

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWTON MEARN'S PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

OCTOBER, 1963.

Minister:

Rev. W. MURRAY MACKAY, M.A., S.T.M.

Session Clerk:

Mr C. J. THOM, J.P., 125 Beech Avenue.

Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
(The Evening Service alternates monthly with eMarns Parish Church)

Sabbath School—Primary, Junior and Senior:
10 a.m.

Bible Class: 10.15 a.m. Youth Fellowship: 7.45 p.m.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Alfred Gordon Campbell Porter, 53 Fruin Avenue.
Raymond Paul Fraser Porter, 53 Fruin Avenue.
Shirley Elizabeth Reid, 15 Greenbank Avenue.
Lorna Margaret Jenny Patterson, 2 Daramore Av.
Sheila Anne Crabb, Ridgeways, Crookfur Road.
Fiona Dianne Gardner, 241 Ayr Road.
Margaret Laird Baird, Windhill Farm, Eaglesham.
Fiona Elizabeth Woore, 25 Arisdale Crescent.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Patricia Anne Tweedie and John Downie Lillie.
Margaret McPherson Joyce and Robert Edward Hall.
Jay Pettigrew and William Dunlop.

Deaths.

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

Thomas McMillan, Townhead of Floak Farm.
Mrs J. H. McEwing, 33 Hazelwood Avenue.
George Gage, Delphine, Ayr Road.
Mrs Forbes, 19 Townhead Road.
H. F. Barnes, The Yetts, Glebe Lane.

MINISTER'S LOG.

At a meeting of the Session on 18th September, 1963, Intimation was made by the Clerk that Mr George Wardrop had tendered his resignation as Church Officer.

It was in the Autumn of 1933 that he was appointed in place of Mr James Craig, and he has filled the position for thirty years with great acceptance to all.

The duties of church officer are many and varied. He is responsible for the buildings, for the heating, lighting and cleaning of them, and for the care of the church grounds. It is his task to see that the minister is robed and that the services begin on time. In addition he has to arrange the halls for all meetings of the church including the Sabbath School and the Youth Organisations. Mr Wardrop has faithfully fulfilled all these obligations with efficiency and willingness for thirty years.

The church officer comes into close contact with the minister in his duties. I would like to say that no church officer could have been more helpful to me than he has. We have worked in complete harmony and I personally owe a great debt to him. Many visiting ministers have remarked on the attention he gave to them. In some churches one never sees the beadle until the time has arrived to carry in the Bible. On quite a number of occasions the beautifully laundered white handkerchief that I had in the pulpit was the spare one that he always carried.

It is not easy on occasion to serve the public. Even in a church there are those who are careless in their habits and make excessive demands on an official. Mr Wardrop may sometimes have fumed inwardly, but he never gave any outward sign of it.

His wife was a great help to him in the work of the church and between them they kept the premises in excellent state.

As the congregation know he underwent a serious operation some time ago, and he has found the task of moving the seats in the hall beyond his strength. We would like to record the willing help given to him latterly by his daughter, Mrs Munro, and by Mr William Dinsmor.

The Congregational Board has decided in your name to give him a small life pension in view of his valuable services to the congregation.

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The joint services in July and August were enjoyed greatly, I believe, by both congregations. We have, of course, been having such in the evening, but for those who have not frequented these, it must have been a great pleasure to meet the members of the Mearns Parish Church. The two choirs enjoyed their fellowship and have plans, I understand, to work together on some future occasion. It may have been a little further for some to travel but it was offset by the realisation that we are all members of the one great church and that together we march for the spread of the Kingdom of God in Scotland and unto the ends of the earth.

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Might I draw your attention to a slight variation in the form of the Evening Service. In order to make it slightly different from that in the forenoon, while at the same time not losing the central note of worship, we are laying more emphasis on the interpretation of the reading of the Scriptures with a shorter sermon to follow. In addition we are using the Holy Tryst to focus our intercessions for the work of the Kingdom. As you know the service is held on alternate months in each church. During October it is in our building. Come and increase the fellowship in the evening hour.

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We hope to put the Supplement into the homes of the Rysland Estate, unless residents are unwilling for one reason or another to receive it. If it should come into your hands as one who has come to live in this district we would like to give you a very warm invitation to worship with us. The first area to be built has already been visited by a team from the congregation, and the minister is following up as best he can. Already, however, the second section is now nearing completion and to you also we extend our greetings as a congregation.

DATES OF PUBLICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT.

The Supplement will be available for distributors on the following dates:—December 8th, 1963; February 9th, 1964; April 12th, 1964; June 14th, 1964; October 11th, 1964.

If you have any material that you think would be interesting to the congregation, would you endeavour to have it in the hands of the Minister not later than 14 days before the dates of issue? It is possible that we may have an additional one in September and if so we will give you notice.

OBITUARY.

Mr Thomas McMillan, Townhead of Floak Farm, died on Monday, 8th July, 1963. He took up farming comparatively late in life being engaged in a contracting business for many years in the Anniesland district of Glasgow. The farm to which he came is on the borders of Renfrewshire and Ayrshire and he enjoyed the fresh air and the peacefulness of life on the moorlands which Christopher North described as the fairest of Scotland's northern parishes, neither upland or lowland but undulating as the waves of the sea at sunset after a day of storm. He worked hard and made a success of the farm, proved himself a devoted husband, and built a happy home with his gracious and unselfish wife and their two children. Helen is now happily married and lives on a farm outside Paisley, and Tom has, like his father in his earlier days, followed the trade of contracting. To them we offer our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

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Mrs J. H. McEwing, 33 Hazelwood Avenue, died on Friday, 19th July, 1963. Mr and Mrs McEwing came to this district many years ago, returned to Glasgow for a few years, and then came back again to reside here. We have, therefore, known this family for a long time and the passing of Mrs McEwing leaves a real gap in our fellowship. Although she did not enjoy good health for some years she never allowed it to prevent the fulfilment of all her duties nor to curb the effervescence of her spirit. Perhaps she drove herself too hard in life but she brought great joy to her family and her friends by the brightness of her personality and the industry of her days. She encouraged her husband in his hobby of radio telegraphy by which he is in constant touch with people all over the world, and has been enabled to be of assistance to people in trouble. To her daughter, Doris, and her son, Drummond, and their father, we offer to-day our deepest sympathy.

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Mr George Gage died in a nursing home in Glasgow, on Friday the 9th August, 1963. A member of the dental profession, he was known to a large number of people, and was in attendance at Hampden Park for the Queens Park Football Club when matches were in progress. He himself was fond of sport and in particular a keen golfer. Happy by nature he threw himself into life with abandon, and made others bright by his own enthusiasm. He had also a very kindly disposition and was ready at any time to help a lame dog over a stile. In his latter years especially we saw him in his place at public worship. We shall miss his friendly smile and greeting and we extend to Mrs Gage, Deirdre and her family, our sympathy in their great loss.

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Mrs Forbes, 1-9 Townhead Road, died at her residence on Friday, 13th September, 1963. She was born in the parish of Mearns but lived the earlier part of her married life in Glasgow before returning to take up house in this district. Her husband was a building contractor and their's was a happy home with their five children growing up around them. She, herself, was the light of the home with her radiant smile and her life of unselfishness. Her children have now grown up and most of them married and have their own children but

the centre of the family still remained hers, and her grandchildren vied with one another to run messages for her. She took a great interest also in the work among the older folk in the parish. She was a member of the committee and this was a work she loved. Last Christmas I called at the house and found a party for her grandchildren in full swing. She sat back and watched them and took great pleasure in the happiness she was giving to them. We shall miss her greatly and to her sons and daughter, her daughters-in-law and her son-in-law, her grandchildren, and Teddy Rutter, who lived so many years in the house and did so much to help her, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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Mr H. F. Barnes died on Wednesday, 3rd July, 1963, at his home The Yetts, Glebe Lane. He and his wife had signified their desire to join our fellowship at the October Communion. A man of quiet disposition he was essentially friendly by nature, and found great happiness in his home life. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow, his sons and daughter, his mother-in-law and all his kith and kin.

VARIA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the Church on October 20th, at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Those who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ can receive a visitor's card at the door on application to the Elder on duty in the vestibule. The Preparatory Service is on the preceding Friday in the Church at 8 p.m.

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The Session Groups will be held again this year. The committee will give you the syllabus to be followed this winter.

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Mr Littlejohn, our organist, is willing to form a Junior Choir should the numbers make it worth while. The thought in our mind is to hold it on the same night as the Choir Practice—sometime between 7 and 8 p.m. Will those who are interested give him their names?

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There are a few elderly people who find it difficult to get to Church and who have expressed a desire to do so. We thought it would be a kindly thing if those who have cars would be willing to put their names on a rota to provide transport for them. We would only expect you to do this occasionally. If you are able to do so would you give your names to Mr Thom, 125 Beech Avenue. NEW 2013.

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The Boys' Brigade District Parade will be held in our Church on Sunday, 27th October, at 3 p.m.

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Remembrance Day will be observed on Sunday, 10th November, and the Forenoon Service will be at 10.45 a.m. The Youth Organisations will be on parade.

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The Boys' Brigade, 79th Company, will hold their enrollment service on 24th November, at 11.30 a.m.

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If you want to keep fit this winter join the Badminton Club, which meets on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

Many years have passed since our first "Guild Ladies" were to be found, each in her district with collecting book and syllabus. It is fitting at this point to pay tribute to the wonderful work done by these members, many of whom have now left us; and in reviving this custom, we are, in part, acknowledging our indebtedness to them.

Once again we are visiting in the districts, carrying with us our invitation to "come over and help us" to cement a bond of friendship one with another. If by any mischance we miss any home we crave pardon and beg you will not hold our error against us.

Largely resulting from the welcome union with the Young Mothers' Group our Committee has drawn up a syllabus, which, it is hoped, will be especially attractive to the younger women in our congregation.

In these days of change and revolution we are often reminded of the beautiful words of the dying Arthur to his sorrowing knight, Sir Lancelot: "The Old order changeth yielding place to new, And God fulfils Himself in many ways, Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

This can equally apply to our ideas about our Church and our concept of what we owe to it, so that what was once looked upon as our duty—"Stern Daughter of the Voice of God," we now regard as an opportunity for Service in God's work and among our fellow beings. Of that, more anon!

We have several plays afoot. At the moment our Committee are inviting to a Party on the 14th October, 1963, at 7.30 p.m., in the hall, all the ladies of the congregation. There will be games, musical items, tea, etc., and we hope much fun and laughter. Do come and help us make our "Getting to know you" evening a huge success.

Other two events are of special interest. On November 11th Mr and Mrs McGavin are showing two very beautiful films on the Holy Land. They have agreed to come on the understanding that we shall provide for them a good audience. Therefore, we are appealing to every branch of the congregation as a whole, including Youth Fellowship, Choir, Sunday School Teachers, male and female, to support this evening. Naturally a donation for the Edinburgh Medical Mission is expected.

This brings us to the question of Finance! Did you know that a little more than a quarter of the Church's total finances is made available for all the work carried on by the women of the Church—Women's Home, Foreign, Jewish Missions and Temperance Work?

Our Guild, while working hard, has never reached anywhere near a quarter of our Church's income. This year our Committee would like to raise at least £100 for the Co-ordinated Appeal, which has again been raised this year. We have also several other commitments to meet after our own domestic finances have been arranged for.

The main means by which this has been done in the past have been by direct subscription and the Coffee Morning—both of which have been loyally supported by the ladies of the Congregation. Will you come again and help us? Remember—Target £100 plus. We shall be so grateful.

Coffee Morning Date: Saturday, 26th October, 1963.

MOTHERS' GROUP.

After serious consideration the Committee of the Mothers' Group have decided, in view of the small numbers attending the meetings last session, that it would be impossible to meet as a Group during this winter.

In an effort to bring the women of the Church together we are joining with the Woman's Guild, under the Presidency of Mrs Thom, and extend to all our former members a warm invitation to come along to the Guild meetings every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m., commencing on the 14th October.

E. R. Blue, Secretary.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Festivals.

What is the name of the festival in the Christian Church commemorating each of the following?—

1. 'And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.'
2. 'And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mothers, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.'
3. 'And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.'
4. 'After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.'
5. 'And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots.'
6. 'The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.'
7. 'And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.'
8. 'And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.'

79th GLASGOW COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

The first meeting of the Company took place on Friday, 13th September, when twelve boys met to begin the work of the winter session.

It is a little disappointing that no new boys were welcomed that evening to take the place of the boys who were discharged under the age limit. It seems a pity that an organisation 80 years old and striving to guide boys into true Christian manliness and into the Church of God should be so poorly supported in Newton Mearns. Perhaps it is a sign of the times.

Boys between the ages of 11 and 17 years will be most warmly welcomed on Friday evenings at 7.45 p.m. The Life Boys, ages 8-11 at 6.15 p.m. on the same evening.

The Minister and Company are very pleased to welcome Eastwood District Boys' Brigade to our Church on Founders Day, Sunday, 23rd October, at 3 p.m. Mr Mackay and Mr Black have been asked to conduct the service.

We are also happy to welcome the Officers Council of the district to our Church Hall on the evening of Wednesday, 13th November, at 7.30 p.m.

Our own Enrolment Parade will be at the Morning Service on Sunday, 24th November.

Appended is the list of Prize-winners at the Annual Display held in the Church Hall, on Friday, 26th April, 1963, under the Chairmanship of our Chaplain, Mr Mackay, with one of our senior Elders, Mr Andrew M. McCance, acting as guest of honour. Mrs McCance kindly presented the awards.

The prize-list was inadvertently not forwarded in time for the last supplement.

Since the Display, at which S/Sergeant H. R. Fulton received his Queen's Badge Certificate (the highest award a Boys' Brigade boy can obtain), Sergeant Allan W. Rodger has gained his Athletics Badge, and has qualified for the same award. We congratulate Allan on this fine feat, and the Captain and officers are only sorry that it was gained so late in his career in the Boys' Brigade.

List of Prize Awards.

Queen's Badge (Highest award of the B.B.)—Serg. H. R. Fulton.

Attendance (Perfect 2 years)—L/Cpl. I. R. Russell, Serg. A. W. Rodger, Pte. R. D. Booth, Pte. A. J. Russell. (Very Regular)—L/Cpl. A. McLeish, L/Cpl. W. McPhail.

Young Cup (Best drilled boy)—L/Cpl. A. McLeish.

Recruit Medal—Pte. W. Boyd.

Liberton Shield (For continuous efficiency)—Serg. A. W. Rodger.

Captain Scott Shield (Most improved boy for year)—Pte. R. Booth.

BADGES:

Three Years' Anchor—Pte. R. D. Booth.

Bible Knowledge—L/Cpl. A. McLeish, Pte. I. Russell, Pte. R. D. Booth.

Citizenship—Serg. A. Rodger.

Physical Training—L/Cpl. W. McPhail, Pte. R. Booth.

Long Service—Serg. A. Rodger, Cpl. J. Loudon.

CERTIFICATES:

N.C.O. Proficiency—Serg. A. Rodger.

Bible Knowledge (2nd Advanced)—Serg. A. Rodger. (Ordinary)—L/Cpl. W. McPhail, L/Cpl. F. Robertson, L/Cpl. I. Russell, Pte. I. Preston, Pte. N. Kidd, Pte. L. Forbes, Pte. A. Russell.

First Aid—Pte. N. Kidd, Pte. W. Boyd, Pte. A. Russell, Pte. L. Forbes.

Physical Training—Pte. I. Preston, Pte. T. Andrews, Pte. N. Kidd, Pte. R. Menary.

Signalling (Morse)—L/Cpl. F. Robertson, Pte. R. Booth, Pte. I. Preston, Pte. N. Kidd.

Fireman's—Cpl. J. Loudon, L/Cpl. A. McLeish, L/Cpl. W. McPhail, L/Cpl. I. Russell.

Citizenship—Serg. A. Rodger, L/Cpl. W. McPhail, L/Cpl. A. McLeish, L/Cpl. I. Russell, Pte. R. Booth.

Discharge—Serg. A. Rodger.

Best Squad (No. 1)—Serg. A. W. Rodger, L/Cpl. F. K. Robertson, Pte. T. Andrew, Pte. N. A. Kidd, Pte. J. W. Boyd.

Answers to Children's Corner.

1. Christmas; 2. Epiphany; 3. Palm-Sunday; 4. Maundy Thursday; 5. Good Friday; 6. Easter-Day; 7. Ascension Day (Holy Thursday); 8. Whit-Sunday.

OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

President: Mrs C. J. THOM, 125 Beech Avenue.

Telephone: NEW 2013

Secretary: Miss ALICE HAMMOND, 2 Cheviot Drive.

Telephone: NEW 3319

Treasurer: Mrs W. W. BLUE, 28 Netherplace Road.

Telephone: NEW 3214

The Guild meets on Monday Evenings at 7.30 p.m.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr A. MURRAY HANNA, 3 Moidart Gardens. Tel.: NEW 2171

Secretary: Miss ALISON NIVEN, Ashdale, Neidpath R.E. Tel.: NEW 1712

Treasurer: Mr ROBERT HODGINS, 46 Cheviot Drive. Tel.: NEW 3795

The Sunday School meets on Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

President: Mr JAMES LOUDON, 10 St. Vigean's Avenue, Tel.: NEW 3339

Secretary: Miss SHEENA ROBERTSON, 68 Beech Avenue. Tel.: NEW 2796

Treasurer: Mr JOHN McCORMICK, Chaurnley, Lachfield Ave. Tel.: NEW 2164

The Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings at 7.45 p.m.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE—79th GLASGOW COMPANY.

Captain: Mr JOHN A. ORR, 47 Beech Avenue. Telephone: NEW 3171

The Company meets in the Hall on Friday Evenings at 7.30 p.m.

THE LIFE BOYS.

Leader: Mr DONALD McDougall, 4 Raeside Avenue. Telephone: NEW 2756

The Company meets in the Hall on Friday Evenings at 6.30 p.m.

THE GIRL GUIDES.

Captain: Miss B. NIVEN, 54 Tassie Street, Glasgow, S.1. Telephone: BAT 2591

The Company meets in the Hall on Thursday Evenings at 7.30 p.m.

THE BROWNIES.

Brown Owl: Miss JOAN DUNCAN, Fairhaven, Arthurlie Drive. Tel.: NEW 2872

The Brownies meet in the Church Hall on Thursday Evenings at 6 p.m.

THE BADMINTON CLUB.

Secretary) Miss SHEILA JAMMET, Dunmohr, Hazelwood Av. Tel.: NEW 2181
Treasurer...

The Club meets for practice on Tuesday Evenings and Saturday Afternoons.