

NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

NOVEMBER, 1961.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Susan Jane Davey, 42 Eaglesham Road.
George Baird Harvie, 13 Main Street.
Lorna Anne Hawthorne, 37 Limetree Crescent.
Carol Grace Reid, 16 Greenbank Avenue.
Marion Barr Lambie, Bonnyton Moor Farm.
George Angus Bowie, 9 Newtonlea Avenue.
Muriel Elizabeth Dinsmor, 52 Castle Road.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Aileen Muriel Souter and Barry Munro Niven.
Rita Smith and John B. Sellar.
Mary Mitchell Anderson and John Laird.
Morag Mary Elizabeth McLaren and William David McIntosh.
Agnes Stewart Hogg and John Peters.

Deaths.

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

Ramsay McNeil, Gilmourton Crescent.
James Hill, 8 Hazelwood Avenue.
Gavin F. S. Shaw, Glenard, Glebe Road.
F. J. Burns Reid, 16 Broompark Drive.
Mrs James Lambie, Lowmoor.
Mrs A. D. Hamilton, 38 Broomvale Drive.
Mrs James Pollock, 6 Poplar Avenue.
George Frederick Sweet, 1 Hazelwood Avenue.

NEW MEMBERS.

May Communion.

By Profession of Faith.

Joan Olive Duncan, Fairhaven, Arthurlie Drive.
Patricia Anne Tweedie, 73 Ayr Road.
Elspeth Mitchell Simpson, Machrie, Larchfield Ave.
Elizabeth Wendy Watt, The Gables, Larchfield Ave.
Mary Laird, 19 Woodvale Avenue, Giffnock.
James Millar Whalley, 45 Hazelwood Avenue.
John Wilson McLean, 11 Copland Quadrant, Ibrox.

By Certificate.

Mr and Mrs John Henderson, 2 Newtonlea Avenue.
Mr and Mrs James Baird Hinds, 23 Firwood Road.
Miss Valerie Marie Hinds, 23 Firwood Road.
Mr and Mrs Adam McMeeking, 29 Limetree Cresc.
Mr and Mrs John G. Paton, Limetree Crescent.
Mr James Rodger, Netherplace Farm.
Mrs Margaret Smith, 36 Netherplace Road.
Mrs Chalmers, 114 Beech Avenue.

October Communion.

By Profession of Faith.

Isobel Jean Napier, 3 Glebe Road.
Patricia Elizabeth Anderson, 12 Eaglesham Road.
George Ritchie, 16 Larchfield Avenue.
Dr. William Thomson, 139 Ayr Road.
William Miller, 66 Hazelwood Avenue.

By Certificate.

Mr Joseph Knight, 7 Blackhouse Gardens.
Mr and Mrs D. G. Ogilvie, 51 Larchfield Avenue.
Mr William McIntosh, 7 Arisdale Crescent.
Mr and Mrs Malcolm Gillies, 49 Arisdale Crescent.

MINISTER'S LOG.

The Kirk Session has decided to appoint some additional elders. It is less than two years since the last ordination and induction but we have suffered losses through death and through removal to other parishes. The method of election will be that which was followed on the previous occasion of nomination and acceptance by the Session. The matter is at present under consideration and when the list is complete, intimation will be made to the congregation.

Mr Menzies the former Superintendent of the Sabbath School is leaving the district shortly and going to reside in Troon, where his son and daughter-in-law live, and we would like to say to him how sorry we are that he must leave us. He had been associated so closely with the life of the Church as an elder, and in the capacity we have mentioned, as well as in so many other ways, that his going from us is a real wrench for us all. No one has had the work of the Church more in his heart, than he has. He has been a most diligent attender at public worship both morning and evening. He did not spare himself in the work of the Sabbath School, and his counsel in the Kirk Session has always been most valuable. Mrs Menzies has also played her part nobly in the work of the Woman's Guild and leaves behind her many friends.

This winter I will be sending out post-cards to the homes I am visiting. This will enable you to know the night that I am to be expected, and if it is not convenient for you, then I feel sure that you will let me know.

OBITUARY.

Ramsay McNeil, Gilmourton Crescent, died on the 11th March, 1961. A son of Sir Hector and Lady McNeil, his father occupied the position of Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow. He was a young man of a very kindly disposition and had many friends in our congregation. Particularly was he interested in the work of the Boys' Brigade, and whenever a function was being held in the Church Hall one could be certain that he would be present behind the scenes helping, in spite of his lameness, in any way he could. His brother with whom he lived is now married, and we would offer to him our sympathy in the death of the one with whom he had lived alone for quite a number of years.

Mr James Inglis Hill, 8 Hazelwood Avenue, died on Thursday, 30th March, in a Glasgow hospital. He had been in indifferent health for some months, but no one imagined that he would be taken from us so suddenly. Quiet by disposition he was possessed at the same time of a fund of pawky humour, and no one could be in his company for any length of time without being refreshed by it.

The family of which he was an honoured member has been associated with our Church for a considerable number of years, and to all of them and above all to his widow we offer our deepest sympathy.

Mr Gavin F. S. Shaw, Glenard, Glebe Road, died on Friday, 31st March, after a protracted illness. There can be little doubt that the strain of the war years had affected his health. As a director of a firm of stevedores, his was a responsible task in keeping going the loading and unloading of ships on the Clyde. Night as well as day he had to be at his post. He had the satisfaction of playing his part nobly in helping to win the Second World War. He was also a member of the Home Guard and was well known as such in the district. He was particularly happy in his family life, and found a great joy in his children and grandchildren. A man of deep religious faith, we extend to his widow and daughters our deepest sympathy in the loss of one so deeply loved.

The death of Mr F. J. Burns Reid, 16 Broompark Drive, was a great loss to the congregation. He collapsed and died on Turnberry Golf Course, on Wednesday, April 19th. He was the senior partner of a firm of solicitors in Glasgow, devoting the greater part of his professional life to the manufacturing and distributive side of the milk trade in Scotland. He was Secretary of the Scottish Milk Trade Federation, the Permanent Joint Committee of the Milk Trade and the Milk Marketing Board, the Company of Scottish Cheesemakers, and several other associated organisations. He came to live in Whitecraigs eight years ago and at once associated himself with this congregation, and was a most regular attender of public worship. In December, 1959, he was ordained an elder; and in the short period that he served proved himself to be fitted eminently to the office he held. One speech he made in the session on the subject of apathy in municipal election those who were privileged to hear it will not forget. He was appointed to take an interest in one of the youth organisations and he honoured the office by fulfilling it. He had a great love of literature especially of the classics. Music was another of his passionate interests. A man of deep affection we miss him in our midst, and to his widow, his son and his daughter we extend our sincerest sympathy in the passing of one so justly loved.

Mrs James Lambie, Lowmoor, Eaglesham, died suddenly on Saturday, 17th June, 1961. She had lived almost the whole of her life in the Parish of Mearns although there was a short period in her childhood that she had spent in a neighbouring one. She was a woman of a charming personality, always smiling, and concerned at all times with shedding happiness around her by doing helpful things. As a farmer's wife she had always plenty to do but she never complained, and was never happier than when she was engaged in some pursuit. As a conversationalist she excelled, and one could never be dull in her company. She loved the Church, and was to be seen on a Sunday in her seat in the gallery. When she and her husband vacated the farm to live at Lowmoor, she found great delight in taking her place among her grandchildren. To her husband, her son and her daughter, and her kith and kin we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mrs G. D. Hamilton, 38 Broomvale Drive, died on Saturday, 5th August, 1961. Those in the congregation who have been associated with the Boys' Brigade will remember that at the time when we had a pipe band in it, her husband was always most helpful in teaching the boys. Her daughter Alison has also been very closely linked with the life of the Church, being at one time a member of the Choir, and a teacher in the Sabbath School. If she herself was not so well known to many, it was because her life revolved around the home. Those who knew her found her to be a woman of very sweet personality, giving the visitor to the house a warm welcome, and interested not in herself but in others. She entered into the interests of her husband which were always closely with music, and proved a willing help-meet to him. To him and to Alison we extend our deep sympathy in the passing of one who was bound up so closely with them in the bundle of life.

Mrs James Pollock, 6 Poplar Avenue, died suddenly on Thursday, 31st August, 1961. Mr and Mrs Pollock came to our district only a few years ago, and as she was at that time in indifferent health she was unable to come to Church as she would have desired. We were not therefore privileged to get to know one who had a charming and vivacious personality. Before they came to this parish, they lived in Mossbank, and were members of Cardonald Parish Church, in which Mr Pollock was an elder. One of her chief delights was the garden, and she found great pleasure in growing rare plants from seed. Her collection indeed of the species of the cactus was quite a notable one. She loved animals and had trained her beloved dog to lift a hand bell and ring it when it wanted out, and similarly when it desired to come in. To her husband whose forebears were associated with this parish for at least two generations we extend our deepest sympathy in the death of one whose life has been bound up with his.

Mr G. Frederick Sweet, 1 Hazelwood Avenue, died very suddenly on Friday, 29th September, 1961. One finds it difficult to write about it without a deep sense of emotion. He had seemed to be in very good health and then without any warning he was taken from our midst. He and his wife came to our district about 1951. The war had created difficulties in their early married life. While he was on service his wife had lived alone with her young family in Pollokshields. When it was over they set up house finally in Edinburgh, but a change in his business brought him back to Glasgow and they came to live in this district. Here the family grew up and they began to become established when this great sorrow has fallen upon them. This was essentially a happy family and when his work in the city as a partner in a chartered accountant's firm was over for the day it was in the home and in the garden that he spent all his leisure time. He was devoted to his wife and family and lived for them. I was privileged to see a testimonial that his commanding officer gave to him at the end of the war, and which his wife had never seen until his death, and it paid the highest praise to his services. In such an hour our refuge and strength is in Him alone who said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." To his widow and two daughters we offer our deepest sympathy.

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VARIA.

Remembrance Day has been fixed by Her Majesty the Queen to be Sunday, 12th November. The forenoon Service will begin at 10.45 a.m., and the youth organisations will be on parade.

Mr N. Guthrie Reid of Kincraig, Neidpath Road East, has been appointed a deacon of the Trades House representing the weavers. We offer our congratulations to him.

Mr and Mrs Alexander Garvie, celebrated their Golden Wedding on the 28th June. Despite his indifferent health Mr Garvie was able to hold with his wife a reception in his home when a great number of relatives and friends gathered with them.

Our congratulations to two new graduates of medicine in the congregation: David Fiddes and Hugh Laurie. Lesley Williams also gained an Honours degree in Arts.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is getting into its stride at the beginning of another session but unfortunately we do not seem to have made clear the times of the Services and where they are held as there are quite a few children missing from the various departments. In due course the homes of these children will be visited to find out what is wrong but in the meantime we will assume that parents do not know which department their child or children should attend and, of course, the time and place:—

5 years - 8 years—Primary Department—Large Hall at 10 a.m. prompt.

8 years - 11 years—Junior Department—The Church at 10 a.m. prompt.

11 years - 14 years—Senior Department—Newton Mearns School at 10 a.m. prompt.

3 years - 5 years—Beginners' Department—Upper Hall 12 noon.

Crèche.

In addition to these more normal departments we have started a new venture this session in the shape of a Crèche which it is hoped will enable young parents to attend Church together as it meets between 11.20 a.m. and 12.45 p.m. in the Large Hall.

Parents can either bring their children, aged anywhere between 3 months and 7 years of age, direct to the Large Hall before the morning Service or send them through from the Church at 12 noon. A staff will be on duty **every Sunday** including Communion Sundays from now on so please give them something to do. Why not try out the Crèche next Sunday?

If you are in any doubt about anything to do with the Sunday School please do not hesitate to approach any Sunday School teacher on Sunday mornings or telephone NEW. 2171 and every effort will be made to help you with your difficulties or problems.

FLOWER LIST.

Nov. 5—Mrs W. W. Blue.
„ 12—Miss Cowie.
„ 19—Mrs Frost.
„ 26—Mrs J. A. Orr.
Dec. 3—Mrs T. Craig.
„ 10—Mrs Bain.
„ 17—Mrs Macdonald.
„ 24—Youth Fellowship.
„ 31—Mrs Pettigrew.