



# The Springfield Cambridge Record



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For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Habakkuk 2:3

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***A word from our Minister... small answers, big questions.***

In legal court circles I am told, that you must not ask a question that you do not already possess the answer to. Unless of course you want to encounter the unexpected. There is something in such thinking about how we handle the element of surprise. Do we welcome surprise, or does it unsettle us. In my life and service as a Minister there is much that is expected (to coin an old phrase with a modern twist, we can all expect death, taxes and CHANGE!) and much that is unexpected (I never saw that coming!). I appreciate the diversity of expectations I so often encounter. But in thinking about this I have been reflecting on how we meet God in the ordinary and in the extraordinary events of life.

A conversation with an old friend may disclose something that is *'beyond oor ken'* and be an unexpected surprise that we had not foreseen. But it may also be a moment of extraordinary holiness as someone shares something exceptionally profound and deep in theological meaning if we can only stop for a moment or two and ponder. You have spent a whole afternoon over lunch with a dear friend, and as you are preparing to part, they say to you, *"You'll never guess...what you think of...?"* You have just been hit with a big question, and you don't have any answer, not even a small answer. So how do you respond?

In St. John Chapter 4, verses 4-42 we find Jesus tired on his journey home from Judea to Galilee stopping off in a Samaritan city called Sychar. Sitting in the noon day heat, he is thirsty and has no means of drawing water from the well until he asks a Samaritan woman to help him. Surprised by his request she asks him a question in turn. Very quickly we move in the story from the simple to the profound, or holy, in an ordinary act of kindness. Jesus is hit with a big question from the woman and from an ordinary cup of water given to him we move to the waters of eternal life. The question and answer well chat seem so unexpected, and yet sometimes in the ordinary, extraordinary things can be revealed – big questions can be met with small answers, maybe even as small as a cup of cold water, or a listening ear, a friendly smile or the clasp of a hand.

*"You'll never guess...what do you think of...?"*

*Rev Ian Taylor*

## Baptisms

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



Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014. Darren and Alana MAITLAND



Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

Ailsa Sarah Grace MUNRO  
(Lewis is pictured above  
holding his little sister)



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
Andrew Martin DICKSON

## 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.*

Leigh N. Stoneman & Nicholas (Nicky) P. McMahon  
Saturday 20th. December 2014



(Left to right: Ian (bride's father), Leigh, Nicky,  
Anne (bride's mother), Kevin (bride's brother)

## 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.*

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2014	Mr John Fairlie, 7 Etive Crescent
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2014	Mrs Helen F. Buchanan, 1 Lilac Gardens
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	Mrs Margaret (Pearl) Ronald, 12 Ronaldsay Drive
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> . December, 2014	Mrs Helen (Nettie) Jones, Stobhill Care Home
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> . December, 2014	Mr. Kenneth (Kenny) Kilpatrick, 4 Keir Drive
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	Mr William (Bill) Colquhoun, Mavisbank Nursing Home
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> . January, 2015	Mrs May Davidson, 1 9 Glen Fyne Road, Cumbernauld
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	Mrs Agnes E. M. Broadley, Northgate House

## LOOKING FORWARD

### Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings at 10 am

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the **4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015** from 10-11 am. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact Ian on (☎0141 772 1540 or ✉ [taylorian@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

### **NEW COMMUNICANTS CLASSES**

Would you like to learn more about Jesus and the teachings of the Christian faith and become a member of the Church? **COMMUNICANTS CLASSES** will be held on **SUNDAYS** after Church from 12.30-1.15pm in Room 1. These will be followed by a Service of Admission. If you need any further information or are interested, then please speak to me. *Rev. Ian Taylor*

On **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015** we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion at 11am and 3pm**. There will be Retiring Collection after each Service in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.

There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 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 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated.

On **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. February, 2015** there will be a meeting of the Trustees (all members of the Congregational Board and the Kirk Session) in the Church after Morning Worship to approve the Annual Accounts for 2014. This will be followed in March by the Stated Annual Meeting.



**Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) 2015 - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**March 2015, 7.00 pm.** Changes which were introduced some years ago by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) mean that at this meeting in the Cambridge Chapel the 2014 Annual accounts will be

received by the congregation. The Trustees will previously have met to approve them on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. February, 2015 as required by OSCR. This year, the Congregational Board would be pleased to welcome new or returning members of the Board to serve for a three year term. This is an important meeting in the life of our Congregation and you are encouraged to consider serving the church in this way. Volunteers are needed each year.

**Following the SAM**, there will be a meeting of the **Congregational Board** at approximately 7.30 pm in the **Cambridge Chapel**.

## Women's Aid ~ Fresh Start Project

Thank you to everyone for the donations for the fresh start project. The box will remain in the hall of fellowship as this is ongoing. The refuge in Bishopbriggs were most grateful for the Christmas gifts from our service at the beginning of December. The presents will be well received and were most appreciated.

*Brenda Diamond*



## **Treasurers Report**

This being the first magazine of 2015 I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

The Annual Accounts for 2014 are just in process of being prepared and the indications are that we will have a surplus on the General Fund for the year of about £4,600 mainly due to an increase in income from Outside Agencies and a small increase in our Offerings. Thanks to you all for your offerings and giving's over the last year that has enabled us to show a surplus on the General Fund yet again. Costs were kept well under control in 2014 and I am pleased to say that our General Fund outgoings increased by only 2.2% when compared with 2013. It is particularly pleasing to note that our Energy costs have decreased by nearly 15% year on year. The Full Accounts will be presented to the Trustees for approval on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and will be available to the Congregation from early March.

2015 is shaping up to be a much tougher year financially with our General Fund Budget for the year showing a budgeted deficit of £2,208. Our main item of expenditure each year is our Mission & Ministries Allocation and this year the total payable to the Church of Scotland centrally is £79,639 compared with £70,543 in 2014. The allocation is based on our General Fund income in the preceding 3 years. We are in the process of communicating with the Presbytery of Glasgow to request a reduction in the allocation on the basis that the increase year on year is a hefty 13% and we are also still in the process of re-paying the loan to the General Trustees that was taken out in 2011 in respect of the building work in the church. The final loan repayment is due on 31/3/2016.

More Finance News next month!

*Jim Kerr, Treasurer*

## ***Sunday Morning Duty Teams***

Would any member of the Sunday morning Church Duty Team who has not yet received their Duty Rota please put their name in my pigeon hole. Unfortunately Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March was omitted from the new duty rota, but arrangements have been made to have it recovered.

*Mervyn Porter*

***News of a Reader*** - Some time has passed since I was set apart in Springfield Cambridge back in August. I described the training period as a journey, well now I'm on an adventure and every day brings new challenges and excitements. Following the Service of Setting apart the Presbytery Clerk decided it would be a good idea to leave me at St David's Memorial Park Parish Church on a year's placement as a Reader attached.

St David's now have a state of the art multi-media system with monitors as opposed to screens and I'm enjoying using it to illustrate both sermons and children's addresses.

I've also helped out a friend's daughter by preaching at Blantyre Old. The first time I preached there, it was something of a shock to find a dog basket to my left with the choir – and a beautiful Red Fox Labrador curled up in it. Transpired it was a guide dog (remember Moss and Donald McPhee!) for its owner sang in the choir with a Braille score. At the end of the service I went to give the dog a “Well done!” pat to be told it had done well that morning because it had only fallen asleep – usually it snored!

Recent months have seen me having surgery on my left arm to release the ulnar nerve. Now three years on I'm pleased to say that I'm now virtually pain free and hope to return to work in February.

Advent was a period enhanced by the Advent Calendar on the Church of Scotland website where there was a reflection each day provided by different people including the Moderator. I have it on good authority that they plan something similar for Lent so keep a lookout on the website. Christmas itself this year was eventful in a much better way than last year and it was good to see so many folk turning out to the early evening Christmas Eve service. James and I thoroughly enjoyed worshipping together at the early Christmas Day service in Kenmure when Graham Finch challenged us to tell people what we had done that morning at the Cloth Manger.

Equally as a family all four Robertsons were together this year at the Hogmanay Watchnight service in the Cathedral to hear Reverend Alan Hamilton from Killermont Parish Church in Bearsden preach powerfully on “Immanuel, God With Us”. It certainly gave all of us the hope to step into 2015 with confidence and hope knowing that God is with us – and so it is with all of us. I hope to come and worship in my home church one Sunday soon and in the meantime I thank you all for your prayerful support and ask that you continue, please.

*Lynne Robertson*



## Lodging House Mission

Many thanks to all the members of the congregation who purchased Christmas Cards and provided soft goods, toiletries and money for last years' Lodging House Mission Appeal.

It was very much appreciated and a total of £577.40 was raised on the cards.

Meal Vouchers will be available throughout the year and can be obtained by contacting me on a Sunday morning.

It would appear that some members of the congregation are unaware of the purpose of the above mentioned vouchers. The vouchers cost £1.25 each and are given, instead of money, to the homeless and socially excluded men and women who are seeking help on the streets. The vouchers then allow the holder to receive a breakfast or three course meal, consisting of soup & bread, main course, sweet and tea or coffee. Directions to the Lodging House Mission are shown on the rear of the voucher.

These vouchers are proving to be very successful and not only provide the opportunity for a hot meal but also an invitation to use the other basic facilities, to enjoy peace and quiet from the streets or to join in the activities offered in the Education and Activities programme at the Lodging House Mission.

I wish to thank everyone who has bought these vouchers in the past and hope that the information provided above gives a better understanding of their usefulness.

*Christine Mackintosh*



### **Boys' Brigade Company Section**

Christmas was a busy period for our boys, as they wrapped up against the weather, put on their postal bags and delivered Christmas cards which folks had paid for us to deliver. Just over £450 was raised for Company funds, so a huge thanks to all who helped, be it paying for cards to be posted, boys for delivering or officers, particularly John Armour who sorted the cards.

For our Christmas night out, we went like the wise men and travelled west. Only, we went to a soft play area in Greenock where it was difficult to tell who had more fun – the boys or officers! The new year sees the pace continue at the Company Section as boys continue to work towards their badges. We're hopeful of presenting two President's Badges at the end of session, as Andrew Irvine and Rory McDonald attend their "Building Your Skills" Course, the final element required for them to achieve their badge.

Also, a date for our ex-members is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March when we will be holding our annual Reunion Dinner. This year it will be at Cadder Freestone Social Club and the Guest of Honour is Rev. Martin Forrest, Chaplain at Lowmoss Prison. Tickets cost £20 and can be purchased from Douglas Robertson, with all funds going towards company funds.

*Douglas Robertson, Lieutenant*

### **Bishopbriggs Churches Together**

Bishopbriggs Churches Together held their first meeting of the New Year with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Monday 19th January 2015 in St Matthews Church. Leading the service was Canon Robert Hill together with members of Bishopbriggs Churches taking part in the readings and prayers. Words of welcome were extended by Rev Bob Fyffe, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. This year's theme comes to us from the Churches of Brazil who have chosen a text from the Gospel of John, chapter 4 vs 1-42, "The Well is Deep" a discourse between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. A hot and dusty day, a stranger stops at a well for a drink. A meeting with an inquisitive woman becomes a turning point and a transformative one. It is a meeting where old suspicions, hurts and hatred are never far away; a Jew and a Samaritan discuss what divides them. It is a meeting where ancient conventions around gender inequality are unexpectedly challenged. Could this have been avoided? No, for Jesus was compelled to go through Samaria and in that journey he encountered a woman by a well where he asked her for a drink of water. Conversations such as these have the potential to change people and how they view one another.

One of the most important things we can say about our ecumenical life together is how our pilgrimage together has transformed and deepened our faith and how we view our Christian sisters and brothers from other churches and traditions. Can this journey be avoided? No - because we too are called by God to travel in this direction.

*Jim Stormont*

## Sunday School

The Sunday school party on 13th December was enjoyed by everyone. We did Christmas crafts and enjoyed various games as well as a time on the bouncy castle. Thank you to Gaynor and Carol for coming along and helping to serve the food. The afternoon ended with a visit from Santa.

Thank you to young people for their part in the Nativity service. We hope the congregation enjoyed this. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work, Alan and Catherine for their help too.

The Bible Wayfinders had an outing to the cinema and Frankie and Bennies on the 30th December and I am sure they all had a great time.

*Brenda Diamond*



## The Guild

Drena O'Malley MBE from Deafblind Scotland gave a very interesting talk on their 'Field of Dreams' Appeal on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Her faith in God's love in practical action was inspirational. We pray that she succeeds in her quest to raise the funds required for the new centre in Lenzie for people with sight and hearing impairments. She is well on the way to reaching her target. Our session was rounded off by our Christmas Party on 15<sup>th</sup> December when it seemed, by the number of happy smiling faces, that the ladies enjoyed themselves. The committee certainly hope they did!

Our first speaker for 2015 on 12<sup>th</sup> January was David Walker who gave a talk on The Hidden Treasures of Glasgow. This was a very interesting and entertaining talk showing some well-known Glasgow buildings and bridges from different perspectives and illustrating the interesting and diverse nature of the architecture of the city we live in much of it built by the wealth generated by the tobacco barons when Glasgow was the second city of the Empire. As he said when visiting the city centre don't look down look up and appreciate the design and grandeur of the many well-preserved historical buildings however with the current state of the roads and pavements perhaps we should not take that too literally!

On 26<sup>th</sup> January we are being visited by the Munro Family Ceilidh Band from Kenmure Church. This should be an entertaining evening of Scottish songs and music and on 9<sup>th</sup> February we welcome Isobel Black a Legal Eagle. We hope to welcome members old and new to these events.

*Joyce Macmillan, Joint Secretary*

## Flower Calendar

**February 2015**

*Distributors:* Mrs M Brown 563 3501 and Mrs I Harley 772 4177

*Donors:* The Guild, Mrs M Wylie (Knox), Miss S Bryce (3<sup>rd</sup>), Mr J G Herbertson, Mrs I Hamilton (7<sup>th</sup>), Mrs L Reynolds (7<sup>th</sup>), Mr L Pickett (8<sup>th</sup>), Mrs Stewart (11<sup>th</sup>), Miss H Collins (16<sup>th</sup>), Mrs J Ditty (20<sup>th</sup>), Mrs C Bickers.

## Greetings from the Flower Committee

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to tell you about the Flower Fund. As you know from the “Record”, each month flowers are distributed to Church members and friends. This is funded by donors who give faithfully each year. Some have special dates that are important to them – memories of loved ones, perhaps, or anniversaries, special birthdays or other events. We also receive other donations from time to time. Thank you to all over the years who have kept this ministry alive through their generosity.

Each Sunday in Church, the flowers that are displayed currently cost around £40 (i.e. 4 vases at £10 each). On a Communion Sunday we have 6 vases. Flowers are also present in the Church at special Services and events; these are mostly covered by donations from outwith the Flower Fund.

We have now reached a point where we need more help to keep this ministry viable as our funds are very low due to losing a number of donors in recent years.

Would you like to be part of this giving and donate at least once a year? It would be wonderful if you could help us to keep this ministry going. It is a ministry that is for everyone and brings encouragement to anyone who needs to know that they are part of a Church family that cares. It shows love in a very tangible way.

We rely on people giving us the information we need to make sure we reach as many as we can. Flowers can bring comfort or joy into many different circumstances that people face in life.

As the Convenor of the Flower Committee, I thank you for taking the time to read this and think about it. Pray with us that we can go on looking after others in this special way for many years to come. If you would like to know more about the Flower ministry or how you can be involved in any way, please contact me by phone or email (details below) and I would be able to talk to you about it in more detail. God be with you *Anne Harvey*, Convenor–Flower Committee

*Contact me at:*

*Phone: 0141 772 3615 e-mail: amharvey13@icloud.com*

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Thank you for all the cards, flowers and messages of support at our sad and difficult time. A donation of £300 was sent to the British Heart Foundation.

*Margaret Fairlie and Family*

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Scott, Carol & Kirsty Robertson would like to thank Rev Ian Taylor, members of the Kirk Session and members of the Congregation for all their prayers, support and kind wishes during Scott's recent illness. Very much appreciated.

On behalf of myself, Raymond and Jim and all the family I would like to say how deeply grateful and comforted we were for all the cards, telephone calls, visits and flowers we received during Kenny's illnesses and his sudden passing.

We were so humbled by the large numbers who attended the funeral service and deeply appreciated Allan Craig who provided wonderful music for the soulful singing, celebrating the life of Kenny. We are also indebted to the Praise Band who attended and sang their hearts out, which gave Kenny such a lovely farewell. I know how much he would have appreciated it.

We are especially grateful to our minister, the Rev Ian Taylor, for his many visits to see Kenny, both at home and the various hospitals throughout the city. His sermon for Kenny's funeral was most uplifting and deeply touching and a great comfort to us all. Also his support to Raymond and Jim during the funeral arrangements. The retiring offering in aid of Marie Curie Cancer realised the wonderful sum of £1000. With sincere thanks to you all. *Nan Kilpatrick*

**Pauline Gallagher (PVG Registered) *Experienced computer instructor for Senior Citizens with their own device (computer/laptop/iPad)***

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**£5 per lesson**

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## *On the Front Cover – Part I*

In this first issue of the new year – the first issue in our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year – it seemed apt to choose a cover illustration that reflects “time”.

Thus, being provided with the featured clock photograph was positively providential - what better than featuring a clock associated with the life of our church. The explanatory story is as follows:

*“The clock in this photograph was a wedding gift to Mrs Lottie McDougall who was married in the church manse in December 1935.*

*Mrs McDougall was a lifelong member of Springfield Church.*

*She died 9 years ago in her nineties .*

*Her daughter Mrs Charlotte Semple of Lenzie is now the proud owner of the clock”.*

The inscription on the plaque which can be seen beneath the clock facing reads as follows:

PRESENTED TO

Miss C McTaggart

On the occasion of her marriage

by the Office Bearers

Sabbath School Teachers and Class

Springfield Church Bishopbriggs

27<sup>th</sup> December 1935

## *On the Front Cover – Part II*

The obvious choice for a front cover bible text on time was, perhaps, Ecclesiastes 3:1 *“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven,”* which would certainly be apt. However, this anniversary year is both a time to reflect on the past and a time to look forward. And with “looking forward” in mind Habakkuk 2:3 is reassuring to reflect upon. The Book of Habakkuk begins with Habakkuk crying out to God for an answer to why God’s chosen people are allowed to suffer in their captivity (Habakkuk 1: 1-4) - why such evil abounds. And part of the Lord’s answer is contained within verses 2-3 – effectively to be patient and have faith. The reply is expanded in 2:4 “See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright -- but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness”. Martin Luther also reflected upon this verse:

“Habakkuk is a prophet of comfort who is to strengthen and support the people, to prevent them from despairing of the coming of Christ, however strangely things may go. This is why he uses every device that can serve to keep strong in their hearts the faith in the promised Christ. He says: It is indeed true that because of the people’s sins the lands shall be destroyed by the king of Babylon. But Christ and his kingdom shall not fail to come on that account. On the contrary, the destroyer, the king of Babylon, shall have little good out of his conquest, for he too shall perish. For it is God’s nature and work to help when there is need and to come in the midst of the proper season.”

This verse is seen as a cornerstone of the Doctrine of Justification by Faith Alone. In the New Testament, Paul twice refers to this passage (Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11) when emphasising the need to live by faith. So, as we enter this Anniversary Year there is much we can look back on and reflect upon with satisfaction. We know not what lies ahead in the next 150 years – but we can step forward confidently, prayerfully placing our faith in the Lord – knowing “that the Sovereign Lord is our strength” (Habakkuk 3:19).

*James Robertson*



SPRINGFIELD  
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FUND RAISING GROUP  
are holding a  
QUIZ AND FISH SUPPER NIGHT

on  
FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

at  
7.30 PM

in  
THE CAMERON HALL

TICKETS - DONATION OF £8

on sale on Sundays in the Hall of Fellowship



or from Group Members

This is an Adults-only night  
BYOB



# Springfield Cambridge Church

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Worship at 11am and 3pm

*Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion*

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Worship at 11am

*Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm*

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Worship at 11am

*Including the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Worship at 11am

