

# NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

OCTOBER, 1957.

## THE REGISTER.

### Baptisms.

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

Sandra Edith Anderson, Glebe Road.  
Fiona Whiteford Stuart, Linfield, Newtonlea Av.  
Janet Ross Lambie, Bonnyton Farm.

### Marriages.

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

Gladys Eileen Bateson and Alexander Semple.  
Marion Chalmers Hogg and David Kinnaird Laidlaw.  
Annie Mulholland and William E. Copnerhurst.  
Catherine Henderson, and Colin John McCrone.  
Margaret Eileen Davidson and John Nicol Livingstone.  
Irene Hall Sinclair and John Millar Wilson.  
Elizabeth Doughty Cockburn and William Chalmers Hogg.

### Deaths.

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

Miss Jeanie Robertson, 124 Main Street.  
Mrs Downs, 75 Main Street.  
Mrs Duncan Buchanan, Clarinnis, Arthurlie Drive.  
John Nimmo, Hirstlands, Ayr Road.  
Mrs McNiven, 3 Ashview Terrace.

## MINISTER'S LOG.

Another summer has come and gone. We were favoured with some beautiful weather in the early stages of it, but the remainder was disappointing. I returned for the month of July to the beautiful Isle of Arran, and came back refreshed by the peacefulness of Blackwaterfoot, and the sea breezes! I trust that you also had a good vacation and ready for the winter's work.

A new leader had to be found for the Life Boys. Margaret McGregor, who had done so well there for 13 years, decided to go off to Australia. We learn that she has settled down there and is liking it very much. I hope this will not encourage others to do the same. Arthur Stubbs has come to our aid, and has taken over the leadership. He already has two young girls—Helen MacGregor and Mavis Paterson—who know the work so well. So the Life Boys should be well staffed. About 27 turned up on the opening night. The Boys' Brigade is still slow to grow. We have about 11 on the roll—very enthusiastic they are, but a few more would make all the difference. If you have a boy will you put in a good word for it. It is a very happy company.

The bishops continue to make the headlines. I am devoting one sermon a month to the problem. The Session is having a special meeting, on November 13th, to discuss them. I suppose you will have gathered how I feel about them. I would not go so far as Jenny Geddes, but I am not greatly enamoured by the idea. However, I think we should try to keep an open mind. You remember what Oliver Cromwell said to Presbyterians long ago whom he thought a little obstinate—"By the mercy of God consider it possible that you may be mistaken."

Judith Bain is doing a good work in the 'Beginners' Class that meets during the forenoon service. Bring your young child and be able to enjoy the morning service yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

W. MURRAY MACKAY.

## OBITUARY.

Mr John Nimmo, Hirstlands, died at his home on Sunday, 25th August, 1957. As the congregation knew, for many were the solicitations concerning his health, he had been confined to bed for several months. He was born in Cleland in Lanarkshire and became on the completion of his training head of the Art Department in Barrhead. After an interval of service to his country during the Great War he resumed his teaching at the close, and was married in 1919 moving ultimately to the village of Neilston to live. In 1941 he was appointed headmaster at Lochwinnoch, an appointment not often given to a teacher of Art. There he remained until his retirement 4 years ago. It was in 1930 that he and his wife removed to this district with which they were quite familiar, walking across on many a Saturday afternoon to Waterside Farm. He was very fond of the countryside both as regards the beauty of the natural world, and the history associated with it, and it was refreshing and stimulating to listen to his tales of the past. The life and the struggles of the Covenanters were especially dear to him, and there were no songs for him like the auld Scotch ones. He was inducted as an elder in 1934 and proved himself a most diligent one. His visitation of his district each Communion was always accomplished in the most thorough fashion, and he came to be greatly loved by the people in it. On the retirement of Mr Andrew Russell he was appointed Superintendent of the Sabbath School, and the congregation will always be grateful for the faithful service he rendered in this most important sphere of the life of the Church. It would be true to say that anything he was asked to do he did with all his might. There was never anything slipshod in his work. Industry was indeed one of his outstanding qualities. The fact that so many young people are to-day teaching in the Sabbath School is directly due to him. He drafted them straight into the School from being scholars. He was an excellent organiser. Nothing



was left to chance. One will not forget such occasions as the Christmas Parties, and the Sunday School trips. He gave of his time and energy unstintingly to the Church. He had the faculty of putting first things first in life, and nothing was allowed to take precedence of them. One marvelled at his wonderful patience in his long illness. He never grumbled or complained, and it could not have been easy for a man who had been so active. We extend to Mrs Nimmo our deepest sympathy in the passing of one so justly loved, and thank her for all the way she has supported her husband in all that he did for the Church.

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Mrs Downs, Main Street Newton Mearns died in July. She came to live in this district (to which she was no stranger) from the North of Scotland on the death of her husband who finally succumbed to injuries received in the Great War. At that time her family was young, and she lived with her father Mr McLaren at the foot of Main Street. He was a man greatly respected in the district. Those who knew her then admired the courage with which she faced, with her responsibilities, the new life. In spite of all her difficulties she was rarely without a smile on her face. They early identified themselves with the Church, and Rebe and Nette were soon immersed in the youth life of The Church. During the war they took an active part in the Canteen for the soldiers in Pollok Castle set up in the Church Hall. It was a great joy to their mother to see them both happily married, and to enjoy the fellowship of her grandchildren. It is one of the greatest legacies of life to have a good mother, and both Nette and Rebe will ascribe to that. To them both, and their families, and their relatives in the district and beyond we offer our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

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Miss Jeanie Robertson, 124 Main Street, Newton Mearns, died on June 20th, at her residence. For a few years she had been in indifferent health following an operation but she never complained, and those who saw her never knew that there was anything wrong with her. That indeed was typical of her. She never spoke about herself, and anything that one learned had to be dragged out of her. All her life she was employed at the bleach works, Netherplace. Gentleness was the hallmark of her life. No one, it is said, ever heard her criticising others. From earliest days her life was associated with the congregation. For many years she was a member of the choir, and one often listened to the tales she could tell of the choir trips of other days. She was a regular attender of the Church, and took an active part in all its affairs. She was keenly interested in the life of the congregation, and had served under many ministers. Her brother Mr Thomas Robertson was for some years, until he left the district, an elder in the Church. Her life indeed may be said to have been always linked with the Church, and we have lost a loyal member in her passing. She lived with her sister Mrs Lindsay for many years—indeed they have never been separated all their life. To her she has been a most faithful companion. We know how Mrs Lindsay will miss her, and we extend to her, and her sister and brother, our deepest sympathy in the passing of one we all loved.

Mrs Duncan Buchanan, Clarinnis, Arthurlie Drive, died in a city hospital on Friday, 9th August. She and her husband came to this district early in 1935, from the Bellahouston area of Glasgow, where they had taken an active part in the life of that congregation. Mr Buchanan took a keen interest in the work of the Boys' Brigade and, indeed, in all the youth life of the congregation, and his wife supported him in all he did. In addition, she was concerned deeply with the organisation of the Foundry Boys in the city and spent a great deal of time in connection with it. When they joined the congregation in this district they soon became identified with the life of it, have been most regular attenders of it, and for some years Mrs Buchanan was treasurer of the Woman's Guild. It was, however, in her own gracious and unselfish personality that she has left her impress upon us. It could be truly said that she hardly thought of herself at all. She was always concerned about others and planning day by day how she could help them. She was constantly enquiring about the welfare of some one, and it was a genuine interest that she manifested. Nor did it stop at words; she was always making her way to visit someone with some gift to help them. We shall miss her much, but none more than her husband to whose welfare she devoted her life. To him and to her brother, and all her kith and kin we extend our deepest sympathy in the passing of one so greatly beloved.

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Mrs McNiven, 3 Ashview Terrace, died on Thursday, 29th August, at her residence. Born in Paisley, the family moved when she was a child to Mearns, and it could be said that she has spent all her life in this district. Her life was centred in her home and she lived to see her four daughters all happily married. The loss of her only son was a great grief in her life. Although she was crippled with rheumatoid arthritis and confined latterly mainly to the house, she was still the centre of her family. This was partly due to the love and affection she had inspired in them towards her, and partly because of the joy they found in coming continually to visit her. She was still the centre of their life. One of the last great occasions in her life was the marriage of her grandchild, and immediately the reception was over the first thing they did before going off on their honeymoon was to visit her. To her daughters and sons-in-law, and all her kith and kin we extend our deepest sympathy.

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#### THE MOTHERS' GROUP.

The Mothers' Group commences the new season on 15th October, 1957. Meetings are held on every second Tuesday in the Manse, 204 Ayr Road, at 7.30 p.m. An interesting and varied programme has been arranged, and new members will be made very welcome.



## 2nd MEARNS GIRL GUIDE COMPANY.

The guides commenced their Session 1957/58, on the 5th September, and meet every Thursday, in the Church Hall, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. The number on the Roll at the end of June was 37 and we started this session with 34. All girls between the ages of 11 and 16 who are interested in joining will be made very welcome.

A Basket Whist Drive, in aid of Company Funds will be held on Thursday, 31st October, commencing at 7.45 p.m., and all members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited. Tickets price 2/6 can be got from any of the Guides.

On Friday, 22nd November, a Parents Social will be held in the Church Hall (commencing 7.45 p.m.) in conjunction with the Boys' Brigade, Life-boys and Brownies, and it is hoped that this will be as enjoyable as in previous years.

Isobel C. Morris, Captain.

## WAR MEMORIAL HALL FUND.

Mrs Robert Anderson organised on Monday, 16th September, in the Church Hall, a demonstration of flower arrangement. The lecturer was Mr Joseph Reilly, of the Glasgow Flower Club, and he gave us one of the most interesting and entertaining evenings we have had for a long time. His subject was one that could not but give pleasure, and he had, in addition, such a fund of spontaneous humour that it made the night a memorable one. As a result of the demonstration the congregational treasurer has received the sum of £23 1s. 6d. Our most grateful thanks is given to the organiser for this splendid piece of work.

Some time ago we asked the congregation if they would be willing to submit to the Session ideas as to how to augment this fund. Mrs Anderson was the first to come forward. May we hope that others will follow?

## DIARY OF WEEK-NIGHT ORGANISATIONS.

Monday	—Woman's Guild, at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	—Recreational Group (Badminton Section) 7.30 p.m. —Mothers' Group (in the Manse.)
Wednesday	—Recreational Group, 7.30 p.m.
Thursday	—Brownies, 6 p.m. —Girl Guides, 7.30 p.m. —Choir Practice, 8 p.m.
Friday	—Life Boys, 6 p.m. —Boys Brigade, 7.30 p.m.

## THE FLOWER LIST.

Oct. 6—Mrs Mather.  
„ 13—Mrs Macnaughton.  
„ 20—Communion.  
„ 27—Mrs W. T. Davidson.

Nov. 3—Mrs Frost.  
„ 10—Mrs Gray.  
„ 17—Mrs Edmond.  
„ 24—Mrs Roser.

## VARIA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on Sunday, October 20th, at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The service of preparation will be held on Friday, 18th October, in the Church at 8 p.m., and will be conducted by the Rev. A. M. Nicholson, M.A., of Scotstoun West. Those who desire to join the fellowship of the Church should hand their certificates to the Minister at their earliest convenience.

Remembrance Day will be observed on Sunday, November 10th. The congregation is asked to assemble at 10.45 a.m. The uniformed organisations will be on parade.

Mr C. J. Thom, our Session Clerk has been appointed by the Presbytery of Glasgow, a member of the Inter Church Relations Committee, and Mr A. S. McCance the treasurer of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery.

The congregation will learn with deep sorrow of the death of Mr Richard Campbell, formerly of 39 Barrhead Road. He died as the result of an accident in Khartoum, Egypt. At one time he was the president of the Youth Fellowship.

Mr George Hammond has resigned as editor of the Supplement. He gave valuable service to the Church in this regard, as he still does in others, and we would like to thank him very sincerely for what he has done.

We are anxious to gather all the young people of the Church of 16 years and over into the Youth Fellowship. Already we have a splendid group. This is one of the most valuable meetings in the Church and it is held in the Upper Hall, on Sunday evening.