

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

FEBRUARY, 1966

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Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
(The Evening Service alternates monthly with Mearns Kirk)

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

Bible Classes, 10.15 a.m. Youth Fellowship, 7.45 p.m.

REGISTER.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Deborah Astraldi Ferri, 35 Hazelwood Avenue.
Jayne Elizabeth Emerson, Aintree Cottage, Oakwood Avenue.
Deborah Anne Hall, 41 Whitton Drive, Giffnock.

Marriage.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Maureen Jane Frost and Robert C. Anderson.

Deaths.

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

Mrs Brown, Knowetop, Elphinston Road.
Mr David Russell, Wiston, Ayr Road.
Mrs Wood, 119 Beech Avenue.
Mrs Margaret Lindsay, 23 Netherplace Crescent.
Miss Isobel Reid, 66 Beech Avenue.
Mrs Mary Barr, 67 Beech Avenue.
Mrs Craig, late of Shieldhill Farm.

NEW MEMBERS

By Certificate from other Congregations:

Mrs William C. Baird, Floors Farm.
Mr and Mrs Andrew Brown, Low Walton Farm.
Mr and Mrs Kenneth Fish, 10 Chisholm Drive.
Mrs William Lynch, 223 Ayr Road.
Mr and Mrs Alistair M. Nicol, 59 Larchfield Avenue.
Mrs Robert Stewart, Lenten Brae, Craigie Drive.
Mr and Mrs J. A. Willie, 2 Hazelwood Avenue.

The following have left the Congregation and have received their Disjunction Certificates:

Mr and Mrs Duncan Robinson, 11 Greenwood Road, Clarkston.

MINISTER'S LOG

We were honoured greatly by the visit on Wednesday, 16th January, of the organist of the Minster, York, Mr Francis Jackson, to our church. The recital which he gave was arranged by Messrs Walker & Sons of London, the builders of it. He was in Glasgow that day examining candidates at the College of Organists and despite the fact that he had been engaged on that duty from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. he graciously consented to do so. He was brought up as a choir boy in the Minster, and later became assistant organist there before succeeding to the full charge. He has travelled in Canada, the United States, and Europe giving recitals and therefore it was for us a very great privilege to have him officiating at our instrument. He gave that evening a wonderful exhibition of the art, and those who were present said that it was the finest that they had ever heard. In reply to the sustained applause of those present he said that it was a very fine organ, and that he felt all through the evening that the audience had been with him in a very real sense. We print below the letter that he sent to the Session Clerk in reply to one from the church.

28th January, 1966.

My Dear Sir,

I was delighted to have your letter this morning, enclosing the newspaper cutting about my recital. It was most kind of you to send it and to pass on the wishes of the Kirk Session. May I, in my turn, send my grateful thanks to you and all concerned for making my visit to your Church such a happy one.

You have a very splendid organ, which it was a joy for me to play, as well as a privilege, and I am sure it will give great satisfaction for many years to come to all who hear it.

Yours very truly,

FRANCIS JACKSON.

1 Minster Court, York.

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On the 24th April, I will be travelling to Manchester to preach in Emmanuel Church, Didsbury, in return for the visit of the Rev. David Sams to our church last spring. This has been arranged by the Presbytery of Glasgow to further closer relations with the Church of England. I will carry the good wishes of the congregation. We do not believe, many of us, in uniformity, but we do want to strive towards the unity of the Church of Christ.

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The Woman's Guild is to be congratulated on the efforts it has made to hold out the hand of friendship to members of the Jewish community in our midst. On two occasions it has invited them to the church hall, the latter not many weeks ago. In return the Guild was entertained on Monday, 31st January by them in the Crookfur Pavilion. A most interesting talk was given by Mrs Cosgrove, the wife of the chief Rabbi of Glasgow, on women of the Old Testament. No one can make the Old Testament live like a Jew and her address was greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs Thom has always had a great interest in the work among the Jews and it is to her that thanks must be given that such a reciprocal approach has taken place.

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We would like to express to the joint choirs our thanks for the excellent rendering of excerpts from the Messiah on Sunday, 26th December, at

the evening service. The choral singing was of a very high order, and the soloists, Mrs A. M. McCance, soprano; Miss C. McWhinney, contralto; Mr J. S. Duncan, tenor, and Mr J. Fyfe, bass, delighted us all with their performance. It is nice to see the two choirs working so harmoniously together and reflects great credit on Mrs Binning and Mr Littlejohn.

While on the subject of the Christmas services we would thank the Youth Fellowship for their Carol Service on Sunday, 19th December. We have become accustomed to a high standard, and once again we were not disappointed. The Youth Fellowship has had a very successful session and it is good to see the large company that gathers on a Sunday evening. Mr Michael Craig has proved himself an excellent president and his address at the Christmas Service was given with a note of authority that was very refreshing to listen to.

OBITUARIES

Mrs Brown of Knowetop, Elphinston Road, Whitecraigs, died at her residence on November 6th, 1965. The mother of a large family she was a woman whose life was devoted to her home. She rarely left it except to visit any member of her household who was ill. Then, however, she would make the visit to a hospital even in her advanced years. Her husband was a builder and I understand built the house on the top of Whitecraigs hill for her. She loved it and spent a very large portion of her life in it. She had a very kindly nature and remained loved of her family to the end of her life. To the members of it we offer our sympathy in the passing of a dear mother and friend.

Mr David Cameron Russell, Wiston, Ayr Road, died on Thursday, 11th November, 1965. As was often the custom in the past in Scotland he was given the names of the minister of the church. At that time he was the Rev. David Cameron who was inducted in 1859 and died in 1882. Another interesting fact is that in 1867 Mr Cameron moved into the present manse in Ayr Road, and Mr Russell's father and mother had bought the old manse, Newton House. His parents had a great love of the church and this was communicated to their family of which David Russell was the youngest. He was also the most delicate and yet he outlived them all. He married Miss Anna Erskine, and although it was comparatively late they were privileged to enjoy 29 years of very happy married life. He loved the church, was diligent in his attendance at public worship, and took a constant interest in her affairs. Our congregation owes this family throughout the generations a great debt, and we are glad to see that it is the same with the succeeding ones. To all the members of it we offer our deepest sympathy.

Mrs Wood, 119 Beech Avenue, died on November 14th, 1965. She had been apparently in her usual good health when she collapsed and passed away in a few minutes. When she and her husband came to live in this district they associated themselves with this congregation, and have proved to be throughout the years most valuable members. Mr Wood was ordained an elder in 1948, became subsequently Registrar of the congregation, and represented it on the Presbytery of Glasgow where he took an active part in the Lodging House Mission. Mrs Wood joined the Woman's Guild and filled the office of treasurer for many years. She was gifted with a pawky sense of humour which enlivened many a gathering. She proved herself a valuable help meet to her husband in the onerous work of a clerical nature that he has done for so many years for the church. She had the joy of seeing both her sons married, and took a great interest in her grandchildren. We shall miss her much for she

was a familiar figure at every church gathering. To her husband in his great loss we extend our deepest sympathy as also to her sons, daughters-in-law, her brother and her sisters.

Mrs Margaret Lindsay, 23 Netherplace Crescent, died on Saturday, 27th November, 1965. To those who were born and brought up in the district she was a well known personality. To those, however, who are "incomers" she would be unknown for as the years passed she rarely left her house. It was always fascinating to listen to her as she spoke of the days of the past when Mearns was an isolated village, and Glasgow a place to which only a few ever thought of travelling. In those days the church was the centre of their life. She and her brother and sisters sang in the choir, enjoyed the choir trips, and took an active part in the worship and life of the church. These were the days that she longed to have back again, and she was too old to adapt herself to the new life of a changing community. She missed her sister a great deal, although her brother, at one time an elder in the congregation, visited her from Howwood with great regularity. She was a woman who had great kindness of heart, and many in the village would have testified to the help she gave them in time of need.

Miss Isa Reid, 66 Beech Avenue, died on January 1st, 1966, at a hospital in Paisley. Born on a farm in Southend, Kintyre, the family moved to another nearer to Campbelltown where they lived until she, her sister and brother came to reside in Dunlop in 1926. Her sister, Miss Margaret, and herself finally retired to this district in 1939. At that time they were fairly active, spent a lot of time in the garden, and went for holidays to the Continent. They had hoped to be admitted to the new Eventide Home in Busby, but as her sister became ill they had to be content with life in a Renfrewshire hospital where they had a room to themselves, and received great kindness from the staff. One could not but admire the way in which they adapted themselves to this new life. They were always interested in the life of the Church, and faithful attenders as long as they were able. To Miss Margaret Reid we offer our deepest sympathy in the great bereavement that she has suffered.

Mrs Mary Barr, 67 Beech Avenue, died at her home on 14th January, 1966. It was about a year ago that there were four generations of this family in the same seat in church one Sunday. After residing in Langside, Busby and Giffnock, she and her husband came in 1929 to Whitecraigs to Suffolk Lodge, and a few years ago to Newton Mearns. Like many others in the district I knew her husband, John Barr, very well, and often played golf with him and with John B. Mather, Hugh Aird and others at Barrassie or Glasgow Gailes. Mrs Barr was a woman of a strong personality, fearless yet kindly in her speech. To visit her in her home was a stimulating experience for she was a born raconteur. During the war she held social gatherings in her house to raise money for the Red Cross and other needy causes. Her eyesight latterly began to trouble her, and this was a great want for she had been a great reader all her life. In her family life she remained to the end the centre of the circle. "A man," says the prophet Isaiah, "shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a shelter from the storm; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." This, I think, was true of her. She had sorrows to bear in life but she rose triumphant over them, and proved a great comfort and sustainer to those around her. We shall miss her much, and to her daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and all her kith and kin we offer our deepest sympathy.

Mrs Craig, widow of John Craig of Shieldhill Farm, died at Wellmeadow, the home of her daughter, Mrs Blackwood, on Tuesday, February 1st, 1966, in her 93rd year. She was a daughter of Mr and Mrs James Lambie of Patterton. I remember the first visit I paid as a young minister to Shieldhill 34 years ago. She was then in her late fifties and I remember her as a tall dark lady with a very gracious personality. That impression has never changed with the years. Few families have had a finer mother to show them the road in life. Her life on the farm must have been an onerous one but she never seemed to be ruffled in any way. She moved out of the farm to allow her son to take over and stayed for the rest of her life in the homes of her family. Shieldhill Farm, alas as far as her son was concerned, was bought by a building contractor, and I remember Mr Thos. Craig, who was an elder in the congregation, pointing out to me ruefully a beautiful bungalow in Arisdale Crescent and adding—that is where the rhubarb grew. These are the changes that have taken place in our district, and to-day we mourn the passing of a very loveable woman who has left the precious legacy of her life to her family. To her sons and daughters and all her relations we offer our deepest sympathy.

MINISTER'S STOLE

I would take this opportunity of thanking those who presented me with the stole or preaching scarf. As you know it has at one end the emblem of the Burning Bush, and at the other the St. Andrew's Cross. I know that Mr Thom has had a great deal to do with it and would like to thank him for what I prize very greatly.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

Last week when the sun shone—a little—it seemed, that with the passing of the shortest day and the appearance above the ground of snowdrops and crocus shoots, Winter was on its way out and Spring was in the air. Alas for wishful thinking!

Monday night's fog and the subsequent gloomy days have dispelled any such idea. Indeed, for the first time in three years the weather defeated us, and the Guild meeting on Monday was cancelled. Among us we tried our best to notify everyone in time, but to any who were omitted and braved the weather we offer our apologies.

Our speaker, Rev. E. Johnson, turned up on time but we had learned he was not feeling too fit, and so the secretary conveyed him home. We hope to have him back with us on March 7th if he is free on that date when we can promise an interesting evening.

On Monday, 31st January, the Guild is spending the evening at the Crookfur Pavilion as the guests of the local Jewish Ladies' Guild. This is in return for the visits they have made to us and we gladly accept the gesture of friendship.

The meetings in this second part of our programme are of general and practical interest. Two Overseas evenings, "On the Spot" and "Report from Malawi" should keep us in touch with the church's work. "Report from Malawi" is a film which has run into its fifth copy and that fact should speak for itself so far as interest goes.

A word about "The Women's World Day of Prayer." The Order of Service has this year been prepared by Scots women and a specially large attendance is hoped for especially as we are having as our speaker Mrs J. C. Cruickshank, a lady of wide experience. She is an ex-Glasgow President, an ex-Glasgow Convener of the former Jewish Mission Committee, and is at present Glasgow Convener of the Home Mission Committee, besides serving as Sunday School Superintendent for a long period.

For the Theatre Night we are expected to have at least sixty people, but since this is a popular Gilbert and Sullivan piece and since the leading members of the cast gave us such a splendid concert earlier this session we should not find much difficulty—we hope—in finding the required number.

Lastly at our Annual General Meeting in December we appointed Mrs Todd, Mrs Templeton and Mrs Chapman as ordinary members of Committee. We welcome Mrs Munro and Mrs Dinsmor as our new Vice-Presidents and Mrs Cuthill as our new President in place of Mrs Thom whose term of service now expires. We wish for these ladies who take up duty in May a very happy period of office.

C.M.T.

THE CHOIRS

This is an appeal for members for both the Junior and Senior Church Choirs. I make no apology for making such an appeal, for it must be evident to everyone that in the case of the Church Choir, we do not have the numbers commensurate with our congregation of 900. We have too few members and this is an appeal to everyone to help overcome our deficiencies in numbers.

In the case of the Junior Choir we have had since the start of the season only two members strengthened by three others only recently and if we had not joined forces with the Mearns Church Junior Choir we just would not have had a choir at all. This also requires to be remedied and I appeal to parents to encourage the children to come along and join the Junior Choir.

The Choirs meet on Friday evenings as follows:—Junior Choir at 7 p.m. in the Upper Hall. Church Choir at 8 p.m. in the Upper Hall.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

1. How many loaves and fishes did Jesus use to perform the miracle of feeding the 5,000?
2. Who was the disciple who brought the young boy with him to Jesus?
3. Who was the disciple who said that 200 penny-worth of bread was not enough?
4. What did Jesus do before He divided the food?
5. How many baskets of what was left over did the disciples fill?
6. Why did Jesus feed the people?

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We resumed in February with a most interesting and entertaining talk on "Negro Spirituals" by Mr Charles McLean, a local music teacher. He was accompanied by four of his pupils who illustrated his address with delightful musical renderings.

Our church was the venue of this year's First District Service when a "question and answer" discussion was conducted by Mr Mackay and Mr Black.

We are now in full swing with rehearsals for our show "The Rol-de-Fols," which takes place on Thursday, 17th and Friday, 18th February. Proceeds are for the benefit of Cancer Research. We would be glad to see as many of you as possible and tickets may be had from any of the Youth Fellowship members.

Mary Jammett.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The Boys' Brigade Company is advancing into 1966 with a small but enthusiastic number of boys on the roll.

In Mid-January we started to try and build a pipe band and in this we have a long struggle in front of us and I would appeal to any member of the congregation who has any knowledge of the whereabouts of the original band equipment or any information about bagpipes or drums.

In December, in addition to our annual circus outing, we were once again invited to the Life Boy

Christmas Party which was thoroughly enjoyed by all B.B. members.

Finally I would invite any boy not connected with any organisation to come along and join us on Fridays at 7.30. Our age group being 12 - 17 years.

2nd MEARNS BROWNIES

All our new recruits gained their Tenderfoot Badges before the end of the year and quite a few more badges have been worked for.

We welcome Miss Irene Morrison who has joined our Pack and is working for her Tawny Owl Warrant.

As usual we visited Broom Church early in January. Dick Whittington was the pantomime this year and 28 smiling faces occupied the front two rows of the hall and enthusiastically joined in the singing.

Five Brownies are now of age to go into the Guides and although we were sorry to lose them we wish them success in their Guide work.

J. O. Simpson, Brown Owl.

SPARKS

This organisation, a junior branch of the Life Boys, seems to have proved quite successful since our first meeting on September 22nd, 1965. We

began with a membership of six boys and the numbers have gradually increased to the grand total of fifteen. We now possess uniforms, consisting of royal blue socks, cap and tie. Our first function was the Christmas Party held on December 22nd, which was enjoyed by all.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my assistant, Alison Spiers, for all her valuable help. If there are any boys between the ages of 5 and 7 years inclusive, interested in joining the Sparks, they will be made very welcome. We meet every Wednesday evening from 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

A. Crossland, Leader.

Answers to Children's Corner.

(1) 5 and 2, (2) Andrew, (3) Philip, (4) He said grace, (5) 12, (6) Ask your father. (John vi., 1-14)

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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 date of issue?

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THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

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

THE BOYS' BRIGADE—79th GLASGOW COMPANY.

Captain: Mr ALEX. J. WATT, 47 Braefield Drive, Thornliebank.
The Company meets in the Hall on Friday Evenings at 7.30 p.m.

THE LIFE BOYS—79th GLASGOW COMPANY.

Leader: Mr TOM DOBSON, Jnr., 8 Raeside Avenue. Tel.: NEW 2734
The Company meets in the Hall on Friday Evenings at 6.30 p.m.

THE GIRL GUIDES.

Captain: Miss JANE CLEMENTS, Hollytree House, Todhill. Tel.: NEW 3183
The Company meets in the Hall on Thursday Evenings at 7.30 p.m.

THE BROWNIES.

Brown Owl: Mrs W. A. SIMPSON, 56 Craighlaw Avenue, Waterfoot.
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The Club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.