NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEM

JUNE 1977

Interim Moderator: REV. COLIN CAMPBELL, M.A., B Williamwood		1215
Sunday Services: The Very REV. ANDREW HERRON, D.D. 260 Bath Street		L.B. 6606
Session Clerk: Mr. JAMES N. RODGER 22 Arisdale Crescent	639	3803
Assistant Session Clerk: Mr. IAN W. WILSON 30 Fruin Avenue	639	1149
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Mr. A. B. McCLURE 29 Broomvale Drive Organist:	639	2695
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Roll Keeper: Mr. W. W. Blue 19 Townhead Road	639	3214
Property Convenor: Mr. W. STEWART	620	2249
Church Officer: Mr. WILLIAM G. R. DINSMOR	e ye	
2 William Mann Drive Sabbath Services—9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.	639	2777
Sabbath School —Primary and Junior 11.30 a —Seniors 10.00 a.m.	ı.m.	
B.B. Bible Class —10.15 a.m.		
DECISTED		

Baptisms

Jennifer Ann Dodd, 5 Gilmourton Crescent. Shona Ann MacLeod, 55 Rodger Avenue.

Stephanie Margaret Nisbet, 18 Walton Avenue. Nicola Lorraine Gray, 16 Carswell Road. Alan Keith Moore, 17 Walton Avenue.

Marriage

Janette Mackay and Robert Ryder.

Deaths

Mrs. Jean Wilson, formerly of 10 Edzell Drive. Miss Ann Orr, 10 Clark Place. Mrs. Helen Tennant, 4 Castle Court. Miss Helen Gow, Cormie House, Paisley. Miss H. Beatson, 14 Castle Court. Miss Janet M. Cowie, Alderwood, Beech Avenue. Miss Margaret D. Fraser, 1 Firwood Road. Mrs. M. Buchanan, Clarines, Hazelwood Avenue. Mrs. William Blackwood, 2 Paidmyre Gardens. Mr. Robert Anderson, formerly of 31 Norwood Drive, Giffnock.

Attendance at Church Door

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June D. J. McPhail, J. B. Maxton, E. H. Clements. W. T. Mackinnon, R. A. Macdonald, R. L. Todd.

A. B. McClure, G. H. Burt, J. A. McKelvie. July 10 B. J. Baird, A. N. Duncan, J. Shaw.

J. Bain, H. T. Fleming, F. D. Leith. S. Brunton, J. S. Hunter, A. M. R. Russell.

99 W. Stewart, A. B. Joiner, D. G. Ogilvy. Services in Mearnskirk.

August J. Roach, S. J. H. Robertson, J. T. H. Sept. Williams.

11 E. H. Patterson, R. G. Black, A. L. McKen-

New Members

February Communion

By Certificate

Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, 8 Shaw Farm, Newtonlea Avenue. Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Wilson, 26 Gordon Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Campbell, 26 Harvie Avenue. Mrs. Ann Dodd, 5 Gilmourton Crescent. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrow, 30 Walton Avenue.

Miss Mary Cameron, 41 Crookfur Cottages. Mrs. Wm. Stevenson, 1 Rysland Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. McIntosh, 49 Larchfield Avenue. Mr. Andrew McIntosh, 49 Larchfield Avenue.

Mr. Andrew D. McLean, 3 Wickham Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. D. Somerville, 188 Capelrig Road. Mrs. Emmeline W. Wilson, 18B Castleton Court. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Carmichael, 5 Moorhill Crescent. Mr. H. McGhee, 15 Fowlis Drive.

May Communion
By Profession of Faith
Miss Christine Anne Campbell, 26 Harvie Avenue.
Mr. Gerrard Boyle, Wayside, 13 Rysland Avenue.

By Certificate

Mrs. Chris. Hutchison, 216 Ayr Road.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley K. Moore, 17 Walton Avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Weider, 21 Lauderdale Drive.
Mr. Alex. L. Nimmo, 27 Kinloch Road.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Nisbet, 18 Walton Avenue.
Mrs. Dorothy M Campbell, 28 Rodger Avenue.

CONGREGATIONAL LOG

It was with a certain amount of relief that when the Interim Moderator put the question to a solidly packed congregation on May 22nd, "Elect or not" the people rose unanimously. Mr. Campbell then said that it was his duty to give anyone who was otherwise minded the opportunity to speak, no one did so, thus was Mr. Cartlidge chosen by the congregation to be minister. The Call, signed by members and adherents, will be sent to the Presbytery of Glasgow and if approved by it, a suitable date will be fixed (Wednesday, 29th June), for the Presbytery of Glasgow to meet in our Church at 7. p.m. to ordain him to the ministry and to induct him to this Charge. It is proposed that since the holidays are upon us, there should be a short social gathering at the close to extend to him a warm welcome.

The new minister, the Rev. Graham R. G. Cartlidge was brought up in Edinburgh. He was born after his father died. His mother went to stay with her sister who owned a hotel in it, and it was in this background that he and the other two members of the family—a brother, now a surgeon, and a sister were brought up. His mother and his aunt were present when he preached as Sole Nominee, and it must have been a proud moment for both of them after the sad circumstances of his birth to see him now established in his career. They are both retired now and live in West Linton. He graduated M.A. at Edinburgh University and took his Divinity in the theological section of it being awarded his B.D. Not content with all these years of study he went to the Union Theological Seminary in New York, one of the leading colleges of the world, and took his S.T.M. We thus can be assured that he comes to us with all the academic qualifications which we would wish. One of his Professors in New College has stated that he is one of the outstanding students who have passed through his hands.

The congregation must have been impressed as soon as he entered the pulpit by his out-going personality. He has a voice that fills the church with ease. Although I know, as he told me, he found the service a strain, he showed no sign of it. As we realise he has a great love of music, and the children who listened with rapt attention enjoyed his talk on the violin.

He has been assistant for the past year in Paisley Abbey, and his reference in the intercessory prayer to the minister of it, at present seriously ill, showed the depths of his sympathy. Although a probationer I think he is more mature than his years. I know that the vacancy committee set out on its quest with a minister of more experience in mind. Those that did interest them were unwilling to move for one reason or another. It was then that they had to change their pre-conceived ideas, and have found I believe in the category of the probationer just the man for whom they have been looking. Our congregation has become a much younger onenot only with the great amount of youth—but in the numbers of young married couples that are joining us. The task before him is a heavy one but he is young, active and anxious to get into the midst of it all, and we feel most fortunate to have found one who will be ready by the grace of God to shoulder the burden. May we all extend to him a very warm welcome, and surround him with the love and the understanding that mean so much to a minister.

Our thanks must go to the Interim Moderator for his leadership and wise counsel, all so graciously given. He pledged the vacancy committee to secrecy, so much so that the Church Officer could not get a word out of his wife. "It's confidential!", she said. To the vacancy committee which has toured Scotland for six months through the worst weather of the year, to Mr. McCance, the convenor, who will tell you that he just tried to listen to them and yet whose leadership has been sound, to Mr. Ian Wilson, the secretary, who has answered every letter he received and there were many-alas Mr. Wilson is leaving us to go and live in Kent. May we say to him that we will never forget what he has done for the Church in the days when Mr. W. T. Davidson was ailing, and in his duties as an Elder in the Cottage Homes. We wish him, his wife and his family all the best that life has to offer to him. To Dr. Herron for his inspiring services and sermons during the last six months, not only so but he even came with his wife to our congregational dance. To Mr. James Rodger, our Session Clerk, for holding the reins so well at a difficult time.

Mr. Cartlidge has decided to buy his own house in the district—30 Fruin Avenue. The congregational Board has offered to provide him with an interest free loan and the building will be security for the congregation.

The joint services will be held with Mearnskirk in July and August at 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. Mr. Black conducts them in our Church in July, and Mr. Cartlidge in Mearnskirk in August.

It was a great pleasure for us as a congregation that Rev. John R. Gray of Dunblane Cathedral was the Moderator this year of the general Assembly in the Jubilee year of the Queen's reign. We feel he will grace the Office and be ably supported by his charming wife. We will not forget how he came to the opening of our new halls, and how brilliantly he spoke on that occasion.

The Boy's Brigade Annual Display on May 20th was a great success. The hall was well filled and extra chairs had to be brought in. The inspecting Officer was a Lieut. Commander of the Royal Navy. He gave the boys a most thorough inspection, and said to them in his address that dress was very important in the Senior Service and he felt all through life. He also said they should not expect to go out into life and expect people to give them all they wanted. They must go out and work and only then would people take notice of them.

Treasurer's Report

Congregational Account

Proportion of annual budget to end of May	£6,106
Amount received to end of May	£6,661
Surplus	£555

Hall Fund

Proportion of year's commitments to end of May		£4,479
Amount received to end of May		£2,992
	Deficit	£1,487

WOMAN'S GUILD

The Woman's Guild closed a most successful session with an outing to Fairlie.

For once the weather was fine and our bus driver took us by the coast road stopping at Gourock and Largs and then on to Fairlie for High Tea with time for a walk along the shore before leaving.

The Echo Meeting was held on 24th May. This is the meeting when the various delegates to the General Assembly report back to the Guild. The talks were most interesting and were listened to by an appreciative audience.

The Office Bearers for next session:

President—Mrs. C. M. Thom, 125 Beech Avenue 639 2013.

Secretary—Mrs. H. F. Simpson, 10 Arisdale Crescent 639 2432.

Treasurer—Mrs. A. B. McClure, 29 Broomvale Drive 639 2695.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Another session is almost at an end, and the staff, through the "Supplement" wish to mention the following:—

Picnic

Following an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Basil Baird, the complete Sunday School visited "Windhill Farm" on Saturday 28th May for their annual outing. Amid brilliant sunshine, the children had a wonderful outing, due in no small part to the magnificent purvey provided by Mr. and Mrs. Baird. One small boy, asked if he enjoyed the outing, said "Yes! it was sheer magic". Thank you! Jessie, Basil and family.

Prize Giving

At the time of writing, the prizegiving service has still to take place on Sunday 5th June at 3.00 p.m. This will mark the close of the present session.

Donation

A friend of the Sunday School, who wishes to remain anonymous, has made a very handsome donation towards the cost of this years' prizes. We trust that he will read this intimation and accept our thanks for his contribution towards the work of the Church among boys and girls.

Re-Opening

The Sunday School will re-open on Sunday 4th September 1977.

Miss Mary Hay—(Retirement)

Thinking about the above prizegiving service and awards to children for Perfect or Regular attendance, what can we say about Miss Hay?. A Sunday School teacher, in our church, for FIFTY-ONE Years, with perfect attendance. Despite her difficulty in walking, following a childhood illness, she is present, every Sunday, rain, hail or snow. The New Testament re-calls several wonderful Mary's but we have one in our midst. Many, many children have listened to the teaching of MARY HAY but above that, what on example she has given them and us.

Mary has decided to retire but, we will not forget her. Thank you Mary! "Well done good and faithful servant. Never were our Lord's words more appropriate.

J. MCK.

BOYS' BRIGADE

The Officers and boys of the company would like to thank all friends and parents who gave their support at the Annual Display on the 20th May 1977. As this was one of the main nights of the session, it was very encouraging, especially for the boys, to see such a good turnout. It is hoped that everyone enjoyed the evening.

Due to an anticipated increase in numbers next session, we forsee however a grave problem as regards staffing of our Junior Section, and would ask any person, male or female, who would be prepared to assist on Friday evenings to contact any member of the staff.

The company intend holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th June 1977 and an invitation is extended to all friends and parents to join us on this morning.

Report from the Session Clerk

We are greatly indebted to the Rev. W. Murray Mackay for carrying out the pastoral work of the congregation during the vacancy. His care and attention I know have been appreciated by everyone.

There will be the last Supplement edited by Mr. Mackay since he instituted it and this has been a great source of information for the congregation for many years. Through Mr. Mackay the Supplement has also been put into new homes within the Parish and this has brought many people into the Church.

We are grateful to Mr. Mackay for all his help and advice during the difficult period of the vacancy but we are happy in the knowledge that because he is living in the district, he will still be able to play his part in the life of the congregation.

OBITUARIES

The death of Robert Anderson, formerly of 31 Norwood Drive, Giffnock, on Sunday 29th May came as a great shock to the congregation. He had enjoyed the previous day with his wife motoring through to Pitten-

weem to visit his sister-in-law and her husband. He had enjoyed the evening sunshine in the garden of his son and daughter-in-law on their return. He had been troubled with angina for some years and he took an attack and died at 7.00 a.m. after an hour's illness. We rejoice that his last day was such a happy one but we shall all miss him greatly. Until his brother James retired he was the senior partner of Anderson's Limited (Newton Mearns). Originating in a Cycle Shop at Thornliebank his father—also Robert Anderson—moved up to this district early this century and opened the Garage that came to have the reputation of the finest in the West of Scotland. During the last war Mr. James was awarded the M.B.E. for resolving a "bottle-neck" in the national interest. Robert married Maisie Mitchell, who came of farming stock and they had a family of seven. One of them Kenneth never enjoyed good health and died when he was 21, yet he played an important part in uniting the others around him and so to each other. He was elected an Elder in 1940 and proved himself to be a man of wisdom in the Courts of the congregation, and one who visited his district with a thoroughness that made him beloved. Latterly he became the senior Elder and was looked up to by all. Of his loyalty to me personally I cannot speak too highly. The fact that all his family are members of our Church testifies to the influence—no doubt unconscious—that he exerted over them. He was held in highest esteem in the motoring industry and was twice elected President of it in Scotland. To his wife, his sons and daughters, his brothers, his sister and his grandchildren we express the deepest sympathy of the congregation.

Miss Helen Gow, Cormie House, Paisley died on Monday 7th February in her 90th year. Those of us who were privileged to know her would maintain that she was one of the finest women we had met in life. She was born in Ballantrae where her father was Game-keeper in one of the largest estates in the district. After a number of years she moved to a similar post in the South of Ireland where the family spent their earliest years before returning to Ballantrae. It fell to her lot, especially after her mother died, to bring up the family and to run the croft. Being a few miles from the village she opened a Sunday School for children in surrounding farms. Her sister Miss Mary Gow entered the profession of nursing, and after only one year was appointed Matron of Gartloch. It was the year that the first world war broke out and casualites were brought by train to be under her care. When she retired after a life time's service she bought a house in Beech Avenue, Newton Mearns, and Miss Nell came to stay with her. It was then that we became acquainted with them. Two of her brothers came at different times to stay with them, and it was Nell who looked after them until they died. They became known and beloved in our Church, and took an active part in the Woman's Guild. She retired to the Cormie House. Paisley a beautiful and functionally built residence where she was very happy and became one of the personalities of the home. She took up painting as a recreation and proved herself no mean exponent of the art. It was however in her presence that she stood out as a mother in Israel. She had a deep faith in God and in Jesus Chirst. She was never afraid to say exactly what she believed in any situation. It was a reflection of the home of faith and prayer in which she had been brought up in Ayrshire. To her nephew and her kith and kin we

extend the deep sympathy of the Church. "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Miss Helen Beatson, 144 Castle Court died on Monday 14th February 1977. Her sister Mrs. McKean with whom she lived latterly died a fortnight before. It brought on her a shock from which she did not recover. Perhaps it was best that it should be so. We could not visualise what the future otherwise would have been for her. She worked in the Town Clerk's Office in Glasgow, and was a kindly personality and a faithful member of the Church.

Miss Janet M. Cowie, Alderwood, Beech Avenue died on Wednesday 16th February 1977. She called her house by this name because her father owned quite a number of boot and shoe shops and the clogs that he sold were made by him of this kind of wood. She was with us for a considerable number of years, attended the Church regularly and the Guild and made a lot of friends in the district. She spoke in a deep voice that was very attractive, and one could always be assured that she meant what she said. We shall miss her much and are grateful that we had the privilege of knowing her.

Miss Margaret D. Fraser, 1 Firwood Road died on

Thursday 24th February 1977. She stayed almost all her life, after the family house was sold, with Mr. and Mrs. Hector Fleming. She did not enjoy good health when she came to move with them to this district. We did not therefore have the chance to get to know her. We know how much we are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming for all the work they do for the Church and have done so before they joined us. He was the Session Clerk in the Church in the Calton district. He teaches in the Sunday School, and is the registrar of the Systematic Giving Scheme. As a family, then, we are deeply indebted to

them and would express our deep sympathy in the pass-

ing of a much loved sister and sister-in-law.

Mrs. William Blackwood, 2 Paidmyre Gardens died on Monday 14th March 1977. We are speaking now of one of the families built into the life of this district and of our congregation. She was a Craig born in Shieldhill Farm, where Arisdale Crescent now stands. Hers was one of the first marriages I conducted in the congregation. Her husband came from Greenloaning where his father was minister. They took up house in a cottage attached to Langton Farm before moving into Wellmeadow Farm when Tommy Craig moved into Shieldhill. There they spent almost all of their married life. Her husband was a contractor but he had also to look after the farm. She was a delightful personality—a woman of beauty, charm and wisdom. She was a true mother of her two children, guiding them in joy and in sorrow, a faithful wife. She loved the Church and attended it regualrly. She was found in the Woman's Guild. Her patience in the sufferings she underwent in the last few years was something to admire. To her husband, her son and daughter and her grandchildren and all her kith and kin we extend the deepest sympathy of the Church.

Mrs. Jean Wilson, formerly of 10 Edzell Drive died in Darnley Hospital on Sunday 20th March 1977. She had a stroke some years ago which deprived her of her power of speech and was taken to Darnley Hospital where she died. One felt a great sadness at the frustration she must have endured. She had not had an easy life. She was widowed comparatively young, and looked after her father Mr. Cumming for many years. She

Sandra Stewart
9-4-ord Rd

loved to help people and did so for many years. She always gave her visitors such a welcome and yet she could not utter a word. We are glad that these sufferings of hers are over and thank God for one we knew and loved.

Mrs. Helen Tennant, 4 Castle Court died on Monday 28th March 1977 at a City Hospital. It was fitting that she should be looked after in her last days by a Hospital that had known her late husband as one of its leading surgeons. Many of us used to see his name at the entrance to a ward for a considerable number of years. When he retired they moved to Dunblane, and she came to Newton Mearns, to Hazelwood Avenue and later to Castle Court. She had not been long in the district before she attached herself to our congregation and proved to be one of its most faithful members. She had a genius for friendship and soon had a host of new friends around her. She was a fine conversationalist, interested in all that went on in the life of the person to whom she was speaking. She had three daughters—one of them in Canada—and she loved to travel across the sea to visit her. One feels she must have been a most sympathetic doctor's wife. She loved the Church and was always in her place on a Sunday morning. Life is full of many fine women and she must be numbered among them. Perhaps it is not always what they do as what they are. To her three daughters, her sons-in-law and her grandchildren we offer our sympathy.

Miss Ann Orr, 10 Clark Place died on Tuesday 12th April 1977. She was the child of Annie Orr and some will say she died of a broken heart. She was seperated from her mother when she had a stroke and was taken away to hospital. Although she was older she had never been parted from her. It is said she never did anyone any harm, never spoke a word against another. Surely a fine blessing. To Annie Orr, who has been in our Church all her life, the sister of Joanna and Mary, we offer our deep sympathy.

Mrs. Buchanan, Clarinnes, Hazelwood Avenue died on March 4th 1977. It was strange that she and Mrs. Tennant should both be in hospital at the same time. They were great friends and had lunch along with Mrs. Napier once a week. They were both also Doctor's wives yet their lives moved in different backgrounds. The late Dr. Buchanan was a G.P. all his life in Dennistoun, Glasgow. He climbed the tenement stairs and if he found a woman who was sick and lived alone, he would not leave until he had put on her fire for her, and in these days there were no electric ones. Mrs. Buchanan was another of the very fine women of life, and was a great help to her husband in his work. She also loved the Church and she and her husband sat near the front of the Church. To her daughter Margaret and her husband and their children and her sister we extend the deep sympathy of the Church.

OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

The Woman's Guild

President: Mrs. C. M. Thom, 125 Beech Avenue 639 2013

Secretary: Mrs. H. Simpson, 10 Arisdale Crescent 639 2432 Treasurer: Mrs. A. B. McClure, 29 Broomvale Drive 639 2695

The Guild meets on alternate Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

Young Woman's Group

President: Mrs. Anna Young, 35 Arisdale Crescent 639 3394 Vice-President: Mrs. Pam Paterson, 46 Rodger

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Secretary: Mrs. Cheryl Nixon, 22 Abercorn
Road 639 5740

Mrs. Chris Hill 21 Worsley Cres-

Treasurer: Mrs. Chris Hill, 21 Worsley Crescent 639 6652

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

The Sunday School

Superintendent: Mr. J. McKerral, 46 Newtonlea Avenue 639 3655

Treasurer: Mr. G. H. Burt, 184 Capelrig Road. 639 5711

Secretary: Mr. Alan Paterson, 46 Rodger Avenue 639 4972

The Boys' Brigade—79th Glasgow Company

Captain: Mr. Hugh Ross, 31 Kinloch Road. 639 5598

The Company meets in the Hall on Friday evenings at 7.30.

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

Leader: Mr. Martin Ogilvie, 1 Glebe Lane 639 2493

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

The Girl Guides—2nd Mearns Company

Captain: Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, 16 Shawwood Crescent 639 4835

The Company meets in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30—9.30.

3rd Mearns Company

Acting-Captain: Miss Simmie, 30 Windsor Avenue 639 3177

The Company meets on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 in the Church Hall.

2nd Brownie Pack

Brown Owl: Mrs. R. Booth, 17 Gordon Cres't 639 4230

This Pack meets in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 6.00—7.30.

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Brown Owl: Miss Joan Robertson, 1 William Mann Drive

This Pack meets in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings from 6.00—7.30.

7th Brownie Pack

Brown Owl: Miss Simmie, 30 Windsor Avenue 639 3177

This Pack meets on Wednesday evenings from 6.00 to 7.30 in the Church Hall.

3rd Brownie Pack

Brown Owl: Mrs. Stevenson, 1 Rysland Avenue 639 2347

This Pack meets on Monday evenings from 6.00 to 7.30 in the Church Hall.

The Badminton Club

President: Miss Elspeth Simpson, 10 Arisdale Crescent 639 2432

Secretary: Mrs. Isobel Gray, 73 Broomfield Avenue 639 5710

Treasurer: Colin Atkinson, 106 Beech Avenue

Club meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30.: Junior, Saturday 1.30-3.30 p.m.

Sparks—Boys 5-7 Years

Leader: Miss Shirley Howie, 51 Beech Avenue 639 2661 The Sparks meet on Wednesday evenings between

6.30—7.30.

The next Supplement will be available for distribution on Sunday 11th September 1977. Material should be handed in 14 days in advance to the Session Clerk.