

St. John's Parish Church

KIRKCALDY



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TEXT—St. James 2 : 26.

September, 1967

“ For as the body without the spirit is
dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

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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.

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This has been a fine summer, not
perfect of course, but a summer
with many sunny and warm days.
People have been able to get out
and about, and sea-side resorts and
country places have had many

visitors. Yes, most of those who
have been on holiday have been
fortunate too.

The B.B. had ten lovely summer
days in Holland, and the Dutch
people referred to the grand spell
they had. Now it is cooler, and
much sooner dark at night. Still
the autumn is pleasant, with its
harvest fields and rich and mellow
colours, and September and October
are often very agreeable indeed.

And now in the life and work of
the Church another season is upon
us. Are you sharing in that witness?
Are you doing something to help,
even by your presence on Sunday?
What a noble building St. John's
is standing in its beautifully kept
grounds. It is something to be proud
of. Let us get off to a good start
now.

BOYS' BRIGADE VISIT TO HOLLAND

A Great Success

Yes, in every way! The boys had a long bus run from the Church on the Friday evening to their destination (arriving late Saturday night). But a night's rest can work wonders. There followed ten days of perfect weather with visits to Amsterdam (including Church parade), Rotterdam, Gouda, Delft, The Hague, organised games, visits to the seaside and the swimming pool, shopping expeditions (presents to take home!).

The hostel in which we were living was a handsome building set in beautiful surroundings. Messrs John Methven and Alan Harrow did a fine job of work when they visited Holland last summer and secured such a place. No praise is too high for Mr Methven and those who so ably assisted him. Messrs Ritchie, Thomson and Malloch for all the work they put in previous to and at the camp. We are grateful, too, to all the friends who by means of various functions raised a considerable sum towards the expense.

By the way, Messrs Ritchie, Thomson and Malloch were accompanied by their wives, so that altogether there were four married couples. It was most pleasant and enjoyable!

EXTENSION TO KITCHEN AND CLOAKROOM PREMISES

What an improvement this is! The builders and others have done a grand job of work, and so have added to the appearance and amenity of the buildings. The members of the Fabric Committee deserve our thanks, too. Messrs Forbes Moodie and James Scott and others have given of their time and skill ungrudgingly, and this has been a great help. Why was this improvement to the properties not made sooner? Well, it is not possible to do everything at once. But it has been done now, and everyone should be pleased.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW

This project has neither been dropped nor forgotten. But it is better to do only one thing at a time. The matter will be considered in course of time. It is interesting and encouraging to know that well over a thousand pounds is already in hand without any appeal having been made to the congregation.

ORGANISATIONS, Etc.

Sunday Schools

Beginners and Primary at 11.15.
Juniors and Seniors at 12.30.

Bible Class at 12.30.

Communicants' Class

The class has been meeting each Sunday at 12.30. There are several older and married people who intend coming forward before the March Communion. Are there any others similarly placed who would like to take the opportunity of coming then?

The Woman's Guild

The Guild meets every alternate Monday at 7.15. There is a fine syllabus, and new members will be made welcome.

The Men's Association

The Association meets on the other Monday at 7.15. Friendly meetings indeed. Do not hesitate to come.

The Work Party

The Work Party meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30. This is a fine old established meeting at which much useful sewing and knitting are done.

Choir

The practices are held on Tuesdays at 7.30 during the winter months. Are there any more members of the congregation who can help with this work?

Badminton Club

The Badminton Club meets in the Hall on Tuesday evenings.

Special Meetings and Functions

On Wednesdays the halls are kept free for such special purposes.

Junior and Senior B.B.

Thursday is the night when these organisations meet.

Brownies and Girl Guides

Friday is the night set apart for these organisations.

FUNCTIONS

There have been many functions in the past months. It is not possible to detail them all here. The plays given by the children—"Cinderella," for which Miss Jean Bayne was mainly responsible, and "Rashie-coat," for which the Misses L. and S. Haig and Mrs Morris were chiefly responsible, were most attractive and successful.

ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

OUTINGS

The Woman's Guild and the Work Party both went north by bus on this occasion. The former got the length of central Perthshire, but the latter made a day of it and visited the Highlands. These runs were much enjoyed.

Some members of the Bible Class enjoyed a visit to the Byre Theatre in St. Andrews. This may have been the last time that such a visit was possible, as plans have been prepared for the new theatre to be built.

The Sunday Schools again visited Craigtoun Park, near St. Andrews. The weather was not of the best, but the boys and girls had a good time.

CLOSING SERVICE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

This was held in the Church on Sunday, 28th May, at 2.30, when there was an excellent turnout of boys and girls, parents and friends. Prizes and certificates were presented. The winner of the Wilkie Prize (Senior Sunday School) was Robert McAndrew. The winner of the Wilkie Prize (Junior Sunday School) was Marion Redpath.

KIRK SESSION

Again the time is approaching when consideration must be given to increasing the number of Elders. For one thing the membership of the Church tends to increase, and for another it is becoming even more scattered over the wide-flung town of Kirkcaldy. Not only so but the Session has suffered loss. It is not easy to replace men like Mr James Page who was such a kindly unassuming and helpful soul. Mr Alec Forrester left to take up a responsible business post in Kinross, and Mr Douglas Walker was promoted to a teaching post in the south of England.

NOTES

- (i) Mr R. P. Dryden has been selected by the Kirk Session to be representative Elder from St. John's Church to the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy for the year ending June, 1968.
- (ii) Our sincere thanks to all those who have so kindly provided flowers for the Communion Table.

- (iii) The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on the 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:
The second Sunday of each month at the morning service.

NEW MEMBERS

By Profession of Faith

To March, 1967

Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, 10 Octavia Street.
Miss Nancy Sutherland, 147 Winifred Street.
Miss Sybil Page, 75 Valley Gardens.
Miss Irene Brown, 1 Nelson Street.
Miss Barbara Brodie, 9 Baldwin Crescent.
Miss Frances Falconer, 37 Hendry Crescent.
Miss Fay Nutt, 46 Forth Avenue North.
Miss Wilma Nutt, 46 Forth Avenue North.
Miss Joyce Caldwell, 70 Balsusney Road.
Miss Elaine Westwater, 58 Viceroy Street.
Mrs Elspeth Dempster, 20 Balfour Street.
Miss Janet Bruce, 4 James Grove.

To June, 1967

Mr Thomas King, 7 Cleish Gardens.
Mr Robert Brown, 31A Adamson Avenue.
Mr Basil Laidlaw, 43 Meldrum Road.
Mr Martin Smart, 36 Balfour Street.
Miss Phyllis Darling, 11 Bennoch Avenue.
Miss Kareen Medd, 52 Park Road.
Mrs Jean Wyse, 34 Collyer Street.
Miss Margaret Weir, 21 King Street.
Miss Mary Boyd, 210 Valley Gardens.
Miss Grace Gray, 12 Grant Street.
Miss Kathleen Taylor, 81 Kennedy Crescent.

By Certificate

To March, 1967

Mrs M. Allison, 36 Balfour Street.
Mrs Buchan, 244 Valley Gardens.
Mrs Caldwell, 70 Balsusney Road.

ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

Mr and Mrs J. M. Forrest, 13 Turnberry Drive.
Mr and Mrs R. Hay and Mr H. Hay, 18 Winifred Crescent.
Mr and Mrs J. Hutton, 117 East Smeaton Street.
Mrs L. J. B. Murray, 104 Meldrum Road.
Mr John McGregor, 116 Winifred Street.
Miss Jessie McGregor, 116 Winifred Street.
Mrs E. McFarlane, 58 Hendry Road.
Mr and Mrs J. Reid, 83 Chestnut Avenue.
Mrs E. Sanderson, 43 Harcourt Road.
Mr and Mrs N. Samuels, 88 Hendry Road.
Mrs G. Seath, 5 Prime Gilt Box Street.
Mr and Mrs J. Weir, 21 King Street.
Mrs Wheeler, 19 Bank Street.
Mrs Hamilton, 31 Balfour Street.
Mrs Gibson, 37 Viceroy Street.
Mr and Mrs Hutchison, 88 Kennedy Crescent.
Mr and Mrs C. Carpenter, 17 Kidd Street.
Mrs Hutt, 32 Almond Place.
Mrs Lambert, 16 Baldwin Crescent.
Mrs T. Knox, 47 East March Street.
Mrs Oliphant, 39 Oswald Road.
Mrs McKean, 17 Hazel Avenue.
Mrs Hutchison, 4 Simpson Street.
Mr and Mrs D. C. Bruce, 4 James Grove.
Mrs Fleming, 2 Myrtle Crescent.
Mrs Malloch, 2 Myrtle Crescent.
To June, 1967
Mrs Bowman and Miss Finlay, 21 Nelson Street.
Mr and Mrs J. Campbell, 47 Lady Nairn Avenue.
Mr and Mrs E. Michie, 26 Myrtle Crescent.
Mr and Mrs J. Scott, 26 Hendry Road.
Mrs Bessie Scott, 46 Viceroy Street.
Mr and Mrs R. Stewart, and Mr Ian Stewart, 62 Winifred Crescent.
Mr and Mrs M. Watt, 17 Balfour Street.
Mrs Kirk, 41 Kennedy Crescent.
Mr and Mrs Thomas Paton, 5 Murray Terrace, Octavia Street.
Mr and Mrs R. Millar, 1 King Street.
Mr and Mrs Grant, 36 Bennoch Road.

CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

" Suffer little children to come unto Me "

- 11/3/67—At 62 Balfour Street, Audrey, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Hutchison (H.M. Forces).
26/3/67—In the Church, Martin Philip, son of Mr and Mrs A. Bell, 81 Mackenzie Crescent, Burncross, Sheffield.
26/3/67—In the Church, Craig Michael, son of Mr and Mrs M. Gibson, 37 Viceroy Street.
26/3/67—At 31 Balfour Street, David Craig and Janice, children of Mr and Mrs D. Hamilton, of same address.
2/4/67—In the Church, Kristine Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. H. Laidlaw, 43 Meldrum Road.
14/5/67—In the Church, Derek, son of Mr and Mrs A. T. Sharp, 16 Rannoch Road.
14/5/67—In the Church, Donna, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Glen, 24 Harcourt Road.
22/5/67—At 122 Winifred Crescent, Shirley Irene, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Duff, of same address.
9/7/67—In the Church, Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Taylor, 57 West Torbain.
13/8/67—In the Church, Brian, son of Mr and Mrs W. R. D. MacIntyre, 20 Balsusney Road.
13/8/67—In the Church, Kenneth, son of Mr and Mrs C. Taylor, 74 Winifred Crescent.

MARRIAGES

- " Whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder. "
- 4/3/67—In the Church, Alexander Liddel Bonar, 49 Kenmore Terrace, and Moira Mary Rose Ann Ord, 78 Veronica Crescent.
18/3/67—In the Church, Albert Andrews Dall, 4 Collyer Street, and Irene Gibb, 86 Kennedy Crescent.
29/3/67—In the Church, James Alexander Macauley Mitchell, 17 Lorne Court, Glenrothes, and Margaret Taylor Brady, 24 St. Mary's Road.
24/6/67—In the Church, David Brown, 31A Adamson Avenue, and Isabella Walker, 10 Grieve Street.

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- 1/7/67—In the Church, Alexander Robb, 38 Salisbury Street, and Joan Barbara Reoch, 39 Gourlay Street.
- 14/7/67—In the Church, Flying Officer Michael Sillence, Akrotiri, Cyprus, and Agnes Mercer Spark (same address). (Home address—2 Veronica Crescent).
- 15/7/67—In the Church, Robert Cochrane Brown, 31A Adamson Avenue, and Mary Delaney Boyd, 210 Valley Gardens.
- 15/7/67—In the Church, James Heggie, 37 Marion Street, and Corelene Christine Bain, 73 Cumbræ Terrace.
- 30/8/67—In the Church, Thomas Beveridge Ness, Brewness, Balfeggie Avenue, by Kirkcaldy, and Elizabeth Bruce Chalmers, 4 Regent Place, Balfour Street.
- 2/9/67—In the Church, James Robertson, c/o 66 Ava Street, and Margaret Millar, 90 Meldrum Road.

DEATHS

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

- 18/3/67—Mr Thomas Robertson, 64 Balsusney Road.
- 15/4/67—Mrs Thom, 48 Linton Lane.
- 12/5/67—Mr Anderson, 45 Octavia Street.
- 7/6/67—Mrs Coventry, 28 Balfour Street.
- 10/6/67—Mr John Lonie, 75 Dallas Drive.
- 13/6/67—Mrs Ramsay, 31 Hendry Road.

- 18/5/67—Mrs Stewart, 17 Baldwin Crescent.
- 24/6/67—Mrs Davidson, 99 Balsusney Road.
- 1/7/67—Mr A. Haig, 9 Southerton Crescent.
- 1/8/67—Mr David Leitch, 106 Winifred Street.
- 12/8/67—Mrs Eckford, 25 Nelson Street.
- 19/8/67—Mrs Lonie, 61 Harris Drive.
- 27/8/67—Mrs Harrow, 147 Overton Mains.
- 30/8/67—Mr R. C. Gourlay, 36 Kidd Street.
- 3/9/67—Mrs Brown, 1 Ben Nevis Place.

PROMISSORY CARDS

This is the system that was adopted a year or two ago and it has proved, without any doubt, to be very efficient. We ask new members to the congregation (and there has been an addition in the past year) to take it up.

CHURCH OFFERINGS 1967

	Ordinary	F.W.	Total
Jan.	£22 9 6	£207 17 0	£230 6 6
Feb.	21 5 4	184 9 6	205 14 10
Mar.	48 7 1	325 10 7	373 17 8
April	22 14 0	185 6 0	208 0 0
May	23 15 2	183 9 9	207 4 11
June	32 6 7	260 17 9	293 4 4
July	13 12 10	158 10 3	172 3 1
Aug.	13 16 1	187 14 8	201 10 9
	<u>£198 6 7</u>	<u>£1693 15 6</u>	<u>£1892 2 1</u>