

# NEWSLETTER

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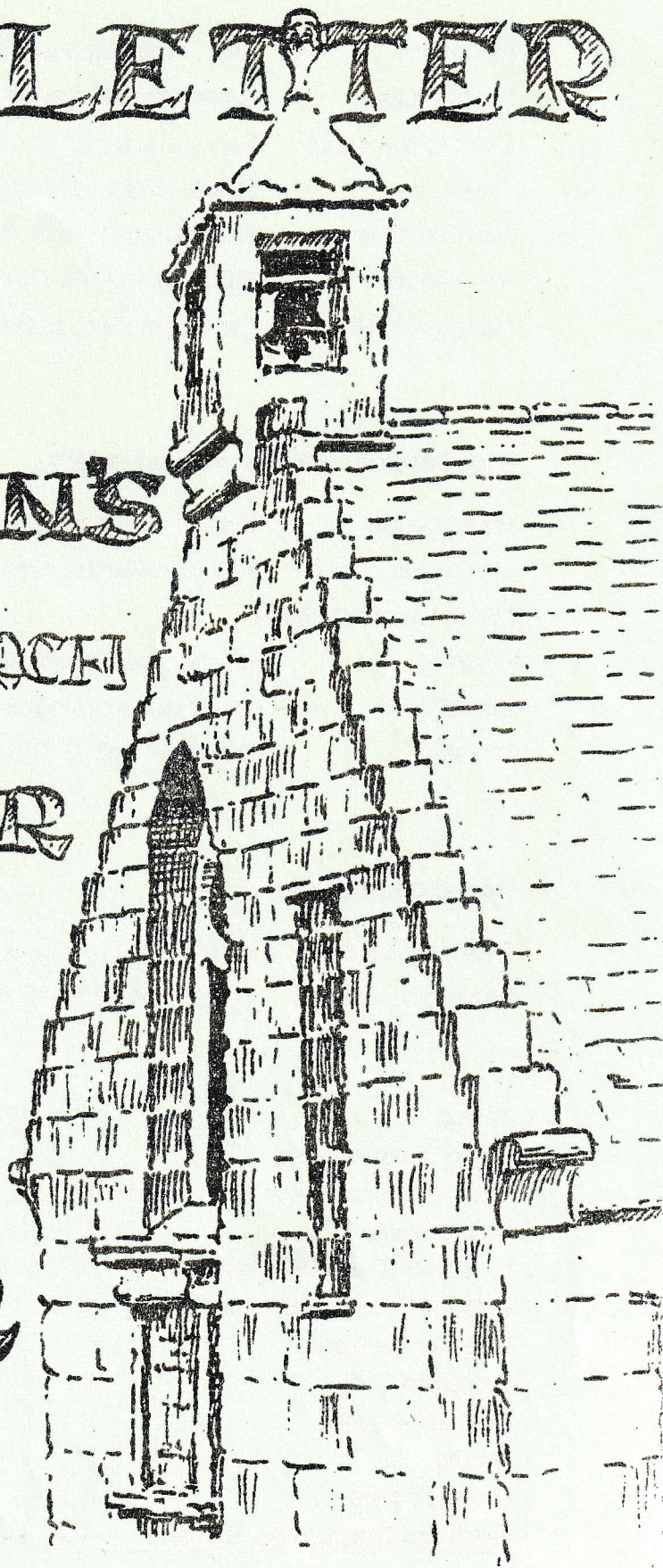
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## SOME USEFUL CONTACTS

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## LETTER FROM THE MANSE

IT'S AMAZING HOW QUICKLY THE summer-holidays disappear into the distance! Caroline and I had a great time in Paris, where we stayed in the Scots Kirk Manse. We walked a lot, and, alas, also ate a lot! The Scots Kirk in Paris is just off the Champs Elysees, and is a modern, 1999, purpose-built church. It has excellent Halls, and a tiny, but hard-working Congregation, from many different nationalities.

Perhaps the Scots Kirk is best known as the base of the "Tartan Pimpernel", which was the nickname of the Reverend Donald Caskie, a brave Scot, who did not leave France at the beginning of the Second World War, but played an important role in the anti-German resistance in France.

So far, 2005 has been a year of many anniversaries. Most prominent, no doubt, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. But there was also the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain, commemorated with a new statue in London, unveiled by Prince Charles, and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lord Nelson's victory at Trafalgar and his death.

It is good to remember these events, not only to remember the great sacrifices made over many hundreds of years to keep these islands free, but also to remind ourselves that freedom of thought, democracy, rights to chose where to live and work, and the right to worship freely are not so much God-given, but hard won over many years, and that they need defending and cherishing.

The horror of terrorism on the streets of London, and the continued need for vigilance demonstrate that our society is changing, and not necessarily for the

better. Yet we need to remember that the violence perpetrated by a tiny minority does not give a full picture of a particular faith-community. Most Muslims decry the evil of suicide bombers. I would not like to answer for the deeds of fanatical Christians who blow up abortion clinics, killing doctors, nurses and patients. The fanatical side of every faith or political movement is always ugly, intolerant, violent, and unacceptable to the main stream.

Jesus of Nazareth travelled through the Holy Land on foot, and met the great and the good, the poor and the down-trodden, the sick and the outcasts. He met the elderly and the young, he spoke with those keen to hear His message, and with those opposed to it. The important thing here is the 'spoke with'. Wherever He went, Jesus entered into dialogue with those around him, Romans, Jews, Samaritans, Greeks, men and women.

And through that dialogue, through listening to others, and through asking others to listen to Him, Jesus kept open the lines of human communication, while opening up a new line of communication with God. In these difficult days, Christians have an important role to play in keeping open lines of communication with those in other faith-communities.

Despite the deep and real differences between the many Faiths represented in our country, they have a lot in common, too. Most have a sacred text, like the Bible, the Holy Qur'an or the Mahabharata. Most have gatherings of the faithful in churches, temples or mosques. Most have traditions of public and private prayer, and disciplines like alms-giving, fasting or pilgrimages.

Through openness to the ideas and traditions of others, through dialogue with those who disagree with us, through

living a life based on the example and teachings of Jesus, our Saviour, we may shine the light of Christ in a world that may be dark at times, but is always a world saved by Him through His Death and Resurrection, a world created by God, loved by God, inhabited by people created in God's image, all precious in His sight.

Yours in Christ,

Peter  
Gerbrandy-Baird

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From our World  
Mission  
Representative  
David Graham

A SNIPPET FROM "INSIGHT" the magazine of World Mission from the Church of Scotland:

Dr Alison Elliot wrote about her recent visit to Poland that included a visit to Krakow and Auschwitz.

"We in Britain know about this from our history books. Yet what strikes when you visit Central Europe is how many people are carrying around with them a personal history of pain and damage that few of us on these islands can imagine. It's commonplace for families to have been divided, parents to have been killed in the mess and muddle of warfare and for people to know stories of amazing courage and good fortune. It is a different world, one in which memories are long and history cynical."

I wondered if our memories are so different - I know my mum was bombed out of her house in Clydebank during the blitz and an uncle survived a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

A missionary couple describe a wedding they attended in Lusaka.

"A car stopped, out jumped the first President of the Republic, 80-year old Kenneth Kunda, who literally sprinted over to the newly-weds, shook hands with them, gave his blessing and message on HIV/AIDS, chanting the mantra *One Zambia, One Nation, One Husband, One Wife.*"

When I was in Zambia 20 years ago it was just *One Zambia, One Nation*, and the rising causes of death in young adults was in road traffic accidents.

INSIGHT is available to borrow any Sunday from the welcome area of the church.

### Bible Lessons

The following statements about the Bible were written by children when answering an elementary school test. Their answers, including spelling have not been corrected.

In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.

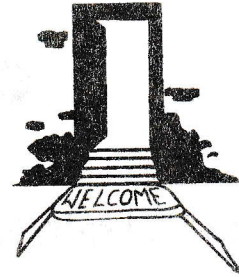
Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals came on to in pears.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.

The Jews were a proud people and I throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.

Samson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

# St. Fillan's Church Open Door



AS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN on the notices around the village and in our Orders of Service on Sundays, St Fillan's Open Door is about to open once again.

During the autumn and winter months, you can be sure of a warm friendly welcome whenever you come through St Fillan's Church's OPEN DOOR.....the door at the Church Hall, for our times of friendship and fellowship on Thursdays, at 10.30am.

The Planning Group, of Davina and Dick Aikman, Maggie Christie, Alex Harper, Richard Lloyd, Alex Waugh, Trish Niven and Kathleen Fergus, has arranged an interesting programme. The first speaker is Mr James McInnes of the Bethany Christian Trust, who will tell us about the work of 'The Toastie Club' in Dunfermline.

Not only do we assure you of a warm welcome, we can assure you of home baked pancakes and scones with your coffee/tea! There is also a Fair Trade stall each month where you can buy cereals, raisins, tea, coffee, chocolate etc. and lovely gifts for Christmas, in support of this worthy cause. This is a time for everyone to enjoy, so do come along. We look forward to seeing you!

The programme for the remainder of the year is as follows: -

November 10th: 'Pilot on the Forth' Alastair Gibson of Aberdour

December 8th: 'Church Heraldry' Rev Peter Gerbrandy-Baird of St, Fillan's Church

January 12th: 'Weather Forecasting' Meteorologist JH Minhinick of Aberdour

February 9th: 'Walking on the Hills' with Simon Fraser of Aberdour

March 9th: 'Exquisite Surface Painting' with Mrs Phyliss Cachia

# Christian Outreach in St. Fillan's

## PASTORAL VISITING

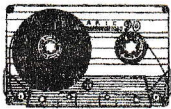
MINISTERS/VISITING TEAMS no longer have access to hospital lists. It is therefore very important to let the Minister, Session Clerk or Pastoral Group know of anyone in hospital so that pastoral visits can be maintained.

## STAMPS



A reminder that St Fillan's collects stamps for Mission and Aid and that they can leave them at Susan Morton's house, 4 Manse Street or at the Post office OR in the red box in the Church OR Susan will come and collect them, telephone 860051. No excuses for helping out with this very worthy cause.

## WEEKLY TAPE MINISTRY



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

## 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.

## Crèche facilities at Church Services



A CRÈCHE FACILITY is provided in the Vestry each Sunday during Service time, and parents attending worship are

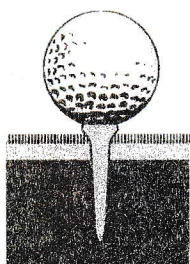
welcome to leave their children there.

We still have some gaps in the rota, so if you would like either to donate flowers arranged by yourself or to make a payment towards the cost of the flowers, or have any other enquiries, please contact the flower organiser, Mrs. Catherine Duncan at 860611.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	Event
First Thursday of the month	12 noon to 1.30 pm	Lunch in the Church Hall
Thursday 13 October	10.30 am	St. Fillan's Church Open Door in the Church Hall
Sunday 16 October	10.30 am and 3.00 pm	Communion
Thursday 10 November	10.30 am	St. Fillan's Church Open Door in the Church Hall
Sunday 13 November	10.00 am	Remembrance Service at the Church Hall
Saturday 19 November	2.00 pm	Sale of Work in the Church Hall

## SPONSORED GOLF – 2005 Contributed by Lois Hutchison



APPROXIMATELY 100 PLAYERS took part in this year's competition, enjoying beautiful weather and the courtesy and cooperation of Aberdour Golf Club members and staff.

It has always been a tightly contested match but a new record was set this year when the David Rutherford Trophy was won by Dalgety Parish Church by the narrowest of margins, 238-237 points.

The Trophy was presented to the Reverend Donald McCorkindale by our new non-playing captain the Reverend Peter Gerbrandy-Baird.

The other trophies for individual performances were:

St, Fillan's Cup	Best Aberdour Score	Edwin Travers	41 points
Hugh Martin Cup	Best Dalgety Score	Pat Hawkshaw	41 points
Jessie Pearston Trophy	Best Dalgety Lady's Score	Pat Ritchie	40 points

Jane Cuthill had the best Aberdour lady's score with 40 points.

Each day's best score:

Monday	Ian Paltiel	Aberdour	39 points
Tuesday	Alistair Low	Aberdour	39 points
Wednesday	Maureen Wilson	Dalgety	40 points
Thursday	Jim. Pearston	Dalgety	41 points
Friday	Ron Scott	Aberdour	37 points

The money raised in sponsorship and donations, which has been given to Christian Aid and the Macmillan Fife Appeal, was £1,582.50, a record for St Fillan's.

The amount raised by Dalgety Parish Church was £ 1,410.

The organisers Lois Hutchison of St Fillan's and Alex Cruickshank, Murray McGregor and George Taylor of Dalgety would like to thank everybody who contributed to the success of the event.

### **Some more Bible Lessons**

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

## 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 £1.75. Everyone is welcome.*

*Anybody wishing to help serve at the Lunches - (two or three times per year) - please contact Sandra McSkimming on 823454 or Catherine Duncan on 860611*

## *ABERDUR SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB*

*Dancing started on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in the Church Hall.*

*This is essentially a fun class for adults to the age of 80 and beyond!! We have live music and the price of £2.00 includes tea and biscuits. Look out your dancing pumps and come along and give it a try - you will be made most welcome.*

*For further information call Sandra McSkimming (823454) or David Hannah (860877)*

### **Further Bible Lessons**

It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

Christians have only one souse. This is called monotony



## FROM OUR ORGANIST JIM FAIRLIE

That man still at the "Kist O' Whustles"

### DOES MUSIC PASS YOU BY?



LISTENING TO A REMARK BY a Radio 4 presenter recently stopped me in my tracks.

He was interviewing the organist of the largest symphonic organ in the world, (29000 pipes). Known as a "Wannamaker" it is in one of the largest department stores in Philadelphia and is housed in over four floors of the store.

The biggest organ in a church however, is at the West Point Military Academy cadet's chapel in New York State (19000 pipes) and a popular way of creating memorial for cadets lost in action is for their families to donate a new 'bit' for the organ. This means, sadly, that the organ will eventually be bigger than the one in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, of course was also made famous by the American comedian W. C. Fields, who had his headstone inscribed, "I would rather be in Philadelphia"

The organist went on to describe the 5 keyboards and some of the pipes (36ft in length) and all the variation of stops colour coded for all the different instruments.

It was mentioned that one day a Shetland pony was led into the inside of one of the largest of the pipes in order to show the dimension of that particular pipe.

He plays twice a day, with the exception of Sunday, and also took into account the amount of people walking in the store (four floors, and a full 'block') and adjusted the sound of the organ which could be massive so as not to interfere with their concentration on shopping.

It was interesting the fact that some of the pipes were distributed in odd corners behind doors and wall partitions, and in one case the motors driving the 'wind' chests were situated in a cupboard behind their large selection of

swim wear.

Someone would get a shock to their nerves if this particular 'sound' door was left ajar. It sounded like "Concord" starting up.

But it was his remark at the end of his interview that attracted my attention.

With all this vast amount of instruments at his finger touch, equivalent to three full orchestras, he sometimes pondered, "Did the music pass them by"

His theme must also go through the minds of many Kirk organists as they endeavor to set the tone for Sunday services.

PS. These days the 'organ scene' is the battle between digital 'pipeless' organs (no offence Dalgety church) which are bafflingly lifelike and 'real' pipe organs which are made as they have been for hundreds of years.

It's amazing how good a digital 'imitation' sounds until you hear a 'real' one.

The man waiting for 'come backs' at the 'kist o'whustles'.

### SMILING

Smiling is infectious:  
You catch it like the flu  
When someone smiled at me  
I started smiling too ..  
I passed around the corner  
And someone saw me grin  
And when he smiled I  
realised  
I'd passed it onto him  
I thought about the smile  
And realised it's true worth  
A single smile like mine  
Could travel round the earth  
So if you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected  
Let's start an epidemic quick  
And get the world infected!!!



## PARISH AND CONGREGATION REGISTER

### Baptisms

- May 29 Chloe Louise and Amy Kate Brown (twins)  
August 21 Isla Sarah Hallam Stewart  
September 11 Faye Marie Weatherup

*Jesus said "Let the children come to me"*

### Marriages

- June 11 Fraser McNaughton with Joanne Beverly  
August 5 Chris Jones with Amanda Wardrop  
August 20 Alistair Laing with Andreea Slav  
September 17 Paul Robertson with Donna Wilson

*God is love and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them*

### Bereavements

- June 4 Mrs. Fay MacKenzie  
July 25 Mrs. Phyllis Phillips  
August 15 Mrs. Elizabeth McKay  
September 14 Norman A. McClelland  
September 19 Mrs. Doris McNair

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

### Joining by Confession of Faith

- June 26 Amanda Wardrop, 1 Manse Place  
Mrs. Jean (Jay) Whimster, Corriemar, The Shore

*Welcome, and we hope you enjoy your fellowship here*

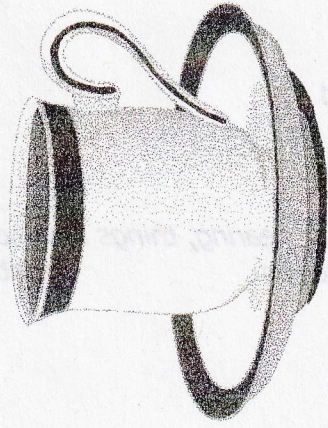
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# Sale of Work - St. Fillan's Church Hall

## Saturday 19th November at 2.00

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■ Something for everyone



■ Children's Corner - Face  
Painting. Games and much  
much more

■ Bric a Brac

■ Crafts and Cards

■ Cake and Candy

■ Gifts and Handiwork

■ Plants and Produce

■ Books, Videos and Tapes

■ Bottle Stall

■ Entry Fee £1.00 includes tea and cakes.

