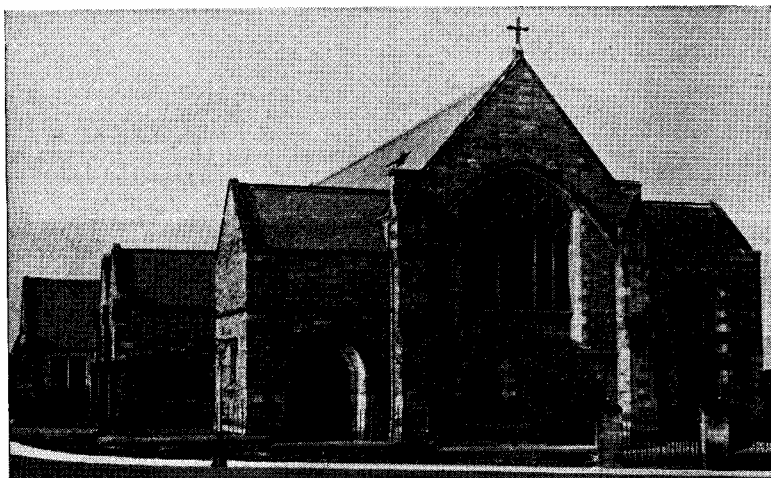


St. John's Parish Church

KIRKCALDY



Minister: Rev. G. M. GRAHAM, 21 Townsend Crescent (Telephone 3821)

Session Clerk and Clerk to Board—
Mr EDGAR KIDD, 13 Balsusney
Road.

Treasurer—Mr WILLIAM McANDREW,
22 Turnberry Drive.

In Charge of Free-Will Offering—Mr
W. G. DARLING, 11 Bennoch
Avenue.

In Charge of Life and Work Magazines
—Mr M. MORRIS, 96 Meldrum
Road.

Keeper of Roll—Mr DAVID RUSSELL,
8 Salisbury Street.

In Charge of Supplements—Mr PETER
MOODIE, 22 Meldrum Road.

Organist and Choirmaster—Mr A. B.
ANDERSON, 18 Strathkinnes Road.

Church Officer—Mr D. COLVILLE, 48
Lomond Gardens.

TEXT—JOHN 15, v. 1

“I am the true vine and My Father
is the Husbandman.”

June, 1970

No. 4

The Sunday Service — 11.15 a.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.

St. John's Manse,
Townsend Crescent,
Kirkcaldy
June, 1970.

My Dear Friends,

We find ourselves at the end of
Session 1969-70 with all the activity
that was involved. Our Church has
a considerable number of organisa-

tions, and, as you will gather from
these pages, all of them are healthy
and flourishing.

It is probably wrong to single out
any one aspect of the Church's work,
yet, bearing this in mind, I feel no
one will take it amiss if I make
special mention of the Youth Work
within the Church. Here we are
extremely indebted to a whole host
of men and women who give much
of their time to lead the various
organisations. Our Sunday School
is in the capable hands of Miss Jean
Bayne, Mrs Morris and Miss C. Kay
who act as leaders in the three
departments. The presence of the
children in Church on Sunday makes
us realise how grateful we must be
to these ladies and all members of
their staff.

There are two packs of Brownies,

one under the leadership of Mrs Page and the other led by Miss Lilian Haig. The activity in the Church Hall on a Friday night speaks highly of the untiring work of these ladies.

For some time, we have gone through difficult times with Guide Leaders, but, not so this year. Mrs Wilson became Guide Captain last September and already she has made a great impact on our Guide Company. She is ably assisted by Mrs Smith and together they have given the Guides fresh impetus. Both these ladies are newcomers to Kirkcaldy and we must be eternally grateful that they came at the right time as far as St. John's Guides were concerned.

Our Boys' Brigade is well known for its large numbers and this makes the task of the Officers far from easy. We are well served here, with Officers like Mr J. Methven, Mr Ritchie and Mr Michelson, all of whom are elders in our Church. The number of boys who attend the Sunday morning Bible Class is a credit to these men and the other members of Staff. We never cease to marvel at the number of boys and staff who attend our monthly Family Service. We must not forget Mr Wm. Bain, who is in charge of the Junior Section of the Brigade. Although Mr Bain is an elder at Victoria Road Church he is most faithful to us in his Brigade work.

To these leaders and the members of their Staff we accord our sincere thanks. Nor must we forget to accord our thanks to the leaders of other organisations who have had equally successful Sessions but are not mentioned here.

Holidays are almost upon us. I hope to be away for part of July and August. The pulpit on these occasions will be occupied by ministers who are no strangers to St. John's. In the month of July the Service will be taken by the Rev. John Miller from Glenrothes who served the Church during the last vacancy. The Sundays in August will be taken by the Rev. Arthur H. M. Johnston, minister of Arbroath Abbey Church, and formerly minister of Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy. I hope you will support these visitors with your prayers and your presence.

We have looked at the past Session, the present holiday season; what of the future and next

Session? Of course, there will be much that will continue as before but a Young Wives' and Mothers' Group has been inaugurated and we wish it well for next Session. The Teen Church, which has been a success during its first winter, will be extended in the coming Session. Let me hasten to add that this extension of activity will not greatly affect the present members of the Teen Church.

Whether you stay at home or go near or far during the holiday season may I wish you all a refreshing and relaxing time.

With Every Good Wish,

Your Minister and Friend,

G. M. GRAHAM.

ADMISSION OF COMMUNICANTS

The Service of Admission of Communicants took place on 8th March, prior to the March Communion. At this service, each communicant was presented with a Bible which was suitably inscribed. After being welcomed and received into fellowship by the minister, the right hand of fellowship was extended to them on behalf of the Session by Mr E. Kidd and Mr W. P. McAndrew.

Tea was served in the Hall to the new communicants and other members of the Congregation at the conclusion of the Service. The Teen Church members were responsible for the service of tea. The following were received into fellowship:—

- Miss Christine English, 32 Salisbury Street.
- Miss Margaret Craig, 176 St. Kilda Crescent.
- Miss Catherine Barclay, Parkview, Valley Gardens.
- Miss Irene Nicol, 23 Davaar Drive.
- Miss Evelyn Tollich, 30 Sauchensbush Road.
- Mr George Jeffrey, Winchburgh.
- Mr George Kirk, 47 Adamson Avenue.
- Mr Thomas Notley, Roomlin Gardens.

BEQUEST

A bequest of £100 has been received from the estate of the late Mr Wm. Morris, 2 Patterson Street, Kirkcaldy.

ROUND AND ABOUT

Mr and Mrs A. Philip, 13 Hendry Road, celebrated their Golden Wedding during the month of March.

Mr Darling's mother celebrated her 100th birthday during the month of May.

Miss Joan Linton has won a scholarship for the London College of Art. She completes her studies at Dundee College in July.

Mr Keith Winton has won a scholarship and will continue at St. Andrews University where he will now study for the degree of Ph.D.

Diana Dow, a twelve-year-old from our Sunday School, is making excellent progress after a major operation.

The three ladies mainly responsible for the distribution of flowers are Mrs Oliphant, Mrs Taylor and Miss Nicol.

We convey our good wishes to all those mentioned above.

YOUNG WIVES' AND MOTHERS' GROUP

This Group will commence to meet during September. The office-bearers are as follows:—Honorary President—Mrs G. M. Graham, The Manse; President—Mrs Stark, 2 Balfour Street; Vice-President—Mrs Deans, 27 Harcourt Road; Secretary—Mrs Morton, 16 Ben Ledi Road; Treasurer—Mrs Barclay, Meldrum Road.

The meetings will be held fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. An interesting syllabus is in the process of being arranged. It has been decided that this group will be affiliated to the National Group at 121 George Street, Edinburgh. It is hoped that this movement will find considerable support amongst the young wives and mothers in the Congregation.

CLOSE OF SESSION GATHERINGS

The Men's Association held their closing Social on Monday, 30th

March, when a large audience was entertained by the Abbotshall Church Choir.

The Ladies' Work Party concluded their Session with an "At Home" on 8th April when over £70 was realised as a result of the Sale of Work. A Concert Party entertained during the evening.

The Woman's Guild held their Daffodil Tea on Wednesday, 22nd April. The daffodils were gifted by Raith Estate. The Junior Choir, under the leadership of Miss Sandra Haig was responsible for the entertainment for the evening.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

A Communion Service was held in St. John's Church on the Thursday of Holy Week. This was a joint service with Dunnikier Church and more than 100 were present. The service was conducted by Rev. D. P. McPhee, the Sacrament was dispensed by the Rev. G. M. Graham. Elders from both Dunnikier and St. John's Church officiated at this service. Tea was served in the hall afterwards.

VISITATIONS OF ORGANISATIONS BY ELDERS

During the past Session each organisation within the Church was visited by two members of the Kirk Session. Reports on all the organisations were received at the April Meeting of the Kirk Session and it was gratifying to learn of all the work that was going on within the Church. The result of the visitation is that the Session is more involved in the varying activities within the Church. The Convener of the Visitation Committee was Mr Walter Simpson.

EGGS AT EASTER

The Cairnie-Glass Youth Club brought some 400 eggs to St. John's at the Easter weekend. These were distributed amongst some of the older folk of the congregation.

The distribution was made at a

Social arranged by the Social Committee and a varied programme was enjoyed. It included selections by the Cairnie-Glass Recorder Group. The eighteen young people distributed the eggs to the guests at the end of the evening. Eggs were also taken to some people who were unable to attend.

The young people lived in the Church premises over the weekend and ladies from the Guild helped with the catering arrangements.

Two of the young people, Fiona Leith and Sandra Black, read the lessons at the Service on Easter Day.

DISTRICT SOCIALS

Four District Socials have now been held and these have been well attended. The remaining three Socials will be held during the months of September, October and November. By that time, every district will have received an invitation to "Meet Your Neighbour."

BUDGET

On the instructions of the Congregational Board, the Finance Committee met to consider a budget for Church Finances. An evening was set aside for this purpose and it was immediately evident that there were many difficulties in the formulating of such a Budget. Although there is recurring annual expenditure, it must be remembered that, in addition to the increase in the cost of living, there will always be items of unforeseen expenditure each year.

It was decided that the most useful information in any budget must be the amount that was expected from the individual. The Committee found that if every member of the Church contributed each week at the rate of two shillings or ten new pence as a minimum, the financial structure of the Church would be in a healthy state. This was assuming a minimum of 2/- from ALL members and the greatest need is that ALL contribute. It is because this does not happen in effect that our church is extremely grateful to all those members who support the

Church, at a higher rate per week than mentioned.

We feel that this weekly amount will be a guide and a challenge to all the members of the Church.

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms :

Suffer the little children to come unto me.

Ashley Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stark, 2 Balfour Street—on 22nd February, 1970.

Robert Campbell, son of Mr and Mrs T. Ness, Balbeggie Avenue—on 22nd March, 1970.

Laura Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Jamieson, formerly of 24 King Street—on 12th April, 1970.

Alison Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Laidlaw, 5 Balcomie Road—on 12th April, 1970.

Marriages :

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it

Sven Krallish, 299 Roehampton Avenue, Toronto, Canada, to Mary Ann Cook Latto, 8 Winifred Crescent, Kirkcaldy — on 10th January, 1970.

Graham Peter Howell, 23 Longbrae's Gardens, Kirkcaldy, to Mary Morrison Archibald, 10 Bennochty Gardens, Kirkcaldy — on 7th March, 1970.

Alexander Beveridge Anderson, 119 Den Walk, Methil, to Mary Bell Scott Wemyss, 25 Nelson Street, Kirkcaldy — on 14th March, 1970.

Leonard Darling, 78 Milton Road, Edinburgh, to Joan Leach, 7 Tiel Path, Glenrothes—on 18th March, 1970.

Lauw De Jager, 40a Buckingham Terrace, Edinburgh, to Elizabeth Sheila Burns, 140 Winifred Crescent, Kirkcaldy—on 26th March, 1970.

James Logan Wright, 93 Salisbury Street, Kirkcaldy, to Barbara Millar Hoey, 30 Townsend Place, Kirkcaldy.

ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

Alan Gilmour, 6 Scarabar Court, Thurso, Caithness, to Emma Day Keddie, 23 Chestnut Avenue, Kirkcaldy—on 11th April, 1970.

John Brown, 1 Adamson Road, Lochgelly, to Fay Dewar, 26 Linton Lane, Kirkcaldy—on 1st May, 1970.

Peter Mackie Wallace, 41 Chestnut Avenue, Kirkcaldy, to Joyce Archibald, 22 Park View, Valley Gardens, Kirkcaldy -- on 23rd May, 1970.

Deaths :

I am the resurrection and the life,
saith the Lord

Mr William Morris, 2 Patterson Street—on 23rd February, 1970.

Miss Jessie S. Hunter, 41 Harcourt Road—on 23rd February, 1970.

Mrs McIlhagga, c/o 18 Balfour Street—on 24th February, 1970.

Mr Wm. Miller, 45 King Street—on 2nd March, 1970.

Mr Colin Smart, c/o 22 Wilson Avenue—on 23rd April, 1970.

Mrs Steedman, 22 Simpson Street—on 28th April, 1970.

Mr Linton, 59 Kennedy Crescent—on 8th May, 1970.

Mrs Turpie, Mona Terrace, Elgin Street—on 20th May, 1970.

IN MEMORIAM

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Miss Jessie Swan Hunter on 23rd February, 1970. Miss Hunter was baptised as a child in St. John's Church and later became a member of the Sunday School Staff. She was treasurer of the Guild from 1961 until her death. She was also a member of the Congregational Board.

Tribute was paid to Miss Hunter at morning worship on 1st March by the Rev. G. M. Graham, and a minute of appreciation was placed in the records of the Congregational Board.

OMISSION

The name of Miss Ina Kennedy, 51 Forth Park Gardens, was omitted from the list of newly elected members to the Congregational Board in the March Issue of the magazine.

ELDERS' DUTIES : IN CHARGE

June 14—Mr Methven and Mr Manson.
" 21—Communion Sunday — Mr McAndrew.
" 28—Mr G. McDonald and Mr German.
July 5—Mr Rae and Mr Morris.
" 12—Mr Aird and Mr Cripps.
" 19—Mr Slater and Mr D. Simpson.
" 26—Mr Forrester and Mr W. Simpson.
Aug. 2—Mr R. McDonald and Mr Page.
" 9—Mr Michelson and Mr Morton.
" 16—Mr Ritchie and Mr Goodsir.
" 23—Mr Watt and Mr Dingwall.
" 30—Mr Schofield and Mr W. Simpson.
Sept. 6—Mr Jamieson and Mr P. Moodie.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

June 7—Mrs G. M. Graham.
" 14—Mrs Leitch.
" 21—Mrs Duguid.
" 28—Mrs H. Sutherland.
July 5—Mrs D. Winton.
" 12—Mrs W. A. Simpson.
" 19—Mrs D. E. Page.
" 26—Mrs J. Rae.
Aug. 2—Mrs Porter.
" 9—Mrs M. Oliphant.
" 16—Mrs Brown.
" 23—Mr Michie.
" 30—Mrs Rodger.
Sept. 6—Mrs W. Kirk.