

# Craigsbank Church of Scotland

## CORSTORPHINE

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### Sunday Services:

11 a.m.—Morning Worship

6.30 p.m.—Evening Worship

Primary Sunday School at 11.30 a.m.

Junior Sunday School and Bible Class, 12.30 p.m.

### Communion Services

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., on Sunday, 3rd November. Visitors' Cards may be had on entering.

Special Retiring Offering on behalf of Church Funds.

### SERMONETTE

*What is the Church for?*

1. Worship.
2. Fellowship.
3. Witness and Service.

Read Hebrews, chapter 10, verses 19 to 25.

### THINK ON THESE THINGS

This October we enter upon our tenth year as a Congregation of the Church of Scotland.

For almost nine years we were under the care of the Home Board and the Presbytery of Edinburgh. We acknowledge our debt to all who have helped to provide us with our present buildings, folk, who, from all over Scotland and from all over the world, have contributed to the National Church Extension Scheme. And we acknowledge the personal services of those who, in the Church Offices or acting on behalf of the Presbytery, have given us the benefit of their help and advice.

Now, by Act of Assembly, 1946, we are no longer a Church Extension Charge, but a Congregation and Parish in full status. More than ever before our future welfare is in our own hands.

The Anniversary Services on 13th October will therefore have special significance, and it is fitting that we should welcome as visiting preacher at the morning worship, the Rev. W. White Anderson, M.C., D.D., of St Cuthbert's, who, as Moderator of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, presided at the opening and dedication of our buildings on 15th October 1937. A warm welcome awaits Dr Anderson, and we are pleased that it should be he who will lead our thanksgivings, and counsel us as we face the tasks that lie ahead.

One of the big new ventures of the winter session will be the opening of our Social Centre. All adults will be eligible for membership, and for those who can arrange to spend an hour or two at the Centre on Tuesday evenings, it will provide an occasion not merely for welcome pleasure and recreation, but for that which is so obviously in silent demand to-day, Christian fellowship. Seen in its right perspective here is something that can prove a great boon to Church and community. An open door to many possibilities of serving others.

Those returning from the Forces will particularly value the Centre as supplying



the one thing they most miss when coming back to "Civvy Street." This is the kind of thing that has long been in the back of our minds, when, for example, we discussed various aspects of the Church's life and witness at our Sunday Afternoon Conferences during the war period. The provisional Committee has put much thought and energy into the planning of this venture, and there should be no need to commend the support of their work by members of Craigsbank. If our hopes for the future include a vision of a more Christian order of society, there is no doubt concerning the need of an example of fellowship. The Church has much still to be accomplished through the witness of its corporate life.

"Think on these things." The words are those of the Apostle Paul. And the things he mentions are truth, honesty, justice, purity, loveliness, whatever is high-toned, all excellence, all merit. But there is a close connection between "these things" and the concerns of a Christian Congregation. Whether we think of St Paul's list of virtues first and then consider the Christian practice, or whether we reverse that order is of less importance than that we should move on from thinking to doing. "Our Lord's promise to the first band of His disciples still holds good. 'Greater works' even than His works shall be done within the fellowship of the Christian society in His name and through His Spirit."

**Social Centre.**—After the opening Social Evening on 1st October, the Centre embarks upon its winter session on Tuesday, 8th October, at 7.15 p.m.

Membership of the Centre enables one to enjoy a congenial evening, indulging in games of as great a variety as possible. These include table tennis, darts, carpet bowls, draughts, dominoes, chess, cards, and in addition a library is provided. It is hoped to extend this facility as time goes on.

Apart from the games already mentioned, lectures have been arranged to take place during the term. These lectures will be very interesting and worth listening to. Whist Drives and seasonal activities are also on our syllabus.

A badminton section of the Centre is planned, and for those interested it is advisable to provide a racquet as we are rather short of them. An additional subscription will be required for this.

The Membership Fee is 2/6 per term, and there are two terms to the session. It is hoped that a cup of tea will be provided each club night.

A copy of the syllabus is displayed on the Notice Board for your further perusal.

**Woman's Guild.**—The Devotional Meeting, which opens the session, will take place on Tuesday, 8th October, at 3 p.m. The Speaker will be Rev. Foster Franklin, M.A.

During the session meetings will be held each Tuesday at 3 p.m., and plans for craftwork as well as knitting are ready to be carried out.

**Dramatic Club.**—A General Meeting will be held on Monday, 30th September, at 7.30 p.m.

New members are invited to join the Club which meets each Monday evening during the winter months at 7.30 p.m.

**Junior Sunday School.**—A warm welcome is extended to Mr Philip Fox who takes over duties as Sunday School Superintendent this month. He is well qualified for his task having had previous experience in the conduct and management of a Sunday School. Together with the teachers he is planning for the introduction of several new features in methods of religious instruction and training of our young folk.

To Mr John Weir, who has retired from the Superintendency, and who held office during a period when it was most difficult to get an adequate staff, we acknowledge our thanks for his many services.

**Girl Guides.**—Along with Guides from Juniper Green and Craiglockhart the 103rd Company Guides had a very enjoyable Camp this year at Letham House, near Glenfarg. The Guides, during their time away from home under canvas, had an all-round experience of camp life, each one having to help in a different patrol every day—health, wood, water, cook, and ordinary patrols. The parade to Church on the Sunday morning was much enjoyed. It being Communion, the Guides occupied the gallery while the Officers took part in the service downstairs. In the afternoon ninety visitors arrived at the Camp from the Church of Scotland Girls Club, but fortunately brought their own food and cups along with them!!

Our Company is in need of recruits and also Officers. Anyone interested please come along on Wednesday evenings at 6.45 p.m.



**Scout Group.**—The chief events in the past months have been the Summer Camps. While the Cub Pack spent a week-end at Wemyss Firs, Fife, formerly the Scottish Scouters' Training Centre, the Scout Troop revisited their site near Newtonmore. Reports of both indicate that the camps were highly successful and enjoyed by all present.

Staffing arrangements for the new session are under way. Mr Kenneth Candlish, now released from the Royal Navy, will act as Scoutmaster in place of Mr Paterson, who will only be able to hold honorary rank, as he is required to take up duties as Assistant to the Minister of Tolbooth Church.

**Youth Club.**—Entering upon its third session this Club, which caters for youth of both sexes over the age of fifteen, is looking forward to a varied programme. Meetings are held on Thursdays (7.30 to 9.30 p.m.), when it is hoped to include drama together with the usual games, music and canteen facilities. On Sunday evenings study of the Foreign Mission Fields will be included in the syllabus. New members will be welcomed at any of the meetings.

**Building Fund.**—Sunday, 6th October, is the date on which the Model Church Collecting Boxes should be returned for emptying. It is hoped to announce a substantial addition to the Fund on the following Sunday, the occasion of our Ninth Anniversary Services. The keenness of our young folk in collecting Ship Ha'pennies has been a matter of great encouragement, and we hope they will continue to help in this way.

There are before us at present two principal targets in the Building Fund. The first is the payment of our share in the cost of all our present buildings, towards which sum of about £850 we are about half way. The other target will be the repayment of one-fifth of the cost of the Church itself, when built. The date on which further building may be commenced cannot be predicted as yet. Housing must take first priority for a long time under present conditions. But in the meantime we can try to reach our first target at an early date, and proceed as far as we can towards easing the strain of future commitments.

**Anniversary Social.**—A specially good attendance of members and friends is asked for the Anniversary Social on Wednesday, 16th October, at 7.15 p.m. The occasion will be an important one as it will be the first Social Meeting of the Congregation since we were granted full status. To convey congratulations on this development, guests will be present representing the Presbytery, the Home Board and the Kirk Sessions of St Ninian's and St Anne's. Opportunity will be taken to thank the Assessor Eiders for their many services to Craigsbank. One small item of business, relative to our Committee of Management, falls to be dealt with. The seating in the Hall will be arranged so as to dispense with formality. The programme will be varied, and every endeavour made to make the meeting a really enjoyable social gathering. Representatives of junior organisations are also invited to attend. Tea will be served during the evening.

**Choir.**—Miss Scott, our Organist, would be very glad to hear of further recruits for the Church Choir. Would any who are willing to help in this very valuable service please report to Miss Scott.

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## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### BAPTISM

June 30. James Alexander Walker, 67 Craighall Road.

### DEATHS

July 20. Mrs Isabella Lamb, 23 Craigmount Gardens.

Sept. 12. Mrs John Grady, 12 Featherhall Crescent South.

### Roll of New Members

*By Profession of Faith*

**West Craigs Crescent—**

14 Mrs Charles Lindsay.

**Oswald Terrace—**

3 Miss Harriet N. Meikle.

**Featherhall Avenue—**

43 Mr John T. Mortimer.



