

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

NOVEMBER, 1969

Minister:

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

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Sabbath Services—9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Sabbath School—Primary: 11.30 a.m.

Junior and Senior: 10 a.m.

B.B. Bible Class, 10.15 a.m.

Youth Fellowship, 7.45 p.m.

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REGISTER

Baptisms.

Adrian Robert Austin, 2 Machrie Drive.
Sheila Dobson, 170 Capelrig Road.
Christopher Nicholas Jenner, 8 Fraser Avenue.
Graeme Angus Kane, 2 Gordon Crescent.
Stewart McDonald Kane, 2 Gordon Cres.
Stuart Alexander Ross Thompson, 27 Gordon Crescent.
Lesley Jane Mackenzie, 53 Harvie Ave.
Derek Gordon Emerson, Aintree Cottage, Oakwood Avenue.

Marriages.

John Maxton and Roberta Chapman.
James A. D. Brown and Helen Dinsmor.

Deaths.

W. Wallace Potts, Bolfrax, Larchfield Ave.
William Bishop, 121 Fotheringay Road.

NEW MEMBERS AT OCTOBER COMMUNION.

By Profession of Faith.

Miss Dorothea Anderson, 31 Norwood Drive, Giffnock.
Roderick James Anderson, 31 Norwood Drive, Giffnock.
Miss Muriel Mitchell, 3 Netherton Road.
Richard Allan McClure, 29 Broomvale Drive.
Alexander Parker, 12 Glebe Road.
Miss Jean Fergie Stewart, 272 Ayr Road.
Miss Elizabeth Pollock Stewart, 272 Ayr Road.

By Certificate from Other Congregations.

Mr and Mrs John Austin, 2 Machrie Drive.
Mrs S. Arkless, 35 Castle Road.
Mr and Mrs Samuel Andrew, Eastwood High Cottage.
Miss Elizabeth Hardie, 21 The Cottages, Crookfur.
Mrs Elizabeth McFeat, 17 Sandringham Court.
Mr and Mrs Alexander Malcolm, 4 Harvie Avenue.
Mr and Mrs James K. Millar, 39 Fruin Ave.
Mr and Mrs G. D. Mackenzie, 53 Harvie Avenue.
Mr and Mrs Cameron McIntyre, 3 Barr Pl.
Mrs Mary Myron, 7 The Cottages, Crookfur.
Miss Jean Meikle, 45 The Cottages, Crookfur.
Miss Ellen Meikle, 45 The Cottages, Crookfur.
Miss Freda Mitchell, 3 Netherton Road.
Mrs Helen Stevenson, 33 Broomcliff, Castleton Drive.
Miss Elizabeth H. D. Ronald, 23 The Cottages, Crookfur.
Miss J. Sloan, Crookfur Private Estate.
Mrs Gladys Turner, 47 The Cottages, Crookfur.
Mr and Mrs Malcolm Thomson, 45 Harvie Avenue.

MINISTER'S LOG

"Give a Day's Pay."

By the decision of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1969, every church member who earns a wage or receives an income is asked to contribute one day's pay to a programme of overseas development—over and above what each normally gives to the church. The date chosen is November 30th—St Andrew's Day—and a leaflet is enclosed with this Supplement, and an envelope which you are asked to put in the church plate or post to the Treasurer whose name and address is in the Supplement.

As you know, 3 young people from Arbroath, appeared at the bar of the Assembly to present their petition, and put their case so movingly that it was unanimously agreed to.

In a real sense, then, this did not originate from the officials of the Church, but it is open in our democratic structure to receive any petition from the rank and file.

There has been strong criticism of what the Assembly did—not because the need is not great—but because the Assembly made it clear that under the Co-Ordinated Appeal there were to be no extra appeals of any kind to be made to the members. No one, however, seems to have remembered that when the petition was presented and agreed to.

On the other hand one does feel that it is right that we should try to fall in with the unanimous decision of the supreme court—first, because we are duty bound to do so, and second because the call of the less fortunate is something that is at the heart of the Christian gospel.

You may find it difficult to estimate what it amounts to for you and whether you can afford it. The Convener of the Overseas Committee suggested that for him on a minister's salary it amounted to £4 17s 4½d

I think that as many of us as are able should try to implement the Assembly's decision. After all most of us have been quite fortunate in life, and some sacrifice is a good discipline for us.

VARIA.

We would like to express to Mr and Mrs John S. Anderson our good wishes as they leave our district and congregation, and have gone to retire to Strachur on the shores of Loch Fyne. He has made a great contribution to the education of the young in our parish and its surroundings. After serving as deputy head master in Mearns School, he was appointed head master in Eaglesham, then in Giffnock, and finally in Woodfarm, Thornliebank. The latter, a new school, and a new curriculum was a great challenge, and he surmounted the difficulties of such and leaves it with a story of success behind him. He was one of the youngest teachers to be elected to the Educational Institute of Scotland. His fearless leadership of the young made him respected by all. He was always the friend of the pupil. To his wife and family we offer our kindest remembrances.

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I received a letter from a member of the congregation who had been taken a gift from the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. "I just stopped to think for a few moments, and realised how many people are concerned with such a gift. There is first of all the grower of the lovely flowers; then the kind thought in remembering me; then the one who arranged them so attractively: and, finally, the friend who brought them here. My daughter said the church was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers, and crimson haws from the hedgerows." This excerpt from a letter in which she goes on describe a Harvest Thanksgiving Service on the Television (for she cannot get to church) reminds us how many people were concerned with the Harvest Festival. If I mention the two conveners, Mrs Carlaw and Mr John Russell, I may incur their wrath, but I think it is warranted. The Church looked really beautiful, and it was greatly appreciated by all.

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At the Board Meeting on October 8th, Mr Andrew M. McCance was appointed Deputy Treasurer of the Congregation. We thank him very much for being willing to undertake this duty in addition to the many other services he renders to the church.

The Session has agreed to put the accommodation they reserved last year to the Help the Aged Fund. Those who have used clothing in good condition can bring it to the Church Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 9th and 10th December.

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The Flower Conveners wish to thank the anonymous donor for the £1 left in the church collection plate on Sunday, 19th October.

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The Junior Section of the Boys' Brigade is still requiring assistance with leaders. Anyone who can help will be made very welcome. It meets on Friday evenings from 6.30 until 7.30 p.m.

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We include below a list of the arrangements for the Christmas Season. Christmas Sunday will be celebrated on 21st December, at 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. At the latter the children will process up the aisle with their gifts of toys, etc., which will be distributed to Mearns Kirk Hospital and Crosslees Home, Thornliebank. In the evening at 6.30 the Youth Fellowship will conduct the service of Christmas Carols, etc., and the address will be given by the president, Miss Carol Shaw.

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THE WOMAN'S GUILD

Three very successful meetings are behind us already.

Our Opening Night with the Rolls Royce (East Kilbride) Male Voice Choir was so wonderful our only regret was that more of the congregation had not shared our pleasure.

Last week, we were shown slides with a difference by Miss J. Wilson, of Craig o' Neilston Farm. Miss Wilson had been a tour of Canada for three months, as a delegate of the Young Farmers' Clubs.

Now we are preparing seriously for our Coffee Morning which is to be held in the Church Hall, on Saturday 22nd November, at 10.30 a.m.

Please come, enjoy our coffee and a chat with your friends.

You may see something you would like to buy for Christmas.

The Hall will be open on Friday, 21st November, from 2 till 4 p.m. to receive donations for the various stalls.

Anyone who would like their contribution collected please get in touch with Mrs Whalley, 25 Hazelwood Avenue. NEW 2404.

The support of the congregation will be very much appreciated.

I. Whalley.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Fellowship session 1969/70 commenced on Sunday, 5th October, and is now well underway. So far our syllabus has covered a discussion on Religious Beliefs, a visit to Greenbank Youth Fellowship, and a most amusing talk by a Taxi Driver.

In the forthcoming months, our syllabus includes such topics as decimal currency, organ transplants, discussions with Mr Mackay and Mr S. Mair, of Netherlee, and our Christmas Carol Service on 21st December.

In November, many of our members will be attending the annual conference of the 1st District Youth Fellowships held at Seamill. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Campbell Robertson, the Warden of Carberry Towers, Musselburgh.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all young people of the congregation to come and join us at our meeting on Sunday evenings at 7.45.

Lynda Forbes, Secretary.

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REFRIGERATORS.

"Why on earth has Overseas Council to worry about Refrigerators?" I can hear you say. Nowadays we take such things as part of the normal equipment of a modern home. Indeed in our affluent society to have a fridge is not enough. One must have also a deep freeze to be really with it.

To get back to our fridges. Have you ever wondered how people living in temperatures of a more or less constant minimum of 70° + have managed to keep food fresh. Milk perhaps is less of a difficulty nowadays because of late years excellent powdered milk has been produced, but what about meat, butter, soft fruit and cool drinks so essential to the well being of a household.

In the days before fridges were so common missionaries working in Africa and India had certainly to put up with difficult conditions, but in some respects things were easier, Labour was plentiful and cheap, and costs were much lower. If meat went bad during the day it was a simple matter to send to the market where freshly killed meat was always available or a fowl could be obtained.

Now labour and food costs have risen so alarmingly that this kind of quick shopping has become out of the question, and the older methods of keeping food fresh and cool no longer work satisfactorily.

Seldom do our missionaries ask much for themselves. Their cry for help is for the needy among whom they work. And so this plea for refrigerators was taken up by members of the Council. Enquiries were made and it was found that while some missionaries had fallen heir to refrigerators which had changed hands two or three times and for which they had to pay, many did not have any.

The Council, therefore, has decided that each new missionary being posted to premises having no fridge, will after 1st January, 1970, be given a fridge by the Council, who will be the owners. Such fridges will work on electricity, kerosene or calor gas according to their location.

A Fridge Fund has been instituted and it has suggested that Women's Overseas Presbyterial Councils might be willing to help financially. To us who enjoy the comforts of modern civilisation the possession of a fridge may be a matter of small interest, but to our missionaries overseas it will be a delight making life, deep in the African bush or amidst the dust and flies of India just that little bit easier, as well as hygienic.

C. Thom.

THE CHOIR.

Have you noticed the new members in the Choir?

I am sure we all welcome this interest in the Choir, and it is hoped that many more will come along and join us.

Welcome to all those who have joined us; your help is greatly appreciated.

J.A.L.

A LETTER FROM LABRADOR.

In these days when the nobler side of life does not always get the head lights it deserves, it is good to read about this young nurse, who having finished her training in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, volunteered to go out for two years to The Grenfell Medical Mission in Labrador. She writes to me:

"I have been here for two months now, and already the outside world seems a distant and hazy dream. There is no such thing as rushing here, the pace of living being dead slow, verging on the edge of stop. In spite of this I have moments of excitement, like a dog-team trip, and skidoo trips, and helicopter flights. We do not have a dog team at the nursery station, instead we have a skidoo (motorised sledge), and I have a driver to take me on my rounds. Now that break up is here and the ice is going fast, I have a little motor boat for transporting patients. In the vast expanses of hills and water around Makkovik there are geologists prospecting for uranium. They set up camp to bore down into the seams in the rocks. They are always having the odd casualty, and the other night I had an exciting twilight helicopter ride over many miles of very beautiful, but frighteningly lonely mountains and lakes to bring out an emergency.

As well as being doctor, nurse and mid-wife I have turned dentist now, and am hauling out teeth right, left and centre! The locals were very cautious for an extraction (never having had any training), but eventually someone came along in agony, and obviously beyond caring who took his tooth out. I was jolly glad he was in such a state, as I was so scared myself; I couldn't hold the forceps steady! Anyway the tooth came out and he survived to tell the tale. Since then there has been no holding me back!

There are no roads, no shops, no cars here; instead plenty of boats and dogs. I have to cut my own hair, and we have no fresh food, at all, just tins every day and deep frozen meats. But in spite of the draw backs it is a terrific experience. One I shall never regret. The people are so nice, no affected snobbery. They are so self-sufficient, and build all their own houses and all the furniture in them. Their pleasures are of the simplest kind, and they will put up so uncomplainingly with such hardships. They put some of us civilised types to shame. Hardly any speak English and I have the most fantastic 'conversations' with them. Most of them are very nice, but some are very primitive, living in utter filth, sleeping on skins on the floor, and with food and half-gutted-out seals lying all over the place. You need a strong stomach when visiting and moving sick in these conditions."

Elinor Lindsay.

—o— OBITUARIES.

Mr W. Wallace Potts, Bolfrax, Larchfield Avenue, died at a city hospital on Friday, 19th September, 1969. He and his wife came from Port William, in the South of Scotland some years ago. They had retired from the Midlands to be near their son and his family, who had taken up farming there. On his tragic death with polio they moved to Newton Mearns where a great number of their relatives lived. Most of his life, however, was passed first in Wales and then in England, where he was a mining engineer. He was fond of his garden and his books, and especially in the latter respect to read about the history of these Isles. Strong in personality he was at the same time very contented in his nature, and had a real charm about him. It was always a great pleasure to visit him. He was never forgotten by his relations who looked after him with love and affection. To his daughter-in-law and her children, and all his kith and kin we extend the deep sympathy of the congregation.

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Mr William Bishop, 121 Fotheringay Road, Pollokshields, died on Sunday, 28th September, 1969. Those of us who have

been members of the congregation for some time will remember that he lived at the corner of Eddington and Cheviot Drives. It was there that Carol was brought up. They made a number of friends there that remained with them to the end of their days. Later they removed to Newlands, but did not sever their connection with the church here. The death of his wife was a severe blow to him. She was a charming personality who was loved by all. He entered the family business of steel sheeting, with special reference to kitchen equipment, and remained in it all his life. Loyalty to his family and to his friends was one of the dominant characteristics of his life. A regular attender of the sanctuary we shall miss him much. He married again about two years ago and moved to Pollokshields. To his widow who looked after him with great care in the last years, and to Carol, now Mrs Bonar Walker, and to his son-in-law we extend the deep sympathy of the congregation.

—o— DATES OF CHRISTMAS PARTIES, Etc.

Boys' Brigade, Friday, 26th December.

Visit of both Junior and Senior Companies to the Pantomime (Buchanan Bequest).

Junior Boys' Brigade, Friday 19th December—Party.

Sabbath School Parties, Saturday, 20th December.

Primary—2.30 p.m.—4.45 p.m.

Junior—5.15 p.m.—8.30 p.m.

Youth Fellowship—

Party for the under privileged in the Church Hall, Saturday, 15th December, 3 p.m.—7 p.m.

Guides—

Party given to Mearns Kirk, Pavilion 13, Thursday, 18th December, 6.30 p.m.—8 p.m.

Camp Fire in Church Hall thereafter.

Brownies—Party, Thursday, 18th December, 6 p.m.—7.30 p.m.

Sparks—Party, Wednesday, 17th December, 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m.

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The next Supplement will be available for distribution on Sunday, 8th February, 1970. 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 date of issue.

OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

President: Miss ALICE HAMMOND, 2 Cheviot Drive NEW 3319
Secretary: Mrs J. M. WHALLEY, Firdene, Hazelwood Avenue NEW 2404
Treasurer: Miss KITTY FORGAN, 24 Glamis Avenue New 2466
The Guild meets on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

President: Mrs J. S. MAIN, 18 Rodger Avenue New 4257
Secretary: Mrs N. HOLLYWOOD, 24 Rodger Avenue NEW 4896
Treasurer: Mrs A. ROSS, 10 Lambie Crescent.
The Group meets in the Upper Hall on alternate Wednesday afternoons.
from 2.30 - 4.30. A Creche is available.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent: Mr F. D. LEITH, 22 Blackhouse Avenue NEW 2596
Secretary: Miss M. ANNE ROSER, Shuna, 73 Eaglesham Road 639 2628
Treasurer: Mr ROBERT HODGINS, 46 Cheviot Drive NEW 3795

THE BIBLE CLASS—The Minister

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

President: Miss CAROL SHAW, Humble Road, Newton Mearns NEW 3060
Secretary: Miss LYNDIA FORBES, 20 Townhead Road NEW 2508
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 638 6704
The Company meets in the Hall on Friday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

THE JUNIOR SECTION, THE BOYS' BRIGADE—79th GLASGOW COMPANY

Leader:

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

THE GIRL GUIDES

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

THE BROWNIES

Brown Owl: Miss MAUREEN JAMMETT, Eastwood Court,
Crossless Drive, Thornliebank GIF 5592
The Brownies meet in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m.

THE BADMINTON CLUB

President: Miss ELSPETH SIMPSON, 5 Larchfield Avenue. NEW 2432
Secretary: Miss P. BARRETT, Comeways, Newton Mearns NEW 1768
Treasurer: Mr MARK RILEY, 20 Broomfield Avenue, Newton Mearns

SPARKS — BOYS 5 - 7 YEARS

Leader: Miss SHEILA WYLLIE, 11 Forresfield Crescent. NEW 2056
Sparks meet on Wednesday evenings between 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.