

# THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

NOVEMBER, 1966

## Minister:

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Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Sabbath School—Primary: 11.30 a.m.

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."*

Linda Howard Ferguson, 4 Gordon Crescent.  
John Rognvald Joiner, 32 Fruin Avenue.  
Deborah Anne Robertson, 83 Vardar Avenue.  
Christopher Philip Young, 22 Rodger Drive.  
George Cromar, 85 Sinclair Drive, Shawlands.  
Alastair Neil Ross, 10 Lambie Crescent.  
Sheila Christine Robertson, 2 Lomond Avenue.

### Marriages

*"Whom God hath joined together."*

Pamela Craig and Derek MacLean.  
Helen Kay and David James Dale.  
Dorothy Robinson Sweet and Andrew McIntyre.

### Deaths

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

Mrs Isobel M. Harvey, Braeside, Ayr Road.  
John Wallace, 47 Moorhill Road.  
Mrs Donald Beaton, 72 Beech Avenue.  
Robert Forgan, 23 Glamis Avenue.  
Mrs McMillan, 60 Beech Avenue.  
Miss Ena Forgan, 23 Glamis Avenue.  
Mrs James B. Leitch, 8 Deramore Avenue.  
Donald M. Dick, Linton, Hazelwood Avenue.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Admitted at the October Communion

#### By Profession of Faith

Miss Katherine Anne Hudson, 12 Castle Court.  
Miss Margaret Sunive Linklater, 32 Hazelwood Ave.  
Miss Christine Robertson Niven, 5 Dunolly Drive.  
Miss Patricia Ann Niven, 5 Dunolly Drive.  
Mrs Thomas Weir, The Cottage, Corselet Road.  
Mr James Sutherland Blue, 28 Moorhill Road.  
Mr Ian Campbell Sherwood, 60 Fruin Avenue.  
Mr Thomas Weir, The Cottage, Corselet Road.

#### By Certificates from other Congregations

Miss Effie Anderson, 60 Crookfur Cottages.  
Miss Jessie Anderson, 60 Crookfur Cottages.  
Mr and Mrs J. M. Bilsland, 6 Harvie Avenue.  
Mr and Mrs W. M. Calderhead, 36 Broomvale Drive.

Miss Agnes Deans, 132 Castle Court.  
Mrs Nell Finlay, 2 Sherbrooke Ave., Pollokshields.  
Mr and Mrs William Forsyth, 9 Crookfur Cottages.  
Mr and Mrs Ronald H. Irving, 6 Gordon Crescent.  
Miss G. A. Jardine, 71 Crookfur Cottages.  
Mr and Mrs James McCleish, 38 Poplar Avenue.  
Mrs William Miller, 14 Laggan Road.  
Mr and Mrs J. C. Murray, 2 Limetree Crescent.  
Mr and Mrs Alex. Ross, 10 Lambie Crescent.  
Mrs Tweeddale, 132 Castle Court.  
Mr and Mrs J. P. C. Whyte, 31 Arisdale Crescent.  
Mr and Mrs Iain Young, 22 Rodger Drive.

## MINISTER'S LOG

As the congregation knows the Session decided to change the meeting hour of the Primary Section of the Sabbath School (i.e. ages 4-7) and make it concurrent with that of the forenoon service. One motivating factor was the lack of accommodation in the Church halls, but it was felt that it would be also more convenient for parents allowing them to attend morning service. The leader of the Primary is meeting the children in the large hall at 11.20 a.m. and bringing them to the front pews. If parents wish their children to sit beside them for the opening exercises, we hope they will do so. We would like to see the return of the family pew. The children will of course, after they go out at the second praise, be kept until they are collected at the end of the service. We would like to thank Miss Todd and the other teachers for their willing co-operation in this change.

I wonder if you noticed that your seat was a little softer the past few Sundays! After careful deliberation the Congregational Board decided to insert a layer of foam between the mat and the seat. We hope you will not find it too comfortable!

The Evening Service has been causing the Church at large serious concern. Originally it was introduced, we are told, in order that those who could not attend the forenoon service could come at night. Except in a very few cases it has never been a large gathering. Certain circumstances of modern life have militated against it, particularly the introduction of television. In addition the reluctance of people going out at night for various reasons has added to its difficulties. Some congregations have tried an early morning service with a certain amount of success but I do not think (although I may be wrong) that it would work in our case. We have held evening services throughout the five Sundays in October—and these have been well attended due, in the main, probably because some of them were special ones as for example, the Communion, but we intend to discontinue them in the colder months of the year, and the congregation will be notified of the fact.

The ground is being explored to see if the time has come again to revive the Young Mothers' Group in the congregation. By the time that this appears in print a meeting of those interested, will have been held. There are two schools of thought (1) that the meeting should be held in the afternoon, and that a crèche should be set up for the children; and (2) that it should be in the evening when the children have been put to bed, and the husband being in charge, the mother can go

out with a free mind. Perhaps there is room for both; we shall see; but if you are interested would you contact Mrs Thom, 125 Beech Avenue.

There is no doubt that what is called the Sex and Morality Report issued by the British Council of Churches—or at least by a working committee of it—has caused deep concern in the mind of many parents. As someone has said, young people are having a difficult enough time in life without their thinking being confused in this way. It should be noted clearly that this is the finding of a working committee of the B.C.C. and has never been submitted to the parent body. In addition it has never come before the Church of Scotland. Why it should have been allowed to publish it without doing so is beyond one's understanding. Perhaps this is one of the prices one has to pay for the ecumenical movement. One cannot control the thinking of the Church as one would within one's own ecclesiastical body. Suffice it to say that this same question was discussed by a Post-Youth Fellowship Group in our own congregation last winter and it came down unequivocally against what the report is said to suggest. They are far from strait-laced and yet they were adamant on the subject.

Christmas Services will be held on Sunday, 18th December. In the forenoon the usual children's gift day will be held when they will process up the centre aisle carrying something that will be distributed to those who are less fortunate in life. In the evening, at 6.30 p.m. the Youth Fellowship will be responsible for a Carol Service and the address given by the President, Miss Jane Clements. Christmas Day falls, we know, on Sunday, 25th and in the religious sense no day could be more suitable for celebrating the birth of Christ. We will make the service as far as possible a family and festive one. We know this is an occasion for family re-unions but you will enjoy them all the more if you come first to adore the Child of the Holy Family.

#### **WOMAN'S GUILD SALE OF WORK AND COFFEE MORNING**

This will be held in the Church Hall in aid of Guild Funds on Saturday, 3rd December, from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be Soft Goods, Cake and Candy, and Flowers/Vegetable stalls.

The hall will be open on Friday, 2nd December, from 2 till 4 p.m. to receive donations, and the support of the congregation is asked for. Anyone who would like their contribution collected should get in touch with Miss Hammond, 2 Cheviot Drive. (NEW 3319).

#### **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Following a most successful evening at the Hampden Bowls, on Friday, 30th September, the Youth Fellowship session 1966/67 commenced on Sunday, 2nd October, and is now well underway. So far our syllabus has covered a talk from an Airline Pilot, a debate, a visit to Busby Youth Fellowship, and a most interesting evening with Mr MacKay, talking on "How we should study the Bible."

Last week-end, the annual conference of the 1st District of Youth Fellowships was held at Seamill Hydro. The topic this year was "Honest Doubts" and the speaker, the Rev. James Simpson from Kelvindale. The week-end proved to be a most enlightening one, and we all benefited greatly both from listening to the speaker and answering his questions in the discussion groups, helping us to clarify our doubts and express ourselves more coherently.

In the forthcoming months, our syllabus includes a visit to the Television Studios at the Thomson Foundation College, and our ever popular "Parent's Point of View"; when parents of Youth Fellowship members form a panel to answer questions both serious and humorous.

Rehearsals for our Christmas Carol Service will be starting shortly, and we extend a very warm welcome to all those wishing to join with us in worship on 18th December in the evening.

Madeleine Shaw, Secretary.

#### **2nd MEARNS GIRL GUIDES**

During this winter term we have had, and will be having a very varied programme.

Some new Brownies joined the company a few weeks ago, and we have also gained some more new recruits from outwith the movement. Our total strength is now 29 Guides.

P.L. Fionna Rait, our Queen's Guide is now helping with the Extension (Handicapped) cubs in Philipshill Hospital.

The Guides go to the Baths every week, and are now playing in an Inter/Company Hockey Tournament.

In November we are going to the theatre, and in December, instead of our Annual Christmas Party, we are giving the Geriatric unit of Mearnskirk Hospital an evening of Carol Singing, and we shall also be decorating the ward for them.

Badge work continues as usual, and the Guides are most enthusiastic, and work hard to achieve these awards. We look forward to having two more Queen's Guides within the next few months.

We would be pleased to welcome any newcomers to the district of ages between 10 and 16 in the Church Halls on Thursday nights.

Jane C. Clements, Captain.

#### **2nd MEARNS BROWNIE PACK**

With an increase to 44 Brownies our Thursday meetings are very jolly and lively ones.

A few weeks ago three of our older Brownies went into the Guides and after the New Year there will be another four following them.

Instead of knitting "Squares" this year, we are having a competition amongst the sixes. This consists of the collecting and making an attractive corner decoration, including a Sixer box with anything the Brownies themselves think necessary for their weekly meetings, a poster with the name of the six and the Brownies in it.

This will be judged at Christmas time and a prize presented to the most attractive corner.

Last week we held our Hallowe'en Party and it was wonderful to see all the Brownies parading in their fancy dress and carrying their lanterns. I would like to thank the parents for all the thought and effort I know is involved.

Joan O. Simpson.

#### **THE 79th COMPANY OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE**

At the close of the forenoon service on 27th November, the enrolment cards will be given to the boys. It was a rule of the founder, Sir William Smith that these should not be handed out until the members had given proof of their loyalty.

## OBITUARIES

Mrs Isobel M. Harvey, 208 Ayr Road, died on Wednesday, 14th September, in a Renfrewshire Hospital. As she was confined to the house for many years she would not be known to many in the congregation. Indeed the last two years she was in hospital. Yet one never found her sorry for herself—at least not in one's presence. She faced the circumstances of her life with great courage and determination, and one always felt refreshed after visiting her. The work of Stevenson comes to one's mind, "If I have faltered more or less in my great task of happiness . . . Lord thy most pointed pleasure take and stab my spirit broad wake." A widow for many years her life was bound up in her son Hugo, and to see him prosper was her central ambition. We will miss her as one who was deeply interested in the Church and the community and as a loyal friend.

John Wallace, 47 Moorhill Road, died on Friday, 16th September, 1966. He was an employee of Andersons Ltd., Newton Mearns, for some years and one met him when one went into the service station. His outstanding quality was his willingness to help you in any way. Nothing was too much trouble for him to do if it would be of assistance to you. He came from the village of Eaglesham and it is there that most of his relatives are still to be found. To his widow and two sons we offer to-day the deep sympathy of the congregation.

In the death of Mrs McMillan, 60 Beech Ave, on Saturday, 8th October, the congregation lost one of its oldest members. She was 92 years of age, and in a few weeks would have been 93. She was born in Stornoway and her husband was the owner of some deep sea trawlers. They lived for many years in Brookfield, Johnstone, and it was in 1952, Mrs McMillan and Dr. and Mrs Menzies came to stay in this district. She was a very entertaining conversationalist, and the passing of the years did not take away her keen interest in all that went on around her. She was fortunate to have her daughter Mrs Menzies with her for most of her life. In a sense it could be said that they were almost never separated in life, and Mrs Menzies looked after her mother with wonderful care. To her, her brother Dr. McMillan, now living in Worcester, and her son we offer the deep sympathy of the Church.

There is something very distressing that one should intimate the deaths of a brother and a sister in the same Supplement. Bobby Forgan of 23 Glamis Avenue, and Ena died within 10 days of each other, on the 3rd and the 13th October, 1966. I think that everyone loved Bobby, and almost everyone knew him. He was essentially friendly by nature. I cannot imagine him ever having made an enemy in life for it was entirely foreign to his personality. He had a wonderful knowledge of people, and if you wanted to know what was going on in the parish you simply had to meet him and he could tell you about it. Not that he intruded in any way (for he never did) but he was so interested in people that they were part of his life. He served in the National Coal Board for many years, and that despite a war infirmity that hampered him all his days, but of which he rarely spoke. Ena, his sister was the member of the family who on the whole remained at home. She was an excellent cook, and there is no doubt that she played an important part in a very closely knit household. The death of their Father and Mother, and later of Jessie, their sister, made a severe rent in the home, but they moved together as a unit, and Ena was a greatly loved sister. She used to get up at 7 a.m. every morning and see the family out, and she never

failed in her duties. Our thoughts are with Kitty, who has been so sorely bereft. She has been in Bayley and Ferguson, the music sellers in Queen Street, for 40 years and has just recently retired. She has now started as a part-time assistant in Eastwoodhill Home, Giffnock, and we know that she will be of great assistance to the old folks there.

Mrs James B. Leitch, 8 Deramore Avenue, Whitecraigs, died on Saturday, 29th October, 1966. They came to our district 6 years ago, and despite the fact that they were over the three score years and ten have been most regular in their attendance at Church. Mr Leitch was born in Ayr but moved to Leith and went into the fruit trade. He later came to Glasgow where most of their married life has been spent. She was a woman of a very attractive personality, a good conversationalist, and a very devoted wife. When her son and daughter-in-law had to move to Leicester on business there is no doubt that she missed them and the grandchildren, for she loved the young. To Mr Leitch and her son and all her kith and kin, we offer to-day the deep sympathy of the congregation.

Mr Donald Dick, Linton, Hazelwood Avenue, died in a city hospital on Sunday, 30th October, 1966. He carried on a chemists business in the South Side of Glasgow in an industrial area, and only retired about four years ago. The death of his wife about the same time was a great sorrow to him. He had hoped that he would be able to enjoy his retirement with her. They had been fond of travelling abroad. His business was not confined to serving the public around his doors but in replenishing the stocks of ships in port but even when he relinquished his business ties he did not enjoy the rest that he deserved. The demand for dispensers was so great and his desire to help anyone in need so uppermost that he could not refuse to give his services. Perhaps he had such a youthful appearance that one did not realise that he ought to have been taking it more easily. They had no family but adopted a grand nephew at the age of 4 who became legally their son and who has been a very important factor in their life. I think we all loved Mr Dick. He was always the same. He was the kind of man you would have gone to in trouble, and would not have failed you. To David, his brothers and sister and to all his kith and kin we offer our deepest sympathy.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

**Saturday, 17th December:** Primary Sabbath School, 2.30 - 4.45 p.m.; Junior and Senior, 5.15 - 8.30 p.m.

**Thursday, 15th December:** Guides give Party in Gereatric ward at Mearnskirck.

**The Boys' Brigade** under the legacy of the late Duncan Buchanan are entertained to tea in town and an entertainment.

**The Junior Boys' Brigade** hold a father's night on their club night.

**The Sparks** usually have their Christmas Party on the Wednesday before Christmas.

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## DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT

The next Supplement will be available for distribution on 12th February, 1967.

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.

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### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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

### THE BIBLE CLASS—The Minister.

### THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

**President:** Miss JANE CLEMENTS, Holytree House. Tel.: NEW 3183  
**Secretary:** Miss M. SHAW, 23 Craignethan Rd, Whitecraigs Tel.: NEW 1679  
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 JUNIOR SECTION, THE BOYS' BRIGADE—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. Tel.: BUSBY 2182  
The Brownies meet in the Church Hall on Thursday Evenings at 6 p.m.

### THE BADMINTON CLUB.

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**Secretary** } Mr COLIN ATKINSON, 106 Beech Avenue. Tel.: NEW 2970  
**Treasurer:** Mr IAN WRIGHT, Lyncrest, Shawhill Crescent. Tel.: NEW 2758  
The Club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

### SPARKS—Boys 5-7 years.

**Leader:** Miss ANNETTE CROSSLAND, Glamis Avenue. Tel.: NEW 2568  
Sparks meet on Wednesday evenings between 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.