will be paid without the Charity having to make a claim. Donations will be paid directly to the Charity's bank account.

### THE VILLAGE BEADLE

(From the Aberdour Kirk Session Records researched by Miss Stewart, Hawcraig Road).

12th July, 1842.

The Session taking into consideration the age and infirmities of John Livingston their present Beadle (who had filled the Office since 15th May 1820) and the same having been lately noticed at a meeting of Heritors and Kirk-Session, and it being now quite evident that he is no longer able to fulfil the several official duties of that department the Session did and hereby do appoint Hugh Livingston, youngest son of John Livingston to the said Office, with a right to all the emoluments pertaining to the same. - And the Session also agree to deliver over to the said Hugh Livingston the Advertisment Bell, having the names of 'Earl Morton' and "Earl Moray" as Superiors of the Village engraved in brass round the handle, and to lay an Extract of this Minute in so far as respects these appointments, before the Heritors of this Parish at their first meeting in the view of their confirming the same.

The Session finding that they cannot at present enter into other details connected with said Office, agree to adjourn their meeting to Thursday the 14th Currt. To be held in the School House at 8 0' clock, evening.

14th July, 1842.

In Reference to the Minute of 12th Currt, the Session authorize Mr. Kennedy, one of their number, to call on John Livingston their late Beadle, and to receive from him and to hand over to Hugh Livingston the different articles belonging to the Kirk-Session and to take an Inventory of, and a receipt from Hugh Livingston for the same - and to report to the Kirk-Session at their next meeting. The Session thereafter took into consideration the salary and dues paid hitherto to the Beadle for discharging the various duties of his Office, which by minute of 15th May, 1820 they find to be at the following rates - viz.

| For house rent per annum      | £2    |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| " two pairs of shoes annually | 18    |
| " money payable at Communion  | 144   |
|                               | £3124 |

Dues at Proclamation of Banns 1/- each
Do. Baptisms -/6d. each.
Inviting inhabitants to Funerals 1/- not extending beyond the Village.

Mortcloth dues in town -/6d. in Country 1/-Posting notices on board at Church -/2d.

The Session also authorize Hugh Livingston to call advertisments through the Village with the aforesaid handbell (previously submitting such advertisments to a member of Kirk-Session, if doubtful as to their propriety) at the following rates - viz. By the inhabitants of the Parish -/6d. By strangers -/8d. each.

Provided always, that the advertisment shall be called from the West to the East end of the Village including Seaside feus; and the Notice to be repeated ten times at least.

#### **WALTER BURNETT GRAY**

(An elder at St. Fillan's 1979 to 2003)
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WALTER BURNETT GRAY ("BUNNY") was a Paisley Buddy, having been born in that town on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1916, a son of the Deputy Chief Constable of Renfrew-shire. In childhood he survived a bout of diphtheria, so often a killer in these days, and on leaving school went into the banking business with the union Bank of Scotland and then on to the Mercantile Bank of India.

In 1936 at the age of 21 he was posted to India to begin what was to be a 27 year career with that Bank in India, Pakistan, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. As with so many men of his generation his banking career was interrupted by the outbreak of hostilities, and he volunteered for service with the Indian Army in the 17th Light Infantry Division, known as the "Black Cats". He saw active service throughout Burma and then was on Mountbatten's staff at Headquarters South-east Asia Command, attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

In 1941, in the Scots Kirk in Bombay, he married Emma (Amy) Marriott, and their first child was born in 1942. Having survived the war, a bout of malaria - and the treatment, which was doses of arsenic, Bunny rejoined the Mercantile Bank eventually becoming manager for Pakistan. In 1964 Bunny took early retirement and he and Amy returned to Scotland. They moved in 1965 to Aberdour, Fife, and Bunny became a full-time golfer and a part-time job seeker.

His retirement didn't last long and soon they were on the move again, this time to Nassau in the Bahamas for the establishing of a new bank there, Roywest Banking Corporation. This Caribbean sojourn was to last 12 years, much to the joy of their many friends around the world who discovered it an ideal stopping-off place on their journeys, particularly in the winter months, and even on a trip from Edinburgh to London! Bunny finally retired in 1977 and their return to Aberdour marked a new phase in their life and was to prove a great boon to the folk of the village.

No sooner had they arrived than they began their association with St. Fillan's Church. Bunny was admitted to the Kirk Session in 1979 and was soon in the thick of things. A new finance Committee was formed with Bunny as Convener and his enthusiasm was a spur to others in raising the finances of the congregation. Whether providing tablet for the sale of work or wielding a paint brush in the hall, Bunny always gave of his best in the service of the church. Absent from Sunday services only on the rarest of occasions, he lived the faith that he professed, giving help wherever he could. He was also a great support to his minister and his wise counsel could alleviate a potentially difficult situation.

We will never really know how much he contributed to the lives of others in different ways, financial, practical, caring. He would always provide a helping hand to any elderly person in need, irrespective of the fact that they were often younger than he was.

When there was talk in the late 1970s of a new petro-chemical plant at Mossmorran with an associated terminal at Braefoot Bay, he quickly became involved in opposing such a plan, being a founder member of the Action Group that was set up. Although it failed in its original objective, it ensured that the safety concerns would be a top priority. Up until fairly recently he continued his watching brief through attending meetings of the Liaison Committee, the air quality monitoring group and the Forth Forum. Residents Association, Pier and Harbour Committee, Neighbourhood Watch - one could only marvel at the energy and effort and time he spent on village affairs, his only motive being the welfare and good of the village and its residents. He would never ask anyone to undertake a task to which he was not prepared to give one hundred percent.

Amy's death nearly ten years ago was a blow to him but his work remained undiminished, as did his Christian faith. He loved Aberdour and he loved St. Fillan's as his spiritual home, and he will be tremendously missed in both.

Bunny's Sunday worship continued in his daily life for his was the living, doing, the practical faith that so commends Christ: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". He took suddenly ill and was admitted to the Queen Margaret Hospital where he died a few days later. He is survived by his son Robin, daughters Susan and Trish, and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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#### A STORY FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

DAVID, NOW IN HIS TWENTIES, has been a Merchant Seamen since he left school (which was as soon as he could) and is at present based at Aberdeen, mostly on ships which are on stand by at oil rigs.

I read in the Courier that a man had fallen into the North Sea from an oilrig, but was almost immediately picked up by the crew of the standby ship. He was then flown by helicopter to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary where he was treated for mild hypothermia.

I mentioned this to David who said, quite casually, "Oh, yes, that was us – but we had four minutes to do it, and we knew what to do".

A true example of Christianity in practice – helping others without thought of risk to their own lives.

### Letter from Grandma

From the Church magazine of St. Peter's, Edinburgh



THE OTHER DAY I went to a Christian bookshop and saw a "Honk if you love Jesus" sticker and I put it on my car. I'm so glad I did so - what an uplifting experience followed!

I was stopped at a red light at a busy crossing, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the lights had changed. It was a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked I'd have never noticed. I found that LOTS of people love Jesus!

Why, while I was sitting there, a man behind me started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of the window and screamed "For the love of God, Go, Go!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus. Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waving and smiling at all these lovely people. I even honked a few times myself to share in the love!

There must have been a man from a seaside town there because I heard him yelling about sunny beach. I saw another man waving in a funny way with only two fingers stuck in the air. When I asked my teenage grandson (sitting in the back seat) what that meant he said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well I've never met anyone from Hawaii, so I gave him the good luck sign back. My grandson burst out laughing. Even he was enjoying the religious experience!

A couple of people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started to walk towards me. I bet that they wanted to pray with me or ask which Church I attended.

But this was when I noticed that the lights had changed and so - not wishing to hold everybody up - I gave a cheery smile and waved goodbye to all my new found sisters and brothers and drove off. In my mirror I noticed I was the only car that got across before the lights changed again. I felt very sad that I had to leave them all behind after all the love we had shared so I slowed down, leaned out of the window and gave them the Hawaiian good luck sign as I drove away.

### COOP FAIR TRADE COMPETITION

Like to enter a competition and win some fair trade coffee or chocolate.

Contact <a href="mailto:hester@wdmscotland.org.uk">hester@wdmscotland.org.uk</a> or David Graham 861297 for further details. Information on the World Development Movement is available at their website <a href="mailto:www.world-wise.info">www.world-wise.info</a>.

### PARISH AND CONGREGATION REGISTER

#### **Baptisms**

5 October 03 Ruaridh Norman Spillane

Zara Dalton 26

16 November James William Robertson

30 Laura Robertson

8 February 04 Max James Hugh Nichol

#### **Marriages**

13 October 03 Keith Brian Irwin and Joanne Elizabeth Hopker

Michael Lyons and Maurita Jasper 16 November Philip Smith and Jocelyn Blake 27 December William Kane and Maureen Cook 14 February 04

#### Bereavements

3 December 03 W. Burnett Gray

John McKay 13

7 January 04 Jim Alexander 13 February Alexander Cassels

18 Stella Helm

### Members going to other churches

Toni and Adam McLean to Macduff Gail Clarke to Kinross Andrew and Mairi Templeton to Dalgety

#### **New Members**

By Transference

Mrs. Enid Henderson Sunnyside, Manse Street

Mrs. Elsie Shedlock **High Street** 

> Please assist in keeping the Church Roll up to date by contacting Catherine Duncan (860611) or Bill Cochrane (860786)

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

| Date                        | Time                    | Event  | Further details                                 |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| First Thursday of the month | 12 noon to 1.30 pm      | Lunch in the<br>Church Hall  |   |  |
| Friday 5 March              | 7.00 pm                 | World Day of<br>Prayer at Dalgety                                      |   |  |
| Saturday 6 March            | 10.30 am                | RNLI Coffee<br>Morning in the<br>Institute                             | Entrance £1                                     |  |
| Wednesday 10 March          | 7.30 pm                 | Some Songs by<br>LIMELIGHT   | Tickets £3 at the door. Light                   |  |
|                             |                         | Dalgety Parish<br>Church Hall  | refreshments at the interval.                   |  |
| Thursday 11 March           | 10.30 am to 12 noon     | Open Door  | DARE — Miss<br>Barbara McDade                   |  |
| Thursday 11 March           | 7.00 pm                 | Forth Churches<br>Group Inaugural<br>Service                           | St. Peter's,<br>Inverkeithing                   |  |
| Friday 12 March             | 7.30 pm                 | Old Number Six<br>(Bluegrass)<br>Concert.                              | Tickets £5  North Queensferry Church            |  |
| Sunday 21 March             | 10.30 am and<br>3.00 pm | Communion  |   |  |
| Friday 9 April              | 7.30 pm                 | Church Service   |   |  |
| Sunday 11 April             | 10.30 am                | Easter Sunday<br>Service   |   |  |
| Saturday 24 April           | 10.30 am to 12 noon     | Kirk Session<br>Coffee Morning<br>and Book Sale                        | Church Hall                                     |  |
| Saturday 15 May             | 10.30 am                | Christian Aid<br>Coffee Morning  | Church Hall                                     |  |
| Wednesday 19 May            | 7.30 pm                 | The Rhode Island<br>College Chamber<br>Choir in St.<br>Fillan's Church | Further details<br>from David<br>Hannah, 860877 |  |