

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."

Janice Young Craig, 1 Barrhead Road.

Elizabeth Wilma Forbes Gilmour, c/o McCabe,
Eaglesham Road.

Moirra Dunsmore, 81 Main Street.

Ian Forbes, 1 Barrhead Road.

John Lawtie Nicol, 1481 Pollokshaws Road.

James Clifford Mair Peden, Hazelwood Avenue.

Hazel Lamont Robinson, 17 Edzell Drive.

David Brian Robinson, 17 Edzell Drive.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together . . ."

Neville W. C. Maynard and Agnes H. G. Shaw.

Kenneth A. M. Robertson and Anne R. Cameron.

William McBean and Agnes T. McCloy.

Robert A. Stewart and Sheila C. A. Harris.

James G. G. Ford and Helen C. M. Taylor.

James Hamilton and Elizabeth A. Young.

Deaths.

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

Mrs. Carswell, Roseholm.

Gilbert Cosh, 17 Pollok Road.

Ian Dobson, Raeside Avenue.

Mrs. Currie, Greenside.

Miss Jean Holland, St. Ola, Arthurlie Drive.

Mr. William Storry, Highfields, Craignethan Road.

New Members.

By Certificate from other Congregations.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Russell, 29 Windsor Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson, 81 Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Robinson, 17 Edzell Drive.

Miss Lamont, 17 Edzell Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Lyon, 5 Raeside Avenue.

VARIA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on the first Sabbath in November at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Members are asked to notice that, due to Armistice Day following on the 2nd Sunday, the Session has reverted to the original date. The Preparatory Service is held in the Church on the preceding Friday at 8 p.m.

A Class for first Communicants has been opened in the Vestry after the close of morning worship.

Remembrance Sunday will be celebrated on the 2nd Sabbath in November. Members of the British

Legion (Newton Mearns Branch) and the uniformed organisations of the Church will parade at the forenoon service. The hour of worship will be brought forward to 10.45 a.m. in order to embrace the Two Minutes Silence for the fallen in both World Wars.

The Ordination and Induction of Elders will take place on Sunday, 21st October, at 11.30 a.m. The Session will meet at 11 o'clock in order to receive objections to life or doctrine, and failing such will proceed to ordain or induct the same.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held in the Church on Sunday, 14th October. The children are asked to assemble in the Hall at 11 a.m. and will proceed with their gifts into the Church. Members of the congregation are asked to send their contributions of flowers or fruit to the Hall on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. These will be distributed on Monday to the patients in Mearns Kirk Hospital.

The Adolescent Groups, open to youth in the congregation between the ages of 12 and 18 years, will be resumed in the Church on Sabbath mornings on Sunday, 7th October. A very warm welcome is given to all concerned, and parents are urged to encourage their children to come and receive instruction in the Christian Faith and Life.

The Young People's Union re-opens on Sunday, 7th October, at 7.45 p.m. in the Upper Hall. An interesting syllabus has been very carefully drawn up, and we would urge all young people of 18 years and over to gather together on a Sunday evening and study together the meaning and implications of the Christian Faith. We want your fellowship in the youth work of the Church.

The programme this winter has been so arranged that, while the meetings will take the form of a paper read and followed by discussion, it will not be necessary for those attending to give one of these addresses. It has been felt that this obligation has in the past resulted in some staying away.

More emphasis, again, in line with the leading of the Christian Youth Assembly in Edinburgh in 1951, will be placed on Bible Study. The President this year is Mr. R. W. S. Jarvie, Deramore Avenue, Whitecraigs. We want to gather all the youth of the Church over 18 years on a Sunday evening. Come yourself and bring a friend.

IN MEMORIAM.

The deaths of two of the children of our congregation have cast shadows of deep sorrow in the parish. When a child is taken it is an experience of the deepest anguish to parents. Gilbert Cosh died in a hospital in Glasgow in circumstances that are known to all. A more attractive boy it would be difficult to imagine; full of the joy of life he was also at the same time of the most unselfish disposition. At the Sunday School trip in June I noticed particularly how helpful he was, and how concerned for a girl who was sick. It is strange that Ian Dobson, who died on Saturday, 22nd September, was one of his greatest friends, and that the two should be taken within such a short space of time. Ian was a member of the Life Boys and in June received the award for the best all-round boy in the Company. A beautiful athlete and a boy of a very kind disposition, he has gone to the Father's Home of Many Mansions. We cannot express to Mr. and Mrs. David Cosh, and to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dobson how deeply we share in their sorrow.

"There's a Friend for little children
Above the bright blue sky;
A Friend who never changes
Whose love will never die."

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The opening meeting of the Woman's Guild will be held on Monday, 8th October. We are greatly privileged in having as speaker for this meeting the Rev. H. Leuner who is well known to members of the Church. This is an open meeting and it is hoped that as many as possible both men and women will be present. The Committee have tried to vary the items on the Syllabus for 1951-52 so as to include matters of interest for all. There are the regular evenings for Home, Foreign and Jewish Missions. Mr. Maurice Anderson has once

more kindly spared us a night out of a very busy winter to give us a Film Show. This, too, will be an open meeting and needs no further recommendation. Mrs. Simpson of the Travellers' Aid Society has a story of great interest to tell of her work among women and girls who arrive in Glasgow, strangers to the city with no contacts at all.

On another evening Miss Dunbar of the Women's Voluntary Services is giving a talk on the Services and their work.

We would draw special attention to the Women's World Day of Prayer to be held on 29th February. On this day there is a chain of prayer stretching all round the world from sunrise till sun-down, every meeting, East and West having the same Order of Service. A Joint Meeting with Mearns Parish Church will be held in Newton Mearns Church on that evening and we would ask the women of the Church to join in this unique fellowship.

The Work Party will be held on alternate Monday evenings and this year the work to be done is knitting for our own men in Korea, who so badly need comforts of all kinds. The wool is being provided by the W.V.S.

The Committee would recommend the meetings of the Guild to the women of the Church. It is the only Women's meeting and apart from the interest in the speakers there is that far more important factor, Fellowship with one another which can grow and deepen and prepare us to take our place in the life of the Church.

THE CHOIR.

The Choir is still short of voices in all parts. It is hoped to have Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" rendered in Church this winter and new choir members are necessary if this is to be achieved.

Our Organist appeals to the musically talented in the congregation to pluck up courage and join, so helping this important part of our worship.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

All departments have now resumed for the

session, but the teachers will welcome any new pupils who wish to come forward.

The superintendent, staff and scholars take this opportunity of thanking the Misses Pratt for the splendid afternoon spent in the lovely policies of Hazeldean on 16th June last. The weather was good, the scenery was grand and the hospitality extended to scholars, teachers and parents was on the superlative scale. The kindness of those friends who provide the "trip" each summer is much appreciated by all who are interested in the work of the Sunday School.

Teachers and pupils were astounded when, at the beginning of the summer holidays, they heard of the tragic death of Gilbert Cosh, one of the bright boys of the school. His attendance had always been good for he liked the Sunday School, and his desire to be helpful was ever in evidence.

We shall all miss Gilbert's pleasant smile and cheerful demeanour.

At a meeting of the teachers held after the forenoon service on Sunday, 23rd inst., a presentation in the form of a Bible and Hymnary, was made to Mr. James Hamilton to mark the occasion of his marriage to Miss Betty Young.

Mr. Hamilton, who had been a teacher in the Sunday School for the past nine years, is to take up house in the Burnside district.

It came as a shock to all when news of the untimely death of Ian Dobson reached us last Sunday.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dobson we would extend our deepest sympathy for the loss of one who was such a favourite among the young people.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

The 79th Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade, connected with Newton Mearns Church, meets in the Church Hall every Friday at 7.30 p.m. Bible Class is held on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

Company activities consist of: Drill, Physical Training, Parallel Bars, Tumbling, Wayfaring. Signalling, Arts and Crafts, Swimming, Athletics, Summer Camp, etc.

The Company Club Room is open every Saturday evening for Brigade members.

All boys between the ages of 12 and 16 are invited to join any Friday evening.

THE LIFE BOYS.

The 79th Life Boy Team meets every Friday in the Church Hall from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Boys between the ages of 9 and 11 are invited to enrol.

Life Boy activities are: Games, Physical Recreation, Musical Marching, Singing, Team Work, Handicrafts, etc.

SEAT LETTING.

Members whose names are not on their pews or any others requiring Sittings might please see Mr. Meiklejohn at the close of any morning service.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Any members changing their addresses are earnestly requested to notify the Session-Clerk so that their names may be given to the Elder of the District to which they have removed, thus preventing disappointment at not receiving Communion Cards.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR.

The attention of parents is directed to the work of the Junior Choir which meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. for an hour.

Children 10 years of age and upwards are eligible.

COMMUNION.

The number present at the Communion on 10th September was 492. At the same Communion Service last year 462 were present.