

# Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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## Church Services

FORENOON—11.30 a.m.

EVENING—6.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10.15 a.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"*

Susan Margaret Watt.

Francis Elizabeth Anderson.

Yvonne Elizabeth Parkhill Hollinger.

Stuart McKinlay Young.

### Marriages

*"Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"*

John Craig and Helen Dickson White.

James S. Campbell and Janet McL. L. Hogg.

Frank Woodhouse and Doris Kyle.

### Deaths

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

Mr. Herbert Pitt, Beech Avenue.

Mrs. Hay, Ivyraig.

Mr. John Reid, Beech Avenue.

Mr. Douglas, Golf Cottage, Whitecraigs.

Mr. Edwin J. Steven, Kilmun.

## NEW MEMBERS

### By Profession of Faith

Mrs. J. Taylor Anderson, Junr., Springbank.

Mr. Iain B. Murray, Culzean, Firwood Road.

### By Certificate

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Speirs, 46 Larchfield Avenue.

## FINANCE

### Income for the Months of June, July, August and September, 1946

Systematic Giving	.....	.....	.....	£514	19	3
Church Door Plate	.....	.....	.....	68	7	5
Schemes of Church (Envelopes)	.....	.....	.....	6	16	0
Donations	.....	.....	.....	10	10	0
Seat Rents	.....	.....	.....	55	5	0
Interest	.....	.....	.....	18	9	6
Retiring Collections—						
Sabbath School	.....	.....	.....	8	0	8
Foreign Missions	.....	.....	.....	10	4	9
James Pollock's Memorial	.....	.....	.....	20	12	3
				£713	4	10

## Dedication of Memorial to Mr. James Pollock

The beautiful Table Lectern in memory of our late Session Clerk was dedicated by the Minister at the close of the Anniversary Service on the 9th of June.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Mackay said that it was not inappropriate that Mr. Pollock's name should be commemorated in close association with the Communion Table. It is a gift from the Misses Mather, formerly of Kirkhill, a family with which Mr. Pollock was in the closest ties of friendship. Here at the Holy Table on a Sacrament Sabbath we gather to remember the wondrous love of God in the death of Jesus Christ for our salvation, a love from which nothing, neither things present nor things to come is ever able to separate us. Here is the

demonstration of the kernel of our faith. Here is the foundation of the Church, a Church he knew and loved and for which he gave his life. His whole life was an offering to God. I am not placing him on too high a pedestal when I say that. But there was a brighter light even in his eye when he walked about Zion and was engaged in the things pertaining to the Kingdom. His Communion Service is a legacy he has left to us. He made every part of it become as far as possible a means of grace. Therefore the Session decided wisely when it associated the memorial to his name in connection with the Communion Table.

On the Lectern will in due course be placed a Bible inscribed to his memory, but owing to the exigencies of the times, it may be some months till it is able to be procured. Few men have ever known or loved the Bible more. He was constantly summing up a situation in modern life by an apt quotation. He had, of course, a most retentive memory. He has left provision for prizes for memory work of the Scriptures in the Sunday School. The children were engaged this morning in repeating these. It would, therefore, be in conformity with his will that I give you a text to sum up an occasion such as this. He would not have approved of the choice for he was the humblest of men. "Moses my servant is dead now, therefore, arise go over this Jordan." To the children of Israel the death of Moses, the great leader, administrator, conqueror, was unbelievable. Yet we are reminded that such a loss should be an encouragement to us rather than a hindrance. God buries His workmen but carries on their work. The love of God we have seen in Moses should be our strength as we go forward to cross the dark and turbulent waters of the Jordan of a world needing to be reclaimed for Christ. Is there not someone here who to-day will rise up and begin a life that will take his place? Might that someone not be you?

## CHURCH EXTENSION

The Presbytery's Church Extension Committee report that the results of Church Extension Ingathering to the end of 1945, the first complete year of the new appeal, are as follows:

Over the whole Church the total received was £110,244 of which £90,988 came from Congregational givings.

The Presbytery of Glasgow contributed £18,069, which together with £3671 for 1944, gives a total of £21,740 towards the Presbytery's target of £186,000.

Members are reminded that the "target" for this congregation is £1,000 and the contributions towards the new appeal to 30th September amount to £364 10s. It was hoped that half of the £1,000 would be raised before the end of 1946.

It will be realised, therefore, that in order to achieve what is expected of us, the sum of £135 10s. will require to be contributed to the Fund before the end of this year.

A Special Retiring Collection will be taken for this purpose on Sunday, 3rd November.

## THE WOMAN'S GUILD

The opening meeting will be held on Monday, 28th October, when we shall be privileged in having as our speaker Dr. James Kelly, whose work in the World Sunday School Association is well known and who has a wide knowledge of international affairs.

On 11th November a Musical Evening will be held at which the programme will be sustained by Mr. Graham Y. Lindsay and members of the choir.

Home Mission Work will be dealt with by Miss Rhind, Church Sister.

Foreign Mission Work by Miss Ramsay from India, Jewish Missions by Miss Dougall, who has spent some time in Tiberias, and Temperance work by Mrs. Leiper Fraser, President of the Women's Temperance Association of the Church of Scotland.

## NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

There will be a Mother's Night at which an address will be given by a student of Psychiatry.

Other speakers are the Rev. Elizabeth Barr, Mr. John Nimmo and Dr. Margaret Scott.

We have been fortunate in securing the Rev. Duncan Macpherson, who will give one of his popular Song Recitals.

During the month of October, members of the Guild will call on the ladies of the Congregation on behalf of the Guild Schemes, and we take this opportunity of returning thanks for the generous response given to them in former years.

### THE SOCIAL AND BADMINTON CLUB

The opening meeting of the Social and Badminton Club for the season took the form of a Military Whist Drive and Social Evening. There was a good turn-out of members and friends and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the course of the evening the syllabus was announced and Mr. MacKay explained the various items.

Our next Social evening will take the form of a Debate, while the Club intend to produce a Trial by Jury on 12th November.

A Badminton night followed the opening meeting and it was gratifying to note that there was a good turn-out on this occasion also. Table Tennis, Billiards and Darts were popular during the intervals between Badminton games.

Any member or adherent of the congregation over 16 years of age is eligible to become a member of the Club and will be made very welcome.

### THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Once again a new session has commenced and the Company has been strengthened by a number of promising recruits from the Life Boys. Nevertheless there are still some vacancies for keen, enthusiastic boys between the ages of 12 and 16 years and these will be made welcome at the Hall any Friday at 7.30 p.m.

During July it was once more possible to hold a Summer Camp at Barrhill and this was voted by the boys "the best ever." After a few days of glorious sunshine the weather broke but this did not interfere with the enjoyment or smooth running of Camp. Football, Swimming, Fishing and all the usual activities were indulged in to the full and every facility possible was afforded the boys by the villagers. The Pipe Band was very popular and much in demand at village functions. The Camp was honoured by a visit from Mr. Mackay and his short stay was greatly appreciated by all.

With a view to raising funds a novel scheme has been formulated and will be put into force at an early date. This takes the form of a "Quotation Calendar" and the idea behind the scheme is briefly as follows:—

During the next six weeks a boy of the Company will call on each household in the congregation inviting the members to contribute, at a nominal fee, his or her favourite quotation for insertion on a chosen date on the Calendar which will be published at Xmas. When all have been collected and the Calendar published, this will be on sale and should prove both a novel and attractive Xmas gift. Meantime members of the congregation are asked to have available a quotation which appeals to them and it is suggested that this be inserted on the anniversary of the member's birthday or some other appropriate date. The Officers and boys count on the co-operation and support of the congregation on making this effort a real success.

### THE LIFE BOYS

We have commenced what would appear to be a very busy session in the Life Boys. Our Display last session proved so enjoyable that we have decided to have another this year, despite the fact that our numbers are smaller and the boys younger. We would be very pleased to welcome new recruits between the ages of 9 and 12 years and can assure them of a happy time.

The Boys' Brigade and Life Boys are making joint preparations to have a Jumble Sale and Fete in the Spring to augment the Company and Team Funds. With the approach of "Xmas Cleaning" there will be the usual

discarding of "not wants," old clothes, toys, ornaments, books, etc. Would you please keep anything that would be of interest for the Jumble Sale and on receipt of word a boy will call. Various schemes are afoot to raise money beforehand and your notice will be drawn to these in due course. Meantime we can tell you of the following:— The Life Boy Leaders are offering their services to households where there are children—to "keep house" for an evening in order that parents may have a night out. All we ask is a donation of 5/- towards Team Funds. The Leaders are known to most of you—Mrs. Robertson, Misses Margaret McGregor, Gladys Stewart, Rena Stewart, Rita Smith, Lieut. Alwin and Sergt. Stubbs.

Some of the B.B. Boys are willing to do Cycle Repairs at reasonable charges, whilst, on receipt of 6d, a Life Boy will run errands and put himself generally at your disposal.

We ask for your co-operation in carrying out these schemes.

The Team meets each Friday at 6 p.m.

### CHOIR NOTES

We had the first of our "Composer Recitals" last Sunday evening. The Composer was Schubert and the programme was made up as follows:—

ORGAN	Theme from Impromptu in B Flat.
CHOIR	The Lord is my Shepherd.
SOLO	Litany. Sung by Miss Nancy Blue.
ORGAN	Scherzo in B Flat.

Serenade.

Sanctus.

The Choir intend giving one of these recitals each month and the next composer under preparation is J. S. Bach.

At the end of the season it is intended to give a Plebiscite recital and any member of the congregation who cares especially for a specific item should advise any member of the choir or the organist and the item will be included at the final recital.

The Choir again calls for assistance from Sopranos, and any ladies who would care to join us on Thursdays for "a bit of a sing" will be assured of a warm welcome.

G.Y.L.

### SEAT LETTING

Members whose names are not on their pews might please see Mr. Meiklejohn or any member of the Seat Letting Committee at the close of any morning Service.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Any members changing their address are earnestly requested to inform the session Clerk so that their names may be added to the Elder's Roll for the new district.

### VARIA

Our thanks are given to Rev. W. B. Maclaren of Bothkennar for his ministrations in our Church during the month of July.

It was also a great pleasure to have another visit from Rev. W. A. R. Selkirk. Their services were greatly appreciated.

The first Musical Recital given by Mr. Lindsay and the Choir was much enjoyed on the first Sunday evening in October. The compositions of Schubert provided an enlightening, instructive and inspiring evening.

The Communion Services on the first Sunday in November will be conducted by Rev. Roderick Bethune of Beechgrove Church, Aberdeen. This is a real privilege for us and we look forward to his visit with expectation. You will not forget the Preparatory Service on the preceding Friday at 8 p.m. It will be held in the Church.

The Kirk Session has under consideration the formation of two new Discussion Groups for adolescents. (1) Between the ages of 12 and 15 and (2) 16 years and over.

A Junior Choir, ages 10 to 16 has been started by the Organist.

The Kirk Session desires to encourage older children to attend the Communion Services. Mr. Nimmo will gather them in the Hall and conduct them to the Gallery.

A Meeting of all men interested in the formation of a Men's Association will be called from the pulpit at an early date.