

Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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Church Services.

FORENOON—11.30 a.m.
EVENING—8 p.m. (in the Large Hall).
SUNDAY SCHOOL—10.15 a.m.
BIBLE CLASS—5.30 p.m.

A Class for Beginners and for children living at a distance from the Church is held during the Forenoon Service.

REGISTER. Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Patricia Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Shawlinn.
Elizabeth Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Newtonlea Avenue.
Michael William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Raploch, Larchfield Avenue.
Fiona Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Law, Hazelwood Avenue.
Carole Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lux, Kinfauns Avenue.
Alan John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calum M'Intyre, Tighbeg, Kilmarnock Road.
James Allan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger, Woodneuk, Firwood Road.
Sheina Thorburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Templeton, Treetops, Whitecraigs.

Marriages.

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

William Buchanan MacLaren, M.A., and Elizabeth Clark Russell.
Andrew Stevenson Biggart and Margaret Frances Smeal.
George William M'Allister and Mary Bella Craig.
Edwin Cowie Spence Coldwell and Agnes Duncan Watson.
John Shaw and Margaret Agnes Campbell M'Callum.
John Stuart M'Laren Fyfe and Irene Brunton.

Deaths.

"Christ, the first fruits of them that are asleep."

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Davidson, 1 Raeside Avenue.
James Hutchison, Firwood Road.

NEW MEMBERS.

By Certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bain, Rona, Hazelwood Avenue, from Pollok Church, Glasgow.
Mrs. Williams, 67 Larchfield Avenue, from The Church of England.

FINANCE.

Collections from June to September :—

Systematic Giving	.....	£558	5	6
Church Door	.....	60	15	3
Special—Retiring	.....	15	2	8
		£634	3	5

THE EVENING SERVICE.

The Evening Service has been resumed for the winter in the Large Hall at 8 p.m. The subject of the address will be selected from (1) The Life of Christ in Art (illustrated by lantern slides); (2) The Pilgrim's Progress; (3) Books (old and new); (4) Any Questions. A cordial invitation is extended to all to join in the evening Act of Worship.

THE BIBLE CLASS.

The Bible Class will meet in the Upper Hall on Sunday, 22nd October, at 5.30 p.m. All young people of 14 years of age and over will be made welcome.

PRESBYTERY NOTES.

The monthly meetings of the Presbytery were resumed on 8th August. The Moderator for the new session, vice Rev. Principal Fulton is the Rev. F. J. MacLauchlan.

The business at the August meeting was largely of a routine nature, but at the September meeting a large number of quite interesting matters were discussed. Some time ago the District Councils of the Presbytery which functioned in peace time were revived, but the results have been disappointing. The interest shown by members and their attendance had been very unsatisfactory. As a result it was moved that these Councils be discontinued but not accepted as it was felt that there was still a large sphere for such bodies in the consideration of matters relating to the spiritual and moral welfare of their districts.

It was pointed out that some Army Chaplains were using the word "confirm" instead of "admit" in connection with joining the membership of the Church. It was moved that the time-honoured word "admit" should be adhered to and the motion was approved.

The Convener of the Youth Committee reported that recently there had been a good deal of disturbance to the work of the Girl Guide Companies in many congregations owing to the many resignations among the leaders of the movement. While the matter was really one for Guide Headquarters, yet the Church was vitally concerned as the work could not be efficiently carried on if officers were not available. A special Committee was appointed to make inquiry and to report to a later meeting.

The Presbytery recommend that on the day following the cessation of hostilities in Europe, a special service be held in Glasgow Cathedral at 11 o'clock forenoon, and further that ministers or groups of ministers should arrange services in local churches on that day and at an hour as might prove most suitable.

The Rev. T. B. Stewart Thomson submitted a report on the return of Service men and women and the steps which the Church must take to welcome them back and make them feel that they had an assured place in the Christian Fellowship. Such a welcome should be planned with great care and should have nothing hackneyed or artificial about it.

It is satisfactory to know that Congregational Contributions to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund have not only been maintained but increased. For the first six months of the year the increase in the Presbytery is £789 9s. 8d., and over the whole Church £2,117 19s. 4d.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Woman's Guild began its winter session on Wednesday, 4th October, when Mr. Mackay addressed the members and also the Girls' Association who had been invited to be present.

On Wednesday, 11th October, the meeting will take the form of a Guest Afternoon and will be held in the Church Hall at 2.30 p.m. At this meeting we shall be honoured in having as our speaker Mrs. M'Kerrow, President of the Woman's Guild. Mrs. M'Kerrow is well known in the Church and civic life of Glasgow and is an excellent speaker. We invite all members and friends in the congregation to this meeting.

Among other speakers this winter are Miss Muir, Secretary of the South-West Council, and Miss Ella Ross of the Church of Scotland Lodging House Mission in Glasgow.

The Work Party will continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. The need for knitted

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comforts for the people—especially the children—of the liberated countries in Europe, is very great and we hope to do our part in this work.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who are not yet members of the Woman's Guild, to come and share in our friendship and fellowship.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

Once again the session closed with a most successful and enjoyable camp from which all returned considerably benefited. Owing to the military situation it was necessary to change the camp site and it was thought that Barrhill would not come up to the standard of Tighnabruich. This impression was soon contradicted, as the village proved most attractive and the villagers did everything possible to make the boys' stay a really happy one. No B.B. Company had camped in the district before and it is pleasing to note that a good impression was created and a warm invitation extended to return next year. The weather left little to be desired and a full quota of bathing, fishing, football, cricket, cycling and bowling was enjoyed by all. The local Bowling Green lay on the other side of the road from the school and old and young spent many happy hours trying to master the "old man's game." The local Home Guard contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the camp and memorable tussels with them were held on the football and sports fields. Tribute must be paid to the schoolmaster, Mr. Rowe, and Dr. Kitchen who found nothing a trouble and went out of their way to be helpful in the smooth running of camp. Despite travelling difficulties visitors included quite a number of parents, a representative of the Girls' Association and Mr. W. A. Jamieson of Mearns Parish Church who spent a week-end with the boys. One and all voted the camp the "best ever" and retain many happy memories of Ayrshire hospitality.

The new session started on Friday, 1st September, and all last year's boys are accounted for. Unfortunately we have had to part with one or two boys owing to age, removal from the district and other reasons, but some promising new boys have presented themselves for enrolment. A full winter's programme has been planned and a successful session looked forward to.

The Pipe Band is coming on well and the pipers, after industrious practice on the chanter, are looking forward to getting their bagpipes at an early date. The full compliment of drums has been delivered and the enthusiasm of this section, under Mr. Hamilton, could not be bettered. It is hoped that the day is not now far distant when a band of high quality will be able to parade and the congregation hear the result of many hours hard plodding.

Mr. Niven is welcomed to the staff of the Company in place of Mr. M'Kirdy who has unfortunately resigned.

THE LIFE BOYS.

Our team has commenced its activities for the new session and meets each Friday night from 6 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. In view of the difficulty the staff has in getting to the hall at such an early hour and the fact that any later start on Friday evenings would curtail our already meagre time, we are at present considering altering our meeting to Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., and we are at present negotiating towards this end.

We hope we will have the same co-operation from the parents of our boys this session, and to all parents of boys, who are between the ages of 9 and 11, or who will be 9 years of age before the end of December, we extend a hearty invitation to your boy to join our "Ship's Crew" and share in the fun and games. Our programme is varied and there is never a dull moment. Pop in and see us any time aboard the good ship "79th."

THE GIRL GUIDES.

The Girl Guide Company will resume its training on Tuesday, 10th October, at 7 p.m. A comprehensive scheme of training has been drawn up and Miss Stewart hopes to see a large turnout of both old and new members at the opening meeting.

MINISTER'S NOTES.

A class for Young Communicants will be opened in the Vestry on Sunday, 8th October, at the close of the forenoon service.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the Church on the 5th November at 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The visiting minister will be the Rev. J. Maccallum Robertson, M.A., formerly of Regent Place, Glasgow. He will take part in the forenoon service and conduct the Thanksgiving Service in the Hall at 8 p.m. Mr. Robertson, who is now resident in our district, has rendered distinguished service to the Church in Glasgow.

The Preparatory Service on Friday at 8 p.m. and the afternoon Dispensation will be presided over by myself.

Our thanks are given to Sir Gilbert Hogg of Towerwood for conducting the Service on the 2nd Sunday of July. His address on the religious life of India was greatly enjoyed. To the Rev. J. L. Malloch of Thornliebank, who did the pastoral work during July, we extend our thanks.

It was an awe-inspiring scene to look at Stuart Fyfe standing beside his bride in Giffnock South Church toward the end of last week. He was in a plane that was brought down over Belgium on its return from an operational flight. He was kept in hiding by the Belgian Underground Forces for eight weeks when he escaped to this country. For security reasons he is not permitted to disclose the names of places or the method of his escape. To Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fyfe we offer our warmest congratulations and also to his mother, Mrs. Fyfe, 5 Carrick Crescent. The late Mr. William Fyfe was greatly beloved in our congregation and district.

In the days when communication with Glasgow was even more difficult than it is to-day this parish was in closer contact with the surrounding towns and villages. Such links of the past make us take notice of the retirement of the Rev. J. Macfarlane Wright, M.A., of Busby East. Ordained there in 1906, he remained in that parish during the whole course of his ministry. A man of gifted mind and warmth of heart, he has proved himself to be a faithful minister of the Gospel and a devoted pastor.

On Sunday, 22nd October, at the forenoon service I exchange with the Rev. Norman S. Boyd Scott, M.A., of Queen's Park West. Any member of that illustrious family is a welcome visitor to our congregation. In May we had the elder son. Now we welcome again the younger.

On Sunday, 19th November, the preacher will be the Rev. W. J. Baxter, M.A., of Dowanhill, Convener of the Social Problems Committee of the Presbytery of Glasgow.

The attendance at the Communion on the 2nd Sunday in September was 380. This compares very favourably with the numbers present at previous September Communions.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICE-BEARERS AT THE CHURCH DOOR.

As it was decided at the last meeting of the Congregational Board that Office-bearers should be reminded by postcard during the week preceding the Sunday on which they are expected to be in attendance at the Church door, there is no longer any need for including this information in the Supplement.