



The Springfield Cambridge Record



***You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.
He is not here. He is risen!***
(St. Mark 16:6)

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A word from our Minister....

St. Columba was from an Irish royal family, but chose the life of a monk. He quarrelled with King Diarmait, chief of the kings of Ireland. Following a civil war Columba left Ireland and became a missionary. Columba and his friends sailed first to Oronsay and then to Iona from which no glimpse of Ireland could be seen. On his arrival he established a missionary base on Iona and his monks travelled over the sea in their frail coracles preaching the Gospel in Orkney and Shetland islands, in the Faroes and the Hebrides. The early days of this community were filled with prayer, study and manual labour. One commentator wrote that *"The secret of the early Celts lay in this, that they linked sacrament with service, altar with hearth, worship with work."*

For us too it is important to discover the rhythm of praying as we work and through our work. Sometimes a simple manual task can even assist the praying heart in its focus. Prayer baskets were woven simply out of the reeds as monastics framed their prayers. The simplest task can be for us a prayer-basket.

As Lent draws to a close and Easter beckons, the challenge for us is to find ways in which we can *"link sacrament with service, table with hearth, worship with work"* and form a modern day prayer-basket.

Rev. Ian Taylor

Breaking News....

Presbytery Planning

A few years ago, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, agreed that by 2014, the Church would reduce the number of its Ministers and Presbytery and Parish Workers (PPW's) to 1000(from about 1200). The Ministries Council was charged with doing this under the heading of "20:20 Vision." In the Presbytery of Glasgow this meant a reduction from 163 to 136.7 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) posts. Over the past 16 months a Committee of Presbytery, the Strategy Advisory Group (STAG) has been preparing a Draft Plan to present a new Presbytery Plan. At the Kirk Session meeting on 21st. February we considered our 'score' and the first Draft of the Plan. Under this Plan, Springfield Cambridge was allocated 0.8(a part-Time Ministry) of a FTE. Many other congregations across the city and Presbytery were also allocated reduced resources. However at the meeting of the Presbytery of Glasgow on 13th. March, 2012, the first Draft of the Plan was rejected by Presbytery and the Convener of STAG resigned as did his Committee.

What does this mean for us and the Presbytery? In the short term, this will have no immediate impact. However, with the rejection of the Draft Plan, the old 'suspended' Plan is reinstated, and Presbytery will now need to form a new Committee to prepare and present a new Plan for approval by Presbytery and by the Ministries Council by the end of this year. No mean feat I suspect, so watch this space for more breaking news....

Looking ahead....

Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings



Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr. Taylor, will be available on the 4th, 18th, 25th April, 2012 from 10 - 11am. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact him on (☎ 0141 772 1540 or ✉ taylorian@btinternet.com) and another arrangement can be made.

Mid Week Services - Cambridge Chapel 11.10 am - The Wednesday morning Service will be held in the Cambridge Chapel. The Cambridge Chapel will also be open Monday - Friday from 10 am-12 noon for anyone who wishes to find a quiet place to read the Bible, pray or reflect during the course of the week.



Wednesday Prayer Meeting - The Wednesday Prayer Group continues in the Cambridge Chapel from 6.45 – 7.15 pm. Currently, the member leading the Group begins with a short introduction, followed by suggested prayer points for that particular meeting. This is followed by open prayer.

There is no need for anyone to make a contribution if they do not wish to do so. Following this meeting an existing ecumenical Bible Study meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm, which members are free to join, if they wish.

The Prayer Group will not meet on Wednesday 4th April during Holy Week nor on 11th April. The Prayer Group will resume on Wednesday 18th April.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on Easter Sunday 8th April, 2012 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.



Our Fairtrade Stall will be available in the Hall of Fellowship on **Sunday 15th April, 2012.**



The Jackie Murray Trophy Golf Event

Golfers will gather on **Friday May 4th 2012** at Bishopbriggs Golf Club for a round of golf and a dinner to see who will be this year's winner.



TRIBUTE - Miss Jenny Knox

Miss Janet (Jenny) Rankine Knox was born on 16th. May 1930 and brought up in Montrose Terrace, Auchinairn, having an older sister Margaret, and two younger sisters Mary & Elizabeth. The family lived for a few years in Lenzie before returning to Kenmure Avenue in Bishopbriggs. Family life was an important facet of Jenny's life, being as she was a daughter, sister, sister-in-law, and an aunt to 8 nephews/nieces. She looked forward to visits or holidays to Alex and Margaret and their family in Harrogate, Stonehaven or Comrie.

A second facet of Jenny's life was her fortitude. She left school at the age of 14, and then worked for a while at Tennent's the licensed grocers in Bishopbriggs, then with Coopers in Howard Street in the butchers department. From there she moved to work at the Evening Times, a job which she loved and provided her with a wealth of stories to tell. Her last job was with J. Menzies in the village where her reliability as a key holder meant that she was the one who often opened up early in the morning and this was valued by colleagues and customers alike.

A third facet of Jenny's life was her sense of fun. She had a good sense of humour, a ready smile on her face and a welcoming nature. She loved to sing, and was proud to have been a part of the Glasgow Phoenix Choir, and Jenny was always keen to recount her audition experiences to join this prestigious city choir. With the Phoenix she travelled to Germany and to the USA where those experiences further enlarged her horizons.

A fourth and final facet of Jenny's life was her faith. She was a woman of the 'good book' - who found comfort and strength in the pages of Holy Scripture. She was a woman of prayer - who had a daily and living relationship with her Lord and Saviour. She was a woman who valued the Sacraments of the Church, especially Holy Communion. She looked forward to Home Communion visits and prepared for it with a mood of eager expectation and anticipation - the coffee table was set with a white linen table cloth, and an Iona Cross and an ebony wooden cross brought from the Holy Land were the table's essential furnishings. In worship and service over the years Jenny had grafted herself into the true vine - Jesus Christ. As an Elder, the Springfield Road Manse family had many reasons to be glad she was their Elder. Attentive to detail as our Roll-Keeper she maintained integrity of life and faith in all her personal dealings with folk. In the quiet conviction of her personal faith she selected all the readings and hymns for her own Funeral Service. We give thanks for her life, faith and service and commend her to God's eternal care and keeping.

Jenny Knox 16/5/1930 - 8/12/2011

ROLL KEEPER - following the untimely death of Jenny Knox, the Kirk Session has appointed **Jim Scott**, one of our new Elders, as **Roll Keeper**. Membership records are now held by the Church on computer. In terms of the Data Protection Act, anyone who would wish access to the details stored relating to them may request access to the information on their files. File details can be received in relation to the Communion Roll (Names and Addresses of Members and Adherents) from Jim Scott via the church office (Mon. & Wed. 10 am - 12 noon ☎ 0141 772 1596).

NEW COMMUNICANTS CLASS

Would you like to join the Church? To learn more about the Church and the teachings of Jesus, why not join our Communicants Class? The Class will meet on 4-6 occasions after Easter, possibly after Church on a Sunday morning. At the end of the classes there will be a Service of Admission. If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak to Mr Taylor.

Congratulations to

Jane and Arnold Faichney, 9 Arnold Avenue, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 6th of April 2012

Katie's Coffee Morning

I would very much like to thank the women of the Guild who so willingly helped out at the above event. They baked, made tablet, helped to serve tea and coffee and washed dishes. They worked so hard and I appreciated this so much.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended, as without their support it would not have been the success it was. People attended from various churches in Bishopbriggs and made this a morning to remember. I would also like to thank Rev Ian Taylor for allowing me to use the Cameron Hall for this event. The final total collected for Katie and Friends was an astonishing £1925. Thank you all once again.

Carol Milliken

Baptisms



Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Nadia Alana Ashoor MOWAT

Sunday 4th March, 2012

Weddings

Gracious God, we praise you for the gift of love – that most precious of gifts which endures beyond all others, bearing all things, believing all things and hoping all things.

We thank you for the joy that comes from two lives truly being shared, from two people becoming one, each complementing and enriching the other, each helping love to grow.

Thania Y. Hamilton & Alistair R. Maitland Saturday 18th. February, 2012

Funerals

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.

Thursday 16th. February, 2012

Mr. Norman McLean,
298 Kirkintilloch Road

Monday 20th. February, 2012

Mrs. Jean M McLelland,
Mavisbank Home

Wednesday 22nd. February, 2012

Mrs. Ann Tomnay,
16 Huntly Court



Reunion Dinner



This inaugural event took place on Friday the 2nd of March at The Bishopbriggs Golf Course and proved to be a great success. The Guest Speaker, Professor Herbert Kerrigan, QC (*pictured opposite*) – otherwise known as Bert Kerrigan– gave a splendid and well received speech.

And as well as a thoroughly excellent night a sizable sum was raised to assist in the organisation and running of the current Company Sections Summer Camp which will take place in May of this year.

Such a success was this event that plans are already being laid for a second such venture next year.



Pictured above – twenty five of the ex-268 members who attended the inaugural Reunion Dinner

Resurrection



Last month's cover represented the period of Lent. This month's cover very much represents the period of Easter. It is part of a series of stained glass windows to be found within St John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Child Care Center in Colton, California. The descriptive text that accompanies the picture listed on their web site is an extremely uplifting account of this most central element of the Christian Faith and is included here as presented.

"If Christ had remained dead and in the grave after His crucifixion, our salvation would remain in doubt – and as St. Paul says, our faith would be futile (1Corinthians 15:17). But Christ **has** risen from the dead! When the women arrived before sunrise on the third day, the stone was rolled away, the tomb empty, and angels declared: ***You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him.*** (St. Mark 16:6)"



[Editor's note: the above is indeed a marvellous piece of précis encapsulating this crucial event. What then followed was, however, a smidgen puzzling:

"The butterfly in the window is a long-used symbol for the resurrected Christ. For just as the caterpillar enters its tomb-like cocoon, but emerges in glory, so also Christ arose in great glory after His death."

No matter how much I look – or squint my eyes – I can see no butterfly! If among the shapes making up the picture anyone can discern said butterfly, please approach me of a Sunday in the Hall of Fellowship and show me to put me out of my puzzlement!
James Robertson]

Details of all the Lent and Easter Services around Bishopbriggs, from Palm Sunday on 1st April through to Easter Sunday on Sunday 8th April, are to be found on the back cover of this issue

Treasurer's Report

Enclosed with this month's magazine is a Summary Set of Accounts for 2011 showing an abbreviated General Fund Income and Expenditure statement together with a breakdown of the Individual Funds. A copy of the General Fund Budget for 2012 that the Congregational Board have approved is also enclosed. Copies of the full set of OSCR approved accounts are available on the bookshelf in the Hall of Fellowship.

I am pleased to say that 2011 was a successful year financially for Springfield Cambridge Church with the General Fund showing a surplus for the year of £14,286. Although our Income from Offerings was broadly flat when compared to 2010 it was pleasing to note that Gift Aid Income increased by 1.5% year on year. The number of members giving "Tax Efficiently" also increased from 240 on 1/1/2011 to 249 on 31/12/2011 and there are also another 14 members who regularly give Tax Efficiently to any appeals that take place during the year depending on their individual tax situation. Our Tax Recoveries were impacted by the cessation of the Governments "transitional relief" for Tax Relief which ended on the 5th April 2011.

As well as Income from Offerings we also received contributions during 2011 from various Church Organisations including The Guild, The Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys and Junior Section) and also the Badminton Club. Last year we also received over £16,000 in donations/contributions from the outside agencies who regularly utilise our excellent facilities. This amount was 68% higher than in 2010. There is minimal cost to the church apart from heating and lighting for the Outside Agencies as most of the "opening/closing" of the church buildings is carried out by volunteer members.

In addition the "Ways and Means Fundraising Group" also undertook numerous successful events in 2011 and this meant substantial contributions were made to both the Building and Fabric Funds.

In late 2011 an appeal was launched to replenish the Fabric Fund which was diminished due to the reserves being required to fund the Building Project which was completed in mid-2011. To date I am delighted to say that the appeal has raised just over £10,000 with £7,000 of that amount being "Gift-Aided", meaning that a Tax Recovery of circa £1750 will be received in due course. Thanks to all those who have contributed so generously!

To partly fund the Building Project we also drew down a loan of £60,000 from the Church of Scotland payable over 5 years with the final repayment due on 31/3/2016. Repayments are made half yearly with the first payment of £6,855 made on 30/9/2011. The Interest rate on the loan is a very competitive 5%.

Although 2011 was successful financially we start 2012 with caution as we have substantial commitments to meet including Mission and Ministry Costs of nearly £67,000 for the year and two Loan repayments totalling £13,700 during the year. All costs are continuing to rise, with our Heating and Lighting for 2012 predicted to be nearly 16% higher than 2011 due to the new price agreement under the Church of Scotland Energy Tariff taking effect on 1/4/2012.

Despite the continuing difficult economic situation and the rising costs that we are facing I am confident that with the support of **every member** in Springfield Cambridge we are well placed to meet the challenges that lie ahead and 2012 can be another successful year for us.

Thank for your continuing support.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer



Ways and Means

SUNDAY 22ND APRIL –

The date not to be missed.

On that day there will be the return of the popular Sunday Soup and Roll lunch. All the proceeds will go to CHRISTIAN AID. Hurry along and purchase your tickets – priced £4.00 – from any committee member. Or, on the day, just follow the delicious smell of soup to the Cameron Hall.

Help us raise cash for this excellent organisation.

Remember the date for your diary - Sunday 22nd April

Ann Pickett, Convenor

***For which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal.
But the word of God is not bound!***

2 Timothy 2 : 9

“You will go to prison” are the words from the judge that the accused dreads to hear. They indicate the end of liberty, possibly for a lengthy time. HMP Low Moss, our local prison, has recently re-opened as a modern building with a regime that is progressive. Its aim is to equip prisoners for a return to society. Opportunities for work and training are provided.

As I stood outside the prison for the first time the bullet-proof glass doors swung open and I entered, identified myself and was checked for contraband items. I socialised with some of the other arrivals, some of whom I knew. Then a member of staff arrived to show us round the building. First, however, the Governor thanked us for attending. We were volunteers from local churches who hope to provide a service for the families of prisoners on visiting days.

For many of us it is a new type of Christian witness, just as visiting loved ones in prison may be a new experience for the friends and families of at least some of the prisoners. Our mission is to all who find themselves there. There are many ways of serving Jesus and, according to the bible, prison visiting is one of them

Bill Findlay, 10th March 2012



*{As has been previously highlighted –
should any other church member wish
to become involved in this very practical
and very local way and means of
Christian Outreach and Mission, then
they should contact Ann Glenesk on
0141 563 2140 for more details}*

***The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has
anointed me to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.***

Isaiah 61:1

Fair Trade

A Fair Trade table with a limited supply of goods will be open before and after the service on Sunday the 15th of April. The following month we shall revert to our usual opening on the 2nd Sunday of the month – 13th May – when we hope to have a wider selection of items available.



Anne Crooks and Mary Johnstone

268 Boys' Brigade Junior Section

As we move toward the end of our session all of our Boys are busily involved in preparation for our Parent's night on Thursday 17th May. Our theme this year is based on the Olympics and the Boys are having fun as we work through the various items we aim to present.

We have continued our involvement with Springburn District competition events and back on the 18th of February we took part in the District Art competition sweeping all before us in the three age categories as we took three firsts and one second place to win the event outright and put the Section on top of the leader board for the first time this session. Our next event will be the Figure Marching competition which will be held on Saturday 31st March and we have high hopes of doing well in this as the Intermediate and Senior Boys have been working hard to produce a polished performance of the required routine.

During February and March both Boys and staff were busily involved in raising funds for The Boys' Brigade in Zambia through the work of the BB/Church of Scotland World Mission fund and I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have raised at least £500.00 and just possibly a little more as we await the return of the final few appeal cards. We were particularly pleased by the response from several members of the congregation to this appeal and donations from that source alone raised £100.00. Our thanks to Boys, staff and friends of the Company who helped us raise this substantial sum which, just as a note of interest, equates to 4,138,711.50 Zambian Kwacha which I am sure will do a great deal to aid the work of The Boys' Brigade in Zambia.

On Saturday the 24th March we turn our attentions to raising funds for the work of our own Junior Section and are delighted to welcome Pat Davis and her “Line Attack” dancers who will be providing entertainment and instruction to those who want to join in the fun on the night. Parent response to this fundraiser has been surprisingly poor but Pat herself has sold in excess of 40 tickets with staff selling a further 40 tickets so we are assured of a good turn out on the night and a good profit since Pat has not only sold many tickets but is providing her own services and those of her dancers at no cost to the Section. We’ll let you know how we got on in the May edition of the Record.

We are pleased to welcome a new member of staff to the Junior Section team with the addition of Mrs Amanda McAra who came along to the Section for a few nights and enjoyed it so much she decided to stay. With my imminent departure from the role of Officer in Charge I am sure that Mr Gordon Muir, who will succeed me in that role, will find this a welcome addition to the staff as we look forward to the start of the 2012/13 session with the expectation of having 32 Boys in the Section.

George McMillan, Officer-in-Charge

65th Girls’ Brigade

The District Fun Day was held, this year, in Torrance Parish Church and was only for Explorers and Juniors. The girls were entered in every event on the day and had a wonderful time they came away with two places.

Explorers came 3rd in the Collage and Juniors were 2nd in their Games

Juniors - The Divisional Competition held earlier this month was well attended by our Juniors but sadly they did not take prizes this time, but enjoyed participating and meeting girls from other companies.

Brigaders - At the beginning of the month they attended a Bowling evening at the Hollywood Bowl at Showcase run by Glasgow Division, this was not a competition just an evening of fun for the girls

In October 8 Brigaders attended a Leadership course in Headquarters, and this week the following girls were presented with their Chevrons:

Beth Findlay (Part One & Two). Part One: Katie Glen, Zara Flanagan, Robyn Moore, Chloe Wearing, Lisa McKenzie, Megan Round and Rachel Cameron.

Margaret Cuthbert, Captain

Explorers - were busy preparing for the Divisional Keep fit and Collage Competitions being held in Baljaffray Parish Church on 4th March. All their hard work was paid off when the Keep fit team were awarded 1st place and the Collage team were placed 2nd. All the girls were delighted! On Saturday 17th March it was “all hands on decks”, as the Annual Coffee Morning arrived! This turned out to be a very busy morning with Brenda cooking the bacon & sausages for the rolls, Katie & Fiona R plating up the cakes, Heather on the Home baking stall, Fiona S, Michelle, Carol & Fiona D pouring cups of tea/coffee, selling quiz sheets, Janice & Victoria taking the money at the door, Brigaders on Tuck shop and not forgetting Rachel & Beth painting nails & applying tattoos! It was all worthwhile, as we raised a fantastic amount of £440. Thanks to everyone for their support. Thanks also to Mrs Maureen Brown who had the difficult task of judging the cake decoration competition.

Carol Scott, Explorer Officer



The Guild

On 20th February we had Liz McConnell of Earth Squared who told us of her work importing bags, etc made by women in Vietnam in order that they can earn money to send their children to school. She had a variety of bags on display and some members purchased goods.

On 5th March we had a very successful Hostess Tea when we were entertained by MUSICALITY who performed a very slick song and dance programme. Together with the food provided by the Committee a great time was had by all.

But what a surprising and uplifting evening we had on 12th March when Rev John and Mrs Linda McKinnon came along with their Puppeteers to give a puppet show with a difference. Who could resist smiling at their performance – the timing of the puppets with the music was excellent and you could be forgiven for forgetting they were not real!

Names are now being taken for our Outing to Perth on 12th May

Betty Sturgeon, Secretary

Thank You

During my recent illness, I received lots of cards, flowers and good wishes all of which I greatly appreciated and which assisted in raising my spirits in the early stages of my illness.

I would, therefore, like to express my thanks to everyone for their concern and particularly the Rev Ian Taylor for his thoughts and prayers while I was in hospital.

Betty Semple

Flower Calendar

April

Distributors: Mrs M Kinloch 563 6023 Mrs A Harvey 772 3615

Donors: Mrs A Crooks (1st), Mrs E Sturgeon, Mrs J McMillan,
Mrs A Lockhart (7th), Mrs A Henderson (15th), Mrs M Murray (24th),
Mrs A Wilson (27th), Mrs R Elliot, Mrs J Maitland





This is not so much a case of can you help?
But rather you **can** help

Christian Aid Week
takes place between the 14th and 18th of May 2012

collectors are needed from our church

for those who have already signed up -
excellent and thank you!

For those who have not yet added their name to the lists in the
Hall of Fellowship - please do so on one of the coming Sundays

The more who sign up to be a collector - the more we can do to
assist the work carried out by Christian Aid



But one area where Christian Aid provides practical help and support –
projects help rebuild through special water projects with dams, pumps
and irrigation

Springfield Cambridge Church
Dates for April 2012

Sunday Worship at 11am

Sunday 1st April

Sunday 8th April

Easter Sunday *including* the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Service at Callieburn Court at 2,30pm

Sunday 15th April

Fair Trade Stall available before and after the service

Sunday 22nd April

Sunday 29th April

Dates for Holy Week 2012

Palm Sunday - Sunday 1st April – 7pm

Springfield Cambridge Church

Monday 2nd April – 7pm

‘Crossroads’ in Robroyston Church

Stations of the Cross – Tuesday 3rd April – 7pm

St Matthews Church

Wednesday 4th April – 7pm

A Beautiful Thing in Kenmure Church

Maundy Thursday – Thursday 5th April - 7pm

St James the Less Church

Seder (Passover) Meal - Thursday 5th April – 7pm

Woodhill Evangelical Church

(tickets available from WEC Office tel 772 4283)

Good Friday – Friday 6th April

‘Good Friday Reflections’ in Kenmure Church at 10.30am

Walk of Witness - from Kenmure Church at 11am

Good Friday Service Bishopbriggs Community Church – 7pm

Easter Sunday – Sunday 7th April

Dawn Service – 6.15am (meet at the Morte Safe) - Cadder Church

Easter Morning Service – Springfield Cambridge Church – 11am