

# NEWTON MEARNS CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

APRIL, 1962.

## REGISTER.

### Baptisms.

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

Sheila Russell Craig, Corsehouse Farm.  
Jan Hay McMurran, 27 Barrhead Road.  
David Joseph Knight, 7 Blackhouse Gardens.

### Marriages.

*"Whom God hath joined together."*

Muriel Logan Allan and Alexander Reid Howard.  
Barbara Jollie Pirret and John Wilson McLean.

### Deaths.

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

Arthur L. Allan, Boscombe, Hazelwood Avenue.  
David Fiddes, M.B., Ch.B., 164 Ayr Road.  
George Orr, 12 The Loaning, Whitecraigs.  
Alexander B. Stewart, 29 Netherplace Road.  
Mrs Agnes Tunbridge, 80 Beech Avenue.  
Mrs C. W. Young, 11 Larchfield Avenue.

## MINISTER'S LOG.

The acceptance of the invitation to visit Pope John by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Reverend Archibald B. Craig, D.D., has been a step forward towards better relations between the Churches. The latter was in Rome for a service commemorating the Centenary of the founding of the Scot's Church of St. Andrew there. The advisability of accepting such an invitation was entrusted by the General Assembly, in May to three Committees which decided that if it were received, it should be answered in the affirmative. Both sides have, therefore, had a share in the meeting. We acknowledge that in doctrine there is much that divides us. On the other hand Professor Niven in his book "Reformation Principles," reminds us that in two-thirds of our faith we are in agreement. Let us hope that we are at the beginning of a new era when we shall be able to be more tolerant of each other. Perhaps there are faults on both sides. The invitation by the Abbot of Nunrawk to 30 members of the Presbytery of Glasgow is another evidence of the wind of change. Let us hold fast to the principles of the Reformation but remember that "Love never behaves itself unseemly." (1st Corinthians 13: 5).

It is always an inspiring experience to be present at a service of the ordination and induction of elders. One feels that new strength is being added to the life of a congregation. We would like to thank those who have accepted the responsibility of office amongst us, and feel sure that they will be a real asset to the counsel and fellowship of the Session, and to the spiritual welfare of the congregation. Those who were inducted were Messrs Malcolm Gillies, Robert Hodgins, D. Grierson Ogilvie and James Pollock; those ordained Messrs Thomas J. Crair, J. Stirling Hunter, John B. McCormick, Joseph S. Robertson and Robert Stewart.

The Session has had under consideration a booklet published by the Tell Scotland Movement entitled "The Lost Provinces." It is concerned with the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church in our land. A Committee of three elders: Messrs Sydney Brunton, Malcolm Gillies and Robert Hodgins has been appointed to study it and to report to the Session in June.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Many Churches are deeply interested in Stewardship Campaigns and much has been written on this subject. Area training classes and conferences have been arranged by the Church of Scotland Stewardship and Budget Committee of the General Assembly and the Presbytery of Glasgow to assist congregations to prepare and carry out such campaigns.

Our Kirk Session fully discussed the need for a campaign in our congregation and while fully in sympathy with the idea, felt that a programme incorporating a family meal with the attendant requirements in building up specially trained hostesses visitors and speakers was not necessary in our position in which we have a limited ecclesiastical parish area. Never-the-less we decided that a campaign to meet our own congregational requirements was necessary and with this in view, a small committee was appointed to study the question and decide on what form our campaign should take.

The committee has had a full discussion on the subject and the session is in full agreement that a series of District Socials should be held in the Church Hall, commencing in the early part of October. The special theme of our campaign will be: "Time and Talents." There will be a series of four socials to cover the Elders' Districts and an invitation will be issued to every member of our Church, in time for each to keep their particular invitation date free, and enable them to be present.

In furtherance of this arrangement the following requirements are desired:

(a) Names of lady members who would be willing to act as visitors and follow up the invitation so that no member will be debarred from attendance owing to any special difficulties.

(b) Names of gentlemen who would be willing to utilize their motor cars and collect members who may have difficulty in attendance by public transport and state of the weather at time of social.

(c) Names of young people who would be willing to act as baby sitters and so enable young fathers and mothers to attend the social together.

Those who are willing to act in any capacity indicated above should hand their names to Mr C. J. Thom, Session Clerk, or to Mr Andrew S. McCance, stating which service would suit them.

Further details will be announced at a later date as to the arrangements and dates of the campaign socials. Meantime we ask all members of our Church to give serious thought to the meaning of Stewardship in terms of "time and talents."



## OBITUARY.

Mr Arthur L. Allan, Bosbombe, 34 Hazelwood Avenue, died in a city infirmary, on Friday, 9th March, 1962. A representative of one of the leading confectionery firms in the country, he was brought up in Stepps, and had a great admiration for the late Rev. Walter Clow, of St. Andrew's Church, Stepps, and afterwards of Netherlee Church. His ministry had a great influence upon him as a young man. Apart from his business his interests were his home, and the game of golf. He loved his home, and devoted a great deal of his time to it. One of my memories of him will be his coaching of his son around the 14th green at Whitecraigs Golf Course. Many an evening he would stand watching him practicing and giving him tuition. It was a great joy to him that Stewart has become so proficient in the game he himself loved. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

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David M. Fiddes, M.B., Ch.B., 164 Ayr Road, Newton Mearns, died after a short illness in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 13th February, 1962. He graduated in medicine in July of last year, had completed 6 months residence in the Southern General Hospital, and was about to begin a further course of training in the Western Infirmary when he contracted the disease that within two weeks caused his death. Many in the district and in the congregation had watched him growing up. He had an attractive personality, was full of vitality and very obliging by nature. It was his ambition to be a doctor and he studied hard to attain his ideal. One of our members was in the Southern General Hospital for 4 months as a patient during the winter, and has testified to the devoted attention he paid to her. He was elected president of the Youth Fellowship some years ago and filled the office with distinction. He was a regular attender of the sanctuary. David, however, not only worked hard in life but he played hard. He found his recreation on the golf course, was a member of the Whitecraigs Golf Course team, and played in the Scottish Amateur Championship. Our words cannot convey the depths of our sympathy to his father and mother. There is a sorrow that they alone can fully understand. May we say that we also have carried this burden heavily on our hearts. Our faith in such an hour is in Him Who Himself triumphed over the darkness of death, and who said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." To his father and mother, his aunt, his fiancée and all his kith and kin our thoughts of love and sympathy go out this day.

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George Orr, 12 The Loaning, Whitecraigs, died on Monday, 5th March, 1962, at his residence. It was not our privilege in the congregation to know him well, as he had a severe illness about eight years ago before he became a member of the Church, and was confined mainly to the house. He was able, however, to go for short walks and bore very bravely the frustrations of his handicapped state. By trade he was a master cooper a line of business we perhaps do not think about very much in life, and yet, as a maker of containers both for dry goods and liquids, is a very essential one in life. He was an uncle of Mr John Orr, one of our elders and the Captain of the Boys' Brigade in our congregation. By nature he was a very kindly man, who loved his home and devoted himself to it. To his widow and son, and all his kith and kin our deep sympathy is given in their bereavement.

Alexander B. Stewart, 29 Netherplace Road, Newton Mearns, died suddenly on Monday, 5th March, 1962. It would be true to say that everyone who lived in the district knew who he was. One might qualify that with the exception of those who have come into the district in the last few years. He was in the employment of the postal system and rose to be the head of the sorting department in our area. Tall by build and holding himself erect at all times he was well known to everybody. In addition he was a member of the Thornliebank Masonic Lodge and held in his time the mastership of it. On his retirement from work he became janitor at various schools in the district, latterly at Eastwood. The children, therefore, also knew him, and he had a great affection for them. He was a man who could not be idle, and was active right up until his death. His family was a large one, and well known and respected in the neighbourhood. I do not think he was born in Mearns Parish but if any man deserved to be called a native then he had earned it. To his widow, his sons, his daughters and his grandchildren we extend our deepest sympathy.

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Mrs Agnes B. Tunbridge, 80 Beech Avenue, Newton Mearns, died in a Renfrewshire Hospital, on Tuesday, 13th March, 1962. Her husband died about the beginning of the 2nd World War and it was after that that she came to live in this district, being resident before this in the east-end of the city in the neighbourhood of Sandyhills. One could not be long in her company before realising that this was a very alert woman keenly interested in all that was taking place in the world around her. She was deeply concerned with politics, journeyed every week into Glasgow to be a hostess in a mothers' meeting in the Augustine-Buchanan Church, and took a great interest in the affairs in the district particularly in the Towns Women's Guild. She loved the Church and was a regular attender at it. Particularly one remembers her presence at the evening service. She was a good neighbour, and set about getting to know them and was ever ready to help them. It was her lot to spend the last few years of her life in a hospital in a convalescent ward for older people. Even here she soon assumed responsibility for the needs of the patients and had the initiative and courage to make their requests known. Several in the congregation did not forget her and visited her regularly and to them we would say—well done. She was the last of her generation but to her kith and kin we would offer our sympathy in the passing of one so justly loved.

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Mrs Christina W. Young, 11 Larchfield Avenue, Newton Mearns, died on 18th March, 1962, at her residence. Her passing from our midst ends a notable chapter in the life of our congregation. She and her husband had made two outstanding bequests to the Church; the gift of a Memorial Window to those who fell in the 2nd World War (it adorns the top of the staircase to the Gallery) and the Constant Martin Electronic Bells which they also installed. Many in the district have spoken most appreciatively of the hymns that they hear played on them on a Sabbath Day. They are enjoyed also by patients in Mearnskirk Hospital. It would be wholly wrong, however, to leave the impression that it was because of her gifts that we esteemed her. She was a most lovable personality. Brought up in the Jordanhill district of Glasgow, she constantly spoke of the godly atmosphere of the home in which she was brought up. She never went out to business as a young woman, and indeed her whole life was centred on the home all her days.



She was very fond of music and about two years ago made enquiries about learning to play a pipe organ in the hope that she might be able to be of service in some sphere. One of her great joys was to sit at the piano playing hymns while a friend improvised at another instrument in the room. A great sorrow in her life was the loss of her only son at the beginning of the last war. He set sail on a merchantman from the coast of Canada and it was never heard of again. We shall miss her kindly presence, her sympathy, her companionship, and we offer to Mr and Mrs James Hamilton—to Betty and Jim as we know them—our deepest sympathy.

## VARIA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, will be dispensed on the first Sabbath in May at 11.30 a.m., and 6.30 p.m. The Preparatory Service will be held on the preceding Friday in the Church at 8 p.m. A class for first communicants is in session on Wednesday evenings in the Manse, at 8 p.m.

On April 15th, at the forenoon service the Rev. James Munn, M.A., Newlands South Church, will give an address on the World Council of Churches Conference in Delhi, in November last. Mr Munn is the Convener of the Assembly Foreign Mission Committee. On his visit to India he visited many of the foreign mission fields of the Church.

Rev. T. McFarlane Wright, M.A., Emeritus Minister of Busby East attained his 90th birthday, on 30th March. We offer him our warmest congratulations. He is the father of Mr T. A. Wright, of Kilmeny, Craigie Drive.

Mr George Wallace, one of our elders has accepted a business appointment in Aberdeen. We will part with him and his wife with the greatest regret. He has taken a leading part in the work of the Sabbath School, and his place will be difficult to fill. Our thanks are extended to him for the valuable work he has rendered to the congregation.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

1. For what price did some brothers sell their brother into slavery?
2. Who had known the Holy Scriptures from a child?
3. What child did God call three times?
4. Of what child do we read that he sneezed 7 times?
5. What mother lent her little child to the Lord?
6. How many brothers had Joseph?
7. What mother was paid wages for nursing her own baby?
8. What little girl did our Lord raise from the dead?

Answers—(1) Genesis 37: 28; (2) 2 Timothy 3: 15; (3) 1 Samuel 3: 4, 6, 10; (4) 2 Kings 4: 35; (5) 1 Samuel 1: 27; (6) Genesis 42: 3; (7) Exodus 2: 9, 6, 20; (8) Luke 8: 55.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

### "Save the Children" Campaign.

This year's project is to raise money for the "Save the Children Fund," and we are organising an extensive house-to-house collection in the district, during the week, 9th to 14th April. On Saturday, 14th April, we are holding our "Easter Fair," in the Church Hall, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., we look forward to seeing many of the congregation at this event, where they can visit our heavily-laden stalls, including cake, candy, fruit, flower, vegetable and highland. There will also be many novelties for young and old, along with a continuous catering service for those who wish to relax or talk over a cup of tea.

This function requires a large amount of co-operation to give generously to our stalls. Contributions to the cake and candy, fruit, flower and vegetable stalls will be gratefully received, and for this purpose the hall will be opened on Friday 13th, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 9.30 to 10 p.m., and on Saturday morning before 9.45 a.m.

Please help if you can!

J.M.W.

## SCOTTISH CHRISTIAN YOUTH ASSEMBLY, EDINBURGH, 1962.

This year's Youth Assembly, the only gathering of its kind in the world, was held on 10th and 11th February, in the Assembly Hall, on the The Mound. Three of our Fellowship attended as delegates, and 7 as observers, there being a total of 540 delegates from many denominations.

At the Topical Affairs session on Saturday morning, Lord Kilbrandon delivered his controversial speech on Christian Marriage. His talk appeared to centre on his personal opinions, and he did not give any strict ruling for the Christian, for example, regarding the difficult topic of divorce. Tom Honeyman spoke on a somewhat high intellectual plane about the United Nations, and one conclusion reached by this forum was that communist China should be admitted to U.N.O. Tom McAlpine, a business manager, spoke on Industrial Relations; he believed, despite much opposition from the floor of the house, that capitalism was incompatible with Christian belief, where all property is God's and the Christian is its steward.

After Saturday's lunch break, Rev. Dennis Duncan imparted an inspiring and encouraging address, declaring that we were the people who would shape the pattern of the next thirty years. He felt there were many signs of revival and renewal of ideas; the Church was on the waves of an incoming tide. He warned us of the influences working against Christianity, saying that secularism and materialism were more dangerous than communism and militantism, which were less subtle. He outlined some fundamental principles to guide us in our attitude towards the battle for progress in the Church. We must think deeply, taking nothing for granted, analysing everything, even if well-established; effective communication is vital and it was the young people who must inform the Church about this. He stressed the urgency of unity, saying that surely "the fragmentation of the body of Jesus Christ is devilish"; informal talks between denominations were of great value. We were exhorted to work faster, as this was a time of rapid

change; was one General Assembly per year adequate to discuss the oft-changing world scenes? He thought that the Church must be "geared up" to meet the demands of modern living. We were to act courageously, think concretely, and become involved in issues such as racial problems, or the justification for nuclear testing. In conclusion, he said, "Always ultimate is God's victory."

The Assembly then split into forums to discuss the main theme, "The Challenge of our Sunday," and after much discussion both in forum and in the main assembly, the final deliverances were agreed upon. These included opening Churches throughout the week, holding communion more often, and co-ordinating the efforts of Churches in an area. Unnecessary Sunday work by Christians was deplored; youth groups were warned not to become too introspective; we were counselled to be constructive in our personal observance of the Lord's Day.

During the weekend, other items were a report from Douglas Aitken on the conference at New Delhi, a demonstration of modern Church music, and a commission report on a "Christian's Attitude to the Stock Exchange, and Gambling in all Forms." We attended an Episcopal service in St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sunday morning; this was a new experience for many.

The Assembly contained much of interest and value, and we departed richer both in knowledge and in fellowship.  
J.M.W.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held in the Church Hall, on Wednesday, 14th March, under the Chairmanship of the Minister; ninety-four members attended.

The following members were elected to the Congregational Board: Miss I. H. Russell, Miss A. Niven, Mrs W. Blackwood, Messrs E. Crabb, W. Duncan, R. Hillhouse, A. C. Macfarlane, H. A. M. Peden, David Roser, R. J. Sinclair and T. A. Wright.

Resignations from the Board were intimated from Mrs Ferns, Miss A. Loudon, Mr George Robertson and Mr David Robinson. The thanks of the meeting were conveyed to these members for their services while acting as members of the Board.

Alterations to the Constitution, as circulated to members with the Year Book, were approved by the Meeting.

Musical items rendered by members of the Choir, conducted by the Organist, were very much enjoyed and our thanks are due to the ladies who arranged and served tea at the meeting.

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## JUNE SUPPLEMENT.

Next Supplement due to be published on 10th June. Articles for inclusion to be handed to Editor by Sunday, 27th May.