



The Springfield Cambridge Record



Christmas 1865 by Thomas Falcon Marshall

December 2014

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
among those with whom he is well pleased! *Luke 2:14*

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A word from our Minister...

Recently I was reminded of a line from a sermon I once heard 22 years ago, *“On a sunny day in Scotland it often rains.”* The preacher was a colleague who was to later become a firm friend. A few weeks ago he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his Ordination as a Minister. Quite a feat of service and discipleship. The story of his ministry intersects with my own, through our common bond of faith in Christ. His story and my story are connected to that larger divine story – His story – the story of Jesus Christ – a story that binds us all together in Christ in the Christian Church.

In a few weeks, we will all have the opportunity to reconnect to that larger divine story – His story – the story of Jesus Christ. As the poet Ann Weems puts it...

“This Advent let’s go to Bethlehem

and see this thing that the Lord has made known to us.

In the midst of shopping sprees

let’s ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts.

Through the tinsel

let’s look for the gold of the Christmas Star.

In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos,

let’s listen for the brush of angels’ wings.

This Advent, let’s go to Bethlehem

and find our kneeling places.”

Rev Ian Taylor



LOOKING BACK

On **Sunday 2nd November, 2014** five New Communicants joined the Church and they are all pictured over with a brief introduction. Pictured left to right are Diarmid MacArthur, Maren Andrews, Clare McKeown, Sheena Marshall, Jacob Williams.

Diarmid MacArthur

I have been coming to Springfield Cambridge Church now for some thirty years. I am delighted to become a member and to help in any way I can for the good of the Church.

Maren Andrews

I was born and raised in Hamburg, Germany. I married David Andrews in 1964. We met at Hamburg University where I studied English. We eventually moved to Glasgow with our baby daughter Faye who was born in 1965 at Southampton. We have been in Glasgow ever since. By the grace of God we had a wonderful life together until death parted us in 2013.

Clare McKeown

As a child I was mainly involved in Springfield Cambridge through the Girls' Brigade until my 20's. In my 20's I studied to be a Speech and Language Therapist and currently work for NHS Lanarkshire. I married David, my husband, in 2011 and we have a 10 month old son, Rory, born 22nd December 2013. Recent family and health events have brought me back to the Church.

Sheena Marshall

I was born and brought up in Airdrie and moved, with my late husband to Bishopbriggs in 1969. I have two children, a son and a daughter, and am grandma to Leah and Joanna.

I enjoy going to the theatre where my tastes include drama, opera and ballet. My last visit was to the Theatre Royal to see J B Priestley's "Dangerous Corner." I also enjoy attending adult education classes at both Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities.

Jacob Williams

I'm a 6th year student at Bishopbriggs Academy, hoping to study medicine next year at university. In my spare time I play the piano and the drums and I am currently learning to play the organ. I'm a black belt in taekwondo and enjoy doing this also. In addition to this I am a member of the 212th Boys' Brigade Company.



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.

Saturday 1st November, 2014

Carole M. McCallum,
148 Wallacewell Road

Thursday 6th November, 2014

Yvonne Hood,
4 Montrose Terrace



LOOKING FORWARD

Vestry Hour -Wednesday mornings at 10 am



Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr Taylor, will be available on the 3rd, 10th, 17th **December 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.

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.



On **Saturday 6th. December, 2014** between 10 - 12 noon and on **Sunday 7th December, 2014**, our **Jars of Grace for UNICEF** will be received.



On **Sunday 7th. December, 2014** gifts for children will 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 7th December, 2014**, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 14th December, 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.



On Thursday 18th December, 2014, at 10 am., the children and staff of Auchinairn Primary School will come to the Church for their Christmas Service. This is open to all.



Sunday 21st December, 2014 the Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders join us for our Nativity Service.

Wednesday 24th December, 2014 - Christmas Eve - A Family Service will be held at 6.30 p.m. The Service will last for about 45 minutes. **Our Watch Night Service will begin at 11.30 p.m.** with Carol Singing from 11 pm. There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the Lodging House Mission.



On Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December, 2014 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 which will start at **10.30 am**. **This will be a Family Service** and will last for about half an ho



Treasurer's Report

This being the final magazine of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Thanks to all the “regular” givers in the congregation for your offerings in 2014. Your support is very much appreciated and this means that we can meet our planned expenditure throughout the year.

We still await settlement from HMRC of our Q2 2014 and Q3 2014 General Fund (Including Gift Aid Small Claims) tax claims totalling around £9,300. Another £2,789 is due from HMRC in respect of tax recoveries on our Fabric Appeal held in late 2013/early 2014 and this should be received by the end of the year.

We are shortly about to undertake further maintenance work to upgrade the heating systems in the church buildings and also hopefully to install a system that will make the buildings more energy efficient and reduce our heating expenditure in the medium/long term. The first tranche of work will cost approximately £12,000 and will be funded mostly by contributions to last year's Fabric Appeal. Thanks to all those who have made it possible to by giving to the appeal!

One Major item of expenditure recently is for emergency repair work to 3 drains in the church car park at a cost of £1,190 and we are due to make our final payment of £7,554 for our Ministries and Mission Allocation of 2014 in the next few days.

The deficit on the General Fund for the year-to 14/11/2014 is £5,798 and I am pleased to say that we remain on course to meet our budgeted figures for the full year.

I mentioned last month that we have established a “150 Fund” and I am pleased to say that the balance of the fund is already £1,454.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

On the front cover this month . . .

We are now in the last month of 2014 – soon to enter 2015 which, as we all know, is the 150th anniversary year of our church's establishment in 1865. By a wee act of “providence” a painting exists of a winter church scene which actually carries the title “Christmas 1865”. It seemed so “opportune” to include on this month's cover. The artist, Thomas Falcon Marshall, produced many artistic rural studies from around the area of his native South Lancashire; so it's neither Bishopbriggs nor Auchinairn but it perhaps evokes in some way the era of the foundation of our church.

James Robertson

268th Boys Brigade - Anchor Boys

The Anchor boys restarted in September after the summer break. We currently have 25 boys on the role. Over the summer time we promoted 14 boys to our Junior section. Although 25 boys is still a very strong section this is slightly down on numbers from the last few years when we have had 40 boys on our role. We still have capacity to take more boys. So if you know any boy in P1, P2 or P3 at school who you think would like our Anchor Boy Section please pass on our details.

Since our restart we have been busy with all our anchor boys. Our badge work is well under way with the P3 boys. Our new groups have been made up with the groups being named after American states. Our 5 new groups also have 5 newly selected leading boys from our P3 boys& our group competition is well under way as well.

We also have 4 Company section boys helping us out this year as part of their work to achieve their Queens badge.

We had our Halloween party on Friday 31st October and our Christmas party will be held on Friday the 5th Dec and that will mark the end of our first session. Our section will also be attending Glasgow Battalions panto Sleeping Beauty which will be held in Ibrox Parish Church.

Alan Kerr, Office in Charge

Anchor Boys email : anchorboys268@aol.com Web site:www.gmuir.co.uk



268th Boys Brigade – Company Section

A lot has happened in the Company Section already this session, as we rapidly approach Christmas. On a Monday night the boys have started their bids to be film directors, script writers and actors, as they write, direct, act and film their own short movie. This has also been coupled with a class on first aid, so perhaps the thinking is to combine the two skills for some gruesome prosthetic wounds to bandage!

There is plenty in the pipeline, with our Christmas night out to Fun World Soft Play area in Greenock. A bit of a trek, but no doubt the boys (and officers!) will have fun! We are also fast preparing our plans for camp next year. Unlike previous years when we have gone away for a weekend, the staff have decided to go for a full week to camp! The plan is to go to Hemel Hempstead for our camp, and plenty is planned to keep the boys entertained throughout the week! Watch this space for details!

On the competition front we have been busy with the National competitions. Our table-tennis team were narrowly beaten 9-0 in their 1st round match. Also, our badminton team lost out 4-1 to the 212th Glasgow

in a local derby. Our Master Quiz team fared a little better, as they finished 3rd in their heat. Sadly, this still was not quite good enough to see them progress as they were unlucky to miss out. It's not all doom and gloom, as our chess team are into the 3rd round of the Chess Competition, having won both their previous ties 6-3! The coming weeks see us host the 1st Stathaven, so hopefully our chess team shall progress into the New Year!

Douglas Robertson



65th Company Girls' Brigade

The Brigaders would like to thank Mr Bill Findlay for giving up his time to come along and help them with their Badge Work – 150 years of Springfield Cambridge

Coffee Morning. A big thank you to parents, friends, office staff and members of the congregation for donations of baking handed in on the day. Also for donations of money and gifts, and coming along to support us Total raised £496.15 plus gift aid to come

Dedication Service, we had a full company turnout on the day. This is the only service that the little Explorers are asked to attend, so it was quite an experience for some of them

Remembrance Sunday, We again paraded with Juniors and Brigaders and as above we all enjoyed the service. After the service some of the officers and girls attended and laid wreaths at the War Memorial services at Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn

The Tea Dance on the 11th November was a great success, and very well attended by parents and friends. The evening started with the Explorers doing the Gay Gordons then the Juniors and lastly the Brigaders doing different Scottish Dances. The Mums thought they were just watching - they did not know they were going to partner their daughters at the end of each session. Everyone had tea then enjoyed a game of tombola. The climax of the evening was the end when the girls got their mothers up to dance and then do the slosh (which some of the girls had never heard of!). We would like to say thank you for donations of money at the end of the evening, and to the Mums for their help with baking

Also to the Brigaders and Officers for Prizes donated Total Raised £222.00 with gift aid to come
Margaret Cuthbert, Captain

65TH GIRLS BRIGADE - QUIZ - LINK THE WORDS

Sheets detailing the answers to the Girls Brigade's recent quiz have been added to both the church's main notice boards. So you can fill in any 'gaps' you may have encountered!

The Guild

On 3rd November our speaker was Elaine Webster from the Scottish Language Dictionaries, the nation's resource for the Scots language which is the indigenous language of lowland Scotland. After a few technical problems the members thoroughly enjoyed her presentation and had a wide ranging discussion on the words in frequent use that are by no means 'English'. We were interested in finding out where some of these words originated from and many can be traced back to other European languages. I for one was gratified to hear that many of the words I used while growing up in the East End were not as I thought Glaswegian slang but bona fide 'Scots' words. Anyone interested in knowing more about the Scots language should consult www.scotsdictionaries.org.uk. On 17th November we hosted fellow Guild members from Cadder and Kenmure Guilds when we were entertained by the Columbian Singers accompanied by Margaret Waddell and conducted by Mariot Dallas. The group, from Kilsyth, have been singing since 1950 and presented a varied programme of music from Burns' My Love is like a Red Red Rose through a group of Spirituals to The Slaves Chorus ending with You Raise Me Up which they most certainly did to all who were present! A special mention must be made of the soloists - Campbell Sturrock who told us he was disappointed to find there were no men in the audience as he is a member of the Guild and who sang The Laird of Cockpen and The Road and the Miles to Dundee and Gerry Daly the Choir Chairman who gave a wonderful rendition of Some Enchanted Evening. It was a great night of music which was greatly enjoyed by all there.

On 1st December we will be visited by Drena O'Malley MBE from Deafblind Scotland who will tell us about their 20:14 Vision raising funds for a centre for Deafblind people which they have called 'a Field of Dreams' to be located on a plot in McGavigan's fields in Lenzie. The session will be rounded off by our Christmas Party to be held in the Springfield Hall on Monday 15th December. Tickets are now available costing £15 and we look forward to seeing all of our members there.

Joyce Macmillan, Joint Secretary

Doll Craig would like to thank everyone for cards, phone calls, visits and good wishes during her recent stay in Hairmyres Hospital, East Kilbride.

Fresh Start - Women's Aid

The Fresh Start packs for Women's Aid organised by the Church Steering Group have recently moved to new premises in Lennoxton. These premises have been organised by East Dunbartonshire Council and we have the storage room for a year. In the last 4 weeks there have been 5 referrals from women's aid and sadly November and December are the busiest months for the refuge.

We are critically low in supplies and we would appreciate if members of the congregation were able to make a donation, I know this is a busy and costly time of year for everyone if you are able purchase any of the items on the list in the Hall of Fellowship this would be most welcome.

If you would like any further information about the Church Steering Group please speak to myself or Wilma Cox.

Brenda Diamond

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Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 7th December

Worship at 11am

Gift Service

Including the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday 14th December

Worship at 11am

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 21st December

Worship at 11am

Nativity Service – including the Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Family Service at 6.30pm

Watch Night Service at 11.30pm

(Carol Singing from 11am)

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

Parish Grouping Joint Family Service at Kenmure Church

Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am

Family Service at 10.30am

Sunday 28th December

Worship at 11am

