

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWTON MEARN'S PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

APRIL, 1966.

Minister:

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Mr WALTER RODGER, 220 Ayr Road.
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Mr WILLIAM DINSMOR, 52 Castle Rd. NEW 2777.

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."

John Haggart Duncan, 14 Chisholm Drive.
Frank Hunter Smillie, 50 Broomfield Avenue.
Robert Andrew Millar, 242 Telford Road, East Kilbride.

Marriages.

"Whom God hath joined together."

Mary Logan Bryce and Archibald Hill.
Valerie Marie Hinds and John Thomson Blackwood.
May Carson Rankin and Ian McPherson Mackay.
Kareen Murray Sellars and Thomas Gemmell Grant.

Deaths.

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

Miss Henderson, late of Juniper, Ayr Road.
Miss Dorothy Holland, Dirlton Rest Home, Shawlands.
Mr David McAuley, 46 Orchard Park Court.
Miss Robina Wilkie, c/o Miss Lawson, Ayr Road.

MINISTER'S LOG

After the General Election I read a comment that made me stop and think. A writer in a well known weekly paper said that although the Liberals had now more members in the House of Commons, they spoke with a lesser voice of the people. What he meant, of course, was that the electorate that had voted for the party had been a diminished percentage. Sometimes we who are communicants of the church forget that we are the voice of the Christian fellowship in our own community and unto the end of the earth. It is our duty to watch that the trumpet sounds with no uncertain note, and that in our speech and action we let the message of the Gospel be heard. Sometimes I feel, and this applies to all of us, we are unmindful of our responsibility, and that by our uncharitable judgements, our careless daily work, and our irregular attendance at public worship we do not realise how we are failing in our witness. Did I

not, said the maid, see thee in the garden with Him?

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We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Organists' Association in Glasgow, of which the president this year is Mr Walter Cuthill, has arranged to hold a recital in our church on 23rd April, at 3 p.m. The officiating organist will be Mr William Coulthard, of Wellington Church and music master at Glasgow Academy. He was as you know our consultant when the new organ was installed. At the close a discussion will take place. While this is a meeting of the Association a warm invitation has been extended by it to members of the congregation and friends.

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The Daffodil Tea organised by the Woman's Guild on Saturday, 2nd April, was an enjoyable and colourful forenoon. The sum of £60 was realised. There are perhaps no flowers so beautiful as those of Spring and after the exacting winter it was good to look upon them. The Woman's Guild had had a sale in the late Autumn and this was not meant to be anything but a pleasant social gathering. As such it was a great success, and one enjoyed meeting folks again in this manner.

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The Boys' Brigade is anxious to resuscitate the pipe band. In order to raise funds—it will probably entail £250—it has been decided to embark on what is called a Rag Drive. If you have any such, that are of absorbent material and clean, they are ready to collect. These they will put into sacks and sell to an industrial firm. They propose to visit the district section by section, but if you have any at the moment they will come immediately and uplift it. Would you in this case send a post card to the Captain—Alex. Watt, 47 Braefield Drive, Thornliebank, or inform any member of the Boys' Brigade.

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OBITUARIES

Miss Dorothy Holland, late of 30 Edgemont Street, Shawlands, died on Friday, 25th February, 1966. She and her two sisters came to live in this district before the Second War of 1939 from East Kilbride where they had stayed for many years, and been devoted members of what was then the West Church in the ministry of Mr Liddell. They had, however, come from the Maryhill side of Glasgow. On the death of her two sisters she moved to Edgemont Street until the beginning of 1966 when she went in to Bon Secours Nursing Home, and later to the Dirlton Rest Home.

She became a very active member of the congregation, and a regular attender at the Woman's Guild. By profession she was a teacher. She had a most alert mind and it did not seem to lose its keenness to the end of her days. My impression was that she must have been a very good teacher, and one who always had a very good grasp of her subject. She kept in touch with many of her scholars, and they did not forget her. She followed their careers with interest, and perhaps rejoice that she had had a part in their life. There are few legacies in life more valuable than to have had one in one's early days that opened to us the gates of knowledge. We miss her much for she was a link with the past, and knew so many people that we knew. Her brother-in-law, Mr George Marshall, was most attentive to her and visited her

twice every week. His care of her cannot be over-praised. To her sister, who is unable to leave her house, her brothers-in-law and all her kith and kin we extend our deepest sympathy.

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Mr David McAuley, 46 Orchard Park Court, died on Friday, 18th February, 1966. On his retiral he came to live at Juniper, Ayr Road, Newton Mearns and on the death of his wife his sister-in-law, Miss Henderson whose death took place in London within a fortnight later, kept house for him. He was not unknown to me when he came to live here. He delivered the letters as a postman to the house in Pollokshields where I was brought up as a child. On a postman's pay which was not over generous in those days, he sent his two sons to the University and gave his daughter a good education. Those were the days, moreover when university grants were not what they are to-day. He told me that he had to watch every penny in order to do so, and that sometimes it almost made one mean towards others. He had the great satisfaction, however, of seeing them all comfortably settled in life. He was a good and a keen golfer, and for most of his life a member of Cowglen Golf Club. It was a great joy to him that at the end he was made an honorary member. Miss Henderson looked after him latterly with great diligence until he had to go into hospital. It is strange that they should have died within days of each other, she in a hospital in London where she had gone to stay with his son. To his sons and daughter we extend to-day our deep sympathy.

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Miss Robina Wilkie was another sister-in-law who looked after her sister's husband, Mr William Baxter of Gilmourton Crescent. She went to live later with Miss Mary Lawson who attended her with great care. She died in a nursing home in Glasgow on Saturday, 19th February, 1966. Born in Perth she always had a great love of one of Scotland's loveliest counties and used to go back each year to see her friends. Her deafness became a great handicap to her, and cut her off from human fellowship. In herself she had a great kindness of heart, and was interested in all that went on in the life of the church.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting was held in the hall on Wednesday, March 16th, at 7.30 p.m. The financial statement was submitted by the treasurer, Mr Walter Rodger, and approved. Mr Jarvie, one of the auditors, spoke of the immaculate way in which the accounts were kept, and said that he thought they were a model for all church treasurers. He was warmly thanked for the work he had done during the year as were those associated with him especially Mr A. S. McCance and Mr Paul Wood.

After the usual business had been transacted and tea had been served by the ladies of the Congregational Board assisted by members of the Youth Fellowship, Mr Mackay made a presentation to Mr Paul Wood the retiring Registrar on behalf of the congregation. He pointed out that he had filled the onerous office for 14 years and had addressed in that time about 20,000 envelopes, a figure which the treasurer raised to 24,000 in a few witty remarks in support! Mr Wood was then handed a transistor set and suitably replied. We regret very much that he is leaving us to live in Busby but he will be close to his son and daughter-in-law. He leaves behind a fine record of most faithful service to the church as an elder and registrar.

After some delightful music from the choir which interspersed the second half of the evening, the chairman then said that it was 21 years since Mr Thom became Session Clerk and it was felt that this was a suitable occasion to express their gratitude to one who had done so much for the church. He had also been treasurer for 8 years and that included the period when the new church was built in 1939. Mr Mackay spoke of his varied career—a graduate of Aberdeen University; served from 1914-1919 in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders and was commissioned; taught in Greenock and Lochwinnoch before coming as Head Master to Mearns in 1931 and finally in the South School, Paisley. In his work as Session Clerk he had been supported by his wife who had for the past 4 years been President of the Woman's Guild. We owed a great debt to him as did the church at large for he had served on many Presbytery and Assembly Committees. This was just a thank you to him for all he had done and in the hope that he would be spared to serve the congregation for many years to come. Mr Basil Baird the representative of the youngest group of elders and the grandson of our senior elder then, in some well chosen words handed over a Parker Pen, a transistor set, and a cheque from the members of the Session and the Board.

After a vote of thanks to Mr W. T. Davidson for his faithful work during the year the evening closed with the Doxology and the Benediction.

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CHURCH FLOWERS

A big "Thank You" to all who have generously contributed flowers for the sanctuary each Sunday and to those who devote themselves to arranging them so beautifully. The result gives pleasure not only to those attending the services but also to the sick and housebound who afterwards receive them.

The new rota for 1966-67 is about to be prepared and for the next few weeks a sheet will be available in the vestibule of the church for names of those willing to be responsible for a Sunday. If it is more convenient, please phone NEW 3251.

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The Company is now busy preparing for the Annual Display which will be held this year on May 6 in the church hall.

The band is now making good progress which is most heartening. Once again I would appeal to members of the congregation for information of band equipment which belonged to the Company—I am particularly interested in tracing the Mace.

At a recent meeting with the parents to discuss means of fund-raising, it was decided to run a "Rag Drive." In organising this we have split the area into six sections and we commence our collections during April in the first of these which is South West of Mearns Cross bounded by Ayr Road and Barrhead Road. If any one outside this area has any old clothing to dispose of please inform any officer or boy of the 79th who will be only too pleased to uplift the items immediately.

A. J. Watt, Captain.

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WOMAN'S GUILD

"When all at once I saw a crowd, a host of golden daffodils." These words oft learned and repeated would have well described the scene in the church hall on Saturday, 2nd April, when we held a Daffodil Tea-cum-Bring and Buy Bakery Sale.

This was our last piece of work for the season and we were well pleased with the £60 which these "Fair Daffodils" and delicious cakes brought us.

Especially enjoyable was the cup of coffee and the chat which the purchasers were able to share. While "every mickle maks a muckle" and money is never to be despised we are always happy in the knowledge that these small efforts play a very important part in "helping us to get to know one another better," as one visitor remarked. This is always important, particularly where a congregation is large, and the area is one whose scattered population fluctuates as ours tends to do. We extend our thanks to all who by gifts in kind or donations or by their presence at our Sale enabled us to have such a pleasant forenoon.

Two other Social Events in our Guild calendar are the Theatre Night which took place on 28th March and the Outing which is set for 6th June. Both of these outings are happy events and this year's visit to the "Mikado" was thoroughly enjoyed by some fifty members. The production was up to the high standard of the concert given us earlier in the year by the members of the Savoy Club.

The June Outing is a run to Loch Lomond by the Stockiemuir Road and Fintry with a meal at the Loch and we look forward to having a goodly number of friends. We are always greatly indebted to Miss Hammond for the efficiency of her arrangements in these affairs.

So ends another happy and successful year of Guild meetings, not the least enjoyable of which were our Informal Evenings when our own members helped in one way or another with the entertainment, even to the writing and production of a small play. We look forward to seeing more of this next winter.

Until then we separate with thoughts of holidays in our minds. April has made fools of us all this year but perhaps we shall have a "Flaming

June" to make up for the cold spell we are having now. Wherever you all go, "Happy Landings" and "haste ye back" refreshed and ready for next year.
C.M.T.

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The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the first Sunday in May at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Rev. George Kirk of Giffnock, one of our members will assist the minister.

On Sunday, 24th April, the services will be conducted by the Rev. Maxwell Magee, B.D., chaplain of the Overseas Students in Glasgow.

Mr Joseph Robertson of Calvine, Glebe Road, who was recently awarded the M.B.E., was honoured at a dinner and given a presentation on retiring from long service with the Air Training Cadets in Paisley.

British Rheumatism & Arthritis Association—
Jumble Sale in Partick Burgh Hall, on Saturday, 23rd April, at 11 a.m. **You donate, we collect:**
Phone Mrs Lynch—NEW 2969.

New Members to Congregational Board—Miss Jane Clements, Messrs Joseph Knight, William Warronock, Alexander J. Watt and Ian Wilson.

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT

The next Supplement will be available for distribution on 12th June, 1966.

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?**

OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

President: Mrs C. J. THOM, 125 Beech Avenue.	Tel.: NEW 2013
Secretary: Miss ALICE HAMMOND, 2 Cheviot Drive.	Tel.: NEW 3319
Treasurer: Mrs A. M. R. RUSSELL, Netherfield, Glebe Lane.	Tel.: NEW 1658

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr F. D. LEITH, Blackhouse Avenue.	Tel.: NEW 2596
Secretary: Miss MARGARET DINSMOR, 52 Castle Road.	Tel.: NEW 2777
Treasurer: Mr ROBERT HODGINS, 46 Cheviot Drive.	Tel.: NEW 3795

THE BIBLE CLASS—The Minister.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

President: Mr MICHAEL CRAIG, 29 The Loaning.	Tel.: NEW 1778
Secretary: Miss MARY JAMMETT, Eastwood Crt., Thornliebank	Tel.: GIF 5592

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, Jr., 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.
Tel.: BUSBY 2182
The Brownies meet in the Church Hall on Thursday Evenings at 6 p.m.

THE BADMINTON CLUB.

President: Mr COLIN ATKINSON, 106 Beech Avenue.	Tel.: NEW 2970
Secretary: Miss THIA NIVEN, 54 Tassie Street, S.1.	Tel.: BAT 2591
Treasurer: Mr IAN WRIGHT, Lyncrest, Shawhill Crescent.	Tel.: NEW 2758

The Club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.