

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

SEPTEMBER, 1972

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REGISTER

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Mark David Struthers, 84 Camphill Avenue, Langside.
Kirsty Joan McCallum, 38 Fraser Avenue.
Stuart McArthur Brand, 222 Harvie Avenue,
Victoria Marjory Joanna Muir, Selbridge Court,
Wimbledon, London.
Lee William Gemmell, 8 Laggan Road.
Stuart Richard Fraser Malcolm, 4 Harvie Avenue.

Marriages:

Moirra Dinsmor and James Dinsmor.
Carolyn Winifred Haddow and William Michael Blyth.
Maureen Jammitt and Neil Rodger.
Patricia Hargin and Ronald Anderson.
Norah Brandie and Alan Shirlaw.

Deaths:

Mrs. Agnes McMillan, 222 Ayr Road.
Mrs. J. Haig Haddow, 17 Broomcliff Flats.
Mrs. J. W. Jarvie, 17 Picketlaw Drive, Carmunnock.

MINISTER'S LOG

The Prime Minister said, recently that if people don't have a change, a contrast in their lives, they become stale, even mentally, and the quality of their work suffers. All of us would assent to this: We may feel that it is not worth while going away for a holiday. It is expensive to do so. We are often far more comfortable at home. I recognise that there are instances when it's not possible to do so, but, other things being equal, it is good, indeed necessary for us to do so. Even to look out on new surroundings is a mental as well as a physical refreshment. What often happens, of course is that when we come back we are unsettled, and do not want to go back to our work! That perhaps is a sign that your holiday has done you good—as long as the feeling is not allowed to persist! Certainly leisure plays an important part in life. It ought to send us back more alert in mind, so that we get through our work quicker and do it more thoroughly. It would be most interesting to know where all the members of the church have been during these Summer months, in what foreign lands they have travelled, what lochs they have sailed up, in what isolated glens they have lived. Duty, however, calls us back and in particular the congregation to which we belong, and we must do our best to return to the worship and the service of it, to play our part in it as disciples of Christ—in the Woman's Guild, the Sunday School, the Youth Organisations, the Choir, and wherever we can be sharers in the work of redemption.

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.

The Olympic Games are once again upon us. It does not seem so long ago since the last occasion. The four years have passed all too quickly. One must congratulate the Germans on the excellence of their organisation. Never have we seen the arrangements more perfectly done—yet without the Intrusive elements that marked the last time in that country. The only note that seems to jar slightly is the prominence given to the national. I realise that one is naturally proud when a British competitor wins a gold or a silver, but would it not be a good thing to cut out the singing of the National Anthem of the country at the award? It should not matter to what nation they belong. The main thing is to have matched your strength against the best in the world around you, and enjoyed doing so. How much better it is to do this than to be engaging other nations on the field of battle. Yes it was an inspiring sight to see all nations of mankind marching around the arena in Munich but let us “play down” the national touch.

The Sunday School Superintendent has gathered the names of children of Sunday School age in our parish, and is engaged with the teachers in visiting their homes, and inviting them to come to it on a Sunday. He would welcome your support as parents in this task. I know it is difficult to persuade children in this day and age to do so. They see others in the same road or avenue not doing so, and they do not see why they should have to do so. They would rather go out and play. One has great sympathy with the parents in their dilemma, but it is important that children should grow up with a knowledge of the things in which they should believe. Others will say that it is up to the teachers to make the Sabbath School so interesting that children will want to go. This is true, but it is also helpful if they are encouraged to do so. This is where you have a part to play.

Two members of our choir were privileged to be part of the S.N.O. that was invited to Israel, to open the Musical Festival there. They gave concerts in Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem, and Cesarae, and received a tremendous ovation. The clapping went on for 15-20 minutes at the close. They were invited on the Sunday to the St. Andrew's Church of Scotland in Jerusalem, and asked to come forward during the services and sing. The visit lasted three weeks, and the members were able to visit the Holy places of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee.

BOYS' BRIGADE

The new session of the Boys' Brigade has now started; we of course will welcome all boys between 8½ years to 18 years of age on Friday evenings in the Church Hall. The Junior Section requires staff to assist on Fridays from 6.30 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. and any lady or gentleman who would like to help please contact the Company Captain Mr. A. J. Watt at 638 6704.

The Company hope to run a Camp next summer for boys of 11 and upwards and there will be a number of new innovations on Friday evenings. If you have a son of B.B. age who is not a member of any organisation it would be appreciated if you could encourage them to come along on a Friday.

The Woman's Guild resumes on Monday, October 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. The first part of the syllabus is as follows.

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| Oct. | 2 | (Joint opening with Young Wives) Mearns School Music Choir. |
| | 9 | Floral Demonstration. |
| | 16 | Restoration of Covenanters' Memorials. |
| | 23 | Delegates Reports. |
| | 30 | Halloween Evening and Beetle Drive. |
| Nov. | 6 | Millinery Demonstration. |
| | 13 | Bible Study. |
| | 20 | Castle v Country—Film. |
| | 27 | Children's Panels. |
| Dec. | 4 | Business Meeting. |
| | 11 | Christmas Party. |

The Coffee Morning is on Saturday, November 4th from 10 a.m. till 12 noon, and contributions for the various stalls will be most welcome. A very cordial invitation is extended to the ladies of the congregation to join us at our meetings.

M.B.R.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The new session begins on Wednesday, 27th September at 2.30 p.m. in the upper hall.

The meetings are as follows:

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| Sept. | 27 | Rev. W. Murray Mackay, M.A., S.T.M. |
| Oct. | 11 | “Men of Erskine”. Col. David Boyle. |
| | 25 | Kake Brand Demonstration. |
| Nov. | 8 | Christmas Decorations. |
| | | Floral Art Demonstration. |
| | 22 | Informal and Beetle Drive. |
| Dec. | 6 | Christmas Fayre and Coffee Afternoon. |
| | 13 | Christmas Party. |

We invite any new members to come along and join us on those afternoons. A creche is provided for the children.

I. McKerral

LIFE + WORK EDITOR:

Mr. Robert D. Kernohan (41) has been appointed Editor of “Life + Work” the monthly magazine of the Church of Scotland. A keen churchman, Mr. Kernohan is the first professional journalist for nearly 40 years to hold the post. He will take up his duties at the beginning of October. Educated at Whitehill School, Glasgow University and Balliol College, Oxford, Mr. Kernohan was successively chief leader writer, assistant editor, and London editor of the “Glasgow Herald”. From 1967 to 1971 he held a political appointment with the Scottish Conservative Central Office, resigning this post last year to return to full-time journalism. He is an elder in Cramond Kirk, Edinburgh and a member of Edinburgh Presbytery. “Life + Work” is handed out at the door of the Church on the first Sunday of each month. Why not start reading it?

VARIA

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on the first Sunday in October. At the second diet of worship, the children will meet in the Hall at 11.15 a.m. and proceed into the Church with their gifts which will be sent to Mearnskirk Hospital and Crosslees Children's Home, Thornliebank.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on the third Sunday in October at 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Preparatory Service will be held on the preceding Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

A Class for First Communicants was held in the Manse on Tuesday, 12th September at 8 p.m., and meets on succeeding Tuesdays until the Communion.

Remembrance Day will be observed on the second Sunday of November—Nov. 12th. Youth Organisations will be on parade at the 11.30 a.m. service.

Our thanks are given to the minister, the kirk-session and the congregation of Mearnskirk for their co-operation in carrying on the joint services during July and August. It was a great pleasure to share with them the worship of the Sabbath Day, and we would like to say thank you to them once again.

Our Brown Owl—Maureen Tammatt was married in the summer to Dr. Neil Rodger, and to both of these young people who have taken such an active part in the work of the congregation we would like to express our thanks, and to wish them a happy married life.

All the organisations of the Church (see back page of the Supplement) have now started. The Sparks will be led this year by Miss Catherine Prime. Miss Pauline Thornton has done yeoman service but now feels that her studies at Glasgow University necessitate her taking a more minor role in the work. Many thanks to her for all she has done.

THE CHOIR

The practices resume in the Church Hall on Thursday, 28th September, 1972 at 8 p.m. It must be evident to everyone who attends the Church Services regularly that we still require additional members, and an appeal is made once again for anyone who thinks he or she can help in the praise of the church to contact Mr. Littlejohn or any member of the choir.

J.A.L.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Agnes McMillan, 222 Ayr Road died on 11th June, 1972. She had been an active member for many years of Queen's Park West Church, and when, through the difficulties of travelling in her latter years she severed her connection with it, and joined our congregation she showed the same zeal in her new church. She was a regular attender at the earlier service. Trained in business all her life (her father had an ironmonger's shop at Shawlands) she was of great assistance to her husband in his work in this district. A woman of delightful personality we miss her much, and extend to her husband and her kith and kin our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. J. Haig Haddow, 17 Broomcliff Flats died on 28th July, 1972 in a city hospital. It was a great disappointment to her that she was not able to be present at her granddaughter's wedding on the 11th July. She did not feel well enough to do so but sat in her car on the other side of the road, and watched the bride enter for the ceremony. It was indicative of her concern for others that she did not want to risk taking ill at the ceremony. Born in Ibrox, it was strange that on the day of her funeral the mourners gathered for lunch thereafter in a hotel that now stands on the ground on which the house in which she was born once stood. She and her late husband lived for some years at Craigend-of-Capelrig. One of her sons was for a number of years County Councillor for one of the Wards of Mearns Parish. Greatly beloved by her family and her friends, a regular attender of the Church, we extend to her sons her daughters-in-law and her grandchildren the deep sympathy of our congregation.

Mrs. J. W. Jarvie, the Haven, 17 Picketlaw Drive, Carmunnock, died on 20th August, 1972 at her residence. Born in Dundee she and her husband came to Glasgow after they were married and lived first at May Terrace Giffnock before moving to Deramore Avenue, Whitecraigs. A few years ago they went to stay in Carmunnock. She brought up her family well, and had the joy of seeing both her sons happily married with families of their own. Her husband has acknowledged that in business matters it was on several occasions her suggestions that led to decisions that proved to be beneficial. She had a keen sense of humour, that enabled her to see something amusing in the ordinary situations of life. Her husband was ordained an elder in 1945, and she supported him loyally in his office. Most hospitable as a hostess she loved her home, and made it a haven in the storms of life. To her husband, her sons, her daughters-in-law, and her grandchildren we offer the deep sympathy of the congregation.

Mrs. John S. Anderson of Ardfyne, Strachur died in the middle of August. She and her husband spent most of their married life in this parish, and congregation. Second Master at Mearns, he became Headmaster at Eaglesham, Giffnock and Woodfarm, perhaps the supreme achievement of his career was in the last named. It was a great challenge to bring it up to its new standard in the educational position in Renfrewshire, and he succeeded. In his work he was aided to the fullest extent by his wife. She was a charming personality, and our life is rich in memories of her. A vase for flowers for the Baptismal Sunday stands on the Font of our Church in memory of their daughter Elspeth.

OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

The Woman's Guild

President: Mrs. R. L. Todd, 142 Ayr Road. 639 3149
Vice-President: Mrs. W. Dinsmor. 639 2777
Secretary: Mrs. A. M. R. Russell, Netherfield, Glebe Lane. 639 1658
Asst. Secretary: Mrs. J. Roach, 14 Eddington Drive. 639 2829
Treasurer: Mrs. E. Cormack, 10 Townhead Road. 639 2562

The Guild meets on Monday evenings at 7.30.

Young Wives' Group

President: Mrs. J. McKerral, 46 Newtonlea Avenue. 639 3655
Secretary: Mrs. G. Durham, 218 Harvie Av. 639 5615
Treasurer: Mrs. I. Livingston, 9 Larchfield Av. 639 2826

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. J. McKerral, 46 Newtonlea Avenue. 639 3655
Treasurer: Mr. Robert Hodgins, 46 Cheviot Drive. 639 3795
Secretary: Mr. Alan Paterson, 46 Rodger Avenue. 639 4972

The Youth Fellowship

President: Mr. Gordon McFadyen 632 1580
Secretary: Miss Avril Shaw, Bye-Ways, Humby Road. 639 3060

The Boys' Brigade—79th Glasgow Company

Captain: Mr. Alex J. Watt, 25 Orchard Dr. Giffnock, Glasgow. 638 6704

The Company meets in the Hall on Friday evenings at 7.30

The Junior Section, The Boys' Brigade—79th Glasgow Company

Leader: The Company meets in the Hall on Friday evenings at 6.30

The Girl Guides

Captain: Mrs. A. Pelosi, Glencairn, Rysland Crescent. 639 2830

The Company meets in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30.

"A" Mearns Company

Acting Captain: Miss Muriel Russell, Netherfield, Glebe Lane. 639 1658

The Company meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30.

1st Brownie Pack

Brown Owl: Mrs. R. Booth, 53, The Oval, Clarkston.

This Pack meets in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 6.00

2nd Brownie Pack

Brown Owl: Miss Verna Atkinson, 50 Broomfield Avenue. 639 1586

This Pack meets on Tuesday evenings at 6.15, in Eastwood High School.

The Badminton Club

President: Mr. Colin Atkinson, 106 Beech Avenue. 639 2970
Secretary: Mrs. I. Gray, 58 Kinloch Drive. 639 5710
Treasurer: Mr. T. Dobson, 23 Poplar Av. 639 4073

Sparks—Boys 5-7 Years

Leader: Miss Catherine Prime, 53 Newtonlea Avenue. 639 2572

The Sparks meet on Wednesday evenings between 6.30 - 7.30.

The Next Supplement will be available for distribution on Sunday, 12th November, 1972. 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.