

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

NOVEMBER, 1972

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REGISTER

Baptisms:

Emma Victoria Shand, 18 Lambie Cres.
Gillian Fiona Paterson, 46 Rodger Av.
Michael John Duncan, 171 Harvie Av.
William Morrison Smith, 20 Riverside Road.
John Stuart Menzies, 10 Netherton Av.
Robert Andrew Neil, 8 Wayside Av., Harrogate.
Barry James Montgomerie, 18 Abercorn Road.
Katherine Mary Tough, 14 Castleton Cres.
Claire Ann McFadzean, 37 Kinloch Road.
Julie Alexandra Milne, 6 Lambie Cres.
Claire Margaret Whitmore, 55 Lambie Cres.
Rhona, Margaret, Stewart McGillivray, 3 Kinloch Rd.
Jacqueline Aitkenhead Knox, 20 Rodger Av.

Marriages

Dorothy Stewart and Andrew Douglas McLean.

Deaths:

Mrs. H. Kay, 461 Tantallon Road.
Mrs. Rodger, Carluke.
Mrs. Isobel Cuthbertson, 37 Corroul Road, Newlands.
Mrs. Drysdale, 'Kildary', Ayr Road.
Miss E. Martin, 27 Crookfur Cottages.
Mr. William Berrie, 22 Larchfield Av.

NEW MEMBERS

By Profession

Mr. Toni Pelosi, 'Glencairn', Rysland Av.
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Milne, 6 Lambie Cres.
Mrs. W. Provan, 50 Kinloch Road
Mr. George B. Jarvie, 2 Logan Av.
Mr. R. Roderick Montgomerie, 18 Abercorn Road.

By Certificate

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Patterson, 22 Logan Avenue.
Mrs. Kate McCartney, Flat 36, Crookfur Cottages.
Mr. & Mrs. John Knox, 20 Rodger Avenue.
Mr. & Mrs. John Macdonald, 17 Kinloch Road.
Mrs. Alex M. Bain, 28 Chisholm Drive.
Mr. & Mrs. Ian A. McFadzean, 37 Kinloch Road.
Mrs. R. R. Montgomerie, 18 Abercorn Road.
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Thomson, 58 Larchfield Avenue.
Mr. & Mrs. R. Burnside, 18 Castleton Grove.
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ross, 31 Kinloch Road.
Mr. & Mrs. I. Ross Gibbons, 15 Forrestfield Cres.
Mr. Neal Beaton & Mrs. N. Beaton, 39 Netherplace Rd.

ILLNESS OF Mr. WALTER RODGER

The congregation would like to express to Mr. Walter Rodger its sympathy with him in his illness. He has done so much for the church as elder, treasurer, hall convener etc. that he occupies a special niche in its affection. He has undergone a major operation and our best wishes are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

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 400th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF JOHN KNOX

John Knox the great Scottish Reformer was born in Haddington in 1505. He received the elements of his education in the grammar school of his native town, and in 1522 was sent to the University of Glasgow. He was probably drawn to Glasgow by the name of the most distinguished literary Scotsman of his generation, John Major. He learned to speak and write Latin with perfect fluency. What he learned from Major was the art of dialectic. This became one of the sharpest weapons in his armoury. He left the university without taking his degree, thus precluding himself from the career of an academic teacher.

From then for the next 18 years, little is known of him. From 1540-43 he acted as a notary in Haddington. He was in orders of the Church of Rome. He was tutor to the sons of Douglas of Longniddry, and Cockburn of Ormiston, both families favourably disposed to the new opinions in religion now rapidly making their way in Scotland. Through these families he came into contact with George Wishart. From now on he is the apostle of the cause with which his name is forever identified, the establishment in Scotland of what he deemed the only true conception of the primitive church based on the teaching of Jesus.

After the death of George Wishart he was imprisoned in St. Andrews and later sent to France as a galley slave. He was released on the express intercession of Edward VII of England, and for some years remained for safety in that country. After a sojourn on the continent he arrived in Edinburgh in 1559 and by his preaching at Perth and St. Andrews gained these important towns to his cause. In 1560 Protestantism was formally established by the Confession of Faith as the religion of the country. The return of Mary, Queen of Scots to Scotland revived the old dissensions. As minister of St. Giles he believed that Mary was his special charge. During the 6 years of her reign his attitude towards her was that of uncompromising antagonism. If he was intolerant, it should be remembered that these were intolerant times. A sermon delivered by him in St. Giles led to the first of these famous interviews with Mary. He died on 9th November 1572, and on his tomb-stone are the words "Here lyeth a man who in his life never feared the face of man."

CHRISTIAN AID

"Hello, hello, hello. This Christian Aid calling". Like the "Mayday" distress signal the call is world wide and internationally recognised, and, like the distress signal it is usually the despairing call for help made by millions of people bereft of all they possessed—even the soil beneath their feet by some natural catastrophe or man-made war.

One of its main objects is to help people help themselves. Money as such is seldom gifted directly except in dire emergency to buy essentials. Clothing, foodstuffs, equipment and "knowhow" are the main tools of the organisation. For example the people of Madras learned how and where and—most important of all—why they should have the proper sanitation resulting from the latrines, and running water from stand pipes supplied as a result of the One Day's Pay effort.

Sometimes help is given to schemes nearer home. For

some years work has been going on quietly among the Pakistani women in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Dundee. The difficulties of learning a new language, new money values, shopping, different customs are gradually being ironed out so that these strangers are now part of our community.

Last year some of the members of our local churches formed themselves into a small committee for the purpose of keeping Christian Aid objects before the public eye. During Christian Aid week they carried out a house—to—house collection by which they raised £788.51!

This year they are planning to hold a sponsored Songs of Praise Day in Mearnskirk Church on Saturday 16th December. The idea is that children, young folk and adults will gather in the church to sing Christmas Hymns and Carols. Sponsor Sheets will be issued through the Sunday School and sponsors will promise a donation to each child or grown up who takes part by being present and singing for at least fifteen minutes.

There will be three sessions: 9.30—11.30 a.m.
12 noon—2.00 p.m.
2.30—4.30 p.m.

Local organists including our own, have agreed to give their time at the organ and members of the choirs will be welcome too. Much work has gone into the planning of this effort and it deserves our support. How about coming along for a quarter of an hour with a small—or large—donation if you are not sponsored? The experience should prove interesting and rewarding.

WOMAN'S GUILD

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| Nov. | 13 | Bible Study. |
| | 20 | Castle v Country—Film. |
| | 27 | Children's Panels. |
| Dec. | 4 | Business Meeting. |
| | 13 | Christmas Party. |
| Jan. | 8 | Informal. |
| | 15 | The Pantheon Club—Concert. |
| | 22 | The Salvation Army—Mrs. Marriott. |
| | 29 | Film Show—Tom Marchant. |
| Feb. | 5 | Overseas Night. |
| | 12 | The Youth Link. |

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

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| Nov. | 22 | Informal & Beetle Drive. |
| Dec. | 6 | Christmas Fayre & Coffee Afternoon. |
| | 13 | Christmas Party, |
| Jan. | 10 | Fire Prevention in the Home. |
| | 24 | Pollok House, Mr. Auld. |
| Feb. | 7 | Air Ambulance; B.E.A. Pilot. |

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Church has down the centuries made a special celebration of the great occasions of the Christian Year—Christmas, Easter, etc. In the Church of Scotland the Communion is recognised as such. Included in these days of fiesta must be the Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Their message is a thoroughly Christian one that God draws nigh to sustain the life of man. By such Services the Church not only offers its thanksgiving to God, but

makes a witness to it to the Community. Having said this, we are profoundly grateful to those who decorated the church on the first Sunday in October. It was one of the most beautiful that we have ever seen. Wherever we looked we saw a decoration that delighted the eye. For this we must thank the two flower conveners, Mrs. Carlaw and Mr. John Russell. They were most nobly supported by a team of helpers. They bore a great weight of the work. To them all we would like to say thank you. It was a most fitting remembrance of God's goodness to man in harvest.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

We include below a list of the arrangements for the Christmas Season. Christmas Sunday will be celebrated on the 24th December. The services will be at 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. At the second forenoon service the children will proceed up the aisle with their gift of toys, books, etc. which will be sent to Mearnskirk Hospital and to Crosslees Home Thornliebank. The evening service on the 17th December will be conducted by the Youth Fellowship and will be composed of Carols and Readings. The address will be given by the president, Gordon MacFadyen.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. H. Kay 461 Tantallon Road, Shawlands, died on 18th September 1972. Those who are natives of this parish will remember that her husband had a joiner's business. After his death one of his two sons Billy carried on in his father's footsteps but later went to Canada. Helen is married and lives in Manchester. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the end of a service in which I had taken part in Didsbury in the Church of England. Mrs. Kay by her high ideals and her kindness and understanding has left her children with an imperishable legacy. To them all we extend our deepest sympathy at this time.

Mrs. Rodger, of Carluke, died on Wednesday 20th October 1972. She and her husband lived for many years in Bonnyton Farm. Many will remember that it was on it that Hess came down on a May Saturday evening. The plane came down on Bonnyton, and Hess himself landed by parachute on Floors Farm. Marion, her only daughter, became our Guide Captain, and proved herself to be one of the best we have had. It is unusual for a farmer's daughter to fill this office—I suppose because of the duties on a farm—but she did so and did it well. Mrs. Rodger was a daughter of Robert Gilmour and this also is a family highly respected in the district. We offer to the family the deep sympathy of their many friends in this parish.

Mrs. Isobel Cuthbertson, 37 Corroul Road, Newlands died in hospital on Monday 9th October 1972. Her husband was well known for his articles in the *Scottish Field*, and the many books about our beloved land. He and his wife used to tramp over the hills of the Highlands and the Isles. She herself, was a woman of highly

artistic talent. She was fond of literature. She took a great interest in music, in art, in nature. She loved the beautiful in life, and could hardly bear to have anything ugly around her. She was a most entertaining conversationalist. We shall miss her smile, and her friendliness. Alastair, her son, was latterly her chief joy in life. We remember him in the Youth Fellowship. He was completely deaf and had a limited power of speech. He was a great favourite in our Church, and one might add that the young people were very good to him. To him and her relatives—many in the Carnoustie district, we extend the deep sympathy of the church.

Mrs. Drysdale, 'Kildary', Ayr Road died on 22nd October 1972. She and her husband took up house in this parish after their marriage. He was the manager of the Co-operative Stores and he remained there until his death. Their three sons became well known in the Mearns. All have made their way in life. Sam is headmaster of Robslee Primary School in Orchard Park. Timothy lives in Edinburgh and is with Uniroyal, and James is Bank Manager in West Linton. She was a regular attender at public worship, and preferred the earlier service. She was a woman of great strength of character, and with it of great kindness. She was always very grateful for anything that a person did for her. To her three sons and all her kith and kin we extend the deep sympathy of the Church.

Mr. William Berrie, 22 Larchfield Av. died on Sunday 29th October 1972. We have known him so long in the district and in the church that we came to accept him as part of our life. He had two interests above all in life. his business and his garden. His life revolved around them. Those who knew him found him among the most generous of men. It is a good maxim in life to estimate people as you find them, and one can go back through the years to acts of great kindness that he showed to people. Certainly that was how I knew him. He came to church regularly as long as his strength lasted. To his son and daughter we extend the sympathy of the congregation.

Miss E. Martin, 27 Crookfur Cottages died in July. I was on holiday at the time, and therefore did not have in my diary a note of her death. I apologise for not including her name in the September Supplement. She was a very attractive personality, and made many friends in the Crookfur Homes. She did not enjoy good health latterly and was in and out of hospital on several occasions. To her relatives and friends we offer our deep sympathy on her passing from us.

The Next Supplement will be available for distribution on Sunday, 11th February, 1973. 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

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

The Guild meets on Monday evenings at 7.30.

Young Wives' Group

<i>President:</i>	Mrs. J. McKerral, 46 Newtonlea Avenue.	639 3655
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mrs. G. Durham, 218 Harvie Av.	639 5615
<i>Treasurer:</i>	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

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

The Youth Fellowship

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

The Boys' Brigade—79th Glasgow Company

<i>Captain:</i>	Mr. Alex J. Watt, 25 Orchard Dr. Giffnock, Glasgow.	638 6704
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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

<i>Captain:</i>	Mrs. A. Pelosi, Glencairn, Rysland Crescent.	639 2830
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The Company meets in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30.

"A" Mearns Company

<i>Acting Captain:</i>	Miss Muriel Russell, Netherfield, Glebe Lane.	639 1658
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The Company meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30.

1st Brownie Pack

<i>Brown Owl:</i>	Mrs. R. Booth, 53, The Oval, Clarkston.
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This Pack meets in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 6.00

2nd Brownie Pack

<i>Brown Owl:</i>	Miss Verna Atkinson, 50 Broomfield Avenue.	639 1586
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This Pack meets on Tuesday evenings at 6.15, in Eastwood High School.

The Badminton Club

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

Sparks—Boys 5-7 Years

<i>Leader:</i>	Miss Catherine Prime, 53 Newtonlea Avenue.	639 2572
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The Sparks meet on Wednesday evenings between 6.30 - 7.30.