

CHURCH EXTENSION CHIMES

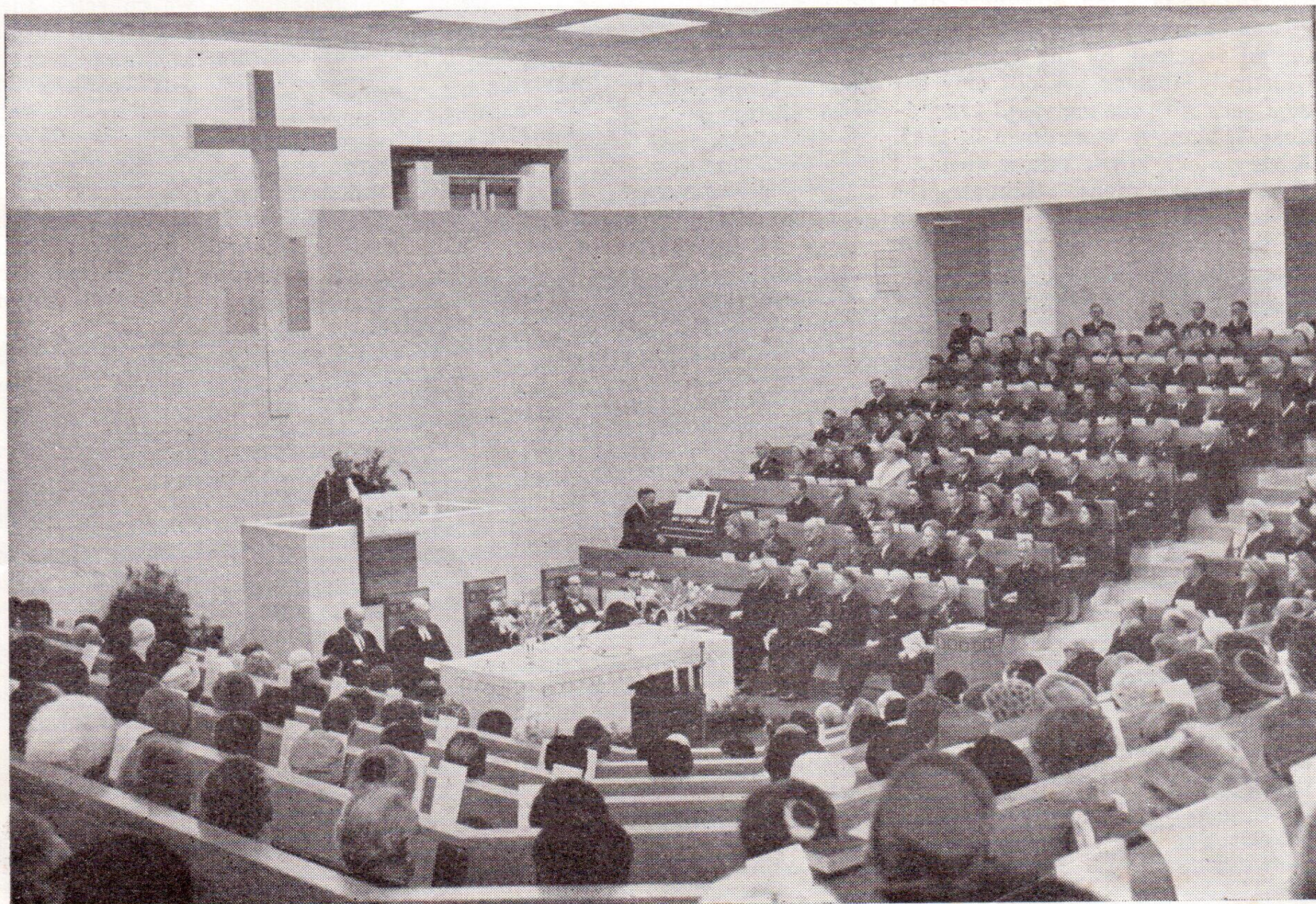
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MODERATOR DEDICATES "COVENANTER" CHURCH

CRAIGSBANK Church has grown up in the midst of a private development of new housing in the Corstorphine suburb of Edinburgh, which began between the two World Wars and which has continued to date. During the ministry of the Rev. Graham M. Little, the first Minister, a church hall was erected as the first stage of a complete suite of buildings. The intervention of the

War left the church unbuilt. On the cessation of hostilities, the first priority on resumption of building was for the great new housing estates without any buildings at all. Craigsbank was one of a few congregations which had to wait for further accommodation. The time came when it was possible to extend and convert the existing church hall into the post war type of hall-church

and to supplement this with a timber hut. But the growth and vitality of the congregation continued apace and presented a valid claim for a church of a standard similar to those of its older neighbours. On agreement by the congregation to repay a larger proportion of the cost than normally expected from a Church Extension Charge, the National Church Extension Committee agreed to erect a church — and so some 30 years after the creation of the Charge, Craigsbank has its church. And an impressive church it is! The Architect's idea behind the basic plan was a mind picture of how the Scots Covenanters must have gathered round their minister on the hillsides. The church plan developed this idea. It is all white inside and out. The pulpit and Communion Table are no exception. Apart from one small stained glass window, there are no windows in the walls. All the light comes from above. The Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Rev. Archibald Watt, D.D., dedicated the church on 8th January, 1966. In the illustration below, he is seen preaching the sermon to a large congregation. The present Minister, the Rev. James B. Donald, was inducted in 1951.



CASH CRISIS!!!

"STOP, Go" is a phrase which has been coined to describe the policy of British Governments in regard to the Nation's finance. Unfortunately, it is equally true of Church Extension. The present phase of "full production" in the realm of church building is rapidly coming to an end. We are faced with another "stop" period. In colloquial terms we have been "living on tick", and our cash debt at the beginning of the year 1966 was approximately £600,000 and is expected to reach £750,000 by the end of the year even if only ONE new building is begun during the year, and because the Committee's income is quite inadequate for its commitments, the erection of many buildings urgently needed, (including some for new charges without any at all) will require to be postponed; some for one or two years, some for several years.

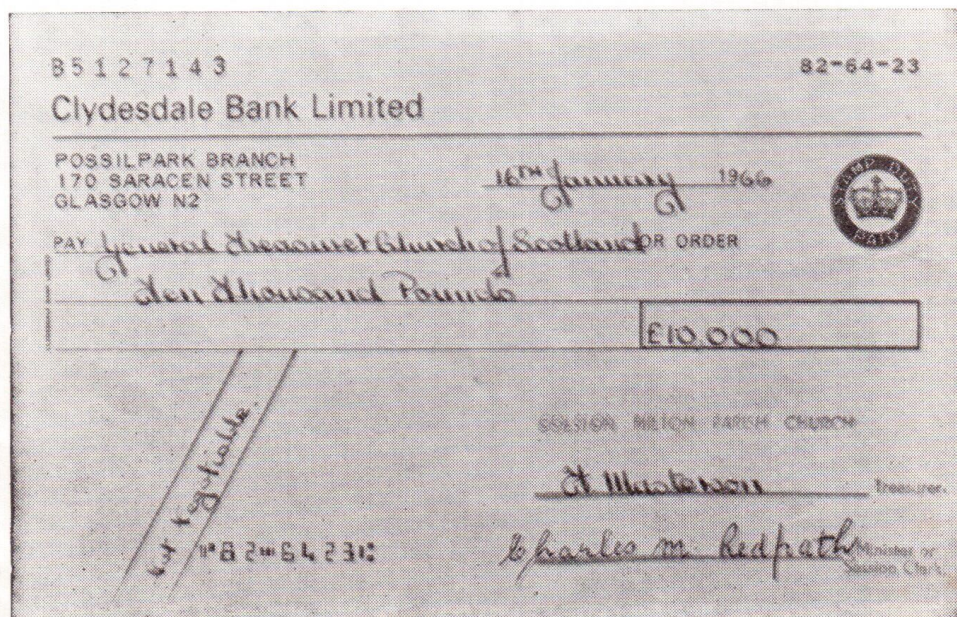
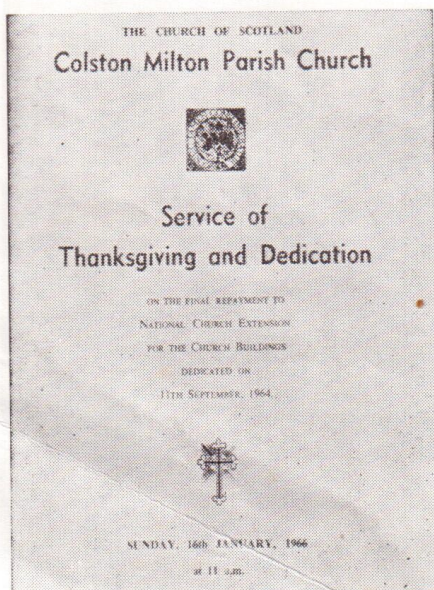
The spiralling building costs, the increased accommodation required, the expansion of the older new towns and the designation of others have greatly increased the amount of capital required by the Committee. Unhappily, income has not only not kept pace with the increased expenditure, it actually went down in 1965. A very much larger sum is required from congregations, through the Co-ordinated Appeal, if the Church is to overtake its vital Church Extension task, and meet the challenge of the new towns and new housing areas.



Bricks and bricklayers cost more and more!

The Church Extension Charges and others receiving the benefit of buildings, provided by the National Church Extension Committee, are paying their share. Some of them are doing quite extraordinarily well. Consider, for example, the case of Colston Milton Church, Glasgow. It was established as a Church Extension Charge in 1950, with the Rev. John Stewart as first Minister. It was the first post-war charge to repay completely its share of its original buildings (hall-church and manse). With a congregation of over 1,000 the hall-church came to be quite inadequate and a new church was

built and dedicated on 11th September 1964. While it is true that the congregation had a few years to save before the church was completed, it was, nevertheless, a wonderful achievement to have collected their full share of the new church in just over a year from the day of its opening. At a Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by the Minister, Mr. Stewart, who is still at Colston Milton, the Treasurer, Mr. Masterton, handed over to the Secretary-Depute of the Home Board, representing the National Church Extension Committee, a cheque for no less than £10,000. Well done, Colston Milton!



THE LIVINGSTON ECUMENICAL EXPERIMENT

PRESBYTERY and Bishop, Minister and Priest, Presbyterians and Episcopalians. They were all there in the Kirk of Calder on 6th January 1966, the date of the Epiphany, together with representatives of other denominations. It was an historic occasion in an historic setting. The Kirk of Calder is a pre-Reformation Church and within its walls, John Knox, the leader of the Scottish Reformation, celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. On this occasion, the Rev. James Maitland, was inducted by the Moderator of the Presbytery of Livingston &

Bathgate, the Rev. Angus MacLeod, to the Church of Scotland parish of Craigshill, Livingston, while the Rev. Brian Hardy was installed by the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Edinburgh, the Right Rev. Kenneth M. Carey, D.D., as Priest-in-Charge of the Mission Church at Craigshill of the Episcopal Church in Scotland.

Owing to a delay in the housing programme at Livingston, there were no residents in the new area at the time of the service, so while Mr Hardy returned to the south to complete his present chaplaincy work at Cambridge, Mr. Maitland had a few

weeks to prepare for his new task.

When the church buildings to be erected by the Church of Scotland have been completed, both denominations will share the buildings. While some services will be denominational, others will be united, and most of the church organisations and agencies will be united. It is hoped that arrangements of a reciprocal character will be made for the other areas of the town, and that the Congregational Union and possibly other denominations may share in united witness in the town.



Left :

The Rev. James Maitland is inducted in the Kirk of Calder as the first Church of Scotland minister of Craigshill Church, Livingston, by the Moderator of the Presbytery of Livingston and Bathgate.

Right :

The Rev. Brian Hardy is installed in the same Kirk of Calder at the same service as Priest - in - Charge of the Episcopal Mission Church of Craigshill, Livingston, by the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Edinburgh.



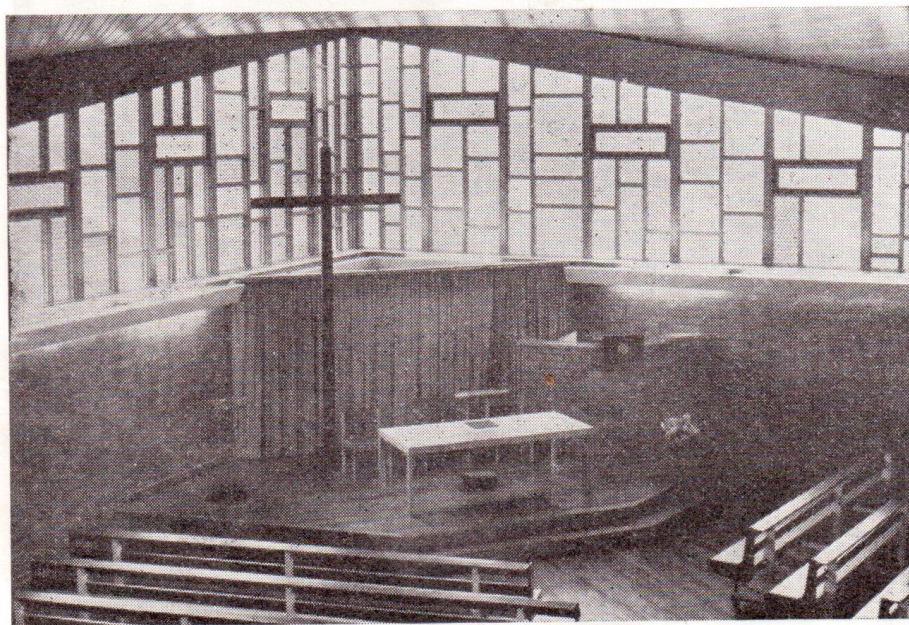
LORD BIRSAY OPENS BOGHALL CHURCH

Lord Birsay, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assemblies of 1965 and 1966, opened the new church at Boghall, Bathgate, on 30th October, 1965. He also gave the address during the service, while the Moderator of the Presbytery of Livingston & Bathgate, the Rev. Angus Macleod, dedicated the building. This church is the second to have a hyperbolic paraboloid roof. The first was Hamilton-Bardrainney, Port Glasgow. Boghall was formerly

in the Parish of St. John's, Bathgate. The charge was created with the induction of the Rev. Tom Milroy, the present Minister, in May 1960, when the church hall was also dedicated. The new church completes the suite of buildings. Until last year Mr. Milroy and his family lived in one of the local Council houses in the parish. A permanent manse within the parish has now been erected. The Boghall area is still growing very rapidly.



Boghall Church, Bathgate — Exterior and Interior.



EXHIBITION OF NEW CHURCHES

An exhibition of approximately 30 of the most recent churches erected by the National Church Extension Committee will be held in the Gateway Theatre, Elm Row, Leith Walk, Edinburgh, during the period of the General Assembly of 1966. The exhibition which consists of plans, photographs and descriptions of the churches concerned will be open each afternoon from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and each evening from 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. from Monday, 23rd May, to Friday, 27th May. Parties of visitors from congregations, presbyteries, or other areas will also be welcome on any of the following evenings by arrangement with the Manager, The Gateway Theatre, Elm Row, Leith Walk, Edinburgh — 18th, 19th, 20th, 30th and 31st May. The Gateway Café will be open during the public sessions and any private visits which are arranged.

BUILDING PROGRESS

The buildings completed during the first quarter of 1966 were:—

Craigsbank: Edinburgh (church);
Danderhall: Newton Dalkeith (hall);
St. Ninian's: Dunfermline (church);
St. Mark's: Stirling (church).

Still under construction at Easter were:—

Glasgow: Ruchazie (hall)
Dundee: Mains of Fintry (hall)
East Kilbride: Westwood (church and halls)
Motherwell: St. Margaret's (church)
Cumbernauld: St. Mungo's (church and halls)
Kilmarnock: St. John's Onthank (hall)
Ballingry (extension)
Coatbridge: Townhead (hall)
Westerton: Fairlie Memorial (hall)
Giffnock: Orchard Park (church)
Whitburn: Brucefield (church)
Clydebank: Faifley (church)
Hamilton: Laighstonehall (hall)
Corby: St. Ninian's (church and halls)
Fallin (hall)
Edinburgh: Drylaw (hall)

Most of these will be completed before the end of the year, but only two more are likely to start during the year — Livingston (Craigshill) and Dundee (Chalmers-Ardler).