

## THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

## NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

SEPTEMBER, 1973

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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.

**REGISTER****Baptisms:**

Edwin Finlayson, 8 Balgray Road.  
Angela Greig, 66 Ayr Road.  
Raymond Greig, 66 Ayr Road.  
Stuart Charles Dow, 46 Kinloch Road.  
Jennifer Bain, 158 Capelrig Road.  
Nicola Easton, 69 Lambie Crescent.  
Jonathan Simon Easton, 69 Lambie Crescent.

**Marriages:**

Karine Frederick and Archie Hill.  
Isobel Jean Napier and Peter A. Crane.  
Laura Muriel Sutherland and David Temple.

**Deaths:**

James A. Anderson, Balmae, Lethington Avenue.  
Mrs. Rankin, Crookfur Cottages.  
John Russell, 206 Ayr Road.  
Miss Janet M. Allan, Gosforth, Elmwood Avenue.  
Roger A. Chapman, 21 Sunningdale Avenue.

**MINISTER'S LOG**

I hope you had a good holiday, whether by the sea-side, the mountain glen or overseas. I spent July on the Island of Arran, at Blackwaterfoot. One day I made a sojourn to the famous King's Caves. As one enters Machrie there is a road to the left past Laggan House, that turns along the sea-shore until it comes to a dead-end. There you see a notice board "Public path to the King's Caves 1½ miles". The public path was so narrow that one brushed one's clothes in the heather on either side. After falling into more than one burn which was too wide to jump, and travelling what seemed more like 5 miles, one descended to the shore by a precipitous path. A further 200 yards over a rocky beach brought one to the entrance to the Caves. There are several of these and the main one is enclosed in iron railings. It is very deep and the walls are covered with countless initials of visitors. The finest inscriptions are those of a Cross and a Crown showing that the Covenanters held their Conventicles in it. Tradition has it, of course, that here Robert the Bruce sat in a despondent mood, having tried to become King of Scotland six times. He watched a spider make the same number of attempts to reach the top of the Cave. On each occasion he fell back. It started once again and succeeded. Robert the Bruce resolved to try once more and succeeded. It is a great lesson on perseverance and it may be that though we have tried to achieve something and failed, often we could make up our minds to make yet another, in the home, in the school, or in the Church.



The dedication of the colours of a new additional company of the Girl Guides, the 3rd Mearns, took place in the Church on Sunday 17th June. Miss Muriel Russell, the Captain, came forward and put the request to the Minister. As they draped the Communion Table—the Queen's and the Company Colours—he laid his hand upon them and set them apart in an act of Prayer. Having handed them over to the colour party, they were then taken into the custody of the Church until the end of the Service. The Minister addressed the congregation on the subject of the little captive maid in the household of Naaman the Syrian. He had contracted the dreaded disease of leprosy and she had the courage to say that there was a prophet in her country of Samaria who would heal him. He spoke of her as the first known Girl Guide in the Bible. She had shown the colours of her Faith. How this Sisterhood, started by Lord Baden Powell, had grown until it covered the earth. The Colours were a gift from a lady in the congregation who wants to remain anonymous. We would express our thanks to her.

### VARIA

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held at 9.30 a.m. and at 11.30 a.m. on 7th October, 1973. The children will meet in the hall at 11.15 a.m. and process into the Church with their gifts. These will be sent to Mearnskirk Hospital and the Crosslees Home, Thornliebank.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on the third Sunday in October—the 21st—at 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., and 3.0 p.m. The Preparatory Service will be held on the preceding Sabbath at 11.30 a.m. Those who wish to join by certificate from another congregation, should hand them, either to the Minister or the Elder on duty at the Church door.

A class for First Communicants will open in the Manse, 204 Ayr Road on Tuesday 18th September and meet on successive Tuesdays until the Communion. Those who are older in years and do not wish to come to the class, should communicate with me—639 2747. Attendance at the class does not carry with it the obligation to join. It is not necessary, according to the laws of the Church of Scotland, that one should take these vows before the congregation. They can do so either before the Session or the Minister alone.

Remembrance Day will be observed on the second Sunday in November. The Youth Organisations will be on parade at the 11.30 a.m. Service.

Car Park facilities around the Church are now available for use by the general public and can be made use of on any occasion.

We had the pleasure of having children from Northern Ireland during the period of the joint Services with Mearnskirk. This has been a most excellent piece of work. Groups of twenty have come over every fortnight. They have been housed by people in the district, and taken each in turns to the coast or country by bus. A packed lunch was prepared by the Choir of Mearnskirk each day. It has been greatly appreciated by the children. Mr. Black went to Belfast during July to assist a Minister The city.

### YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The committee of the Young Wives' Group wish to intimate that this year meetings will be held on alternate Monday evenings at 7.45 p.m., commencing on 8th October, 1973. A varied programme of talks, films and demonstrations has been arranged which, it is hoped, will be interesting and entertaining. We hope to see as many members as possible and, of course, new members will be very welcome.

Mrs. G. DURHAM  
*Secretary*

### OBITUARIES

Mr. James A. Anderson, Balmae, Lethington Avenue, died in hospital on Tuesday 19th June 1973. He was the senior Elder of the congregation having been ordained in 1934. He was clerk to the Congregational Board when the present Church was built in 1939. A considerable burden fell on his shoulders at that time. He was a partner in Connell & Anderson, Stockbrokers. His mother gifted a stained glass window in memory of another son who was killed in the First World War. It had to be placed in the Gallery because the present hall obscured the light and made it impossible to put it in the Chancel. His wife, though born in Clarkston, had always had a close connection with the congregation as a member of the Carswell family. He was a most regular attender at public worship. He looked after his district with diligence. To his widow, who has been handicapped with arthritis for many years, and to his daughters Sheena and Margaret we offer the deep sympathy of the Church.

Mrs. Rankin of Crookfur Cottages died on 19th June 1973. Latterley she occupied a bed-sitter in the Fraser Institute. She was a woman of a very bright personality. It is not always easy to adapt yourself to a new environment, no matter how pleasant it be, but from the very beginning she set out to enrich it as far as she could. We can always visualise her either going into or coming out of her room with a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed and to her kith and kin we extend our sympathy.

Mr. John Russell, 206 Ayr Road, died on Sunday 22nd July 1973. His death came as a great shock to the congregation and to the parish. He had suffered a heart attack in June but he had made such a good recovery that one hoped he had many years ahead. The family in which he was brought up had a long ancestry in Mearns Parish. They moved into Newton House when the Newton Church built the new Manse on the Ayr Road about 100 years ago. John and Isa came to live in their present house when the village was demolished recently. The Russell family has been famous in the district for generations as rose growers. It was quite usual for John to win 19 prizes at the Glasgow Flower Show. He was in demand all over the South of Scotland as a judge at annual shows. He was appointed President of the Mearns Horticultural Society in 1943. His enthusiasm communicated itself to others. His knowledge of plants was encyclopaedic. He was not only a good grower but a generous one. No one left his garden without a gift of flowers or vegetables. If the garden will always be associated with his name the Church was also very dear to his heart. He was in the



midst of the life of it. He was ordained as an Elder. He sang all his days in the choir. No special service or social function but flowers from his garden beautified the Sanctuary or decorated the hall. He was kindly, generous and helpful by nature. We shall miss him much and to Isa and Andrew, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, and his kith and kin, some in West Renfrewshire and others in Fife, we extend the deepest sympathy of the congregation.

Miss Janet M. Allan, Gosforth, Elmwood Avenue, died on 16th August, 1973 in her 88th year. Early in September she would have attained her 89th birthday. She made a practice each Tuesday of hiring a car, going into town, having lunch and then visiting a few shops. She retained her strength of personality and alertness of mind to the end of her days. Her father, who came from Fife, had a fruit importing business, and her brother and she carried it on. She took a great interest in all that went on in the world. For the Church also she had a deep love. Latterly she would hire transport to come to it. She invited Mrs. King when she was a widow to come and stay with her, which she did to the end. To her sister-in-law Mrs. Nancy Allan, Mrs. King, and to her housekeeper we offer the loving sympathy of the congregation.

Mr. Roger A. Chapman, 21 Sunningdale Avenue, died on 16th August 1973 in hospital. He was in Insurance all his life. In July he celebrated his 89th Birthday in Mearns Kirk Hospital and the Sister and nursing staff made an occasion of it and it brought a touch of brightness into the life of the patients. He was a most lovable person—strong in character and yet always most gentle. He was interested in golf, in bowling, and in the garden. For some years he was secretary of the Whitecraigs Bowling Club. For many years he and his wife were members of Camphill Church, Queen's Park. In the last few years they transferred their membership to this congregation. We shall miss his friendly nature, and to his wife who has watched over him with devotion, and to his nieces and nephews we extend the deep sympathy of the Church.

## 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. J. Roach, 14 Eddington Drive.	639 2829
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Miss M. Meiklejohn, 74 Larchfield Avenue.	639 2778

The Guild meets on Monday evenings at 7.30.

### Young Wives' Group

<i>President:</i>	Mrs. Avril Hulley, 2 Eaglesham Road.	639 2631
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mrs. G. Durham, 218 Harvie Avenue.	639 5615
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mrs. Smith, 60 Kinloch Road.	639 5674

The Group meets in the Upper Hall on alternate Monday evenings, from 7.45 p.m.

### 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 Peters, 49 Castleton Drive.	639 2228
<i>Secretary:</i>	Miss Denise Thomson, 53 Fereneze Avenue, Clarston.	639 3109

### 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

<i>Leader:</i>	The Company meets in the Hall on Friday evenings at 6.30.
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### The Girl Guides—2nd Mearns Company

<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.

### 3rd 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, in Mearns School.

### 2nd Brownie Pack

<i>Brown Owl:</i>	Mrs. R. Booth, 53 The Oval, Clarkston.	637 9154
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This Pack meets in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 6.00.

### 7th Brownie Pack

<i>Brown Owl:</i>	Miss Simmie, 30 Windsor Avenue.	639 3177
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This Pack meets on Tuesday evenings at 6.15, in Eastwood High School.

### 3rd Brownie Pack

<i>Brown Owl:</i>	Miss Vivian McKenzie, 6 Castleton Drive.	639 5293
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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

*Treasurer:*

### 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.

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