



THE SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE RECORD



*Give unto the LORD
the glory due unto
His name:
bring an offering,
and come into
His courts.*

~ Psalm 96:8

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A word from our Minister... we lay our broken world.

In Church Hymnary 4 there is a lovely hymn (721) by Anna Briggs, entitled, “We lay our broken world” which is also the opening line. The hymn opens with a reflection on the state of our world, and an understanding that we must bring our brokenness to God.

Looking around our present world, it would seem that there is much that is broken: economic uncertainty in the UK because of Brexit, instability in the USA and in North Korea. But looking more closely to our own situations, how often we experience brokenness in our own lives. Working with people for much of my time, I am aware of the common fractures that can occur in people’s family lives and in their relationships with others. When relationships have broken down I am reminded that Jesus came into a home like ours. He knew the loyalties and tensions of family living, he knew the frustrations and fulfilment of a daily task. He offered friendship knowing that it might be a source of healing and courage in difficult times.

The remarkable Dutch lady, Corrie Ten Boom, lost her beloved sister, Betsy, in a Nazi concentration camp during the last war. Her family had harboured Jews in their home in Holland, and the Gestapo exacted a terrible price.

Corrie was spared, and survived the horrors of the awful camp at Ravensbruck. Afterwards she dedicated her life to witnessing to Christ. The film, *The Hiding Place*, tells the story of her life. Corrie tells of a moving incident which happened after the war at a testimony meeting in Germany. Having finished speaking to the congregation of the love of God and how he can forgive even our worst sin, she declared, “*In fact God takes our sins and casts them into the deepest ocean.*” After the service, as people were leaving the church she was approached by a heavy set man in a grey overcoat making his way towards her. Her blood ran cold as she saw him, recognising him as one of her cruel guards from Ravensbruck. He stretched out her hand towards her. “*A fine message, Fraulein! How good it is to know that as you*

say, all our sins are at the bottom of the sea. You mentioned Ravensbruck in your talk. Well, I was a guard there.” While he did not recognise Corrie, she had never forgotten his face. The man went on, “You know, since that time I have found Christ as my Saviour and I know that he has forgiven me all the terrible things I did. However, I would like to hear you say it too, Fraulein!” Again he extended his hand, “Will you forgive me too?”

Corrie stood looking into the face of her former tormentor, a man responsible for the death of her sister. She recoiled in anger and contempt as memories flooded back. How could she forgive this man? She held her hand back wrestling with contradictions raging in her head and heart. Love and forgiveness had been her message to others. But now it seemed impossible to practise it herself. One of her favourite sayings was: **“Forgiveness is not an emotion; it is an act of the will.”** Her emotions having failed her she realised all that remained was her will.

Silently she lifted a prayer heavenward. “Jesus, please help me. I can stretch out my hand, I can do that much. You supply the feeling.” Awkwardly, hesitantly, she reached out her hand. Suddenly her prayer was answered, for immediately, her heart was filled with the love of God for this man. “I forgive you, my brother!” she cried. “With all my heart I forgive you too.”

Brokenness is all around us at times. But maybe when we take that brokenness and share it with Christ it is transformed. Anna Briggs hymn 721 ends with these words:

**“Come Spirit, on us breathe,
with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope, and trust,
and lift us up to you.”**

Rev. Ian Taylor.



LOOKING BACK

THE 268 CO. BOYS' BRIGADE



Anchor Boys'

Firstly an update on our end session back in May. We had our parent's night on Friday the 12th May with our boys showing their parents some of the things we do on our regular Friday night. Our Primary 3 boys also showed our parents how to play Human Hungry Hippos which the boys seemed to enjoy. We also had our debut with our brand new especially composed song all about our own Anchor Boys' section which we will be using as part of our closing Service every Friday night.

We gave out our awards at our parent's night with all boys getting their achievement badge which they had all worked very hard to attain. We also awarded our Gregson trophy for our best group which was won by our Captain America group (pictured below).



The Fleming trophy for our best all round boy was awarded for the first time to a Primary 2 boy Lewis Cody (pictured below).



Our planning for this session is well under way with our Enrolment night being held on Friday the 25th August 7.00p.m. till 8.00p.m. If you know any boys in P1, P2 or P3 at school who would like to join our Anchor Boys' please pass these details onto them and we would love to have them as part of our section.

Our first regular Friday night back with all the boys will be Friday the 1st September at 7.00p.m

Alan Kerr

Officer in Charge

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Junior Section

The staff of the Junior Section has enjoyed their summer break and is now looking forward to the start of the new session. We have our enrolment night on Thursday 24th August, 2017 between 7 and 8 o'clock where boys and their parents can come down to the Church and meet with the staff. The paperwork can be completed and fees paid that night too. Any boys from P4 to P6 that would like to join us please contact me on junior268bb@sky.com.

Our first full night back is Thursday 31st August when all boys should be in uniform. The staff will be meeting soon to plan what we will be doing this year but we are still looking for some new ideas...put your thinking caps on boys!!!

Gaynor Lockhart (OIC)

GIRLS' BRIGADE



65th Co. Girls' Brigade session commences Tuesday 22nd August, 2017. Explorers from P1-P3 and Juniors P4-P7 6:30 - 8:00pm and Brigaders S1-S6 6:45-8:30pm. All girls welcome, come and join in the fun.

For further details please contact Captain Katie Byrne on 07340302013

If anyone has any free time on a Tuesday evening and would like help in the company please contact Katie.

GOOD NEWS! – GOSPEL CONCERT

On Friday 30th June this year Springfield Cambridge was delighted to present an evening of predominantly “old-time” gospel music. The capacity audience were given a programme of soulful songs that blended rich emotion with joyful exuberance. The Festival Chorus left both their sheet music and inhibitions at home and gave heartfelt deliveries of a selection of pieces that brilliantly embraced the sound and character (and dress) of the style. Special guests Jessica Weidman and Sam Lapping were in excellent form and gave spellbinding performances that deeply affected many in the audience. A special duet was also given by Beth Taylor and Emily Craig whose young yet strong voices blended beautifully. The entire programme was accompanied by an excellent professional band who, like the soloists, is a long-standing member of the wider Springfield Cambridge family. The concert was sold out and the audience enjoyed a great night of entertainment, along with a refreshment and homemade shortbread during the interval.



There were a number of expenses that needed to be met to mount this memorable evening but once these had been settled we were thrilled that the surplus of £2,546.85 including Gift Aid was raised for church funds. The chorus and I are incredibly grateful for

the patronage of all those who attended the concert and, as always, for the terrific practical support given by a number of church members. Thanks go to the many people who gave of their time and effort, both musically, and behind the scenes, to make the event successful.



PARISH GROUPING HOLIDAY CLUB

Parish Grouping – Holiday Club
Monday 7th – Friday 11th August, 2017



This year out Holiday Club was run by us, members from Cadder and Kenmure Churches and some volunteers from the Boys' Brigade attached to Colston Wellpark Church. We had a record number of helpers this year and the week ran smoothly despite fewer children attending and a few

misadventures among the staff. Rev. Jim Gemmell is recovering from his sporting injury! The lower numbers however did allow us to spend more meaningful time with the children. The culmination was our Bishopbriggs Joint Service which was well attended and seemed to be appreciated by all those present. **A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL** the staff, young leaders, helpers and to our own staff Jim Tonner and Fiona Russell.



Wedding



Friday 16th June, 2017 *Sheila Ferguson & Thomas R. Welsh*

Funerals

Wednesday 14th June, 2017 *Mrs. Irene D. Findlay, Shiel Road*

Sunday 18th June, 2017 *Mrs. Elspeth Graham, Carisbrooke Crescent*

Thursday 27th July, 2017 *Mrs. May H. Pollock, Westerton Care Home*

God of grace and peace, in your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us new birth into a living hope. Strengthen us now to live in the power of the resurrection and keep us united with our loved one from whom in death we are not divided. For you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW

The initial report has now been received from the Visiting Team and is a positive reflection upon our life, witness and worship. Those who met with the Team from the Presbytery of Glasgow are now studying its contents and will make a response before it goes to the Superintendence Committee and then Presbytery itself at which point we can provide access to the finalised materials upon request. Once approved we may try and make it available online on our Website.

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards and flowers and said prayers for me during my recent illness.

Gordon and I would like to thank all those who prayed for our beloved daughter Debbie who passed away on the 14th. July, 2017.

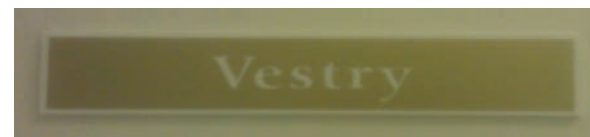
Words cannot express how we feel about the support we got from family, friends and the Church and for the cards and flowers we received, and also visits and prayers from Mr. Jim Stormont, Anne Harvey and Rev. Ian Taylor.

Catherine Lynn, 6 Tay Crescent, Bishopbriggs

LOOKING AHEAD



Vestry Hour – Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.



Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the **6th, 20th, 27th, September 2017** from 10-11 a.m. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact Ian on ☎ 0141 772 1540 or ✉ ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk and another arrangement can be made.

Mid Week Services – Cambridge Chapel 11.10 a.m.

The Wednesday morning Service will be held in the Cambridge Chapel. The Cambridge Chapel will also be open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon for anyone who wishes to find a quiet place to read the Bible, pray or reflect during the course of the week.

THE GUILD



Have you been to a really sunny place during the summer? Or are you, like me, hoping for an Indian Summer? No matter the weather, these months have flown past, and now we are thinking of the new session ahead, soon to start.

The first item on the Guild's agenda is the Annual Gathering in Dundee. This takes place on Saturday, 2nd September, 2017 at 10.30 a.m. at the Caird Hall and this year's theme is "Go in Love". Attending the Gathering is always a moving experience with wonderful

singing and inspiring speakers, and, this year we have a large group of sixteen able to attend. The Rev Dr Derek Browning, Moderator of the General Assembly will be there to share his thoughts of the year ahead, and Dr Pam Cairns, retired G.P. and past volunteer Medical Director of the Vine Trust, will be our guest speaker. Central Office now do a live streaming of this event; so if any Guild member would like to attend a nearby Church holding a session, please get in touch with Isabel or myself.

Will those members attending the Dundee Gathering remember that the coach leaves from Kenmure Avenue (opposite the Bowling Green) at **7.30 a.m.** Do not worry; we have a stop at Glendoick Garden Centre for breakfast or morning coffee, whichever suits you!

The new Guild session starts on Monday, 4th September, 2017 at the usual time of 7.30 p.m. Our guest speaker, Rev Kay Brown, will speak on the theme, "Go in Love". Come early to this meeting as you will be getting your Syllabus and paying your Membership Fee which remains at £10 this year - a bargain, ladies!

A warm welcome awaits any ladies - or gentlemen - who would like to join the Guild so that you can share the fun!

CONGREGATIONAL GOLF EVENT – JACKIE MURRAY MEMORIAL TROPHY

This year our annual competition will be on Friday 8th. September, 2017 at Bishopbriggs Golf Club. The event will be played over 18 holes, and in addition there will be an option to play only 9 holes. All golfers are welcome to participate – please contact Ian Taylor (☎ 0141 772 1540) or Roy Stewart (☎ 0141 772 4907) - there is still time to clean those clubs and come and join us!



DOORS OPEN DAY – East Dunbartonshire Council – Saturday 9th. September, 2017 1-4 pm.

**DOORS
OPENDAYS**
Get into buildings!

This is an ideal opportunity for people to explore all the 'nooks and crannies' of our buildings, and if you are a member who has never studied the 'timeline', or admired the artwork in the new link corridor, or gazed at the uncovered stain glass on the stage in what was the 'old church' now is your opportunity!

Guides will be on hand, refreshments will be offered.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 10th. September, 2017 at 2.30 pm.** This monthly Service at Callieburn Court is open to any member of the congregation who would like to join the residents for a short Service lasting about 20 minutes or so. The Service is held in the Lounge.



On **Sunday 10th. September, 2017** there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th. September, 2017.**

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever. “

Psalm 107 verse 1

God gave us His Son to save us. Let us serve Him

by sharing what we have with others who are in need. And what better time to do this than Harvest Thanksgiving.

We share with: Lodging House Mission
Kirkhaven (run by Cross Reach)
Glasgow City Mission
RNIB (Bishopbriggs)
Women's Aid (Bishopbriggs)
Marie Curie Hospice (Huntershill)
Callieburn Care Home

Your gifts would be gratefully welcomed by them and can include the following:

Vegetables, lentils, cereals, biscuits, tea, coffee, fresh fruit, sweets, fruit juices and tinned goods e.g. soup, beans, corn, peas, vegetables, fruit and puddings. Small ring-pull (easy open) macaroni cheese, bolognese, sausages, meats, beans, spaghetti etc. are particularly useful to give to people who are outside all day. Mars Bars are also a good source of energy.

The Church will be open on **Saturday 16th September from 10am – 11.30am** when members of the Flower Committee will be present to receive donations of produce.

On Sunday, there will be a plate in the Hall of Fellowship for any monetary gifts. Goods will be packed later for distribution.

Thank you once again for your support. God bless you at Harvest Time.

Anne Harvey

On behalf of the Flower Committee



Following this Service there will be a Harvest lunch in aid of Christian Aid in the Cameron Hall. (See back page for more details)

On **Sunday 24th. September, 2017** there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



On **Sunday 1st. October, 2017** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at 11am and 3pm. There will be a Retiring Collection after each Service in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.

Treasurer's Report – September 2017 magazine

I trust that you have all had an enjoyable “summer” break and trust that your batteries have been suitably re-charged! Since this is the first magazine of the new session, I would just like to update you on all things financial that have been going on over the summer months.

Firstly, I would like to thank you to all the “regular givers” for their offerings over the summer months which has enabled us to meet all our outgoings over the period. Major items of expenditure over the summer months have included the renewal of the Church and Manse insurance at a cost of £3,451, another one third of our Presbytery dues for 2017 of £1,390 and we also continue to pay our Ministries and Mission Allocation monthly settlement of £7,864.40 with £23,593.20 still due to The Church of Scotland for this year.



As you see from the figures below we are running at a surplus on the General Fund for the year-to-date of £2,137. We have received settlement from HMRC in the last few days of our Quarter 1 2017 General Fund Tax Claim of £5,484. We will be a position in the next few weeks to submit our Gift Aid Small Claims Tax Claim for tax year 2017/18 for £2,000.

Thanks as always to all our members who are able to give “tax efficiently”. If anyone would like more information then please don’t hesitate to contact our Gift Aid Convener, Mr David Lockhart. David’s contact details are contained in this magazine.

The Income and Expenditure figures for the year to 13th August as against budget on the General Fund are as follows:

| Income from Offerings | £ ACTUAL | £ BUDGET |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| FWO Scheme | 9,233 | 10,195 |
| Open Plate | 3,899 | 4,719 |
| Gift Aid | 44,941 | 44,383 |
| Tax Recoveries | 25,383 ** | n/a *** |
| Total | 83,456 | |
| Other Ordinary Gen Income | 14,886 | 15,620 |
| TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME | 98,342 | |
| GENERAL EXPENDITURE | 96,205 | |
| Surplus for Year to date | 2,137 | |

**£19,899 of the Tax Recoveries figure relates to claims that were originally due to be settled in 2016, but were not settled by HMRC until this year.

*** No Budgeted Tax Recovery figure shown as 13/8/17. Budgeted figure for the 2017 Calendar year is £19,899.

Jim Kerr (Treasurer)

FLOWER CALENDAR for September 2017



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Did you know?

that for some years we have been we have been collecting used stamps for Childline.



So before you put your envelopes in the shredder why not tear off the stamps, and bring them to Church on a Sunday morning. You can pop them into the plastic jar which sits on the right hand library bookcase in the Hall of Fellowship.



STEWARDSHIP

As you will have read in our Treasurer's article, we are presently meeting our existing commitments. However, there a number of projects we would like to embark upon. Some of these relate to future outreach and some are fabric related. To commit to these we will need to look to find increased resources to fund them.

So, I write on behalf of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board to invite all our members to consider a review of their offerings to the Church. You may be in a position to give just that little bit more to your weekly freewill offerings, you may find you are unable to do that, or this may even be the time to reduce your offerings. Obviously we hope members will be able to increase their offerings, but we realise that is not always possible.

The Church has long held that our offerings should be regular, proportionate and sacrificial.



will find a tear out Review Form which we hope members will complete and bring to Church on Sunday 17th. September, 2017 for our Service of Harvest Thanksgiving, when we will rededicate ourselves to the work of God. Envelopes will be provided on arrival at Church for you to place your review form confidentially for the attention of our Treasurer/Gift Aid Convener. If you are unable to be at Church that Sunday, please ask your Elder on their October Communion Visit for one and they can return it for you, or phone the Church office on a Monday or Wednesday morning and a return envelope will be delivered to you. Thank you for your continuing commitment to the work of Christ's Church.

Rev. Ian Taylor

Donations can be made as follows:

(please tick as appropriate)

I herewith donate the sum of £ _____

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Signed: _____

Date: _____

(If you have not already signed a continuing Gift Aid declaration, a form will be sent to you)

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**SPRINGFIELD
CAMBRIDGE CHURCH**



LUNCH

**Bowl of Soup and Filled Roll
Coffee and Tea**

IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID

**Sunday 17th September, 2017
in the Cameron Hall
after the Morning Service**

TICKETS

£5 (Adults) and £2.50 (Children)