

# St. John's Parish Church

KIRKCALDY



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TEXT—St. Luke 9: v. 62.

March, 1960

*"And Jesus said unto him: No man,  
having put his hand to the plough, and  
looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God."*

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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.

## CHURCH FINANCE

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This is a preliminary note to explain the new system of Church Finance, and it is of importance for it will affect every home connected with the Church. The matter (which has come down from the General Assembly) was referred to by the Treasurer at the Congregational Business Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th February, and which you were invited to attend. Put briefly, it is simply this. The

various appeals for the different branches of the Church's work (excluding the maintenance of the Ministry Fund) i.e., Home Mission, Social Service (including Toddlers Homes, Eventide Homes, etc.), Foreign Mission (including medical, educational and evangelistic), Youth Work, work among berry pickers and fisher folks, etc., are to be cut out. Instead an estimate for the cost of all this work for each year will be made; each Presbytery of the Church of Scotland will be allotted its share (there are 66 Presbyteries) and each Presbytery will notify each charge within its bounds of the amount it will be required to give.

It is really a far better and much more business like way of working the financial side of things. These figures will be known by October of this year and will come into operation next year.

How are the figures pertaining to each congregation to be arrived at? We shall be assessed largely accord-

ing to our membership. What does this mean? Let us be quite frank about it. It means that no congregation of the Church of Scotland can any longer afford to be carrying "dead wood." It means that an odd sixpence on an occasional Sunday is totally inadequate in these days (as you will readily agree). It means that a sixpence weekly is quite insufficient. How do we stand regarding this? Well, the response to the Building Appeal (Transept) has been splendid; and the funds of the various organisations are in a flourishing condition. But the income on Page 1 of the Financial Statement under offerings (Ordinary and Free Will Offering) will certainly have to be improved. It is true that there are over 60 per cent. of our people in the F.W.O., but remember our neighbours have 90 per cent. Of course, old age pensioners, sick folks and unemployed, etc., cannot be asked to do much about it (although many of them are generous). And there are, too, some who prefer to give, and who do so regularly and liberally outwith the F.W.O. Scheme.

Many Churches, as you know, have regular collectors, and ask their members to state what they are willing to subscribe in their weekly envelope, and as a result these Churches have a greatly increased income. But our system at present is a good one provided it is adequately (and faithfully) supported. There are members in our congregation whose weekly offering is 5/-. What is yours? "What is wanted then?" "Don't beat about the bush." What is wanted is that the membership of the Church should be in the envelope scheme, should consider how much and not how little they can give, and should return the envelopes regularly at the services. Yes, we are in dead earnest about this. This is the position. This is what we have to do, and St John's congregation can do it.

F.A.S.

#### REFUGEE APPEAL

The plight of thousands of people on the Continent of Europe and elsewhere has been brought forcibly to our notice in the past months, and an organised appeal has been made to bring this pitiful state of affairs to an end.

It is terrible to think that in these days there are so many people living under such conditions which can only be described as appalling. Some of these unfortunate souls have been existing in make-shift camps for

months and even years. They have no proper home (some of them have no country that they can really call their own), and standards of food, clothing and education are poor. There is often much disease. The response to this appeal, however, has been very good indeed. (The Woman's Guild at their meeting on Monday, 1st February, contributed £30). And it is hoped that the problem will be solved in the foreseeable future. (The Church of Scotland has been asked to donate £40,000, but there is every possibility that we shall double that figure).

This matter is coming before the Congregational Board, so that homes that have not yet had the opportunity to contribute will have a chance to do so.

#### NOTES

- (i) **Women's World Day of Prayer.**  
The above will be held on Friday, 4th March, at different centres. Fuller intimation later.
- (ii) **The Boys' Brigade.**  
The Boys' Brigade Fanfare will be held in the Adam Smith Halls on Friday and Saturday, 11th and 12th March.

### CHURCH REGISTER

#### BAPTISMS

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

- 27/12/59.—In the Church, Gary, son of Mr and Mrs J. M. Mitchelson, 60 Campsie Crescent.
- 10/1/60.—In the Church, Kenneth William Binnie, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas B. Fyall, 53 East March Street.
- 14/2/60.—In the Church, Elaine daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Stewart, 18 Tyndrum Place.
- 14/2/60.—In the Church, Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. M. Paterson, 14 Buchanan Street.

#### DEATHS

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

- 8/12/59.—Mrs Watt, Nairn's Canteen Buildings, Victoria Road.
- 17/12/59.—Mr Machar (Sen.), 12 Appin Crescent.
- 18/12/59.—Mrs Ewan, 9 Arran Crescent.
- 1/1/60.—Mrs Steele, 79 Laurel Crescent.

#### CHURCH OFFERINGS

	Ordinary	F.W.O.	Total
Sept. ....	£36 10 5	£114 17 1	£151 7 6
Oct. ....	38 10 2	109 12 2	148 2 8
Nov. ....	30 4 4	98 5 10	128 0 2
Dec. ....	29 2 11	80 9 10	109 12 9