

# Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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## Church Services.

MORNING—11.30 a.m.

EVENING—6.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10.15 a.m.

ADOLESCENT GROUPS—10.30 a.m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION—7.45 p.m.

A Class for Beginners and for children living at a distance from the Church is held in the Upper Hall during the Morning Service.

## REGISTER.

### Baptisms.

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

Michael Gourley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fairman,  
Chiddingfold, Hazelwood Avenue.

Alistair Reekie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 5 Crookfur Road.

Andrew Barrie Graeme, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton,  
84 Beech Avenue.

Fiona Christian Stephel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Menzies, Raeside Avenue.

### Marriages.

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

Henry Gordon Forsyth and Heather Neilson Young.

Samuel Drysdale and Marjory Walker Ferguson.

Donald Robert Shepherd and Sonia Muriel Sharp.

Bertram Richardson and Ethel Clara Starkings.

Alexander Simpson Hamilton and Joyce Marion  
Clare.

### Deaths.

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

Mrs. Aitken, Silverburn, Tinto Road, Newlands.

Mrs. Duncan, Dunruden, Glebe Lane.

Mrs. Hannah Duff, 15 Ayr Road, Prestwick.

Mrs. Gillies, Lairig, Beech Avenue.

Mr. S. W. Fleming, Dunskey, Crookfur Road.

Miss Jessie Forgan, 23 Glamis Avenue.

Mrs. Margaret Anderson, Broomley Drive.

**New Members.**—*By Certificate from other Congregations.*

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Paterson, Ravenshaw, Glebe Road.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Orr, 47 Beech Avenue.

Mrs. Mary McCalman, 47 Beech Avenue.

Miss Katherine McLean, 75 Larchfield Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hutton, 5 Kinfauns Drive.

Mr. Ian George Johnston, Greenside.

## THE CAMPAIGN.

You will by the time this appears in print have heard two of the bulletins at the morning service on Sunday in connection with the Autumn Campaign. The Session has agreed to this procedure in order to keep the congregation appraised of the latest information in connection with it, and to bring home to it the urgent need for volunteers in this important task.

There are, however, those who cannot, through infirmity or illness, be present at Church at public worship, and we would narrate briefly the plans that have been made for the Autumn. It is hoped to visit every home in the district, *i.e.* every home which is not connected with either of the two Churches—the Mearns Parish Church, and our own. It is estimated that there are 1,200 families of whose relationship to the Church we know nothing. This you will realise is a tremendous task.

An approach was made to our sister congregation and as a result a joint committee of the two Churches was formed. A sub-committee of this consisting of Mr. Bowman, Mr. Thomas Maver, and Mr. James Shaw from the Mearns Parish Church, and of Mr. Thom, Mr. McCance, and Mr. Williams from the Newton Mearns Church, was appointed under the convenership of Mr. McCance. These have made a preliminary survey of the two parishes with the results already mentioned, and drawn up plans for the visitation which it is hoped will be carried through on the last fortnight of November, beginning on Tuesday, 21st November.

At present a total number of 30 elders from the two Churches have signified their willingness to take part. What we need to accomplish the work without throwing an almost impossible burden on them is a team from the two Churches of about



200 persons. It is proposed that the volunteers should visit in pairs—two and two, as the Lord sent the Seventy forth (Luke 10, 1). When possible we would send one from each congregation together. We are not concerned to which Church the people will go. What we are intent to do is to encourage them to come back to the Church at large.

Many will feel that they are quite untrained to perform such a task, however willing they may be. Such hesitation, let it be known, is shared by all who have done this work. We recognise that it is not an easy undertaking. We do not propose to send you out without giving you some training, and we would like you to give your names early to the Minister, the Session-Clerk, or to Mr. McCance, 50 Broomvale Drive, in order that we might arrange to have some instruction classes arranged.

In addition it is agreed to send out a card of invitation by post a week before the visitation is to be made. Would you be willing to assist in the addressing of these? If so, would you be good enough to give your name to Mr. McCance?

We are now entering on another winter's work, and I would appeal to all our members to give an example in their own life. I sometimes notice that some of you are present only occasionally in Church on a Sabbath morning or evening. Before we go out to bring others back to the Church, we ought to begin with ourselves. The temptation to lapse from attendance at Church is an ever-present one. But it must be resisted. If we do not give a witness here, where are we likely to begin? Granted that it is only the commencement of the profession of our faith, yet who would deny that it is a very important testimony? Let us begin with ourselves and begin here.

### “THE ELECTRONIC BELLS.”

One of the members of the congregation, Mr. James Young, has offered to the Session the gift of an electronic bell, on the understanding that the Church will defray the cost of the installation. This is a very generous offer on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Young and we give them our sincere and cordial thanks. Many have felt that the lack of a bell was one of the unfinished parts of our new building. When the Church was erected in 1939 the tower over the north door was strengthened with steel beams in order that at some future date we might add a tower and belfry. The project was included in the War Memorial Scheme, and this aim has now been made possible through this generous act on the part of the donor.

It is difficult in a short paragraph to give a description of the Constant Martin Electronic Bell. A single bell revolves mechanically on a spindle in the belfrey, the sound being produced from a consul that can be placed at any point in the building.

A hammer striking a reed is magnified electrically, and the bell is able not only to be tolled but to play a psalm or hymn tunes. The original tune is composed by playing by hand on a miniature key-board. It is, in fact, not only a bell but a carillon.

The cost of erecting the belfrey will be fairly considerable, in the region of £500. An appeal will be sent out in the near future to every member of the congregation, and you are asked to make your contribution as generous as possible.

The Session has appointed Mr. James E. MacLaren and Mr. John Cromar to be in charge of the installation and to be responsible for the playing of it each Sabbath before morning and evening worship. They will be in consultation with Mr. Cuthill, the organist, who will be willing to give tuition in the playing of it. If you are willing to offer your services will you give your name to Mr. MacLaren or Mr. Cromar.

### PRESENTATION TO

Miss H. J. OSBORNE.

The retirement from the office of Secretary of the Woman's Guild of Miss Osborne is by the decision of the Session to be the occasion of a presentation to her from her many friends in the Church. She has filled the post for 21 years, and few secretaries in such an organisation have equalled the amount of diligent service she has contributed to it. Year by year she has compiled a syllabus in which the standard of speaker was maintained at a very high level. She has attended the council meetings of the Guild most regularly, and occupies at present the role of Vice-President of the South-West District. Her gift of organisation is known to all, and whenever she rose to move a vote of thanks, or to give an announcement it was evident that she was not only a fluent speaker but had a thorough grasp of the subject under consideration. We owe a great debt to her, as to all the members of the family, for the work she has rendered to the Church at large, and in our own congregation. Nor is this the only sphere in which she has given her services to the Church. For many years she worked as a teacher in the Sabbath School, being in charge of the Primary Department, while she has been keenly interested in the Foreign Mission movement, and taken a large share in collecting for it and the other schemes of the Church. Those who were away from home in September and would like to share in the presentation can send their contributions to Mr. Walter Rodger, 9 Townhead Road, Newton Mearns, or put it in an envelope in the church plate, and mark it accordingly. It will be handed to Miss Osborne at the opening meeting of the Woman's Guild in November.



**The Rev. W. T. MORTON, J.P., B.D., Nairn.**

The death of the Rev. W. T. Morton, B.D. was learned with sorrow by the congregation. Succeeding the Rev. A. Boyd Scott, D.D., who had been called to Paisley, he became minister of Newton Mearns Church in 1904, and laboured faithfully for six years. In 1910 he was called to Lauriston Place Church, Edinburgh, where he remained until 1923 when he was transferred to Pollokshields East Church, Glasgow. It was there that he became known to the present minister, for the two mansees were opposite to each other. Both Mr. Morton and his wife were charming personalities, and were greatly respected in the Pollokshields district. He was a regular visitor to the stand at Hampden Park on a Saturday afternoon, and it was an unfortunate day for him when he had to pay the fares in the tram-car of the youths who travel opposite him, and a still more expensive day when he met them on the way back!

He was reputed to be a scholarly preacher and a diligent pastor. In addition he was a keen advocate of the temperance cause, and worked indefatigably in its support. In the years of his semi-retirement he went to be minister in Rosebank Church, Nairn, where the son of the present minister of the Broom has been called.

We offer to Mrs. Morton our sincere sympathy, and feel that the words of our Lord are applicable to him: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

**Mrs. MARGARET ANDERSON.**

The death of Mrs. Anderson, of 20 Bromley Drive, Giffnock, who resided latterly in Helensburgh, removes yet another link with the past in the life of our congregation. When the new Church was built in 1939 she installed the window in the gallery in memory of her husband, and of her son who was killed in the first World War. Another son, Mr. James A. Anderson, an elder in the congregation, was Clerk to the Congregational Board at the time of the negotiations and the erection of our present building, and we owe much to him that these were completed so expeditiously and thoroughly. To Mr. and Mrs. James A. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ancell Anderson, who are also members with us, we extend our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

**THE WOMAN'S GUILD.**

In view of the planned Churches Campaign to take place shortly in this district, the Committee decided that the Guild should not meet until November this winter. This makes a short session but the Committee welcome this opportunity of making known some of the special items on the programme.

On 20th November there is to be a special Open Night when there is to be a Lecture-Recital on Chopin—His Life and Music, given by the Rev. Colin Campbell, B.D., of Williamwood Church and Miss Campbell, M.A., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.

Various interesting talks have been arranged: Teaching work in Nigeria, Nursing Experience, Educating the Deaf, to mention a few.

On 5th February the meeting is to be held in the afternoon and is to be specially for mothers of young children. The mothers are invited to bring their children with them. Responsible Guild members will entertain the children in another room while the mothers listen to a talk by Mrs. Craik, a well-known figure in Home Mission work.

The last meeting will be held on 19th March, and will combine pleasure with business. There will be a showing of Films, tea will be served and thereafter the Annual Business Meeting will be held.

The Committee are hopeful of good attendances at the meetings and all women of the congregation will be cordially welcomed.

**Report of the Guild Meeting held in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh at the time of the General Assembly.**

At the Mass Meetings of the Woman's Guild the forenoon was taken up with Business matters. The principal items mentioned were Funds received during the year amounting to £267,000. This sum was mostly allocated to congregational needs. The membership of the Guild had increased by 2,000, the total being now 147,000.

Mrs. Sutherland, who was in the chair, spoke of the good work done by Mrs. Buchanan in the Layette Scheme and I felt gratified, knowing what a good contribution had gone to this scheme from the Newton Mearns Woman's Guild Work Party.

Mrs. Jarvis spoke next on Guild Syllabuses, then Mrs. Sim on Town Guilds and Miss Murray on Country Guilds.

At the afternoon meeting the devotions were taken by the Rev. J. H. Duncan. Greetings were extended to Overseas visitors by Mrs. Sutherland and an address was given by Miss Anne McAllister, M.A., Ed.B., D.Sc. She called her subject, "Living Echoes," and her theme was the influence which one person had on another.

Then came the visit of the Lord High Commissioner, Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham, accompanied by Lady Cunningham and the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Very Rev. Principal Hugh Watt. Various presentations were made and the Moderator addressed the meeting. It was a crowded and most impressive gathering and I was glad to be privileged to be present.



### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

What is the place of youth in the Christian Community? Is it to work hard, or to worship sincerely, or is it to combine these so that we are able to make a telling witness for Jesus Christ? Certainly the latter, but how should we set about this? How can we co-ordinate our Worship, Work and Witness? These questions form the basis of our new session's work. We shall be studying them in our Young People's Union, we shall be joining with the other Youth Fellowships of the district to hear their views and in February the Fellowships in this district and all over Scotland will once again gather in the Assembly Hall, Edinburgh to receive great spiritual strength and to form new pointers for Christian Action, not by others but by ourselves, here, among our own neighbours, among our own workmates.

Are you able to witness for Jesus Christ? If you are, then we need your help. If you are not, then perhaps our fellowship would help you. Our meetings for all young people over 18 years of age started again at 6.45 p.m. on Sunday, 1st October. We are all a little shy at the beginning of the session, so that's the time to join.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The new session has now commenced and parents, especially newcomers are asked to note the times of meeting of the different departments. The Senior and Junior scholars meet at 10.15 a.m. in the Large Hall. Beginners leave the Church during the morning service, after the singing of the children's hymn and proceed to the Upper Hall.

Mr. Nimmo and the teachers wish to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carswell and all their friends who assisted, for the delightful afternoon spent by the pupils at Mid Borland Farm.

As a Sunday School we are most fortunate in having so many farmer friends who are always willing to extend hospitality to the scholars.

### THE CHURCH CHOIR.

The Senior Choir hope, with the combined help of a City Choir to devote one of this winter's evening services to a performance of Handel's "Messiah." Accordingly, our Organist is keen to hear from members willing and able to take part in the chorus of this great work, for upon the measure of support he receives will depend whether or not the event takes place.

It is hoped that those interested will respond and attend practices.

### THE GIRL GUIDES (2nd Mearns Company).

The Company has now resumed for the winter and meets in the Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m. New members are required and will be

warmly welcomed by the Acting Captain Miss Campbell, 2 Eglinton Drive, Giffnock.

### THE BROWNIES.

The Brownies have resumed their meetings on Thursday evenings in the Hall at 6.30 p.m. New members will be welcomed by the Leader, Miss Jean Stubbs.

### THE SOCIAL, BADMINTON AND DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Club has now resumed its winter activities and meets in the Hall as under:—

#### Badminton Section.

**Seniors.**—Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7.30 p.m.

**Juniors.**—Tuesdays from 5.30 to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

*Note.*—The age limit for Juniors is 16 years.

#### Ladies' Afternoon Section.

Afternoons at 2 p.m.

#### Dramatic Section.

Wednesday evenings at 7.45 p.m.

New members will be made welcome to all sections. Applications should be made to Mr. R. B. Stirling for the Badminton Sections and to Mr. A. R. Macnaughton for the Dramatic Sections.

### THE BOYS' BRIGADE (79th Glasgow Coy.).

The Boys' Brigade has now resumed for the new session and all boys between the ages of 12 and 16 are invited to come along any Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. An interesting winter programme has been planned and to enable the various classes to commence as soon as possible, intending recruits should present themselves without delay.

During the summer a most successful camp was held at Grandtully, Strathtay. Favoured with good weather the boys spent a very enjoyable holiday amidst most beautiful scenery and all returned greatly benefited. On this occasion golf proved one of the main recreations and many happy hours were spent on the delightful little nine hole course a short distance from the camp. A series of games with the local boys in opposition ended all square whilst "The Camp Championship" was won by Brian Freizer.

Before leaving, a Display was given in the local hall, and this caused much favourable comment. The officers and boys were indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Macnaughton who, on a short holiday to Grandtully, assisted greatly in the production of two sketches.

An interesting film was taken of the camp activities, and it is hoped to show this to both parents and boys at an early date.

Once again the boys were favoured by a visit from Mr. Mackay.