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I am the resurrection and the life

Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live,
even though they die; and whoever
lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

John 11 25: 26



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A word from the Minister

Easter has just passed and during Holy Week we may have given some thought on Good Friday to the last seven words spoken by Jesus on the cross. In his autobiography, *Brother to a Dragonfly*, Will Campbell recalls how his friend P. D. East had badgered him for a succinct definition of Christianity. East didn't want a long explanation. He wanted it simple, in ten words or less. A magazine took up this idea and invited some authors to summarise the Christian message with the instruction to proclaim the Gospel in a maximum of seven words.

Here are ten of their suggestions:

- We live by grace;
- He led captivity captive;
- The wall of hostility has come down;
- Divinely persistent, God really loves us;
- We are the church of infinite chances:
- In Christ, God's yes, defeats our no;
- God gets the last word;
- God through Jesus Christ, welcome you anyway;
- We are who God says we are;
- God was in Christ, reconciling the world.

Having read them, I wonder if you have a favourite? I do. And I wonder what words you would use to proclaim the Gospel in just seven words. I'm still working on my seven words. Let me know how you get on!

LOOKING BACK



Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) 2013-Tuesday 5th March 2013

The election of office bearers occurred at this meeting. The Congregational Board was pleased to welcome back Sandra McDougall for a further 3 year term, and to welcome two new members Christine Bickers and Helen Cranston. There are still a few vacancies on the Board, and if any member is interested in serving on the Board then please speak to the Minister or the Clerk to the Board.

At this meeting our Annual Accounts for 2012 were received having been previously accepted by the Trustees (the members of the Kirk Session and the Congregational Board on the 24^{th} . February, 2013) along with a budget for the current year.

LOOKING FORWARD



On **Sunday 14 April**, **2013**, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.





There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on Sunday 14th. April, 2013 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 21st**. **April**, **2013**, we will welcome new members in a Service for the Public Profession of Faith (including Adult Baptism).



Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings at 10am. Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr. Taylor, will be available on the 10th, 17th, 24th April, 2013 from 10-11 am. Should you wish to

see him at another time, please contact him on (\cong 0141 772 1540 or $\stackrel{\triangleleft}{}$ 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.

Prayer for All (Open to All/ Praying for All) 6.45 pm. Prayer for All meets in the Cambridge Chapel from 6.45 - 7.15 pm. on Wednesday evenings. Each night we begin 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 the ecumenical Bible Study meets in the Chapel at 7.30 pm, which is open to all and for all.

Baptisms

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

James Derek McKAY

Sunday 10th March, 2013

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.

Monday 25th. February, 2013 Mr. Michael B. Tierney

Thursday 28th. February, 2013

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Miller 6 Rannoch Avenue

4 Kincardine Drive

Treasurer's Report

Hopefully spring will be in the air by the time you read this article and the sun will be shining!

On the Finance front this month we are looking forward to receiving our Q4 2012 General Fund tax claim from HMRC which should total about £4,500. Outgoings, however include our monthly payment of £6,995 to the Church of Scotland, £1,877 to the Presbytery of Glasgow in respect of 50% of our dues for 2013 and also our next loan repayment of £6,855.

At this time I would like to make our annual appeal for donations to cover the cost of printing/paper for the Church Record. No charge is made for this brilliant publication which is so expertly produced by our magazine editor but if you would be able to give the sum of £4 per household then that would go a long way to covering the costs and would be much appreciated. Simply, place your donation in the offering plate any Sunday inside an envelope marked "Magazine" or give to your Elder at their next visit. Your donations really do make a difference and last year they almost covered the cost of the paper that was used for a sessions magazines.

Thanks again for your support.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

The GUILD

On 4th March we held our Hostess Tea, and were entertained by "Close Shave", a Male Barber Shop Chorus. The 17 members, in brightly coloured waistcoats, treated us to an evening humour and songs, with numbers from Musicals, Irvine Berlin, Cole Porter, Beatles, not forgetting Frank Sinatra. The only song we had not heard before was about Church Bells, which was very funny. After the entertainment we were treated to a hearty supper and I am sure the ladies (not forgetting the few men who attended) had a very enjoyable evening.

By the time you read this we will have had what we hope will be an entertaining talk with the intriguing title "Angels with Beards" by Douglas Allan. Our first April meeting will be entitled "Street Pastors" and will be given by Gary Killingsworth. Our season draws to an end with our A.G.M. on Monday 22nd April at which meeting entertainment after the Business will be provided by Ronnie Williamson; so we are assured of a happy close to the session. At the business part we will be looking for some new members to join the Committee and allow the ladies who have served for a number of years to step down. In particular we need a Vice Convener and/or an Assistant Secretary. GUILD LADIES PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I would also like to bring to your attention to the Daffodil shoots which are coming through the ground on the small grassy area in front of the Church. In October last year, as part of the 125 Celebration of the Guild, some of the committee ladies planted bulbs, in soil which was both heavy and tree root bound. We are delighted to see that the effort was worthwhile, as they start to appear, giving some cheer to all who pass by.

Carol Milliken, Secretary

For One Night only!

No booking Fees Ideal Family entertainment Cambuslang's one and only

Piggery Brae - Friday 26th April **Tickets available from all good church outlets**



PARTNER PLAN

Helen Scott – Malawi March 2013

Ekwendeni Girls Secondary School Box 2 Ekwendeni Malawi

Dear Praying Friends,

Let me make a confession – I hate "fellowships"! Does that sound terrible? The fellowships I am talking about are when one group of students goes to visit another group of students for prayer and fellowship. It starts around 9am and goes on till about 5pm and we sing and sing and sing and preach For all that time. In order to take schoolgirls out of the Ekwendeni area on a trip, permission has to be sought from the Educational Manager in Mzuzu, the Education Secretary of the church and the police, so these things take up a lot of time and energy.

As patron of the SU at the school; I am, each term, asked to take the SU out to visit another school for fellowship. For the past three years I have been finding excuses until all my excuses had dried up and the girls were not going to be put off any longer. So I reluctantly agreed. Imagine my joy then, when the host school had to cancel it! Plan B was to go and visit a CBCC (community-based child care centre) in one of the local villages. What a great morning we had. About 220 little children were there and we played games, etc., and then distributed bars of soap that school girls had collected from amongst themselves.

These CBCC's are run by a team of local volunteers from the village and I was impressed by their commitment. They provide a meal each day for the children many of whom are orphaned or vulnerable children. They also stimulate them to play and to learn psych-social skills. It is not easy to commit yourself to do such a thing every day. They had come together on a Saturday just because we were visiting. As we were leaving I asked the schoolgirls if they had enjoyed it – a resounding yes. When asked why, they said it was much better than a fellowship as they felt they had done something really worthwhile, they had shown God's love in a practical way! I feel that the trip has been really worthwhile and I still have Saturday afternoon for other things!

The rains have come and everywhere looks green and verdant. Maize is growing tall and looking promising – on some areas; yet in other areas it is small and parched and unlikely to produce a cob. These are the 'hungry months' when the next harvest is not yet in but last year's stocks of maize have finished. For the vulnerable household, (I know a family where there is one grandmother and 20 grandchildren but no other living adult) children often show signs of malnutrition – sores, protruding tummies, listless faces. We saw some of these this morning and the frightening thing is that it is so normal to see these symptoms in small children.

- Please pray for Malawi. It, like the rest of the world, is going through a hard time economically, yet people don't have the same safety nets here as elsewhere.
- Pray for the President, Joyce Banda. She seems to be trying to do a good job but it is a difficult time economically, so people blame her.
- Pray for the CBCC we visited and all the others like it, especially the volunteers who are so committed.
- Pray for our students. That they will be aware of others in greater need.
- Pray for the vulnerable they are going through the hungry season.

I wish you all a Blessed Easter when it comes. Just now we are in the midst of exams and close for Easter holiday on the 21st of March. Until then life will be busy.

Best Wishes

Helen



r father n heaven

What better words to present at this Easter time – in whatever language, than John 3:16

God luvd the wrld so much th@ he gave his 1&only son.y?.so no1 gets dstryd but if they belive, can have evalastin life.



Girls Brigade

Our Display is now booked for Tuesday the 23rd of April in Bishopbriggs Academy.

Saturday 2nd March was the Fun Day for the "Four Organisations". Our Explorers and Juniors had a ball; running, jumping, kicking balls amongst many other activities. There were no prizes for coming in first; just a day of fun along with the Brownies, Cubs and Anchor Boys, all competing together in mixed teams. As the children were leaving they were given a bag inside which were a few mementoes of their day; which included, amongst other items, the badge which was the winning design for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, the flag of Scotland and a Crystal Novelty. As said, a great day was had by all – including parents and officers watching the fun.

Our Coffee Morning held on the 9th of March was a great success; we had a great turnout of friends and family. We would like to thank everyone for their support and a Big thankyou especially to the parents and friends who donated cakes and baking. Winner of the 'guess the Weight of the Cake 'competition was Mrs Sheena McMillan. Winners of the design a 'Mothers Day Card' were Mischa McGinlay from the Explorers and Beth Taylor from the Juniors. Total raised on the day was £470.00.

Saturday 16th March was Glasgow Division Competition Day. In the Collage competition our Explorers came 2nd and in the Junior Competitions held in the afternoon both our Junior Teams came 2nd. Well done girls.

It is not long now 'til our Display; what with two weeks off for the Easter Holidays, we only hope all our little Explorers remember all their routines!

Fund Raising in the Company will be completed on Tuesday 19th March when the Brigaders have their Dress Down evening. So far the sections have raised money for the following charities – Explorers for Yorkhill Childrens Hospital, Juniors for McMillan Nurses and for Bee Conservation Society and the Brigaders for CLIC Sargent. Cheques to all of these charities will be posted out by the end of March.

Girls Brigade – Explorers Section



The Explorers have been busy raising funds for Yorkhill Children's Foundation as part of their Service to others badge work. They enjoyed a sponsored games night on 5th February. We saw them dribble a ball round cones, balance on the wall, walk on stilts, crawl through a tunnel, complete jigsaws and more! Fun was had by all. So far £402 has been collected! By the time you read this a member from YCF will have visited us on Tuesday 19th March to chat to the girls and collect the cheque. Well done girls! © A team of girls will have competed in the collage competition held on Saturday 16th March at St. Paul's, Provanmill. We hope they had fun.

Carol Scott, Explorer Officer

268th Glasgow Junior Section Boys Brigade

Never has the saying "*Time flies when you are having fun!*" been more true. It is hard to believe we are already on the home straight to the end of the session. The boys have been busy with Springburn District competitions and our own group competitions over the past few weeks. They have also been hard at work on their achievements and will have received their Bronze, Silver & Gold awards by the time you are reading this. We have also had the second of our visits from the P3 Anchor Boys on the 14th of March. All 17 Anchor Boys along with our own 19 boys took part in a busy evening which consisted of football, figure marching, Easter crafts and team games. All the boys thoroughly enjoyed their evening and are looking forward moving up to the Junior Section.

This year the Boys Brigade World Mission Fund Project is helping children in Malawi learn about growing food in their vegetable garden and having fun doing it! They water the plants by sinking a well which draws water up by ROUNDABOUT POWER! We are still waiting on some donation cards to be returned so I will give you and update on our fund raising success in the next article.

There are a number of events still to fit into the coming weeks. So you might want to add the following into your diary:

- Thursday 4th April ~ Easter Holiday ~ No BB
- Thursday 11th April ~ Easter Holiday ~ No BB
- Saturday 27th April ~ Anchor Boy Coffee morning 10am-12pm
- Thursday 2nd May ~ Junior Section Display 7-9pm
- Thursday 9th May ~ Games night ~ No uniform
- Saturday 11th May ~ Junior Section Away Day

Gordon Muir, OIC Junior Section

268th Glasgow Company Section Boys Brigade

The end of our session is fast approaching and we are wondering where the year has gone! Preparations are now in place for our Parents Night at the end of the session, as well as our weekend camp. This year the Company Section is going to Hexham in Northumberland, and plenty is planned for the weekend, from raft building, zip wire, night line & the climbing wall. Also planned for the weekend is a trip to St James' Park, home of Newcastle Utd for a tour of the stadium and swimming at Wet 'n' Wild to go swimming. At Wet 'N' Wild there are plenty of flumes, including one with an 80 foot vertical drop! Only for the brave!

On Friday 8th March we held our 2nd Annual Ex-Members Reunion Dinner at The Bishopbriggs Golf Club. An excellent night was had by all and our Guest of Honour for the Evening, the Very Rev Sandy McDonald was excellent! A total of £320 was raised on the night, and this is going towards the cost of the weekend camp for the boys.

Douglas Robertson, Lieutenant, Company Section

Jackie Murray Memorial Trophy



A note to all golfers

It's that time of year when we invite the congregation's golfers to come along and participate in the Jackie Murray Memorial Trophy event.

As is our practice, the Annual Gold Competition will take place at Bishopbriggs Golf Club and the date is set for Friday the 17th of May. Cost will be *circa* £30 per golfer and will include green fees, the dinner and prize giving ceremony.

The tee-off times will be between 12.30pm and 2pm and the golf will be followed by the prize giving dinner in the Clubhouse at 6.30pm. Those wishing to participate should contact Ronnie Williamson by email at:

ron.williamson@ntlworld.com

All participants should state their name, address, telephone number, home golf club, handicap and advise whether or not they will be attending the presentation dinner.

For those with no access to e-mail, applications can be obtained from George McMillan and completed forms can be placed in Ronnie's mailbox in the church cloakroom.

All applications must be received no later than Sunday 22nd April 2013.

George McMillan, Session Clerk

Thank you

The Cuthbert family would like to thank those who prayed for Heather to make a recovery from her long and painful illness; but sadly she passed away on the 4th of March. We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, telephoned and gave us words of comfort at this sad time.

Margaret, Graham and Family



I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone who enquired, sent me good wishes and cards during my recent stay in hospital. I would especially like to thank Ian Taylor for his visit and prayers. I am now hopefully, on the mend!

Willie Lawson



"A big thank you to everyone for all the lovely cards, flowers and best wishes I received following my recent surgery. Hopefully I will see you all soon to personally thank you.

Love, Morna Cooper



I would like to say a very sincere "thank you" for all the cards and messages which my family and I received from many members of the church at the time of our bereavement

The support which we received from our minister, Rev Ian Taylor, was superb. He was with us in the hospital as we sat round Elsie's bed during the evening before she died and he was with us, daily, during the period between her death and her funeral.

Our thanks also go to Alan Craig and the Praise Team for leading the hymn singing. It was inspirational as was the whole service of the celebration of Elsie's life.

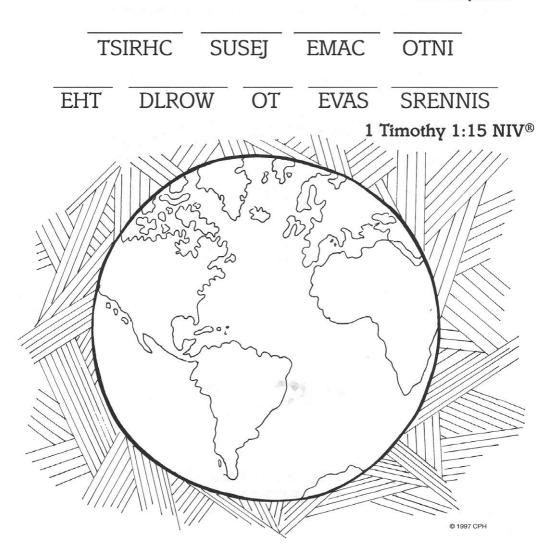
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Flower Calendar

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1 Timothy 1:15

God sent His only Son, Jesus, to earth for a very special reason. The words below are written backwards. Write them on the lines in the correct order. Then color the picture.



Springfield Cambridge Church

Bishopbriggs

Services during Holy Week and Easter

Sunday the 24th of March - Palm Sunday
Springfield Cambridge Church
Morning 11am
Evening 7pm

Monday the 25th of March Robroyston Church 7pm

Tuesday the 26th of March Stations of the Cross St. Matthews 7pm

Wednesday the 27th of March Woodhill Evangelical Church 7pm

Maundy Thursday – 28th March St. James the Less

Good Friday – 29th March
Good Friday Reflections – Kenmure Church 10.30 am
Walk of Witness – from Kenmure Church 11am
Community Church 7pm

Easter Sunday – 31st of March
Dawn Service Cadder Church (Morte safe) 6.45am
Springfield Cambridge Church 11am

