



The Springfield Cambridge Record



. . . an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1: 20-21

December 2012

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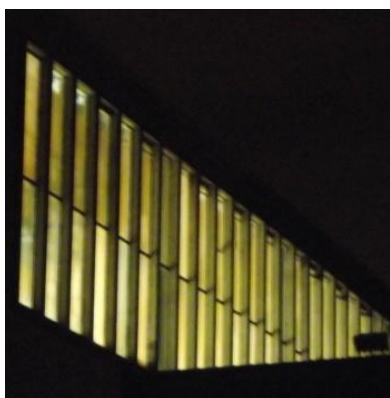
A word from our Minister...what have you done today...?

As I began to write this article in mid-November, the shops were being filled with Christmas gifts. Commercial preparations begin before spiritual preparations it would seem. The position of goods in shop windows often dictate whether customers will buy them or not. In the Jewish faith there is a position, '*Mitzvah*', of stooping to help someone else by means of a good deed.

In the 12th century a rabbi devised eight ways to nudge God for a '*Mitzvah*' while performing charity. Each one was higher than the other. But there's a catch to all of these *Mitzvahs*. It's best illustrated by an old story about a Rabbi, who loved golf so much that he even played golf on the *High Holy Day*. That day he made a hole in one. As he danced about with exultation, there was a rumble of thunder and a clap of lightning, and God's voice boomed down on him. '*So who are you going to tell?*' That's the catch when you earn a '*Mitzvah*.' '*So who are you going to tell? If you do, you'll lose it.*' The question is, what have you *done* for someone today, that you *didn't have to do*...and whom *didn't you tell?*'

Rev Ian Taylor

FABRIC APPEAL



Following the completion of the work on the Sanctuary Mullions you will find a Fabric Appeal Leaflet and return envelope contained within this edition of the church magazine. I hope you will prayerfully consider how you can respond to this Appeal, which I commend to you.

"The light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never mastered it." John 1:5

Rev. Ian Taylor



Looking back...

On **Wednesday 7th November, 2012 at 7.30 pm** we watched a **BATTLEFIELDS VISIT FILM** in the **Sanctuary**. This film charted a trip by **Bishopbriggs Academy** pupils to the **battlefields** in **Belgium** and **Northern France**. Afterwards, tea and coffee were served in the Hall of Fellowship. For anyone who missed this film and who would like to see it, this can be seen on YouTube by following this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUuPPZqsE_M



Looking ahead...

Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings at 10 am.

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr Taylor, will be available on the **5th, 12th, 19th December, 2012 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.



Mid Week Services - Cambridge Chapel 11.10 a.m.

The Wednesday morning Service will be held in the Cambridge Chapel. **There will not be Services on 26th. December, 2012 or 2nd. January, 2013.** 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 p.m.

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 7.30pm, which is open to all and for all.



On **Saturday 1st. December, 2012 between 10 – 12 noon** and on **Sunday 2nd. December, 2012**, our **Jars of Grace** for **UNICEF** will be received and **gifts for children will also be received during this Service**. The gifts will be used by local social work agencies at Christmas and throughout the coming year. You can wrap your gift if you wish, but please attach a label to the outside indicating whether the gift is suitable for a boy or girl, and what age group. Or, you may present your gift unwrapped, with accompanying paper attached and a note of sex/age of child. In this way these gifts can be used during the coming year for birthdays and the like, if unused at Christmas.



On **Sunday 2nd December, 2012**, we will also celebrate **the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**.

On **Sunday 9th December 2012** our Service will include an act of Dedication for three of the stain glass windows which have been the restored in the Springfield Hall. (**This was previously advised for the 4th of November, 2012, but has been rearranged.**) This is one of the windows before it was restored.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on Sunday 9th December, 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.



East Dunbartonshire Schools String Orchestra & Primary Chorus return for a Carol Service in our Church on Sunday 9th December 2012 at 6.30 p.m. This is a return visit for the musicians and singers. This promises to be another great evening of praise to prepare us for Christmas.



Sunday 23rd December, 2012 the Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders join us for a Service which will include a Nativity Play.

Monday 24th December, 2012 - Christmas Eve – A Family Service will be held at **6.30 pm**. The Service will last for about 45 minutes. **Our Watch Night Service will begin at 11.30 pm**. Carol Singing from 11 pm.



On Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December, 2012

Our Parish Grouping Joint Christmas Services will be at **Kenmure Church**. The **9.30 am Service** will be conducted by Rev.



Graham Finch from Cadder Church and will be a Service of Holy Communion, aimed principally at adults, although all are welcome to the Lord's Table. Following this short 40 minute Service, tea and coffee will be served in the hall. It is hoped that the 'early birds' will stay for tea and coffee and meet those coming to the second Service. **At 10.30 am there will be a Family Service** which will last for about half an hour.

Christ comes first within Christmas – come one and all and celebrate



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 5th November, 2012

Mrs Patricia Mulgrew
15 Crinan Gardens

Thursday 8th November, 2012

Mrs Euphemia M. Sinclair
54 Graham Terrace

Friday 16th November, 2012

Mrs Catherine (Irene) E Kaura
3 Briar Neuk

Treasurer's Report

This being the final magazine of 2012, I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to all the loyal "givers" for your offerings during 2012 and to all those who have responded to various appeals during the year. The constant flow of offerings really does make a difference especially over the summer months when things are quieter around the church...although the outgoings certainly don't seem less at that time of year!! I am also grateful to the ever-increasing band of members who give "tax efficiently". The number of members participating in "Gift Aid" seems to grow every year and our Income tax reclaim figure for the General Fund in 2012 will be approximately £15,000!

Anyone who would more information about Gift Aid then simply contact our excellent Convenor Mr David Lockhart whose contact details can be found at the front of the magazine.

As we move into the last month of the year, General Fund income and expenditure continues to track budget and I am hopeful that we can still meet our budgeted surplus on the General Fund for 2012 of approximately £2,700.

As you will all have noticed there was major renovation work going on in and around the church last month to the Concrete Mullions. This was essential work that had arisen simply due to age of the church building. We were able to fund the project that cost about £26K from existing Fabric Reserves and a small grant of £5,000 received from the Church of Scotland General Trustees. It was fantastic that we were able to fund such a project from existing funds, but this now means that very little is left in "the pot".

A leaflet is enclosed with this magazine appealing for donations to the Fabric Fund and explaining more in detail about the Concrete Mullions work. I realise that this is a very demanding time financially for everyone, but I would ask you all to look as favourably as you can at the appeal and give what you can afford. **THIS IS OUR CHURCH!.....THIS IS **YOUR** CHURCH!**

Best Wishes

Jim Kerr, *Treasurer*

Thanks

On behalf of my daughter, Katie, my son-in-law Tony Byrne, myself and the rest of the family - we would like to express our thanks to all our friends in the congregation, and in particular, the Rev. Ian Taylor, for all the support, prayers, cards, kind wishes and flowers received during Katie's recent operation and on-going recuperation. This support helps to make a very trying time a little easier.

Maureen M Brown

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent me their expressions of sympathy by the beautiful flowers and cards and by telephone during the extremely difficult and sad time I've just experienced. Many thanks are due also to the Rev Ian Taylor for his visits, help and advice all of which were invaluable and most gratefully received and appreciated, as also his sympathy and comfort.

Thank you

Ann Strachan

Please Help ! ! !

We are still short of some volunteers for Sunday Morning Duty Teams, Any offers would be greatly appreciated. It is not very onerous, once every ten weeks, 10.30am start and usually finish by 12.30pm

We need full teams if we are to show that we are a welcoming Church.

Trust that you can help just put your name and contact number in to my pigeon hole in the cloakroom.

Hope to hear from you

Mervyn Porter

ADVENT CALENDAR 2012

The centre page spread, that follows this page, contains an
ADVENT CALENDAR for 2012

Simply (and carefully) prise up the staples and remove the calendar.

The staples can then be closed with the flat of a kitchen knife.

(Younger folk should delegate that task to a grown up).

Then your ADVENT CALENDAR can be pinned to a wall – or held on the fridge door with magnets – or placed on your side table next to your favourite chair. The prayers and readings can then be followed for each day through Advent; following a true path until one reaches that special day – the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ADVENT 1: Shepherds

Read chapter 2 verses 8 to 20 from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2.8-20).



A prayer to say each day

God of the outsider,
God of the outcast,
God of the ordinary,
show me how to love with your love,
for all are welcome in your kingdom. Amen.

ADVENT 2: Angels

Read chapter 1 verses 26 to 28 from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1.26-28).



A prayer to say each day

God in all things and in all places,
help me to give glory to you.
Through my prayers, my actions and the
things I say,
may I praise your holy name. Amen.

ADVENT 3: Elizabeth and Joseph

Read chapter 1 verses 13 to 17 from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1.13-17) and chapter 1 verses 20 and 21 from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 1.20-21).

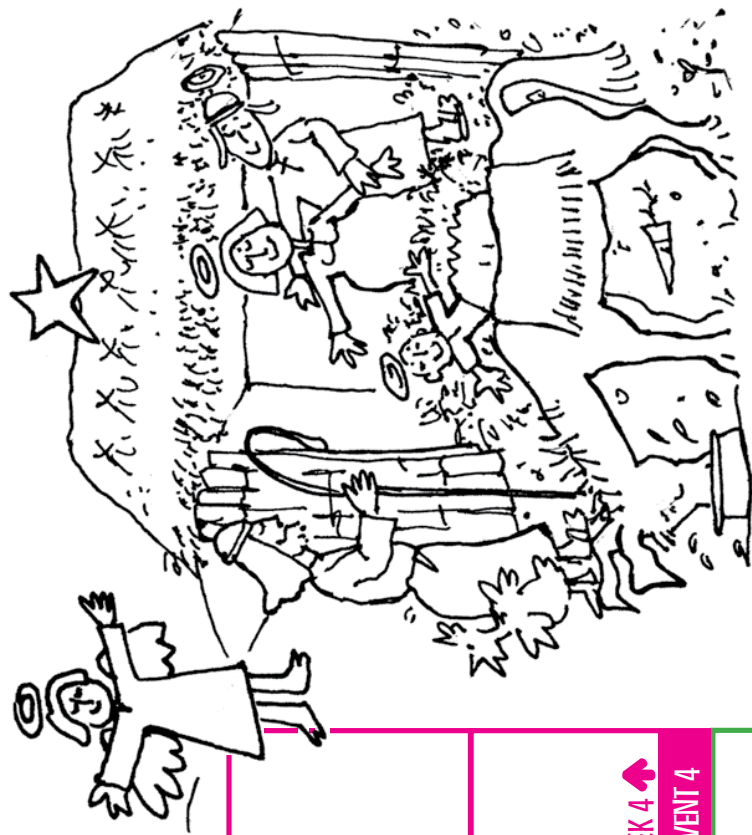


A prayer to say each day

Loving God, help me to care for the people
who need my love and support.
and be faithful to you. Amen.

CHRISTMAS DAY

ADVENT 4: Mary



Read chapter 1 verses 26 to 32 and 38 from the Gospel of Luke (Lukel.26-32, 38).



A prayer to say each day

Loving God, since I was born
you have done good things for me.
You have filled me with your love.
You have looked after me with care.
Holy is your name.
I will always praise you. Amen.

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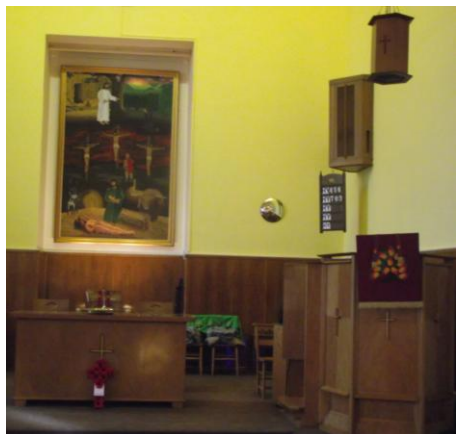
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On the front cover this Christmas month . . .



. . . is a reproduction of one aspect of a wonderful painting that hangs within the chancel area of Carnwadric Church. This large format work of art was painted by a 16 year old member of the church, Elaine Smith (now Tait to her married name). The painting was unveiled and dedicated by her mum in 1990. And it's not the only "front cover" it has graced as back in 1991 it formed the cover picture on the Easter edition of Life and Work.

In our own church we now, wisely, use an artificial tree; but a few years back when we bought a "real" tree each year, the tradition was to strip the branches and at Easter form them in to a rugged cross – thus exemplifying the linked journey from the manger to Easter. Well, this splendid piece does likewise in painted form – the Nativity scene has the Crucifixion above followed by the Resurrection and then the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. All topped with a sunrise of hope.

It is, of course, the Nativity scene that is featured on our December issue and when I requested permission to so use, an interesting concept was pointed out to me. Mary and Joseph are in the stable with the baby Jesus, the manger is there and the farm animals are looking on. So what's different? Look again and see if you can "spot the difference" from other nativity scenes. Spotted it? Joseph is holding the baby Jesus – as any proud father would so do. Yet I cannot remember seeing it represented in other examples. It certainly made the selection of accompanying bible text easy to choose – namely, Joseph's Story.



James Robertson.

Girls Brigade – Explorers Section

Our Fancy dress party was enjoyed by all on Tues 30th Oct. Various games were played, “jokes” were told, prizes won and food was eaten.

I’m sure you will agree we look great in our outfits.



We have been having fun talking about the Seasons and the weather! The girls enjoyed being “Weathergirls” deciding where in Britain was going to be sunny, windy or wet with lots of rain.

They had fun making tornados in a jar.



By the time you read this we will have talked about Christmas, made a craft, sung Carols and had our Christmas party, hopefully, with a special visitor appearing!

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Carol Scott, Explorer Officer

Sunday School

The Sunday school are now busy preparing for their part in the nativity service, we will be doing The Star of Wonder, all sections, plus some members of staff and a surprise guest taking part.



There will be parties the day before for the sparklers, all stars and juniors and I am sure they will be hoping to have surprise guest along too.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year. *Brenda Diamond*

Flower Calendar

December

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Thank you to everyone for your support to the Flower Ministry and may the Spirit of Christmas remain with each of you throughout 2013.

From the Flower Committee

Due to the production challenges which have occurred over the last two issues, we have been 'delayed' somewhat in catching up with our Missionary Partner's news. I am delighted, therefore, to now present Helen's letter in full. *James Robertson*



Helen Scott
Malawi
September 2012



Dear Praying Friends

'twiga! ... fisi! ... swala! ... ngiri! ... mbuni! ... simba! ...'

I have just come from a GB Africa Fellowship conference in Musoma, Tanzania. Hence the Swahili above (translation: giraffe, hyena, impala, warthog, ostrich, lion - we were taken to the Serengeti for a day trip). It was three full days of travelling by bus to reach there plus a day somewhere in between to rest and book the next stages of the journey. By the time I reached there I was exhausted but soon revitalised and enjoyed the conference very much. There were delegates there from Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and RSA. It was just great to have fun and fellowship with such a variety of people and worth the travel weariness. The International President, Ruth Chikasa, who is from Zambia was there. She is a lovely person with a real vision for girls worldwide. She was a real inspiration.

Tanzania itself is a vast country with mountainous regions but also huge, arid plains. I travelled with seven other Malawian delegates and travelling Malawi-style is very different from travelling western-style. Whereas we tend to have everything organised, they just go

and sort out things like accommodation on the way as and when required. It was an exercise in trust but also very relaxing as I didn't need to worry when buses were delayed etc. God is gracious and sent the right people at the right time when we were stuck. One boy appeared just at the time when we were trying unsuccessfully to order supper from a restaurateur who knew no English. Suddenly this young man appeared who was a graduate of Dodoma University and had seen out T-shirts with 'Seek, serve and follow Christ'. He was a Christian in this predominantly Muslim country and was able to help us and we were able to encourage him. Another hotel owner took us under his wing and helped us make all our bookings in Mbeya on the way there.

School finished for the year at the end of July, and then we had a Form 1 entrance exam for this year's intake followed by marking, reports and all the other end of term things to be done. It was therefore a nice break to be able to go to Tanzania.

Term begins again on 3rd September. Next week we have been given the go-ahead to short list and interview for new teachers. We will have one form left on the grant-aided side (Form Four), and three forms will be fully private. I know that some of the girls in Form Four were wondering just what would happen as they will be the only group paying small fees and they were worried that the others would victimise them. Pray that as staff we will be sensitive to this and maintain the harmony in the school. Some of the government staff will be posted to other schools.

One of the things I need to do before term begins is to make the Duty Rota, but don't know who will be away and who will be around and can be put on it!

For the past two years we have had two headmistresses and much to everyone's amazement have been able to make the school situation work. Now the government head, Mrs Chirambo, is being posted to head a larger school in Mzuzu, so will we be back to one headmistress? Watch this space

... I am sure that whatever happens will be in God's plan. One of the things concerning the church at the moment is that many of the young people are leaving and attending a new prosperity gospel church which has just started up in Ekwendeni called The Winners Chapel. Please pray for this situation, and that the church leaders may look to God for guidance on how to handle the situation and not just tell the young folk off. God may be speaking to us about our worship. Pray that we will be listening. Pray with me for:

- The young folk and the church
- The head teacher/s
- Teachers being posted away, that they may be sent to the place where God wants them to be
- For sensitivity in school amongst girls and staff
- GB in Malawi and worldwide

May God bless you all. Yours in Christ, *Helen*

Do u no txt spk?



Bible to hand, please - ready to "translate" this month's text language bible verse. Nativity related, of course, it is part of Mary's Song from Luke 1 : 46-55

Aleluja! Gd has an I on me, Evry1 sez Im blesd cos da Bos is gd 2me. Fear im &E is gr8 – E srtd da badguys & give grub 2 da MT. E has bin fab 2us – E sed E wud.

Truth be told – I still prefer the King James version !

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Pictured above are Gillian Gray and Robert Hamilton photographed after their wedding on 25th August 2012

Gillian was a Sunday School Teacher here at Springfield Cambridge and much valued as she also played the piano for the Senior Girls Sunday School
We are pleased to offer our sincerest best wishes to Gillian and Robert for their future life and happiness ahead.

Believe It!

JOHN 20:31

God gave us His Word so that we can know that His Son, Jesus, was born to be our Savior. *Write every third letter on the lines, starting with the letter B.*

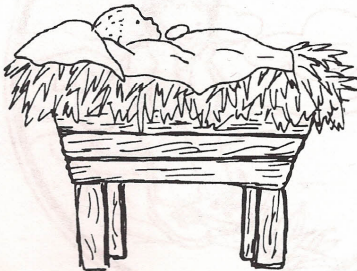
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Springfield Cambridge Church

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Services during the month of December 2012

Sunday the 2nd of December

Service at 11am

Gift Service and Return of Jars of Grace

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday the 9th of December

Service at 11am

[Service will include an act of Dedication for three of the restored stain glass windows in the Springfield Hall]

Afternoon Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

***East Dunbartonshire Schools String Orchestra & Primary
Chorus Carol Service - Sunday 9th December 2012 at 6.30 pm.***

Sunday the 16th of December

Service at 11am

Sunday the 23rd of December

Service at 11am

Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders Nativity Play.

Monday the 24th of December

Family Service at 6.30pm

Watch Night Service at 11.39pm

Carol Singing from 11pm.

Christmas Day

Tuesday the 25th of December

At Kenmure Church

Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am

Tea and Coffee in the Hall at 10.10am

Family Service at 10.30am