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But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ
1 Corinthians 15:57

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A word from our Minister...

Last November, an old friend who is a Scottish theology professor teaching in the U.S.A., popped in to see me for lunch on a brief trip back home. As is his wont, he brought with him a gift. A book. One that had not long been published by a retired American Presbyterian Minister (H. Dana Fearon III) who served for forty-two years in a Church in New Jersey .The book is entitled, **“Straining At The Oars”** and is a series of reflections on life and ministry. I have been reading this book very slowly because although the chapters are short they are full of rich wisdom borne of a lifetime of faithful ministry.

Recently, your representatives have been continuing to work with Colston Wellpark and our existing Parish Grouping partners to prepare a new vision and basis for our proposed enlarged Parish Grouping. That has compelled us to look again at the nature and purpose of what we do as a Church. Towards the end of my new book, Dana, writes, *“Thoughtful discipleship calls for faithfulness to the mission of Christ’s church combined with the knowledge of the world into which the Spirit sends us. Discipleship calls for planning, knowing who we are, where we are, what the Spirit calls us to and be, and what gifts have been given to us for our ministry.”*(p.110) That seemed to me a good description of the task before us as we too “strain at the oars.” As I write this article in the season of Lent, which you will read as we move into Holy Week and Easter, I am reminded that in the ups and downs of life, in the quest to be faithful, it is shared sadness as much as the shared joys that bind men and women together. Lent is a time to take time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us. Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God! Jesus knew what it was to ‘strain at the oars’ to be faithful to His Father’s will. His example encourages us to do the same.

Rev. Ian Taylor

PASTORAL ASSISTANT



At its February meeting the Kirk Session agreed to the appointment of Jim Webster as our Pastoral Assistant from March 1st. 2014. Many of you will remember that Jim was previously attached to our congregation during a period of training to become an Ordained Local Minister. During his training Jim took the decision to remain a

Reader. He was previously a Locum for Kilsyth Burns and Old Parish Church until their new Minister was inducted.

The Presbytery of Glasgow is also utilising Jim's talents from the 30th. March, 2014 as a Locum at Barlanark Greyfriars Church which means that he will serve as our Pastoral Assistant under the direction and supervision of the Minister for one, and no more than two, days per week. His duties, which are flexible, may include hospital visiting, home visiting, funerals and perhaps participation in some Sunday Services. Welcome back, Jim!



LOOKING BACK

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 6th March, 2014

Miss Margaret Cassells,
10 Graham Terrace

Thursday 13th March, 2014

Mr George M. Mathieson,
29 Muirpark Drive



LOOKING FORWARD

Vestry Hour -Wednesday mornings at 10 am

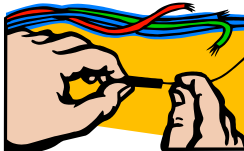
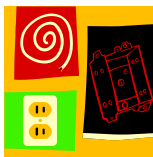
Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr. Taylor, will be available on the **16th, 23rd, 30th April, 2014**

from 10 - 11 am. 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.



Electrical Rewiring Works

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who contributed to our Fabric Appeal 2013/14 work will begin on the halls on Monday 31st. March, 2014. The contractors **expect this to be a two week** job to carry out the necessary electrical upgrading works on our premises. We believe that these works will enhance our halls provision for our future benefit. During these weeks, the Cameron and Springfield Halls **may both be out of commission** during Monday to Friday of the contract period. The contractors will endeavour to allow us to have some use of our premises but that may not always be possible. Where possible we are committed to providing individuals or groups alternative accommodation within our premises for these two weeks. In a few cases, it will not be possible to provide alternative accommodation. We appreciate that this will be an inconvenience for some. We hope that you will bear with us, and the other hall users, who will be similarly inconvenienced.



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 will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 13 April, 2014 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.



Worship on **Palm Sunday, 13th. April, 2014** at 11am and at 7pm to launch the start of Bishopbriggs Churches

Together Services for Holy Week.

On **Easter Day (Sunday 20th April, 2014)** our Service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



On **Sunday, 27th. April, 2014**, we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

Treasurer's Report

By the time this article goes to press the first quarter of 2014 will be nearly over!

Income and Expenditure for the period January –March is tracking the budgeted figures for the year and we have started to receive settlement of our outstanding Income Tax Claims from HMRC. The next claims that are due to be credited to us are the General Fund claim for Quarter 3 (2013) of £4,414 and £3,406 in respect of the Fabric Appeal 2012/3 and other misc. Fabric Items.

The main items of expenditure in March were our Central payment to the Church of Scotland of £7,254, part payment of our Glasgow Presbytery dues of £1,368 and a Loan repayment of £6,000 to the Church of Scotland General Trustees in respect of the Building work loan taken out in 2011.

More Finance news next month!

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

FLOWER CALENDAR for APRIL

Distributors:

Mrs M Kinloch 563 6023

Mrs A Harvey 772 3615

Mrs A Crooks (1st), Mrs E Sturgeon, Mrs J McMillan, Mrs A Lockhart (7th), Mrs A Henderson (15th), Mrs J Murray (21st), Mrs M Murray (24th), Mrs A Wilson (27th), Mrs R Elliot, Mrs J Maitland.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the Get Well messages I have received over the past few weeks. They have come in many ways – cards, calls, emails, visits and through prayer. Better than any medicine. I look forward to thanking you in person.

Anne Harvey

BRIGHTONS PARISH CHURCH PRAISE GROUP CONCERT

The Concert with the Brightons Parish Church Praise Group, organised by the Church Fund Raising Group, took place on Friday 21st February. It was very well attended and supported by members of the Congregation and at the moment the sum raised, including Gift Aid, is just under £1,000, with an anonymous donor wishing to make the figure up to this amount.

There was a great atmosphere during the evening, with Conductor Elaine Finlay and her Choir singing a varied programme from sacred music to songs from the musicals. Elaine also entertained us between items with some amusing stories, and Accompanist Don Finlay provided an amazing musical solo on his keyboard which raised the roof. There were also 3 items where the audience could participate.

The Concert was followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Cameron Hall which were enjoyed by everybody, and allowed those in attendance to meet with members of the choir.

Thanks go to the Brightons Parish Church Praise Group, members of the Church Fund Raising Group, Jim Tonner, Carol Nelson and all the other volunteers who freely gave of their time and talents to make this another successful venture.

At the moment, we are considering other events to be held over the following year and hope that they will again be well-supported by the Congregation.

As an ongoing venture, there is a box in the Hall of Fellowship for placing 'Unused Gifts' you may have. This collection of goods will be on sale at some appropriate future event organised by the Group, to help raise funds for the ongoing repairs required to our Church Buildings.



The Guild

Our Hostess Tea on Monday 3rd April 2014 was most enjoyable. The group "Melody Box" entertained us with a variety of songs. Two of the group told us some very witty tales which we all appreciated. The catering, as usual, was excellent, thanks to the Committee Members for their home baking.

On the 17th March we will be hosting the Spring Council AGM and we hope to have a good representation from our own Guild ladies.

We are looking forward to welcoming back on the 24th March 2014, Yvonne Waring, who this time is going to be entertaining us with some of the Joyce Grenfell Monologues. Our members thoroughly enjoyed Yvonne's visit last year and we are sure that this will be an excellent evening.

Our last meeting on the 7th April will be our AGM when we will be looking for some new members to join the Committee. After the business meeting we will be given an insight into "A Hindu Wedding" by Pat Marwick, our guest for the evening.

Carol Milliken, Joint Secretary

Girls' Brigade

The company has now settled down to Display Work etc., after all the excitement of the Celebration Service

Our Coffee Morning in aid of Company Funds will be held on Saturday 29th March, 10a.m. – 12noon, Tickets Adults £2.00 Children £1.00. We hope to have a few Stalls -- one of which will be a jewellery stall

Over the past few years our Display has been held in Bishopbriggs Academy, but due to exams our let has been cancelled by East Dunbartonshire Education Department

This year is will be held in our own Church on the 29th April. Programme tickets will be sold at the door on the night.

All sections – Explorer, Junior and Brigader have now completed their work towards gaining their Commonwealth Badge, these should be with us before the display

Margaret Cuthbert, Captain

Explorer Section

Our last “visit”, before returning to Scotland, for badge work took us to Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom. We talked about different customs, foods, emblems and Girls’ Brigade in Ireland. The girls stuck the flag in their passports



and drew a four leaf clover. On our final badge work night we talked about Scotland, tasted Scottish tablet, macaroon, haggis flavoured crisps, shortbread and drank irn bru. You will agree we encourage our girls to be healthy!!!



The girls had fun at the District Fun day on Saturday 1st February, held in Torrance Parish Church.



The Explorer team came 2nd. The girls also entered the Divisional Collage competition on Saturday 15th February. Unfortunately they were not placed but enjoyed the morning.

The Explorers enjoyed their rehearsal in the church for our Anniversary Service. We hope you managed to come along to see our part in the Service and heard us singing “This little light of mine” as we walked into the church with our candles, and “Seek, Serve and Follow” after our jigsaw puzzle of the badge.

Over the next few months we will be practising the items for our Annual Display on 29th April, which will be held in our own church halls this year! Hopefully we will not be too exhausted by then! Although we do have time off over the Easter holiday. May we wish you all a very Happy Easter ☺

Carol Scott, Explorer Officer

Anchor Boys

Since our return after the Christmas break we have been busy with 2 fund raisers. We had our big family quiz night in Feb, where 13 teams took part. There were over 100 people in the hall for our quiz night which was a fantastic night and we raised over £300.

Our second fund raiser was our coffee morning on the 8th March. It was fantastic to see the hall full of Church members, anchor boy parents, friends, family & of course lots of anchor boys wearing their red jerseys. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, those who came down to the coffee morning, everyone who bought tickets, everyone that donated home baking & to everyone that helped us set up and run the coffee morning. So far we have raised £590 which is brilliant.

The second half of the session has seen us starting to rehearse for our parent's night in May. Our parent's night will have a commonwealth games feel to it with all the boys taking part in all different commonwealth related items. We attended Springburn Districts 10 pin bowling event in Kirkintilloch in Feb. We had 13 boys attended who all had a fantastic time at the bowling.

Our P3 boys paid a visit to our Junior section in preparation for them being promoted at the end of May. All the boys took part in the Junior sections programme that night and they all had a great time and are looking forward to moving up in Sept.

Our away day in May has been arranged and we are heading off to Heads of Ayr farm park.....let's hope it's a bit drier than last year.

Alan Kerr, Office in Charge

Spend & Raise

This is just a wee brief update to keep church folk apprised of the projects progress. After a (not unexpected) lull in proceedings – matters have picked up somewhat dramatically – and pleasingly – over the last couple of weeks. So much so that we are currently processing just over £100 worth of orders! This amount will drip feed through to our Church Treasurer over the early part of April.

The receptacles are still in place in the Hall of Fellowship; if you should so happen to have any old mobiles, CDs or DVDs no longer required – please bring them along and deposit them for the benefit of your church.

And spent ink cartridges – especially the HP brand which are currently in demand for recycling. And in conclusion – many thanks for contributions.

This Month's Cover

Our artistic cover design this month is truly unique. When it was decided to send an Easter message out in to our Parish, an eye catching cover design was sought for the leaflet. And to this end Rachel Findlay was approached and asked if she would kindly provide. Rachel, as all will remember, designed and painted the murals in the link corridor between our two halls. And the design on the Easter leaflet is equally excellent – and extremely apt to the season. Thank you Rachel!

3rd Annual BB Reunion Dinner

The 3rd annual reunion dinner of the 268th Glasgow Boys' Brigade took place on Friday 14th March at the Bishopbriggs Golf Club. After an excellent meal we remembered those in our number who were not able to attend for a variety of reasons. We also heard a report from our captain George McMillan outlining what the company is up to today. Our Guest of Honour for the evening, Andrew Wilkin, then spoke on the subject of ties. It was certainly a very interesting topic! The evening helped raise just over £243 after costs, though this will increase with a gift aid claim. Many thanks to all who contributed to another excellent night. A photo of all who attended is included below.



**IN CONCERT WITH THE COSMOS:
7 JUNE 2014 at CLYDE AUDITORIUM, GLASGOW
KHARIS PRODUCTIONS in association with
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Is there any real credible evidence for God in the universe? In Concert with the Cosmos is a celebration of the wonders of the cosmos - with Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus and Orchestra, Tenors Un Limited, high definition film, NASA astronaut Colonel James Dutton and international author, speaker and broadcaster, Professor John Lennox of Oxford University. The evening will be hosted by Justin Brierley of London's Premier Radio.

There is, of course, a wider purpose in this celebration of the cosmos. Appreciating its wonders leads to a bigger question: how can it all be explained? Are we all here by chance? Or is there substantial evidence of there being some purpose and meaning to life? The evening will periodically reflect on those questions.

Among the "star" attractions of the evening are the guest appearances of Colonel James Dutton who has recently piloted the Space Shuttle to the International Space Station; and Professor Lennox, a world renowned speaker on matters of science and faith. The Trio "Tenors Un Limited" will make a guest appearance, and The Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus and Orchestra will be led by Scottish conductor, arranger and composer Alan A. Craig.

This is a unique and original approach to a fascinating subject. It will combine entertainment with amazing information and allow the audience to experience something of the scale and extraordinary features of the universe that sustains life on earth.

But the evening will also provide an opportunity to support life on earth! Part of the proceeds of the evening will be given to CHAS and ECRAD, two Scottish charities supporting work among children in Scotland and in Malawi.

Consult the Church Notice Boards for details, and for booking arrangements. May Murray and Joan McGowan have booking forms for the Bishopbriggs Box Office. Please note that buses will be available to take you from the Church to the Clyde Auditorium and back, but book early for a place.

Sheila M. Gibson

Brother Lawrence

. . . and in conclusion to this month's church magazine – an interesting reflection.

At a recent Prayer for All session, the person leading for that evening indicated they were working through a Lenten sequence of reflections and had come across a piece from a monk unknown to him – or any of the rest of us there gathered. Not so our minister – whose eyes lit up at the mention of Brother Lawrence and he was able to enlighten us to a degree about this remarkable Christian.



"It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

More than any other of his day, Brother Lawrence understood the holiness available within the common business of life. He began life as Nicholas Herman, born to peasant parents in Lorraine, France in 1614. As a young man, his poverty forced him into joining the army, and thus he was guaranteed meals and a small stipend. During this period, Herman had an experience that set him on a unique spiritual journey; it wasn't, characteristically, a supernatural vision, but a supernatural clarity into a common sight. In the deep of winter, Herman looked at a barren tree, stripped of leaves and fruit, waiting silently and patiently for the sure hope of summer abundance. Gazing at the tree, Herman grasped for the first time the extravagance of God's grace and the unfailing sovereignty of divine providence. Later, he entered the Discalced Carmelite monastery in Paris as Brother Lawrence. He was assigned to the monastery kitchen where, amidst the tedious chores of cooking and cleaning at the constant bidding of his superiors, he developed his rule of spirituality and work. In his *Maxims*, Lawrence writes, "Men invent means and methods of coming at God's love, they learn rules and set up devices to remind them of that love, and it seems like a world of trouble to bring oneself into the consciousness of God's presence. Yet it might be so simple. Is it not quicker and easier just to do our common business wholly for the love of him?" We can do little things for God; I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of him, and that done, if there is nothing else to call me, I prostrate myself in worship before him, who has given me grace to work; afterwards I rise happier than a king. It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

A copy of his book has been ordered and will be placed in the church library, in due course

the
practice
of the
presence
OF GOD
by brother Lawrence

Holy Week & Easter Services 2014

Bishopbriggs Churches Together

Palm Sunday (April 13th)

Springfield Cambridge 11am

Springfield Cambridge 7pm

Monday (April 14th)

Robroyston 7pm

Tuesday (April 15th)

Stations of the Cross St. Matthews 7pm

Wednesday (April 16th)

Woodhill Evangelical Church 7pm

Maundy Thursday (April 17th)

St. James the Less 7pm

Good Friday (April 18th)

Good Friday Reflections – Kenmure Church 10.30 am

Walk of Witness – from Kenmure Church 11am

Good Friday (April 18th)

Community Church 7pm

Easter Sunday (April 20th)

Dawn Service Cadder Church (Morte safe) 6.00am

followed by breakfast in the North Hall

Easter Sunday (April 20th)

Springfield Cambridge

