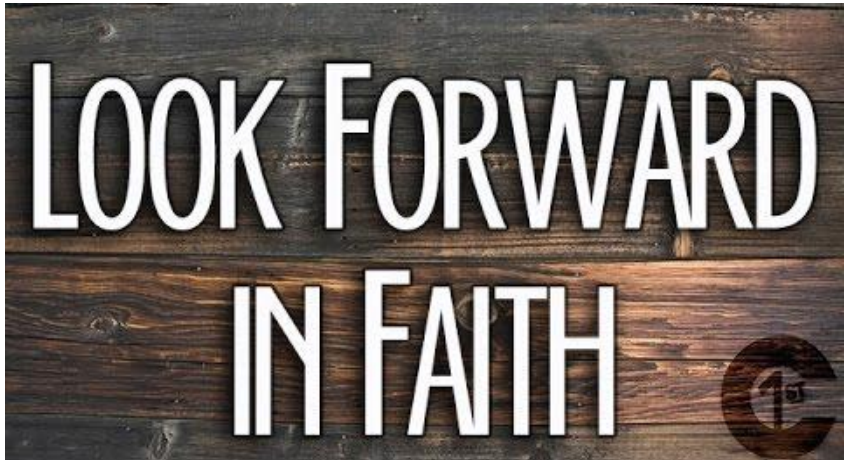




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Record



*“Look forward in faith, all time is in God’s hand.
Walk humbly with him and trust his future plan”*

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A word from our Minister...

Following the November 2015 arson attack on their premises, the local Muslim community was without accommodation, while the crime scene was investigated and repairs were carried out. Bishopbriggs Churches Together (BCT) expressed their sadness at these events and circulated a request among its members for temporary premises for the Muslim community to use.

I met with representatives of the Muslim community on the 2nd of December and offered them the free use of Room 2 from the 4th of December from 12noon-2.15pm; to hold Friday prayers until the middle of January, or longer if required, until their own centre is reopened.

As Christians we believe that love is stronger than hate, and I hope that some good can come out of this destructive act. By reaching out at this time of sorrow I hope in a small way, we may build stronger relationships between Christians and Muslims in our Parish.

Shafiq Sharif, secretary for his community has thanked us, saying that the Muslim community had been surprised and uplifted by the offer.

"We are really very appreciative of the support we have had from the Church of Scotland and from a lot of Christians in our community," Mr Sharif said.

"We had managed to create a small place where we could come together as a community, and now we don't have anything at all so the community was feeling lost. Then after the fire, Springfield Cambridge Church of Scotland approached us and offered us a place to meet. The first gathering we had was last Friday and everyone was very pleased and happy."

"After the fire we got a lot of phone calls from the Christian community to offer help. We never knew that help and support was there before. So can good come from this? It has, because it has brought us closer together. Through this we have learned we are not alone."

About 80 families use the Al Sarouk centre, both as a mosque and as a place to gather, share community meals and teach children about their cultural heritage and traditions. Families using the centre have long established roots in Scotland, Mr Sharif said, adding that his own grandfather settled in Dunbartonshire in 1930, before the subcontinent was divided into India and Pakistan.

After the Paris attacks, Police Scotland reported a spike in hate crimes, but Sharif said his community feels comfortable in Glasgow.

"Generally in Glasgow, we live together and there is no problem," he said. "I think it's a minority."

This action by our Church I believe, whilst it has drawn some media attention, has reminded me of the importance of hospitality to faith communities in general, and to the Church in particular. The theologian, Letty Russell, describes Biblical hospitality as *"the practice of God's welcome by reaching across difference to participate in God's actions of bringing justice and healing to our world in crisis."* According to this understanding, hospitality is about reaching across difference; it is about welcoming folks who may not look or sound or believe anything like we do, because our lives depend upon one another. In learning to encounter strangers as human beings, our own hearts widen, and we become more human ourselves.

Biblical hospitality means reaching across differences to participate in God's welcome. It is a fundamental aspect of who we are as followers of Jesus Christ; for we have been welcomed by Almighty God who has already prepared a table for us.

Rev Ian Taylor

Reflections on this experience:

The decision I took, as Minister, to make the offer of our premises was based on a sense that this was simply the right thing to do - it was what Jesus might have done! No great theological or moral considerations were brought to bear on my decision at this point. I was also conscious of a mood within our parish that local people did not condone such attacks and did not accept that such behaviour reflected their community, and they wanted to do something to help demonstrate that. Faith in action.

The decision was made without any fanfare on our part, although the Kirk Session and congregation were advised by me of what had been done in their name. Interestingly press attention turned towards us via the local paper, The Kirkintilloch Herald, who had picked up the story via appreciative Face book posts from the Muslim community grateful for our assistance. The Church of Scotland Press Office provided me with assistance in responding to the Press. They decided to do a small piece themselves and this provoked further interest from the BBC and STV, and further afield (the USA) via the Kirk's website coverage. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland used what had happened in Bishopbriggs as an illustration in his Christmas message.

For me, as a Parish Minister, I found myself dealing with a degree of scrutiny that I had not fully anticipated. One negative

comment from the USA was sent to me via an online comment. A local colleague expressed their disapproval of our actions. Subsequently the Presbytery Clerk advised me that another colleague had complained about what had happened and the complainant intended to raise a formal complaint against me via the Business Committee of the Presbytery of Glasgow. An academic from the University of St. Andrews approached me over the New Year to ask me to provide her with an account of this experience for a piece of research she is undertaking! This all made me think more deeply about how our theology can shape and be influenced by our practice. Sometimes we take action and then only later do we step back and reflect on what we did and why. Not especially radical but I find myself still pondering the actions we took.

Curiously, after I had advised the congregation what we are doing, a number of my members approached me to ask what more we could do. I did not have to wait long. The son of two of our members of the Praise Team, a professional musician, having read online of what we were doing, has approached me to offer his band's services free of charge to hold a fundraising ceilidh in our halls in the New Year, so this action continues!

In an increasingly fractured and violent world I am coming to the conclusion that faith communities must show mercy. In St. Luke 10:25-37, a lawyer confronts Jesus with two important piercing questions. The first is: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus responds with two questions of his own, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer gives an answer to end all answers, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your souls, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."

Jesus' affirmation of the lawyer's response gets to the heart of faithfulness, in Hebrew, *hesed*: "Do this, and you will live." The lawyer then asks his second, equally important question, "Who is my neighbour?" Note that the lawyer's response to Jesus bypasses the call to faithful action and in its place reflects more deeply on issues of identity. Jesus redirects this question of being by telling the story of the Samaritan who demonstrates how a neighbour responds to another in need. Fittingly, Jesus concludes the parable with another question, one that has an obvious if not difficult answer. Who was the neighbour? It was a Samaritan, a historical enemy of the Jewish people who showed mercy to the one who had been beaten and left for dead.

I pray that it will be said of us - that like the Samaritan in the story told by Jesus - we were the neighbour who showed mercy. That the Church would be marked by followers of Jesus who, when they see the sick sitting by the road, tend to them. When the crowds are gathered, we are moved to feed them. When the demon-possessed confront our comfort, we recognise their humanity and heal them, exorcising the evil that enslaves them. When the immigrant among us is homeless, we make a home for them, because we remember that once we were immigrants (Leviticus 19:34.)

What we do is a reflection of who we are. Better, as Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (St. John 13:35.) Our quest to find out who we are will only be answered by how we witness to the good news in Jesus Christ, how we live out love of God and love of neighbour. Do this and we will live. Questions of being such as "Who are we?" and "Who is my neighbour?" will give way to questions of faithfulness, *hesed*, "How then shall we live?"

Rev Ian Taylor



LOOKING BACK

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.

Saturday 5th December 2015 Sarah Wallace & David J. Harris

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 20th November, 2015

Mr James Lamond,
Ruthven Place

Wednesday 2nd December, 2015

Mr Alexander Ronald,
Ronaldsay Drive

Thursday 3rd December, 2015

Mr David Russell,
Muirpark Drive

Friday 11th December, 2015

Mrs Margaret Mills,
Canniesburn Care Home

Tuesday 15th December, 2015

Mr Donald Baikie,
Tofthill Avenue

Thursday 17th December, 2015

Mrs Helen Kane,
Mavisbank Nursing Home

Monday 21st December, 2015

Mrs Martha M. Strang,
Mailing Avenue

Friday 8th January, 2016

Mrs Catherine (Cathy) H Shaw,
Fourhills Nursing Home

Friday 8th January, 2016

Mrs Isabella (Isobel) Carson,
Keir Hardie Court

Friday 15th January, 2016

Mr Arthur Manson,
Sella Road



LOOKING AHEAD

Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings at 10 am

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February,



2016 from 10 -11 am. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact Ian 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 **Sunday 7th February, 2016** 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 14th February, 2016 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 February, 2016** 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 2015. This will be followed in March by the Stated Annual Meeting.



**Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) 2016 -
Tuesday 29th. March 2016, 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 2015 Annual accounts will be received by the congregation. The Trustees will previously have met to approve them on Sunday 21st. February, 2016 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.

Treasurer's report

Happy New Year to you all!

Thank you to all those who have given so generously to our 150 Appeal that was launched in Autumn 2015. As at 17/1/2016 the total stands at £13,470 of which £3,355 has been Gift-Aided to the Church! However, if you have not yet contributed there is still time and your kind donation would be very much appreciated. I am also delighted to say that one of the beneficiaries of our appeal, Marys Meals, as well as receiving our donation of £4,440 will also have this amount matched by the UK Government as part of an AID Match scheme that was running until the end of last year.

The year- end accounts for 2015 are in the process of being prepared and I am pleased to say that we once again have a surplus on the General Fund for the year. Early indications show that our General Income will exceed our General Expenditure by circa £8,000 (excluding legacy income received). Gift Aid Donations on the General Fund total £74,050 with the tax claimed back by HMRC on that amount being approximately £18,512. Thanks to all the “regular givers” for your offerings during the year.

Although the above figures for the General Fund are very pleasing, I would still emphasise that there is no room for complacency and point out that the surplus has mainly happened due to a substantial increase once again in our Income from Outside Agencies. Our General Fund Offering Income for 2015 has actually shown no increase on 2014.

The New Year is a time when many of us “take stock” and review things. At this point I would appeal to those members of our congregation who are still not contributing anything at all financially to Springfield Cambridge to do this, as it is still clear that the majority of the offerings are still coming from the minority of members! In these difficult times is that fair? All we ask is that you give what you can afford. There are many different avenues to give to the church, but I would again mention Gift-Aid as this benefits us substantially. Bear in mind also that giving by Gift-Aid doesn’t involve any commitment to give a certain amount by the donor and also isn’t tied to any time period. Our Gift Aid Convenor David Lockhart would be delighted to give you more details. David’s contact details are listed on the inside front cover of this magazine.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

Boys’ Brigade – ex-members Reunion Dinner

This year’s ex-members dinner is to take place on Friday 18th March at Cadder Lodge Freestone, St Mungo Street. If you are on our mailing list you will have received full details of the event.

Should anyone with a prior connection to the Company wish to attend, renewing old friendships or making new ones or if you want a friend or relation added to the mailing list please contact either

George McMillan or Donald Armour

Girls Brigade

Our Christmas celebrations began at the end of November when the company attended the Pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre; it was a very wet and miserable day however the fun and laughter made up for it.

The Explorers and Juniors enjoyed a traditional party including a visit from Santa where they were all able to have their photographs taken receiving their gifts. The Brigaders chose to celebrate with an evening at Wallacewell Farm. The officers enjoyed a Christmas meal the following week also at Wallacewell farm, we intend to return as we did better than we thought in the quiz.

Our new session started on Tuesday the 12th of Jan and all sections are busy finishing their badge work. The Explorers are practising for their sponsored sing along. The Juniors are preparing for their line dancing competition and hope to have some volunteers from the other sections join them. The Brigaders are planning a badminton tournament and are hoping to have a sleep over in the church in the near future. We are also getting ready for our Mother/friends and girls evening on the 26th of January.

We hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and wish you all the best for 2016.

Katie Byrne, Captain

268th Anchor Boys

We have 28 boys on our role with our Friday night attendance sitting at 24.

Our boys attended the Pantomime run by Glasgow Battalion at Ibrox church just before Christmas. We had 11 boys come with us with the rest of the Springburn Districts Anchor boys/Junior section boys to see Jack & the Beanstalk. It was a fantastic panto and all our boys enjoyed it.

We also had our Christmas party on Friday the 4th December when Santa made a visit to our boys and a gift for each one of them. Check out our section picture of our boys & staff wearing their Christmas jumpers.

After the Christmas break we have been getting down to some hard work with our boys to make sure they going to get their awards badge at our parents night in May. We are just about to start off rehearsing some items for our parents night which this year will have an football theme to it.

We are having our Big Family Quiz night on Friday the 5th February. This is usually a great night with the winning team getting a hamper for 1st place. We usually have a good turnout for this event. All funds raised from our quiz will go towards our own funds.

Our P3 boys will be having their second visit to our Junior section this session coming. Our boys paid them a visit in November and had a fantastic night & can't wait to go back this session. Mrs Lockhart, the staff and the boys made our boys feel very welcome. Our boys took part in the Junior sections usual Thursday night activities.

Our second fund raiser of the year will be our coffee morning which will be held on Saturday the 5th March. Any donations of home baking would be very welcome. Of course you are all invited to come down to our coffee morning where you will be made most welcome. All funds raised will go towards our end of year trip costs.

The anchor boys still have plenty of room to take in new boys. So if you know any boys in P1, P2 & P3 at school please feel free to pass on our details or ask them to come down any Friday night to speak to myself.

Alan Kerr, Officer in Charge
website www.gmuir.co.uk





WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"Receive children, Receive me."

Friday, 4th March, 2016 at 11am

**Saint Dominic's Church
21 Kirriemuir Road
Bishopbriggs**

**Order of Service written by
the Christian women of Cuba.**

A light lunch will be provided after the service.

**ALL are welcome to share
in this Christian World Service.**

Thank you

Mrs Catherine Lynn would like to thank all the members of The Guild and all the members of the congregation who so very kindly sent many Christmas Cards and Get Well cards over the long period of her treatment in hospital.

These have all been very much appreciated.

The Guild

On 30th November our speaker was Dr Mary Frame who is the secretary of the Kirkintilloch & Lenzie Marie Curie Fundraising Group. The ladies listened with interest as she spoke on the subject of the work of the new Marie Curie Hospice a service which touches many of us at some time in our lives. We rounded off the first half of our session with a traditional Christmas Party on 14th December which seemed to be enjoyed by those attending.



On 11th January 2016 our speaker was Sheila Gibson assisted by May Murray and she spoke about their recent visit to the Holy Land. One of our members reflected the thoughts of many when she said she felt as if she had been there with them. It was a very interesting and informative reflection on their pilgrimage which was enjoyed by all.

On 8th February we will be entertained by The Glasgow Accordion Band and on 22nd February we will welcome Ivy Blair from Prospects one of the projects we have chosen to support this year.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 21st February 2016 - City Group Rally – Springburn Church

Friday 4th March – World Day of Prayer

Tuesday 15th March – North Glasgow Presbyterial Council Spring Meeting & AGM – St David's Memorial Park Church, Kirkintilloch.

Joyce Macmillan, Secretary

Flower Calendar ~ February 2016

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Bible Wayfinders

At the end of December the Bible Wayfinders went to Soar in Braehead and enjoyed a game of laser tag, a shot on the dodgems and lunch at Burger King. A great time was had by all.





Wilma and I were delighted to deliver the toys from the gift service in December. The women's refuge were overjoyed to receive them. We also gave some to the Salvation Army to use on Christmas Day when they were opening halls to allow families to come along for Christmas Dinner. They too were delighted to receive them. There were also a number of selection boxes from our church and Cairns church in Milngavie and these were handed into the food bank in Auchinairn. Thank you all for your generosity.

Brenda Diamond

On the Front Cover This Month

First – an explanation about the chosen theme for the year ahead. Last year, during our 150th Anniversary celebrations, it was a reaffirming reflection on ‘times past’ to include pictorial material related to the celebrations. For this New Year, for 2016, the theme will concentrate more upon looking forward and reflecting on the strength of God’s word and instruction. This will be carried out by selecting one Scottish hymn writer for each month and concentrating in on one of their hymn’s relevant to each particular monthly period.

Thus to start the year, the last section of “Our Response to God – in times and seasons” was examined within CH4. This is the section that comes after Spring, Summer, Harvest and Winter hymns and

does not take long to “examine” as there are but three hymns included specific to the New Year ahead. Hymn 235 is fairly well known, *“God is working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year”*; with each verse concluding with *“that the earth may be filled with the glory of God – as the waters cover the sea”*. This hymn was written by Arthur Campbell Ainger, who was born in 1841 in Greenwich then part of the county of Kent. His father was an Anglican priest. He was educated at Eton and at Trinity College, Cambridge. His career was that of a teacher which concluded in 1901 when he retired as a Master at Eton College. He died in 1919 and is buried within the graveyard at St Matthews Church, which itself is part of Darley Abbey in Derby, England. So – a good man – but not Scottish! The next hymn, hymn 236, is sung somewhat less in church these days. It reads akin to ‘Onward Christian Soldiers’, with its own first two lines declaring, *“March on, my soul with strength – march forward void of fear”*. This hymn was written by the author William Wright, who was born in the town of Lockerbie in 1859. The last two lines of the first verse contain the reassuring message for the year ahead that, *“... as you journey on your way – his hand shall hold you day by day”*.

The hymn chosen to feature on the front cover for this first issue of a new year is the next in the featured sequence, that being hymn 237, *“Look forward in faith”*; whose first verse appears on the cover and whose concluding verse appears on the back page. The writer of this fine and well known hymn was the late Rev Andrew J Scobie. Rev Scobie was one of the Church of Scotland’s longest serving ministers – a total of 45 years in a single parish. Mr Scobie was inducted to Cardross Parish Church in 1965 and preached there up until 2010. He was one of a few of the Kirk’s ministers eligible to continue service beyond the normal retirement age of 65. After Rev Scobie passed on a series of stained glass windows were commissioned in his memory; a series that features the theme of *“Look forward in Faith”*.

James Robertson

Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 7th February

Sacrament of Holy Communion at 11am and 3pm

Sunday 14th February

Worship at 11am

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 21st February

Worship at 11am

Sunday 28th February

Worship at 11am

*Look forward in faith, God gives us life each day.
Go onward with Christ, his Spirit guides our way.
Now God lets us live within the sphere of grace.
Trust ever in him, he rules o'er earth and space!*