

## THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

# NEWTON MEARN'S PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

SEPTEMBER 1975

### Minister:

Rev. W. MURRAY MACKAY, M.A., S.T.M.  
The Manse, Ayr Road 639 2747

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Mr. J. A. McKELVIE  
11 Lauderdale Avenue 639 4171

### Church Officer

Mr. WILLIAM G. R. DINSMORE  
2 William Mann Drive 639 2777

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

Sabbath School —Primary 11.30 a.m.

—Junior and Seniors 10 a.m.

B.B. Bible Class—10.15 a.m.

Youth Fellowship—7.45 p.m.

### MINISTER'S LOG

My personal thanks must be given to the minister of Mearns Kirk, Rev. David Black, for conducting the services in August in my place. When he offered to do so as far back as April I did not think he was serious. When he made the offer on two later occasions I realised that he wanted to do so. For domestic reasons he would require to be at home and felt that he would be able to help his "ageing colleague"! It was a delightful feeling to come back from Arran at the end of July and know that one would have another month to prepare one's self for the work of the winter. It was a most considerate and kindly thing to do and I would wish him to know how much I have appreciated it.

If I now turn to the task of the financing of the new halls, I would not wish anyone to feel that the National problem of beating inflation is not the most serious one that has confronted us even compared with the darkest years of the last war. The very existence of our way of life is at stake. It is our duty to give our full support to the measures that the Government may take to defeat it.

It may seem wrong that we as a congregation should launch ourselves into a project of this magnitude at such a time. Those of us, however, who are concerned for the welfare of the Church in this Parish are convinced that the extension of our hall accommodation is absolutely essential. The work of our Church could not be carried on without it. Therefore we feel that we are doing what is of the greatest importance and that the blessing of God rests upon it.

What we want to impress on the congregation is the importance of raising the money to see the work completed. Gone are the days when one could go to the Bank and get a loan that we could pay off at our leisure. The interest rate we would have to pay would be at the very least 16½%. If therefore, we can lay our hands on the money required from within the congregation—either in gift or loan—then we would "see our way through". Roughly speaking we are short of about £20,000. The congregation numbers just short of 1,000 and so if one divides this it means that if each of us could find £20 then we would be well on the way to solving it. Of course, everyone cannot do this, but there are others perhaps who have some money lying in the Bank that they are not needing for the moment, this we could put to good use. Someone once said to me that "money should always be working" and I believe that this is a fine maxim. As you know the Elders are taking round a letter to you in order to draw your attention to the present need. Will you really look into your reserves. I can hear you say "we have none", but I believe that we are all able to give something towards this figure I have mentioned, or beyond it.

We are very grateful to all who have already contributed. The fact that we are so comparatively near our target is proof of that. The latest grant we received was



in August from the Bellahouston Trust of £1,000. This fund operates in and around Glasgow and is not one of the wealthiest, and we are most grateful to it.

The building has progressed at a splendid rate since it started at the end of March. It looks as if the roof will be finished before the winter weather starts. It should be completed well within the schedule.

The Buffet Dance at the end of June was a great success. The congregation supported it magnificently. It is to be the forerunner of other social gatherings throughout the winter. To Mr. Alan Paterson and his committee and all who helped our most grateful thanks.

I had a 'phone call from Sir Ian McTaggart from London in June asking what he could do to help. I have kept sending the Supplement to him and he is very interested.

Turning now to the question of procuring an assistant minister, the Chair of Pastoral Theology in Glasgow informs me that it has the request very much before it but that it will not know until the middle of September what students will be available. The location of the Church on the perimeter of the Presbytery makes the problem of travelling a difficult one. I was assured, however, that it was very much in their mind.

The Session is making enquiries about a room in the Mearns School on Sunday mornings for a creche. Due to the changes in Regional Administration this has now to be done at Paisley. We have written there but as yet have no reply. We realise the importance of this and will let the congregation know as soon as, and if it can be arranged.

## OBITUARIES

William Duncan, Fairhaven, Arthurlie Drive, died in hospital on Thursday, 17th July, 1975. In business he was with the British Oxygen Company and rose to high office in it. His chief recreation was golf and he was along with his wife, members of Eastwood. It was a high honour when he was elected Captain a few years ago. Their only child, Joan, was the Brown Owl in our congregation and proved herself a most excellent one. To his wife and daughter and kith and kin we extend our sympathy.

Miss Mary Gow, formerly of Knockdolian, Beech Avenue, died in Gartloch Hospital on Thursday, 14th August, 1975, aged 91. There was something very fitting that the last years of her life she should spend in the hospital where she had occupied the post of Matron for many years. She was one of the youngest to be appointed to this Mental Hospital. The last war had just begun and train loads of wounded arrived to be nursed in it. The family was brought up in Ballantrae where their father was the Forester. He took them off to Southern Ireland when they were quite young and they lived here part of their life, but he returned to Ballantrae when they were in their adolescence to the same post he had left. It was when she retired from Gartloch that she purchased the house in Beech Avenue as a family home. There is now only Miss Nell Gow left and for the past few years she has been in Cormie House, Paisley, and there earned for herself a niche in the affections of the people. She founded a Sunday School in Ballantrae for children on the estate. To her and her nephew Eric and his son Peter, and all their kith and kin we extend the deep sympathy of the Church.

## REGISTER

### Baptisms

Julie Campbell, 135 Harvie Avenue.  
David James Grierson, 6 Fowlis Drive.  
Iain James Forbes, 16 Moorhill Road.  
Christopher Scott Hurst, 10 Maple Avenue.  
Alan John Alexander McGregor, 34 Logan Avenue.  
Joanne Harris, 10 Walton Avenue.  
Christopher Weaver, 6 Abercorn Road.

### Marriages

Anne Rosemary Sutherland and Ian Wright.  
Muriel Wyllie and Hamish Fulton.  
Catherine Amelia Scott Black and William Robson Welsh.  
Fiona Gillies and J. Fraser Munro.  
Anne Louisa Holroyd and Iain Alexander Donaldson.  
Isobel Jane Anderson and Clive Anderson Black.  
Adelyne Beatrice Henderson and John Richard Kyneston (married in Ontario, Canada).

### Deaths

William Duncan, Fairhaven, Arthurlie Drive.  
Miss Mary Gow, formerly of Knockdolian, Beech Avenue.

### Attendance at Church Door

Sept. 21	R. Burnside, E. H. Clements, W. T. Mac-
	kinnon.
„ 28	J. B. Milne, A. G. W. Muirhead, H. M. Peden.
Oct. 5	R. A. Macdonald, J. N. Rodger, R. L. Todd.
„ 12	R. J. Pounce, H. Ross, W. T. R. Simmons.
„ 19	J. Knight, J. Knox, R. D. Reid (Communion).
„ 26	M. Gillies, A. B. McClure, A. L. McKendrick.
Nov. 2	K. S. G. Fish, J. A. McKelvie, E. H. Patterson.
„ 9	B. J. Baird, G. A. Roser, J. Shaw.

## VARIA

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held at 9.30 a.m. and at 11.30 a.m. on 5th October, 1975. The children will meet in the hall at 11.15 a.m. and proceed into the Church with their gifts. These will be sent to Mearns Kirk Hospital and the Crosslees Home, Thornliebank.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on the third Sunday in October—the 19th—at 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 3 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, 16th 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. 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 9th. The youth organisations will be on parade at the 11 a.m. service.

Dear Fellow Member,

During the first half of 1975 our congregational givings had been falling far short of what was necessary to meet our commitments and I was asking members to reconsider what they gave to the Church. My proposition was that we should consider giving in relation to our earnings; giving in proportion to our rising or falling incomes; giving as we promise to do when we join the Church—"as the Lord doth prosper us".

But how much should we give? Well, in early days Christians gave one tenth of their earnings—more than one month's pay per year but few if any would or, let us face it, could go to that extent today in the face of taxation and rapidly spiralling costs—but what about one hour's wages per week, or one week's earnings per year. The General Assembly even suggests 5p in the £.

As a guide, let us look at what these proportions would mean in terms of weekly givings:

ANNUAL INCOME ... ..	£500	£1,000	£1,500	£2,000	£2,500	£3,000	£4,000	£5,000
WEEKLY INCOME ... ..	£10	£20	£30	£40	£50	£60	£80	£100
WEEKLY GIVINGS at 5p per £ ...	50p	£1	£1.50	£2	£2.50	£3	£4	£5
WEEKLY GIVINGS if one hour's wages allocated ... ..	25p	50p	75p	£1	£1.25	£1.50	£2	£2.50
WEEKLY GIVINGS if one week's pay allocated ... ..	20p	40p	60p	80p	£1	£1.20	£1.60	£2

If all members would relate their givings to their incomes, using any of these scales, the Church would have no need to fear for its future ability to preach the Word at home or abroad.

A. M. McCANCE

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Congregational Funds

Income to date ... ..	£5,688
Required to meet normal commitments	£6,179
Debit ... ..	£491

#### HALL FUND—

Estimated total cost ... ..	£108,000
Funds available ... ..	£76,176
Amount still required ... ..	£31,824

Donations should be put in an envelope in the Church Door Plate or sent to the Congregational Treasurer.

Enquiries regarding Bonds of Annuity should be directed to the Bonds of Annuity Treasurer.

Anyone considering a loan to the Hall Fund should contact the Congregational Treasurer to discuss terms.

Loans offered to date ... ..	£11,300
Amount still required ... ..	£20,524

A. M. McCANCE

### YOUNG WOMAN'S GROUP (Formerly Young Wives and Mothers Group)

Our new Session commences on Monday, 13th October, with our Opening Social, when the Committee extend a warm welcome to all members old and new. The Syllabus this session is very varied and should prove interesting.

#### YOUNG WOMAN'S GROUP—SYLLABUS 1975-76

##### 1975

- Oct. 13—Joint Opening with Woman's Guild.
- „ 27 Marriage Guidance.
- Nov. 10 The Samaritans.
- „ 18 Visit to Library (Tuesday).
- „ 24 Recipe Evening and Bring and Buy Sale—Joint Meeting.
- Dec. 8 Radio Clyde—Tony Currie.

##### 1976

- Jan. 5 Slimline Club.
  - „ 19 Salvation Army—Mrs. B. Marriot.
  - Feb. 2 Soft Toy Demonstration—Mrs. M. Currans—Guest Night.
  - „ 16 Visit to Kyle County Frozen Foods at Ayr.
  - Mar. 1 Antartex Limited—Sheepskin Demonstration.
  - „ 15 Oberammergau—Slides and Talk—Miss A. Mitchell.
  - „ 29 Savoury Supper.
- Meetings in Upper Hall at 7.30 p.m.



## WOMAN'S GUILD

The Opening Social of the new session will be held on Monday, 13th October, at 7.30 p.m. This is a joint meeting with the Young Woman's Group and we will be entertained by members of Spiersbridge Guild.

Our last session closed with a very interesting evening visit to Pollok House and in May we had our outing to Culzean Castle attended by over fifty ladies. Unfortunately we chose the wettest day of the month but we had a pleasant meal in the new restaurant and were able to visit the Shop and Museum.

The Echo Meeting was held on Monday, 2nd June, when the Delegates to the General Assembly made their reports. These were very interesting and much appreciated.

A copy of our Syllabus is printed in this Supplement. We feel it should have something to interest everyone and a warm welcome is assured to old and new members.

Especially this year we would be glad of support from the Congregation in our fund raising activities and donations for our Coffee Morning on 1st November would be of great assistance.

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## WOMAN'S GUILD—SYLLABUS 1975-76

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| Oct. 13 | Opening Social with Young Woman's Group.                          |
| „ 20    | Flower Decoration—Mrs. Russell.                                   |
| „ 27    | Delegates' Reports.   |
| Nov. 3  | A Trip to the West Indies—Dr. Doig.                               |
| „ 10    | The Work of a Deaconess—Miss Jean Steele.                         |
| „ 17    | Bible Study—Miss S. Calder.                                       |
| „ 24    | Recipe Evening and Bring and Buy Sale—Joint Meeting.              |
| Dec. 1  | Guest Night—"Dear Green Place"—Mr. J. Anderson.                   |
| „ 8     | Business Meeting.   |
| „ 15    | Christmas Party.  |
| 1976    |   |
| Jan. 12 | Shetland—Miss Sara Cockburn.                                      |
| „ 19    | Sculpture Demonstration—Miss Maureen McLellan.                    |
| „ 26    | Bible Study—Miss S. Calder.                                       |
| Feb. 2  | Young Woman's Guest Night—Soft Toy Demonstration—Mrs. M. Currans. |
| „ 9     | Social and Moral Welfare—Mrs. Harvie.                             |
| „ 16    | Unknown Beauties of the Clyde—Dr. Logan.                          |
| „ 23    | Delegates' Reports.   |
| Mar. 1  | Choir—Handicapped Children.                                       |
| „ 8     | Annual General Meeting.   |

## OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

### The Woman's Guild

<i>President:</i>	Mrs. W. Dinsmor	639 2777
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Mrs. A. M. R. Russell	639 1658
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mrs. H. Simpson, 10 Arisdale Crescent	639 2432
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mrs. A. B. McClure, 29 Broomvale Drive	639 2695

The Guild meets on Monday evenings at 7.30.

### Young Woman's Group

<i>President:</i>	Mrs. W. M. Dallas, 21 Arisdale Crescent	639 1097
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mrs. J. Scrimger, 8 Walton Avenue	639 6342
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mrs. A. N. Duncan, 63 Rodger Avenue	639 5347

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

### 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. Alex. Carr	
<i>Secretary:</i>	Miss Helen Martin, Heathwood Drive, Giffnock	638 3432

### The Boys' Brigade—79th Glasgow Company

<i>Captain:</i>	Mr. Hugh Ross, 31 Kinloch Road.	639 5598
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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>	Mr. Martin Ogilvie, 1 Glebe Lane	639 2493
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The Company meets in the Hall on Friday evenings at 6.30.

### 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>Captain:</i>	Mrs. Posnor, 18 Abercorn Road	639 5742
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The Company meets on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 in Crookfur Primary School.

### 2nd Brownie Pack

<i>Brown Owl:</i>	Mrs. R. Booth, 17 Gordon Crescent	639 4230
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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 Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7.30 in Crookfur Primary School.

### 3rd Brownie Pack

<i>Brown Owl:</i>	Mrs. Rannie, 109 Harvie Avenue	639 4405
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This Pack meets on Monday evenings from 6 to 7.30 in Crookfur Primary School.

### The Badminton Club

<i>President:</i>	Miss Moira Fraser	429 5354
<i>Secretary:</i>	Miss Elspeth Simpson, 10 Arisdale Crescent	639 2432

Club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30.

### Sparks—Boys 5-7 Years

<i>Leader:</i>	Miss Shirley Howie, 51 Beech Avenue	639 2661
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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, 9th November, 1975. Material should be handed in 14 days in advance.