

# St. John's Parish Church

KIRKCALDY



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Church Officer—Mr R. SMART, 90  
Balfour Street.

TEXT — St. John 14: 18.

"If ye love Me, keep My  
commandments."

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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.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOW

A beautiful coloured sketch of the proposed window is at present in our hands. It will be hung in the vestibule of the Church for the four Sundays of March, so that members and friends entering and leaving the Church may have an opportunity to see it.

What is the present position (financially) up to date? A glance at the Annual Statement shows that the total sum for this purpose is now £800.

The total cost, however (for the five windows in the chancel) is £2,500. So there is quite a way to go.

But the goal will be reached. So many are interested in this great project, and anxious to see its accomplishment.

## ELDERS VISITING THE HOMES OF THE PEOPLE

When the Elder comes to your door to deliver a Communion card, or for any other reason, he comes in the name and with the authority of the Church. Will you please be sure to ask him in?

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Of course it may not always be convenient for him to be invited, nor, for that matter, for him to come in. But often it is. It is by his admission to the home that he gets to know those who are in it, and that interest in and relationship to the work and witness of the Church can be strengthened.

The Elder, too, is a member of one of the Courts of the Church (the Kirk Session), and he can report back any matter requiring attention.

### THE END OF SEAT RENTS NO MORE AS FROM THE BEGINNING OF 1966

Folks will just sit where they have been accustomed to sit. All will gladly share sittings with one another. Everyone will be made thoroughly welcome. All should feel "at home." Should the pew happen to be filled, just go into the one in front or behind.

Again our sincere thanks to Miss McKenzie and the Lady Collectors for the splendid job of work they have done through the years. They did visit regularly and were responsible for bringing in a steady income to the Church.

One less fortunate aspect of this ending of rents is a drop in income of £2 to £3 per week.

This can be offset by a small increase in our weekly envelopes. Those of us who have had an increase in wages or salary over the past year or two will surely be willing to do this.

### FREE-WILL OFFERING

The second year of the new Free-Will Offering Scheme ends on 31st March, and the Scheme continues to be a success. There are, however, some members who have not returned any envelopes for 1965/66. Would any such, who may be reading these notes, please rectify this, or at any rate do something towards the fulfilment of a promise.

In the event of your not being able to come along to the Church meantime, envelopes may be handed to one of the office-bearers or members.

### LIST OF ELDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTIONS ON THE UNDERMENTIONED DATES

- Mar. 6—Mr Manson & Mr Winton.  
„ 13—Mr Halley and Mr Rae.  
„ 20—Mr Kennedy (Communion).  
„ 27—Mr Slater & Mr Chalmers.  
April 3—Mr D. Page and Mr Ritchie.  
„ 10—Mr Dryden and Mr Sutherland.  
„ 17—Mr G. McDonald and Mr R. McDonald.  
„ 24—Mr D. Simpson and Mr Morris.  
May 1—Mr King and Mr Andrew Forrester.  
„ 8—Mr Alex. Forrester and Mr Speed.  
„ 15—Mr McAndrew and Mr Darling.  
„ 22—Mr Russell and Mr T. Thomson.  
„ 29—Mr Methven and Mr F. Moodie.  
June 5—Mr H. Scott & Mr J. Scott.  
„ 12—Mr Barclay and Mr P. Moodie.  
„ 19—Mr Kennedy (Communion).  
„ 26—Mr J. Page and Mr Michie.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 16th TO 21st MAY, 1966

#### Film Meetings at 8 p.m.:

Monday, 25th April—Victoria Road Church. Speaker: Rev. S. Oakden.

Tuesday, 26th April — Templehall Church. Speaker: Mr W. Mossman.

Wednesday, 27th April—Bethelfield Church. Speaker: Rev. D. McCubbin.

Thursday, 28th April—Church of Christ, St. Clair Street. Speaker: Rev. J. Porter.

The new Christian Aid Film, "The Tibetan Story," will be shown.

Christian Aid Rally Service—Adam Smith Hall, 15th May, at 7.45 p.m.

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Speaker: Mr James Hodge, Edinburgh, Christian Aid Secretary for Scotland.

Praise will be led by the Salvation Army Band and Balwearie School Choir.

**Christian Aid Austerity Lunches—**  
Y.W.C.A. Girls' Club, Esplanade, Tuesday, 17th May; Wednesday, 18th May; Thursday, 19th May, 12 noon to 2 p.m. Tickets 3/6, from Supervisors and Committee members.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Volunteer Collectors required for this Christian work. Enrol now with your Church Supervisor: Mr E. Kidd, 13 Balsusney Road, Kirkcaldy.

### NOTES

#### (i) Life and Work Magazine

The number of copies distributed monthly has now risen to 160. We are indebted to Mr Douglas Skinner and to the lady distributors for their help in this connection. There are now twenty-five small districts. All who were asked to assist with this work agreed to do so.

The magazine, which is the official magazine of the Church of Scotland, costs eightpence per month. If you are not yet taking it, and are considering doing so, please hand your name to Mr Skinner or to any of the Elders.

#### (ii) Golfers

There are some members who enjoy a round of golf. Last year several of them had friendly games on one or two courses. Will any interested (and there must undoubtedly be some) please hand names to Mr Robert Chalmers or Mr Walter Simpson.

#### (iii) Brownies

More assistance is required to cope with all these lively youngsters—especially when the new session begins in a few months' time. The meetings are on Friday, 6 to 7.30. If you feel you can do something to help, or if you know of anyone who may be able, please let us know.

#### (iv) New Members

As these notes have been written prior to the March Communion, it has not been possible to add a complete list of members coming into full membership of the Church

since last October. This will be included in the next supplement in a few months' time.

#### (v) Flowers on the Communion Table

We are grateful for the beautiful flowers supplied Sunday by Sunday by members and organisations.

#### (vi) Annual Financial Statement

This is now available. Please make a careful study of it.

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Baptisms

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

7/11/65.—In the Church. Teresa Marian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Walker, 12 Muirfield Street.

1/12/65.—At 220 St. Kilda Crescent. Joyce Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander C. Brotherton (of above address).

12/12/65.—In the Church. Douglas William, son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Sinclair, 19 Hazel Avenue.

12/12/65.—In the Church. Vicki, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Wright, 29 Almond Place.

9/1/66.—In the Church. Heather Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter A. Simpson, 47 Dysart Road.

21/12/65.—At 2 Ben Ledi Road. Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dingwall (of above address).

13/2/66.—In the Church. Douglas William, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Aitken, 25 Rosabelle Street.

18/2/66.—At 40 Forth Park Gardens. Douglas McGregor, son of Mr and Mrs W. W. Peattie (of above address).

### Marriages

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

23/11/65.—In the Church, Geoffrey Firth, 56 Dalmahey Crescent, and Nanette Watson, 32 Veronica Crescent.

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### Deaths

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

- 2/11/65.—Mr Robert M. Pirie, 14 Brodick Road.
- 10/11/65.—Mr David Speed, 38 Bal-four Street.
- 12/11/65.—Mrs Robertson, 20 Mont-gomery Street.
- 24/11/65.—Mrs Speed, 17 Den Road.
- 3/12/65.—Mrs Dryden, 18 Wilson Avenue.
- 12/12/65.—Mr Robert Steven, 13 Balsusney Road.
- 1/1/66.—Mr Robert Douglas, 10 Turnberry Drive.
- 6/1/66.—Mrs Walker, 23 Strath-kinnes Road.
- 15/1/66.—Miss Mary Cumming, 19 Dallas Drive.
- 18/1/66.—Mr George Mitchell, 57 Balsusney Road.
- 22/1/66.—Mr James McGregor, 27A Townsend Place.
- 28/1/66.—Mrs Shawyer, 20 Balsus-ney Road.
- 30/1/66.—Miss Jane Smart, 22 Wil-son Avenue.
- 4/2/66.—Mrs Aitken, 5 Cumbrae Court.
- 7/2/66.—Neil Ritchie (baby), 24 Warout Gardens, Glenrothes.
- 11/2/66.—Mrs Blyth, 6 Salisbury Street.

Yes, very heavy losses, indeed. Our symyathy is extended to all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Mrs Speed had not been in good health for a time, but the call was certainly sudden when it did come.

Mrs Dryden had known poor health for a long time. Latterly she had been in Cameron Hospital, where her illness was bravely borne,

and where her thoughts were always for her husband and her sons.

Mrs Walker had for long been a semi-invalid. She was wonderfully alert in mind, and interested in all that was going on. For years she had been well looked after by her daughter, Miss Walker, and faith-fully visited, too, by her friend, Mrs Ross.

Mr McGregor's call was a quick one. He had been attending and reporting on the visits of the Moderator of the General Assembly only shortly before. He was well known at Presbytery meetings, where he acted as a link between Presbytery and Press.

Mrs Shawyer was a kindly, generous soul who supported good causes and said little about it. She had been greatly interested in the arrangements for her son's wedding when she was taken so seriously ill.

And Jane, a lovely girl, one with literary and musical talents . . . her record in the study of languages, including Russian, was consistently "excellent" . . . one who had come through Sunday School, Bible Class, Fellowship with great religious conviction and insight for one so young.

They have made the journey that awaits us all; and they may have been better prepared for it than are some of us.



### CHURCH OFFERINGS 1965

	Ordinary	F.W.	Total
Oct.	£42. 3.8	£312.17. 5	£355. 1.1
Nov.	19. 6.1	161.11. 0	180.17.1
Dec.	29.15.8	189.16. 6	219.12.2
	£91. 5.5	£664. 4.11	£755.10.4

For the first time in the history of the Church, the Sunday Church offerings topped the three thousand pounds mark. For 1965 the figure was £3,020.