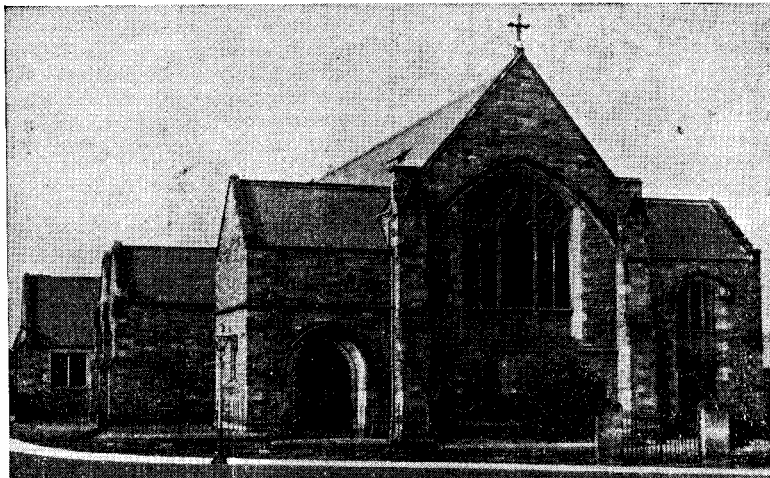


# St. John's Parish Church

KIRKCALDY



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Mr EDGAR KIDD, 13 Balsusney  
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S. KEMP, 28 King Street.

Church Officer — Mr J. RODGER,  
73 Strathkinnes Road.

TEXT—Psalms 33: 12.

Dec. 1956

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is  
the Lord; and the people whom He  
hath chosen for His own inheritance."*

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## The Sunday Services:

11.15 a.m. and 6 p.m.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:

Third Sunday of March, June  
and October, at 11.15 a.m. and  
2.30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m.

## The Sacrament of Baptism:

Second Sunday of each month,  
at the Morning Service.

## NOTES

The past weeks have seen some terrible things happen in Europe and in the Middle East. In Hungary there has been war, with all its horrors, and the world has been

astounded and appalled to learn of the sufferings of the Hungarian people. Thousands have been killed or wounded, and thousands more have fled from their country, with nothing except the clothes they stood in and the few possessions they could snatch up and carry in their hands. In the Middle East, the Suez Canal has been blocked so that supplies cannot come by the direct route to European countries. It is an ugly situation which could deteriorate into something even worse. But we are glad to know that there are now indications of the situation becoming easier. It is a time when Christian people should be asking God humbly for guidance, and when prayers should

be offered to Him that the leaders of the nations may be given wisdom that justice and truth may prevail, and that peace may be promoted on the earth.

A number of special services fall to be held in December. On Sunday, 9th, at the Evening Service, the Rev. Dr. Bernhard Citron (himself an Austrian) will speak on Hungary.

On Sunday, 16th, the Children's Christmas Gift Service (for all departments of the Sunday School) will be held in the Church at 2.30 p.m.

There will be a United Evening Service in the Adam Smith Hall that day at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, 23rd, the Morning Service will be our Christmas Service, and at 6 o'clock there will be special Christmas music and hymns.

On Sunday, 30th, members of the Youth Fellowship will present the Nativity Play, "The Spirit of Christmas," at the Evening Service.

It is hoped, too, to have a short Christmas Eve Service on Monday, 24th December, at 11.30 p.m.

Yes, the Christmas Parties are here again.

The party given by Guild members (who raised the funds through the presentation of three one-act plays (... a great success, by the way) to the older members of the congregation will be held on Wednesday, 12th December, at 7 p.m.

The Sunday School Parties have been arranged as follows:—

Beginners—Saturday, 15th Dec.

Primary—Wednesday, 19th Dec.

Juniors—Monday, 24th Dec.

Seniors—Wednesday, 26th Dec.

#### CHURCH BOARD

You will have noticed the beautiful board in front of the Church, giving the name, etc., of the Church. No, it's not a new one, although you may think so. But it has been completely

and beautifully redecorated and re-lettered. Mr D. Page has really done a first class job, and he is due our sincere thanks. It is a fine spirit that prompts members of the Church to give of their time and talents in this way to beautify the House of God and to enhance its surroundings. It is also encouraging to all of us who have these things at heart. Again, thank you!

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Elspeth McKerrel, D.A. (Edin.), who has passed the finals for D.A. (College of Art, Edinburgh).

#### MISS MARGARET PATERSON AND MISS LOTTIE MITCHELL

It was with deep regret that we learned that Miss Paterson (Brown Owl) and Miss Mitchell (Tawny Owl) had sent in their resignations from these positions. Brownie Headquarters were insisting upon certain regulations regarding numbers of Brownies, and under these circumstances Miss Paterson and Miss Mitchell felt that they could do no other than they did. Both have given such able and devoted service, Miss Paterson for a number of years, Miss Mitchell for a shorter period. During that time very fine Brownie work has been done. Indoor and outdoor activities have been carried on with unfailing regularity and great efficiency, and all these young girls have been learning something of the team spirit, something, too, of a practically useful nature, and all on a religious basis. It was a pleasure to know that this work was being carefully and conscientiously done, and could be confidently left in the able and willing hands of the Leaders. Another of the activities of the Brownies was the annual presentation of an operetta, the unfailing success of which was evidence enough of the time and care that had been

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given to its production. It is true to say that Miss Paterson and Miss Mitchell worked hard for and endeared themselves to the Brownies. We do appreciate their years of voluntary service, and most sincerely we offer them our warm thanks.

### THE PASSING OF GOOD FRIENDS

Yes, St. John's is the poorer for the passing of some of its good members. Mrs Gray's connection with the Church went back many years. What an interested, loyal and generous member she was. Leader of the Work Party, keen Guild member, regular Church attender, friend and benefactor to many a one. St. John's occupied a central place in her heart, and it was never far from her thoughts. What more could she do to help was the question she ever asked herself. And she was never happier than when she was finding ways and means of answering that question.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

### NEW MEMBERS TO OCTOBER, 1956

#### By Profession of Faith:

- ✓ Mr Robert (Garry) E. T. Kidd, 13 Balsusney Road.
- ✓ Mr David Patterson, 86 Kennedy Crescent.
- ✓ Mr Ian Pitblado, 9 Cheviot Road, Templehall.
- Mr Frank Walker, 47 Forth Park Gardens.
- ✓ Mr Robert Ramshaw, 1 Arran Crescent.
- ✓ Mr Alec Wilson, 37 Nile Street.
- ✓ Mr Robert Gibb, 37 Nile Street.
- ✓ Mrs J. D. Thomson, 88 Kennedy Crescent.
- ✓ Miss Joyce Westwater, 40 King St.
- ✓ Miss Ena Galloway, 26 Macindoe Crescent.

#### By Certificate:

- Mrs Kerr, 1 Arran Crescent.
- Mrs Herd, 38 Winifred Street.
- Mr James Thomson, 88 Kennedy Crescent.
- Mr and Mrs H. Moultrie, 65 Winifred Crescent.
- Mrs Wilkie, 29 Veronica Crescent.
- Mrs Gilfillan, 48 Haig Avenue.
- Mr and Mrs Robertson, 48 Haig Avenue.
- Mr W. A. Fairfield, Brunnen, Windygates.
- Mr and Mrs J. Nicholson, 22 Patterson Street.

## CHURCH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

*"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."*

- 15/7/56.—In the Church, Roy Mackintosh Irvine, son of Mr and Mrs James M. Irvine, 142 Fair Isle Road.
- 15/7/56.—In the Church, Colin William McAndrew, son of Mr and Mrs William P. McAndrew, 17 Nile Street.
- 15/7/56.—In the Church, Jeremy Craig Oliphant, son of Mr and Mrs David N. Oliphant.
- 12/8/56.—In the Church, James Auchterlonie Williamson, son of Mr and Mrs Peter B. Williamson, 55 Duniaker Road.
- 12/8/56.—In the Church, Patricia Ann Howie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Archibald Howie, 73 Alford Avenue.
- 19/8/56.—In the Church, Jean Guthrie Hay, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Hay, 32 Strathkinnes Road.
- 26/8/56.—In the Church, Freda Jane Horsburgh, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Horsburgh, 17 Beveridge Road.
- 9/9/56.—In the Church, Kay Latto Archibald, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew D. Archibald, 40 Harcourt Road.
- 9/9/56.—In the Church, Sheena Mary Robertson, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Robertson, 117 Winifred Street.
- 14/10/56.—In the Church, Norma Lesley Summers, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas J. Summers, 48 Viceroy Street.
- 4/11/56.—In the Church, Grant Alexander Wood, son of Mr and Mrs

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George A. Wood, 100 Winifred Crescent.

4/11/56.—In the Church, Aileen Robina Gibb, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert W. Gibb, 37 Nile Street.

### MARRIAGES

*"Whom God hath joined together  
let no man put asunder."*

7/7/56.—In the Church, David Herd, 21 Junction Road, and June Melville Duncan, 101 Westwood Avenue.

18/7/56.—In the Church, John Collie Morrison, Parkburn House, Parkburn Road, Kilsyth, and Anne Anderson Gourlay Reid, 77 Sutherland Street, Kirkcaldy.

1/8/56.—In the Church, Neil Watson, 94 Strathkinnes Road, and Jessie Pennycook McArthur, 57 Hendry Road.

4/8/56.—In the Church, Robert Keddie, 234 St. Kilda Crescent, and Christina Foster Doig, 48 Lismore Avenue.

4/8/56.—In the Church, William Johnston, 68 High Street, and Ann Fitchett Scott Doig, 48 Lismore Avenue.

25/8/56.—In the Church, John Hutt, Melretta, Northhall Road, Markinch, and Margaret Jack Anderson, 7 Walker Street, Kirkcaldy.

8/9/56.—In the Church, Andrew Malcolm Greig, 58 West March Street, and Agnes Wilson McDonald, 9 Laburnum Drive.

1/10/56.—In the Church, Arnot Wilson Muir, 7 Strathmore Street, Kinghorn, and Norma Anne Scott Taylor, 3 Hendry Road, Kirkcaldy.

20/10/56.—In the Church, Ashley Mackintosh Cowie, Alderside, Stuart Street, Portessie, Buckie, and Margaret Agnes Forrester, Braemount, Bennochly Road, Kirkcaldy.

### DEATHS

*"Blessed are the dead who die  
in the Lord."*

28/6/56.—Mrs McHoul, 58 Beatty Crescent.

15/7/56.—Mrs Freeman, 130 Cheviot Road.

21/7/56.—Mrs Smith, 37 Kennedy Crescent.

26/8/56.—Mr William Wilkie, 1A Montgomery Street.

24/8/56.—Mr John Skinner, Burnbraes, Freuchie.

2/9/56.—Mrs Mitchell, 9 Pool Lane, Gallatown.

5/9/56.—Mr David Meldrum, 23 Meldrum Road.

28/10/56.—Mr Taylor, 37 Viceroy Street.

1/11/56.—Miss Linton, 4 Nelson Street.

4/11/56.—Mrs Chalmers, 11 Kennedy Crescent.

6/11/56.—Mrs Wilkie, 1A Montgomery Street.

11/11/56.—Mrs Gray, 1. Lina Street.

### FINANCIAL

#### CHURCH OFFERINGS 1956

	Ordinary	F.W.	Total.
May	£19 6 2	£69 12 3	£88 18 5
June	37 15 2	99 3 10	136 19 0
July	14 10 3	61 3 2	75 13 5
Aug.	13 10 5	64 4 4	79 14 9
Sept.	24 9 11	103 13 6	128 3 5
Oct.	42 6 2	109 18 4	152 4 6
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