

## THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

# NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH SUPPLEMENT

SEPTEMBER 1977

### Minister:

REV. GRAHAM R. G. CARTLIDGE  
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### Property Convenor:

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272 Ayr Road 639 2249

### Church Officer:

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2 William Mann Drive 639 2777

**Sunday Services**—9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

**Sunday School**—Primary and Junior 11.30 a.m.

—Seniors 10.00 a.m.

**B.B. Bible Class**—10.15 a.m.

## REGISTER

### Baptisms

Mark Andrew Snowden, 4 Carswell Road.  
Pamela Marion Charis Morrison, 37 Broompark Drive.  
Lesley Kim Johan Lockhart, 15 Newtonlea Avenue.  
Colin Halkerston Macfarlane, 5 Corran Avenue.  
Charlotte Louise Boyd, 26 Royale Close, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.

### Deaths

Mrs. Maisie Watson, 22 Castle Court.  
Mr. James Caldwell, 316 Ayr Road.  
Mr. James Stirling, 131 Ayr Road.  
Miss Mary Young, 14 Townhead Road.

### New Members

People who have handed in their certificates of transference will be officially joined by announcement at the October 9th service, and will have their names printed in the next supplement.

### Attendance at Church Door

1977

Sept. 18	G. A. Roser, W. W. Blue, R. Burnside.
" 25	K. S. G. Fish, R. D. Todd, D. M. Harris.
Oct. 2	M. A. Fitzgerald, G. W. Sellars, K. Harvey,
" 9	W. T. B. Simmons, J. Knight, J. Knox.
" 16	C. R. Godon, R. J. Pounce, H. Ross (Com- munion Sunday).
" 23	J. S. Robertson, A. C. McIntyre, A. R. Y. Smith.
" 30	J. B. Milne, G. B. Jarvie, R. Thomson.
Nov. 6	I. M. Mackay, W. M. Walker, M. Gillies.
" 13	D. J. McPhail, J. B. Maxton, E. H. Clem- ents.
" 20	W. T. MacKinnon, R. A. Macdonald, R. L. Todd.
" 27	A. B. McClure, G. H. Burt, J. A. McKelvie.

## LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

I welcome this opportunity of coming into your homes to say "Hello". Firstly may I thank you for all your good wishes and say how much it means to me, beginning a new job in a yet strange area, to have the support and friendship of so many people. My thanks are especially due to Mr. Mackay, Mr. Rodger, Mr. Dinsmor, and Mr. McCance, who have all done a great deal to help set me on the right trails as I begin work amongst you.

At the moment I am getting to know the elders and office bearers through visiting and in meetings, but I am hoping to start a programme of visiting the whole congregation in the near future, being introduced by district elders. This will be a considerable task in a congregation the size of ours, so I hope you will forgive me if my initial visits lasts little more than a quarter of an hour. I expect I shall be seeing many of you at the meetings of the Church organisations and of course on a Sunday morning, and I look forward to these various opportunities of our getting to know one another.



The importance of the church as a family has always been uppermost for me and I am already feeling that I have been privileged to find a very happy home here in Newton Mearns. I trust that each of you, like me, will be able increasingly to find the energy and the meaning of the church as a family in the years to come.

I shall be having a vestry hour each Thursday at 6.00 p.m. If you feel you would like to share some problem or hope or idea, discuss arrangements for a baptism, or talk about anything else, please feel free to come along and knock on the vestry door between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. that evening. Otherwise you may contact me through my 'phone number given above—I tend to be in at meal times! By the way, I would appreciate it if members hearing of anybody in the congregation who is ill could let me or the elder concerned know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

You may like to know that I am settling down most happily in Mr. Ian Wilson's old house in Fruin Avenue. It is a very manageable house, with just the right size of garden for me, and an open sunny outlook. I'll probably be looking for gardening, baking, and cooking tips as I come around visiting you!

Meanwhile the work of a new season calls us onwards. I look forward to serving you all fully and faithfully in the years to come. May God's richest blessing be with you always.

Yours sincerely,

GRAHAM CARTLIDGE.

### CONGREGATIONAL LOG

The Church's summer season is past, with our usual exchange of Churches and ministers. Attendances at our own Church and at Mearnskirk seemed to be quite healthy this year, although one would never object to further increase. Now we are back in our own building and look forward to the work of the autumn and winter.

On September 4th at the 9.30 a.m. service, we had a dedication of Sunday School Teachers—a service in which Mrs. Hulley, Mr. McKerral, and Mr. Paterson took part.

A First Communicants' Class began on September 11th. Anybody who wishes to join this class should contact the minister as soon as possible. It is open to any who are not yet sure if they want to join the church but would like to explore and discuss the matter in depth. Those who decide to join will be received into the Church at the 11.30 a.m. service on October 9th.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be on October 2nd with the children bringing gifts to the 11.30 a.m. service.

Our October Communion is on the 16th, at the usual time of 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., and 3.00 p.m. We hope to see as many of our members as possible on that day. The retiring collection will be for the new hall. The Session has decided that for this Communion we shall have a short Preparation Service, on Friday 14th October at 7.30 p.m. All members are warmly invited to attend.

The Remembrance Day services on 13th November will be at 9.30 a.m. and 10.50 a.m., when the youth organisations will march in uniform.

### Finance

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The financial position at 31/8/77 was as follows:—

#### Congregational Account

Proportion of budgetted income to end of August	£7,691
Amount received	£8,509
Expenditure budgetted to end of August	£8,110
Actual expenditure	£7,989
Nett surplus	£939

#### Hall Fund

Proportion of years' target to end of August	£8,625
Amount received	£3,288
Shortfall	£5,337

As you will see from the above summary, the general financial position of the Congregation had improved very considerably and this is most encouraging. However, progress towards clearing off the debt on the new Hall has slowed down and as the summary shows, it is extremely unlikely that we will reach our 1977 target of £13,000. On the brighter side, falling interest rates are reducing the burden and improving the value of our securities.

The fund-raising committee has a programme of events in mind for the winter season and we hope these will have your fullest support but it is also necessary for you to give what you can whenever you can. A good opportunity will be at the October communion when the usual retiring collection for the Hall Fund will be taken.

A. McCANCE,

*Congregational Treasurer.*

### ORDINATION and INDUCTION

It was perhaps with relief but with great satisfaction to the Congregation that after nine months without a Minister, the Rev. Graham Cartlidge was ordained and inducted on Wednesday 29th June.

For those of us who were fortunate to be present, this was a moving and memorable occasion. It was a great pleasure to have the Rev. David Johnson, who has been a frequent visitor to the Church, presiding in place of the Moderator, assisted by our recent Sunday Preacher, Dr. Andrew Herron. Rev. A. C. Raeburn gave an outstanding address and in his charges to the Minister, Rev. Fred C. Muir pointed out that the Congregation had its part to play in the successful ministry of the Church.

I think we would all agree that the social part of the evening was a great success. We were very grateful to the ladies who provided and served the tea and put us all in the right mood for the wonderful music and enlightening speeches that followed.

Mr. Mackay introduced Mr. Cartlidge to the Congregation and in his inimitable way referred to the fact that they both had the degree S.T.M. Mr. Mackay said to some this meant "Saturday to Monday" but Mr. Cartlidge in his reply said to him it would mean "Speak to Mackay". Many members will recall the similarity



between the two ministers in that both were ordained and inducted in this Church.

Mrs. Cartlidge has said that her son, Graham, is very lucky in receiving this call, but I think it is we who are more fortunate.

In the Lord's name we welcome you, Sir, to our midst.

JAMES N. RODGER.

### WOMANS' GUILD and YOUNG WOMAN'S GROUP

W.G. Coffee Morning, November 5th 1977

Women's World Day of Prayer, March 3rd, 1978

#### GUILD SYLLABUS 1977-78

- 1977  
Oct. 3 "Gilbert and Ellice Islands"  
Miss Isobel Halliday  
" 17—Rev. James Currie, J.P., M.A., B.D.  
Joint Meeting with Y.W.G.  
" 31—Mrs. Boyle, Headmistress  
Corseford School for Spastics  
Nov. 14—Guest Night Williamwood W.G. Choir  
" 28—Bible Study  
Rev. Graham R. G. Cartlidge  
Dec. 12—Christmas Party  
1978  
Jan. 9—Mrs. Fraser — Convener of Overseas  
Committee  
" 23—Burns Supper  
Joint Meeting with Y.W.G.  
Feb. 6—"Florence"  
Miss Jean Adams  
" 20—"My Year as Moderator"  
The Very Rev. Andrew Herron,  
B.D., LL.B., D.D. (Open Meeting)  
Mar. 6—Salvation Army Songsters  
" 20—Delegates' Reports  
Apr. 3—Annual General Meeting

#### YOUNG WOMAN'S GROUP

- 1977  
Sept. 5—Opening Social—"Get to Know Us"  
" 19—Cookery Demonstration—  
Marshall's Macaroni  
Oct. 3—Adoption and Fostering  
Miss Harper  
" 17—Rev. James Currie  
(Joint Meeting)  
Oct. 31—Winter Motoring — the A.A.  
Nov. 14—Visit — Hoover  
" 28—Abortion—Rev. J. Stevenson  
Dec. 12—Presents and Pies  
1978  
Jan. 9—Slim for '78  
" 23—Burns Supper (Joint Meeting)  
Feb. 6—Mrs. Gillies, J.P.  
" 20—Dr. Herron (Joint Meeting)  
Mar. 6—"Knit In"  
" 20—A.G.M. and Savoury Supper  
Meetings in Upper Hall

### THE WOMAN'S GUILD

Though it is still September, the announcement "The Woman's Guild will have its opening meeting on Monday, 3rd October at 7.30" will be heard all too soon, and we shall be reminded that a new year in our church's calendar is about to begin.

New Beginnings might well be the Theme for us this year. Our church leadership is, so to speak, under New Management, and at this point our Guild would like to say welcome to our new minister Rev. Graham R. G. Cartlidge. We look forward to having him in our midst as adviser and friend, and we extend to him a very cordial invitation to visit us as often as time may allow him.

Our Guild too has changed management after three arduous and successful years Mrs. Dinsmor has vacated the Presidency. We wish her well in her period of rest. Her successor is Mrs. C. M. Thom.

Another innovation, as you will see from the syllabus is on the arrangement of the meetings which will be held once a fortnight, instead of once a week, as they were in the past. This change has been made after much thought, and as an experiment, for we can easily revert to the old arrangement if desired.

At the moment the sun is still bright and the air warm and scented with flowers, but memory and foreboding go hand in hand as we look back and remember the black Monday evenings when we valiantly struggled up the road or down the hill, in the face of hail, rain, wind and snow, seeking the refuge of the hall, where our President congratulated us on our loyalty in defiance of the elements. A cut in the number of these battles royal will be most acceptable!

There is an advantage also in that our Young Woman's Group will be meeting in the Upper Hall at the same time and date, and thus our joint meetings can more easily be arranged. This will, too, perhaps help to save a little energy and expense in lighting and heating—always a heavy item.

More new beginnings. Most of our parish lies in the new area being built up. We most warmly welcome our new neighbours to our midst and invite them to join us and share in our friendship and activities.

The Guild Syllabus is varied and our membership is free. Between the two organisations there is wide scope for women of all ages. Our Guild has achieved a tremendous amount in the past and of this it can be deservedly proud. Still young in spirit it looks forward with confidence to another season of fulfilment and usefulness, which will equal if not surpass those that have gone.

#### YOUNG WOMAN'S GROUP Church Supplement

Our first meeting of the New Session took place on Monday, 5th September, when we held a successful Beetle Drive and a Coffee and Chat. We have an interesting programme lined up for this year, including a visit to Hoover, a talk on "Winter Driving" by the A.A. and also a Slimming Talk which, after the Christmas Festivities, should prove helpful to one and all.

We extend a warm welcome to all Young Women to come along and join us in the Upper Hall every second Monday at 7.30 p.m. You will be made most welcome and are assured of making new friends.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Our arrangements for Sunday School are slightly different from those in previous years.

We are endeavouring to make the 11.30 a.m. church service more of a "family service". Therefore we would like the children in the junior department to enter church with you each Sunday and sit beside you in your normal pew.

After the children's hymns, following the Minister's address to the children, they will leave the church for the Sunday School.

Children in the beginner's Dept. (3 to 5 years old) will then go to the old hall, those in the Primary (6 and 7 years old) to the hall upstairs and the "Juniors" (8 to 11 years old) to the new hall.

We know that occasionally you may not be able to remain for the church service. Depending on the age of your children therefore, you should leave them at the appropriate hall as noted above. There will always be Sunday School teachers available to take that group of children into the Church.

We take this opportunity, parents, of thanking you for your support in the past. It is a pleasant thought to think of us working together for the good of those children who mean so much to us.

Finally, please note that the Sunday School will be open on Sunday, 25th September which is the holiday week-end, and also during the 11.30 a.m. Communion Service on October 16th.

J. McK.

### 12+ year olds

The Senior Group for 12+ year olds has recommenced on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. An interesting syllabus has been prepared, and there should be something for everyone, including some Sunday afternoon and weeknight outings. If you have any children between 12 and 15, please ask them to come along.

### 79th B.B.

The 79th B.B.'s new session is now under way with good numbers in both Junior and Company sections. The Boy's Brigade are now recognising the "Sparks" as part of their organisation and boys aged 6-8 will be made welcome on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m.

This year's summer "camp" (not under canvas but in a hotel!) was a most successful trip to Blankenberge in Belgium. Day trips were arranged to Holland and France which were both enjoyable and educational for boys and officers alike. The weather was wonderful and the food was "magic" according to the boys! We hope that next year's camp (by popular request) will be a return visit to the village of Balintore in the Highlands.

Any boys wishing to join the company will be made welcome on Fridays at 6.30 p.m. (Juniors) and 7.45 p.m. (Company).

H. Ross (Captain).

## GIRL GUIDES

This year we set off for our Annual Summer Camp back to Kilbery, in Argyll. Despite some rather nasty days of rain and wind at the beginning, it was a great success, and after 10 days we came home having had a very enjoyable time. Our activities included hiking, orienteering, swimming and sightseeing, all entered into with great enthusiasm, and, luckily, with no mishap. We took guides from Whitecraigs, Giffnock and Uplawmoor with us, and it is always a pleasure to watch the guides making new friends, and to hear them singing all day long. My sincere thanks go to all my guiding friends who so faithfully give of their time and energy to come with me year after year and help make our camps such good fun. One of the staff "celebrated" her 10th year of camping with us this year, and she lives in Derby!

May I ask the congregation for help in running the Brownie Packs—we are really quite desperate now for some adult leaders for the Wednesday and Thursday packs, and if we do not get some help, it is probable that a brownie pack will have to close—with ever-increasing numbers, this would seem to me to be a shame, and so I would ask that if anyone would like to come and help in these organisations, perhaps they would be kind enough to phone me at 369-2830, any time.

JANE C. PELOSI,  
*District Commissioner.*

## THE BADMINTON CLUB

Owing to an increase in membership the club had a successful season, doing well in all leagues. This year, we hope to have four teams, a mixed and a ladies in the Langside League, a mixed and a mens in the East Kilbride League.

The Junior Club will commence sometime in October (Age 9-14).

## FUND-RAISING

Webb Ivory fund-raising may be new to our church but has been very well tried, tested and approved by countless other organisations. Its great advantage is that everyone benefits—the church and the participants; this is armchair shopping where prices compare extremely favourable with shop ones. The church hall fund will receive 25% of all orders placed.

The catalogue contains details of all Christmas cards, decorations and small gift ideas, plus an extensive range of birthday cards. In coming weeks, catalogues will be available at Guild and Young Women's Group meetings, and in the vestibule on Sundays. Anyone wishing to browse through the catalogue, yet unable to obtain one through these sources, should contact me by telephone. Don't delay—Christmas is only 10 weeks away!

PAM PATERSON 639 4972

## CRECHE

It is sincerely hoped that creche facilities will soon be offered at the 11.30 a.m. service. Please keep a look out for announcements regarding this. It will enable those of you who have very young children to attend the morning service while experienced mothers and toys entertain your baby. In this connection if anyone has old or spare carpeting which could be rolled out on a floor for the babies, could they let Mr. Dinsmor know.



## OBITUARIES

Mrs. Maisie Watson of 34 Eastwoodmains Road died in Hospital on Friday, 10th June 1977. Those who knew her through the years realised that she was a woman of strong personality and of outstanding social gifts. She was a regular attender of the Church as long as she was able to do so. Latterly, alas, she was confined to the house and to her bedroom. It must have been a great change to have to forsake her social contacts. Yet she never lost the ability to face life with a smile and to enrich it with her flashes of humour. She was looked after most attentively to the end of her days by her daughter and son-in-law. She was always vitally interested in the affairs of the Church. To her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren we express today the deep affection of the Church.

Mr. J. Caldwell, 316 Ayr Road died on Thursday, 16th June 1977. He took over the family building business and was able to make it a prosperous concern, even when times were difficult. Perhaps the fact that other members of the family, his brother and sisters were involved in it and their livelihood dependent on it, drove him on to continuous effort. He took up late in life the recreation of bowling and rose to be President of the Mearns Bowling Club. To his widow and sons and the other members of the family we offer our deep sympathy.

Mr. James P. Stirling, 131 Ayr Road died on Friday, 1st July 1977. He was in the business of iron and steel, bolt and nut merchants all his life. He began in the Glasgow Engineering Supplies Company and after various take-overs finished in Davis and Timmins Limited. We only got to know him when he and his wife came, about the time of his retirement, from Jordanhill to this district. He was a man of a most alert mind and interested in all that went on around him. He and his wife came regularly to the 9.30 Service and then often went off to have a cup of coffee in Eaglesham. I remember that he said to me one day that he saw in the Supplement that the Church needed for the building fund £20 from each member. He wrote out a cheque and gave it to me. Then he said to his wife go and get your cheque book and give the minister another £20. She dutifully obeyed! He was vitally interested in the Church. He was a very good neighbour to those who lived around him. One of them brought to him the first rose in her garden this past year and he was deeply touched. He was then lying very ill. Such was the affection he instilled in others. His daughter had to move from Kilmarnock to Lichfield and he missed the three boys very much, although they made every effort to visit him. He had always organised games in the garden for them, competitions and sausage sizzles etc. To Mrs. Stirling whose care of her husband was during the last nine months a matter of watching over him day and night, to his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren we offer the deep sympathy and affection of the congregation.

Miss Mary Young, 14 Townhead Road, died aged 70 on 8th September, 1977, in the Victoria Infirmary.

She had lived and worked all her life in this parish and for this community. She attended church faithfully and took an active interest in all the work of the congregation. Not content with her contribution to the Girls' Association and the Badminton Club earlier, she gave much of her later years to supporting loyally the Woman's Guild, to helping with fund-raising for the New Hall, and to visiting the sick and elderly, even doing their shopping many times. Her care of her father will not be forgotten.

She had a bright personality and devoted her life to serving others joyfully. We feel sad at our loss, and extend our deep sympathy to Barbara and Belle, her sisters, and all her neices and nephews.

## OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

### The Woman's Guild

<i>President:</i>	Mrs. C. M. Thom, 125 Beech Avenue	639 2013
<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 alternate Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

### Young Woman's Group

<i>President:</i>	Mrs. Anna Young, 35 Arisdale Crescent	639 3394
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Mrs. Pam Paterson, 46 Rodger Avenue	639 4972
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mrs. Cheryl Nixon, 22 Abercorn Road	639 5740
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mrs. Chris Hills, 31 Worsley Crescent	639 6046

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. G. H. Burt, 184 Capelrig Road.	639 5711
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mr. Alan Paterson, 46 Rodger Avenue	639 4972

### 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

*Captain:* Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, 16 Shaw  
wood Crescent 639 4835

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

### 3rd Mearns Company

*Captain:* Barrie Maclean, 25 Pollock Road  
639 3151

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

### 2nd Brownie Pack

*Acting Brown Owl:* Miss Joan Robertson, 1 William  
Mann Drive 639 7266

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

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### 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:* Miss Fiona Macrae, 1 Lomond  
Drive 639 3467

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  
639 2970

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 20th November 1977. Material should be  
handed in 14 days in advance to the Session Clerk.