

# THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

APRIL, 1967

## Minister:

Rev. W. MURRAY MACKAY, M.A., S.T.M.  
Tel.: NEW 2747.

## Session Clerk:

Mr C. J. THOM, J.P., M.A., 125 Beech Avenue  
Tel.: NEW 2013.

## Organist:

Mr JAMES LITTLEJOHN, 33 Newfield Sq., Nitshill  
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## Clerk to Congregational Board:

Mr W. T. DAVIDSON, 1 Raeside Avenue  
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## Treasurer:

Mr WALTER RODGER, 220 Ayr Road  
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## Church Officer:

Mr WILLIAM DINSMOR, 52 Castle Rd. NEW 2777

Sabbath Service—11.30 a.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."*

William Basil Baird, Floors Farm.  
Shirley Anne Spence, 7 Firwood Road.  
Thomas Aron Ford, 9 Dunbeath Avenue.  
Susan Guthrie Caldwell, 10 Harvie Avenue.

### Marriages

*"Whom God hath joined together."*

Sheila Wolfe and Alan McBain.  
Valerie Jean Todd and John Donald Robertson.  
Carol Anne Bishop and Doughty Bonar Walker.  
Carol Clarkin and Ian Campbell Sherwood.  
Irene Shennan and Alan John McIntyre.  
Joan Bell Cunningham and James Sutherland Blue.

### Deaths

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

Alexander J. Allan, 12 Lambie Crescent.  
Miss Elizabeth Moore, Eastwoodhill.  
J. Haig Haddow, J.P., Craigend of Capelrig.

### Disjunctions

Mr and Mrs George S. Sime, 24 Fairweather Place.  
Mrs Whitehill, 33 Hazelwood Avenue.  
Mr and Mrs William Dunlop, 41 Larchfield Avenue.

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## MINISTER'S LOG

At the Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation, there was proposed by Mr Walter Rodger that 40 hymns be taken out of the list of those hymns proposed to be excluded, and that the Assembly Hymnary Revision Committee be notified accordingly. This after discussion was approved unanimously. In the main, therefore, the drastic action of the Assembly Committee was agreed to whereby 300 hymns approximately should be omitted from the suggested new book. There were some present who spoke strongly against any change in

the present one, especially since it would cause considerable inconvenience to the members and involve the church in an expenditure of about a million and a quarter pounds. On the other hand the praise of the church is a matter of very great importance and, if it is necessary, then the expense should be faced. It was said that the Reformation sang itself into the hearts of the people. Again, there are other churches concerned in the publication that would like to have the 50 excerpts from the Scottish Psalter to be included in it. Yet another fact that we have on good authority is that the new hymnary is to have cut pages, which will enable us to use the tune that one desires. Still further, the selection of children's hymns in the present book is very limited, and this matter requires consideration. For all these reasons I think that this is a work that the Church should undertake, although it may be several years before it is completed. Mr Thom introduced the subject on behalf of the Kirk Session and did so in his usual competent fashion. It was nice to see him restored to health and back at his post. We would thank Mr Marchant for the work that he did in this connection, and the Congregation for the lists that it sent in.

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The Ordination and Induction of Elders to the congregation will take place on Sunday, 16th April, at 11.30 a.m. It is only two years since the previous one. It was on April 5th, 1965. There have been however, many changes due to death, and removal from the district and the Session decided that it was necessary to add to our number. We welcome especially those who have recently come to the district, and have agreed to take this active part in the life of the congregation.

A brief report was given at the Business Meeting by the Treasurer on the present position of the projected new halls. Until the plans for redevelopment by Sir Ian Mactaggart are finalised by him, and agreed to by the County officials, we do not know the exact measurement of the ground that we hope to acquire at the back of the church. These have now been approved in principle. Meantime the Board decided to ask the Church Architects—Honeyman, Jack and Robertson to prepare plans of new halls. These have been before a committee of the Board, and further consultation is in progress.

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## THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation was held on Wednesday, 15th March, 1967. In the absence of the minister, who was officiating at a Wedding, Mr Thom opened it with prayer, and proposed that Mr W. T. Davidson, the Clerk, take the chair, and the deputy clerk, Mr Thomas Wright, the place of the former. After the minute had been read and approved, the Treasurer, Mr Walter Rodger, submitted the Financial Statement which was approved. Mr J. W. Jarvie, C.A., and Mr H. C. Wilson were appointed auditors. Mr D. J. McPhail did not seek re-election as such, on his assumption of the office of Registrar of the Systematic Giving Scheme. The following were re-elected to the Board—Mrs W. S. Cuthill, Misses J. C. Clements, A. C. Hammond, Mary Hay, F. M. Hunter, L. Williams, and Mr A. B. Joiner. New members appointed were Mrs W. W. Blue, Miss



Margaret Meiklejohn, and Mr Robbie C. Anderson. During the second part of the evening Mr Littlejohn, who made a strong plea for members to join the choir, gave us some delightful choral pieces. Mrs Thom and the ladies who served the tea are due a special word of thanks.

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### THE WOMAN'S GUILD

We have now come to the end of what has been a very successful session. Many interesting meetings have been held and the attendance of members has been good.

Our outing will be held on Monday, 8th May, and will visit the Hansel Village at Symington in Ayrshire.

In October, we will be holding our Coffee Morning and Conveners for the Stalls have been appointed as follows:—

Cake and Candy .....	Mrs Hunter
Soft Goods .....	Mrs Frost
Fruit and Vegetable .....	Mrs McCance
White Elephant .....	Mrs Dinsmor

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### CHURCH FLOWERS

Once again the Flower Rota is due to be prepared and it is hoped that there will be the usual ready response to the list which will be in the vestibule for the next few weeks.

Those who undertake to supply flowers for the Sanctuary each Sunday can be assured that their interest and generosity is greatly appreciated by the congregation from whom many expressions of pleasure are received. Grateful thanks is extended to all who have thus contributed during the current twelve months.

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be held on the 7th 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. The Kirk Session will meet at 7.30 p.m. Those who wish to join by Certificate should hand the same to the Minister or the Session Clerk at their earliest convenience.

At the Forenoon Service on May 7th, the Minister will be assisted by the Rev. J. N. S. Alexander, B.D., S.T.M., Lecturer in New Testament Language and Literature at Glasgow University, and at 6.30 p.m., by the Rev. A. G. Stewart, B.A., M.A., formerly of Portland Church, Troon. The latter was minister of this church from 1918-1922, and we give him a warm welcome to his old church.

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### BOYS' BRIGADE AND GIRL GUIDES

#### Dates to Note

Coffee Morning—Saturday, 29th April, in Church Hall.

Annual Inspection of Boys' Brigade—Friday, 26th May.

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### AN EXCERPT FROM "AN EASTER SERMON" IN THE SPECTATOR by QUINTIN HOGG

"Granted that papal infallibility is still a serious stumbling block (as are many other issues) can

one devote one's spiritual life-time to attacking or defending it when the whole basis of belief in a supernatural world is in question?

If the Churches would get down to a little honest philosophy and history to persuade the earnest enquirers that there are grounds for religious beliefs of any kind, that the man is not merely wrong, but historically illiterate in claiming that Jesus never existed, that there are grounds for believing the broad historical accuracy of the Gospel, that the mysterious figure whom Christians revere as man and God did teach that the merciful are blessed, did heal the sick, they might not obliterate their differences, but they would at least secure the continuity of their own existence.

The Church is faced with the biggest challenge to its existence since the days of Nero. It is a rare privilege to own Church membership at such a time. Christian may, if they will, comfort themselves with the reflection that if they fail it can only be because what they have said about Jesus of Nazareth and His following is false, and that if it is not false in the end they cannot fail. But that they should pre-occupy themselves with the ridiculous minuet of traditional disputation invites the comment of Alexander the Great when informed of a traditional battle between the Athenians and the Spartans that it was a fight between frogs and mice."

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### OBITUARIES

Mr Alexander J. Allan, 12 Lambie Crescent, died at his residence on Wednesday, March 1, 1967. He was a member of the police force in Glasgow. Unfortunately through illness he had to retire at an early age. His wife has been crippled with illness and he was able latterly to devote his time to looking after her. To her, and his son, we offer the deep sympathy of the congregation in their bereavement.

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Miss Elizabeth Moore, Eastwoodhill Home, Giffnock, died in a city home on Sunday, March 12, 1967. She lived for many years in a house behind the "doctor's buildings" in Main Street. Most of her working life was spent in the telephone department of the G.P.O. At that time she lived in the Shawlands district of Glasgow and was a member of Queen's Park West Church. It was on her retreat that she came to this district. Looking back on her life, one would say that she had a great love for the church. It did not show itself in any particular way, unless it be that she was always in the midst of it doing a little here and a little there. She was a regular attender of the Woman's Guild and present at all the special functions. When she went to Eastwoodhill, she still retained her membership, and would, on occasion, when I took the service there, hand me her Systematic Giving Envelopes. The presence at the funeral service of some members of Queen's Park West Church, which she had left many years before, showed where she had made her friends in years past. At Eastwoodhill she was always watchful never to disturb other residents. Such is the picture that she leaves in one's memory we shall miss her gracious personality, and we thank her kith and kin and Mrs Pinkerton, the matron at Eastwoodhill, for the care that they took of her.

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Mr J. Haig Haddow, J.P., of Craigend of Capelrig, Newon Mearns, died in a nursing home on Monday, March 20, 1967. He was a partner with Thomson, McLintock & Co., Chartered Accountants, Glasgow, and a member of the Valuation Appeals



Committee for Renfrewshire. He was educated at Bellahouston Academy, and was commissioned in the Great War with the 5th Scottish Rifles, the Cameronians, and wounded in 1916. The latter incapacitated him for the rest of his life. He did not, however, allow it to restrict his activities, and as his appointments show he lived a full life in business, took a share in local affairs, and enjoyed his recreation. He and his wife came from the Ibrox district of Glasgow to this neighbourhood in the late thirties, bought an old farm house, and reconditioned it into a place of beauty. He loved the countryside and especially the flowers. A great sorrow was the death of one of his three sons who had served all through the last war in a submarine.

He was a man of wise counsel, deep affection, and gracious personality. To his widow, his sons and his daughters-in-law, we extend the deep sympathy of the congregation.

As we go to press we would like to offer our sympathy to the Misses Gow, Knockdolon, Beech Avenue, on the death of their brother. He came from the south to live with them seven years ago when his wife died. Through infirmity he was seldom able to leave the house, and did not accordingly join the congregation. He became again a very integral part of the family, and to them and his kith and kin we would express our deepest sympathy.

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#### DATE OF PUBLICATION OF SUPPLEMENT

The next Supplement will be available for distribution on 11th June, 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.

#### THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

**President:** Mrs WALTER CUTHILL, 34 Woodvale Av. Clarkston Tel: GIF 4144  
**Secretary:** Mrs W. W. BLUE, 19 Townhead Road. Tel.: NEW 3214  
**Treasurer:** Mrs A. M. R. RUSSELL, Netherfield, Glebe Lane. Tel.: NEW 1658

#### YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

**President:** Mrs J. S. MAIN, 18 Rodger Avenue. Tel.: NEW 4257  
**Secretary:** Mrs J. McLEAN, 25 Pollok Road. Tel.: NEW 3151

The Group meets in the Upper Hall on alternate Wednesday afternoons.  
 A Creche is available.

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

**Superintendent:** Mr F. D. LEITH, 22 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:** Miss JANE CLEMENTS, Hollytree 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., 170 Capelrig Road. 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** }  
**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.