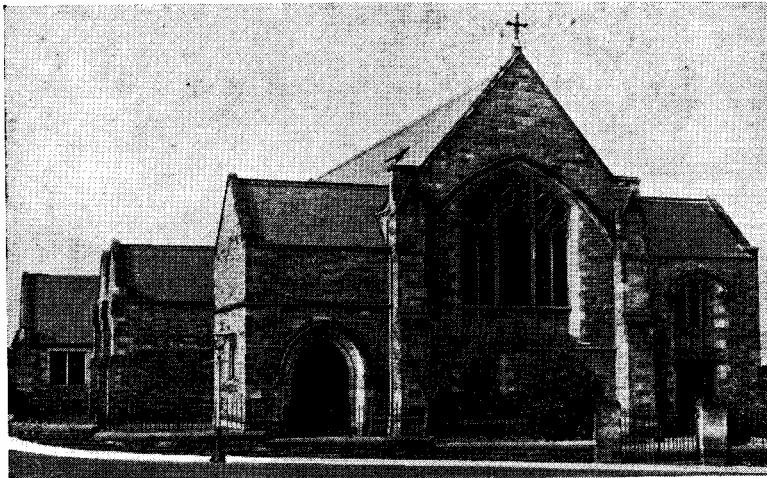


# St. John's Parish Church

KIRKCALDY



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TEXT—St. Luke 2: 20.

*"And the shepherds returned, glorifying  
and praising God for all the things that they  
had heard and seen, as it was told unto  
them."*

Dec., 1957

No. 22.

## 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.

## NOTE

Another year draws to an end, and what a year it has been! New discoveries, new inventions, and now the possibility of a trip to the moon! We cannot say that we are not living in interesting and even exciting times. But whither are they leading?

Apparently we do not know. But we do know that the world of the near future is going to be very different from the world of the not very distant past. The aeroplane and the television have become commonplace things, and there are probably other and just as wonderful things round the corner. Given good will and wisdom, there are great possibilities for good in all this.

How does this "new world" affect our Christian beliefs? Does it minimise or disprove them in any way?

Certainly not! The central truths of our Christian religion are eternally true. It is still true that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . ."; that "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"; that "Jesus Christ is the

same yesterday, today and for ever." Not only so, but the true progress of man is not necessarily to be measured by the size of the bomb he can burst, or even by the speed at which he can travel, but rather by his moral and spiritual advance. Measured by this standard, what progress are we making?

### JUBILEE MEETING

The Jubilee Social held in the Beveridge Hall on Wednesday, 18th September, was most enjoyable and successful. The company was seated at long tables beautifully laid and decorated for the occasion. There was a grand attendance, although two or three people failed to turn up, because of the fact that they had purchased their tickets some considerable time before, and had omitted to make a proper note of the date.

The meeting was opened with praise and prayer, and Mr Kidd, who acted as chairman, introduced the speakers and artistes. It was fitting that Rev. Gavin Brown, former minister of the Church, should be present, and he conveyed congratulations and good wishes.

Mrs Drysdale, too, was present, and all were pleased to see her and hear her speak. Rev. M. W. Cooper, of Abbotshall Church, and my brother from Glasgow also spoke.

The artistes included Messrs Adam Hunter and Robert Young, Mrs Greeraway and Miss Sheila Tweed, and they delighted the audience with song and recitation. Mr William Blyth was accompanist.

Reference was made to the work done by the congregation in the past fifty years, to the growth in membership, and to the increase in the numbers of young people.

Certainly the work had been blessed and prospered, but much remained to be done. In particular, there was the completion of the Church building, the erecting of the remaining transept which had been spoken about for years.

An excellent tea was served in the course of the evening. The occasion was a most happy and friendly one—one which we shall long remember.

Mr James Haig proposed votes of

thanks. The doxology was then sung and the benediction pronounced.

F. A. S.

### THE TRANSEPT

Yes, just a word about this, and it is a grand word. Plans and estimates are to hand, and at a meeting of the Congregational Board held a week or two ago it was decided to go ahead. Work will begin shortly. The sum of money in hand is between £5000 and £6000 (nearer to the latter figure). Some hundreds are still needed, but money continues to come in steadily, and we are confident that we shall reach the needed sum.

### NEW CURTAINS

Many will have seen the new curtains on the stage and windows of the Hall. How lovely they are and what a difference they make to the appearance of the premises. The Hall looks much more furnished—it is, too, more attractive and comfortable in appearance. The stage curtain is a rich crimson in colour and the window curtains are a mixture of soft colours to tone in with the surroundings. The curtains are a gift from the Woman's Guild. The material was bought, and then cut and made up by some of the ladies, while some of the men were responsible for putting up the new rails and fittings. A considerable saving of money was effected in this way. We are most grateful for this splendid gift, and we express our thanks to those who made it possible, and to those who devoted so many hours to the work.

### ITEMS

- (i) Christmas services will be held in the Church on Sunday, 22nd December. At the Morning Service, Senior and Junior Choir members will sing Christmas music. At the Evening Service, members of the Youth Fellowship and of the Bible Class will present four Christmas Tableaux.
- (ii) The Communicants' Class will meet about the middle of Janu-

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ary. Intimation will be made later. Some names are already forward.

(iii) Bible Class instruction is provided each Sunday during the winter months:

Minister's Bible Class at 12.30 p.m.

B.B. Bible Class at 10 a.m.

### NEW MEMBERS

TO OCTOBER, 1957

#### By Profession of Faith

Mr Robert Gray, 74 Hendry Road.  
Mr Orr Johnston, 53 Kennedy Crescent.  
Mr Ian Scott, 65 Kennedy Crescent.  
Mr Irvine Manson, 30 Elgin Street.  
Mr W. Alexander Middleton, 154 High Street.  
Mr Brian Latimer, 176 Massereene Road.  
Mr Allan Cowie, 19 Nelson Street.  
Mr James Duguid, 20 Elgin Street.  
Miss Anne Ferguson, 67 Veronica Crescent.  
Miss Mary Anderson, 7 Walker Street.

#### By Certificate

Mr and Mrs P. Harrison, 1 Willow Terrace.  
Mrs L. Harrison, 91 Salisbury Street  
Mrs M. Reekie, 51 Viceroy Street.  
Mr and Mrs David Duncan, 11 King Street.  
Mr W. Mitchell, 125 Dunnikier Road.  
Miss Ruth Bell, 7 Montgomery Street.  
Mr and Mrs Murdo McIver, 73 Valle Gardens.  
Mr and Mrs S. Finlay, 62 Laurel Crescent.  
Mrs Haxton, 19 Maria Street.  
Mrs McIlquham, 1 Murray Terrace, Octavia Street.

### CHURCH REGISTER

#### BAPTISMS

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

13/10/57.—In the Church, Alan David, son of Mr and Mrs D. Herd, 9 Rosslyn Street.  
10/11/57.—In the Church, Gillian Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bisset, 16 King Street.  
17/11/57.—In the Church, Brian William and Judith Isobel, child-

ren of Mr and Mrs F. H. Pirie, 62 Forth Park Gardens.

8/12/57.—In the Church, Phyllis Marjory Forbes, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. S. W. McMahon, 101A Balfour Street.

### MARRIAGES

*"Whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder."*

7/9/57.—In Anthony's Hotel, William Gunn McLaren, 32 Macindoe Crescent, and Isobel Addison Campbell, 4 Lilac Crescent.

28/9/57.—In the Church, James Clarkson, 62 Winifred Street, and Amelia Robertson Coventry, 28 Balfour Street.

19/10/57.—In the Church, Alexander Crawford Forrester, Braemount, Bennoch Road, and Marion Petrie Dick, 16 Denburn Place.

21/10/57.—In the Church, Edward James Ronco, 40 Hatherley Road, Toronto, Canada, and Margaret Ramsay Duguid, 894 Eglinton Avenue, W., Toronto, Canada. (Home address: 20 Elgin Street, Kirkcaldy).

29/11/57.—In the Manse, Forbes Beveridge Moodie, 11 Salisbury Street, and Christina Muir Dryburgh, 11 Salisbury Street.

### DEATHS

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

18/9/57.—Mr Frank Walker, 28 Elgin Street.

21/10/57.—Mr John Phillips, 38 Forth Avenue North.

10/11/57.—Mr James Stevenson, 62 Winifred Crescent.

19/11/57.—Mr Henry Westwater, 4A East Smeaton Street.

20/11/57.—Mr C. E. Gibb, 33 Percival Street.

28/11/57.—Mr Purves, 17 Hendry Road.

8/12/57.—Mr A. Elder, 60 W. Smeaton Street.

### FINANCIAL

#### CHURCH OFFERINGS

September—November, 1957

1957.	Ordinary.	F.W.O.	Total.
Sept.	£29 8 11	£116 11 6	£146 0 5
Oct.	33 0 8	100 14 6	133 15 0
Nov.	21 11 3	78 11 9	100 3 0