The Springfield Cambridge Record



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Each New Day is Special

The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

Lamentations 3:22-24

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A word from our Minister...an intimation of mortality

Michael Parkinson the veteran TV presenter recently interviewed the prolific children's author, Michael Morpurgo, on a programme called 'Masterclass'. During the programme the author explained the background behind his novel, "War Horse" – of its move from print, to the stage, and then to the film set. At the end of the interview members of the audience were given the opportunity to pose questions to the author. People were interested in his choice of subject matter for his children's books - for Morpurgo often addresses the big questions of life and death through his writings. He told the story of the death of family member, and the important part he had one of his grandchild play in an act of remembrance. He described this as an 'intimation of mortality' which I thought was an intriguing phrase, given my recent short stay in hospital where for two nights I was surrounded by many intimations of mortality. However I am reminded of the lines of another poet,

"If there is no cross in the manger, There is no Christmas." *Ann Weems*

that remind us that the crown of Christ is tied to the cross of Christ. Without his death, there can be no resurrection life. Yes we are all mortal, but in Christ we are offered immortality. Thanks be to God.

Rev Ian Taylor

Looking ahead...

The first meeting of the Young Women's Group will take place on Friday 1st. February, 2013 at 7.30 pm at 64 Miller Drive, Bishopbriggs. Please contact Catherine Taylor:

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MUSIC LIVE JJJ If you would like to come and have a busk with a musical instrument and you don't have much time to play, you can come along to the Cambridge Chapel at 2 pm on Saturday 2nd. February, 2013. Please contact Catherine Taylor: atherinejtaylor@btinternet.com 01417721540

[Editor's Note: the above two announcements include 'start dates' whereby they will have passed by the time folks are reading their magazine. That said – please don't let that deter anyone wishing to attend either group! Please contact Catherine and simply attend the next date]

Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings at 10 am.

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr Taylor, will be available on the 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. February, 2013 from 10-11 am. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact him on (20141 772 1540 or 1540) 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. 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.

There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on Sunday 10th February, 2013 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.

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.

Mr Angus Reid,
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Mrs Isabella Robertson,
9 Carrour Gardens
Mrs Jenny McKay,
Edinbarnet Nursing Home
Mr Alexander Lyle,
7 Brookfield
Mrs Gladys Ferguson,
Westerton Care Home
Mrs Catherine Mc Quillan,
10 Springfield Square
Mrs. Helen S. Riddell,
Stobhill Care Home
Mr. William Owens,
Mavisbank Nursing

Baptisms

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

Alexander Nelson MUNRO Sunda

Noah Bernard PIKE

Sunday 2nd. December, 2012 Sunday 16th. December, 2012



Alexander Nelson Munro



Noah Bernard Pike

intimating the birth of a baby daughter - Rachael Ellen - to Chris and Sarah Ewart on Thursday 10th January 2013

Treasurer's report- January/February 2013

Thank you to all those who have given so generously to our Fabric Appeal that was launched in December '12. As at 20/1/2013 the total stands at £7,520 of which £5,695 has been Gift-Aided! However, if you have not yet contributed there is still time and your kind donation would be very much appreciated to assist with future Fabric Projects (of which there is many!) around the church. Simply place your envelope in the offering plate any Sunday or contact myself on 0141-772-6015 and I can arrange uplift.

The year-end accounts for 2012 are in the process of being prepared and I'm delighted 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 £12,000. Gift Aid Donations on the General Fund total nearly £72,000 with the tax claimed back by HMRC on that amount being approximately £17,300. 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 our actual working capital at this moment in time is still less than £20,000 which leaves no room for manoeuvre if an urgent Fabric Item of expenditure should occur.

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 in the front of this magazine.

More finance news next month!

Reader in Training – the journey so far

As you will remember from September's magazine I'm on placement at Carnwadric as part of my training for Readership. By the time this goes to publication I should have finished the Introduction to the New Testament Module under the tutelage of Rev Dr David White, whom some of you may remember was an assistant with us before taking up the charge at St Columba's in Kirkintilloch. Hopefully I will also have completed the Creeds module too and that will see me halfway in terms of the academic study and ready to start the Ministry in the local church module in February. I'm really enjoying the placement at Carnwadric, which as an Urban Priority Area charge is very different from Lenzie Union, where I did my Extended Enquiry and Co-ordinated Field Assessment, and Springfield Cambridge. The Parish takes in Carnwadric, Kennishead and Arden, all large housing estates and Sunday morning worship sees about 80-100 people turning out. The congregation also includes people from a range of different cultures – from Africa and Sri Lanka – and their faith is so open and central to their daily lives. I've read scripture, led prayers and preached a few sermons and done some children's addresses. highlight with the children was the chocolate Brussels sprouts to demonstrate forgiveness. I did the talk on Christmas Day and again it was a great success. Carnwadric make Christmas day worship a birthday party for Jesus, including a Christmas cake. This year I introduced them to Pass the Parcel Prayer which they've now decided will become part of their In December I was also privileged to be a hostess at their Christmas Party for the housebound and elderly. As well as providing crockery and cutlery for a table of six I had also to provide a trifle - in typical Lynne fashion, I did the trifle, a sugar free one for any diabetics and an individual one for a lady who is gluten intolerant. But the piece de resistance was the Christmas cake. This was the first baking project in my new kitchen and cooker. The ladies in the kitchen thought two plates to go round "not everybody would want Christmas cake", but they had to keep replenishing and by the end of tea and coffee on Sunday morning there wasn't even a crumb left for the birds! One lady, for whom the party is the

one day in the year when she gets out of the care home, even asked if she could have the centre decoration of the cake! That was my privilege to give.

So as I write I'm looking forward to the journey towards Easter at Carnwadric, helping with the worship at the next Readership Conference at the end of January, which is being held in the MacDonald Hotel in Broxburn as opposed to the police college at Tulliallan (a bit of luxury!) and at that Conference I hope to get some more ideas for leading worship with children and young people. I'm going to stay at Carnwadric until May/June to get a full flavour of the church year there – including their Day out to Ayr on double decker buses. I just hope I can take streamers in memory of past Sunday School Trips! Folks please keep thinking of me in your personal prayers and together we can keep me on track to be "set apart" as a fully fledged Reader in the course of 2014.

Lynne Robertson

Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders

Happy new year to all I hope you enjoyed the nativity service apologies for technical problems. I can assure you we were all word perfect (easy to say when you couldn't hear us) thank you to all who took part. Our Christmas parties all went well sparklers and all stars enjoyed traditional games, bouncy castle and made a calendar as well as tucking into a McDonalds happy meal. The juniors had a German market afternoon and choose gifts to donate to Oxfam. All had a visit from Santa. Bible Wayfinders enjoyed an afternoon at Cinema and a meal.

Thank you to all that joined us for our roll after the service on. The 13th Jan we raised \$200.00 for Sunday school funds thank you all for your support

Brenda Diamond

Fair Trade

We have decided to stop providing a Fair Trade table each month.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last two years and trust you will continue to purchase the Fair Trade option of goods where available.

Anne Crooks and Mary Johnstone

The Guild

We have had four meetings since our last magazine entry. On 29th October, Philip Allan gave us a very interesting talk on his visit to Luwero in Africa. He spoke of the work being done there, building schools and medical centres. The speaker on 12th November was Sister Isabel who talked of her life growing up in the Catholic Religion and about how ideas in the Catholic Church had changed since the introduction of "Vatican 2". She was an excellent speaker and we were joined on that occasion by our elders Robert Ditty and Willie McSheehy who brought the good wishes of the session to the members of the Guild. We took a trip down memory lane on the 26th November when our Nicola Harvey gave her talk on Reminiscences. She brought some old items with her and it was amazing how many we ourselves recognised from our past.

On Monday 10th December we held our 125th Guild Celebration Dinner, and what a night that was!!! An excellent hot meal was beautifully served, followed by some of our Ex-Presidents giving a short resume of something they especially remembered during their time in office. Ronnie Robertson and The New Day Singers then entertained us. We had invited several guests that evening including Rev. Ian Taylor, George McMillan, Robert Ditty and Donald Armour and his wife Mary. We closed the evening with several well-known carols which brought to an end a very happy occasion. On 7th January Stuart McKie gave a very interesting and entertaining talk with a slide presentation on his climbing adventures from Katmandu in India to Mount Everest Base Camp. The photos were stunning.

Carol Milliken & Anne Deachon Joint Secretaries

FLOWER CALENDAR for FEBRUARY

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SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS and ORCHESTRA



Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus and Orchestra held its 10th anniversary concert, entitled "Celebrate", at The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Thursday 20 December 2012.

The object of the concert, as always, was to raise funds for the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS).

The concert was a sell-out this year and, from feedback from singers and audience, it appears that it was the best yet.

We were again privileged to be joined on stage by the American soprano Jessica Weidman. She had enjoyed the 2011 concert so much that she had asked if she could join us again.

I am delighted to confirm that the money collected in buckets after the concert reached £10,000. Thank you to all who contributed so generously to this tremendous total.

A cheque for £28,000 will be handed over to CHAS at our presentation dinner on 06 February. This will bring the total raised from our Christmas concerts for CHAS up to a magnificent £160,000.

The Road to Resolution

It is good to make godly resolutions, and these steps will help you to keep on the right road with God through the year.

Relationship

Reaffirm your relationship with God

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8

Review

Look back on the past year and ask God to show areas of sin and weakness that might have hindered your spiritual growth.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 139: 23-24

Repent

Confess your sin and ask God to forgive you.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will
forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:9

Refresh

Ask God to refresh you and to give you a new vision in the year ahead.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

JEREMIAH 29:11

Renew

Ask God to help you see your life from His perspective, and renew your commitment to His vision and purpose for your life.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.

ROMANS 12:2

Resolve

Resolve to be faithful to God's purpose in your life and to glorify Him in the areas that He has revealed to you as you have prayed to Him.

I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

PHILLIPIANS 3:14

Record

Write down the things that God has revealed to you in prayer, and review them frequently, remembering that it is only by His grace that you are able to grow in Him.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

HEBREWS 4:16

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Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys

The Anchor Boys restarted after the festive break on Friday the 11th January. The first half of the session has been pretty hectic. We have 48 boys on the role with around 42 boys attending regularly. All the boys have been working on their award badges over the last few months by taking part in a wide range of different activities from home safety, crafts, games & bible stories. Our 5 groups this year which are named after Scottish islands, are taking part on the group points competition. So far this year it's very close with any one of the five groups capable of winning in May. Points are won for taking part in games and good behaviour being deducted for bad behaviour. We had our usual Christmas & Halloween parties which were all great fun. We also held a St Andrews night where we played lots of Scottish themed games as well as having some irn bru and shortbread at the end of the night.



We also attended a Pantomime run by Glasgow Battalion in the church at Ibrox. The panto was Dick Whittington and was run by a travelling theatre group. We had 24 boys attending along with Anchor Boys from all over the Glasgow & East Kilbride Area.

The boys also took part in a Youth Organisation competition to design a badge for the Commonwealth Games in 2014. All the boys put in lots of effort to design a badge and they were all fantastic but we were not successful in winning. Our efforts can be seen on the BB website: www.gmuir.co.uk.

Well done to Kevin Stoneman who completed his Boys Brigade Officers Training in November.

This session will just be as busy with us already starting to rehearse some items for our Parents Night. We will also be having 2 fund raising events in this session, our family quiz night on Friday the 8th February and our coffee morning in April.

Alan Kerr, Officer in Charge

Concert Night for "The Friends of the Beatson"

As some of you may be aware during 2012 members of our congregation made greater use of The West of Scotland Cancer Centre at the Beatson than normal. As a means of supporting the hard work of the staff there a concert is being arranged for Friday 26 April in the Church.



Proceeds are to be split between the Church

and The Friends of The Beatson a very worthwhile charity who provide support for in patients.

The Concert will feature Piggery Brae a Scottish Folk Group well known in church circles for their charity concerts. It promises to be a good night with lots of opportunities for participation and also "music fun and laughter" as Piggery Brae bill themselves.

Tickets will be on sale soon and if you are interested in buying tickets and supporting this worthwhile cause please initially contact your District elder or any Church organisation of which you are a member.

Donald Armour

Girls' Brigade

Badge work for Brigaders' Juniors' and Explorers has now been completed and awaiting some signatures Display work now in progress

The Brigaders' are making arrangements for their next Charity fund Raising event which they hope to have either end of February or beginning or March

On the 2nd February, the District Fun Day takes place in St David's, Kirkintilloch, this is open to Explorers' and Juniors, and we have entries from both sections

As everyone knows Scotland is holding the Common Wealth Games in Glasgow in 2014. Each of the four organisations, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade

Scouts' and Guides have been asked to design a Badge. When we asked the Girls' if they would like to have a go, the answer was yes

We had 6 entries from the Brigader Section and 5 Entries from the Junior Section. On Friday evening at a Girls' Brigade meeting we learned that One Brigader and two juniors' have been Highly Commended. (Girls' names will be published next month Jim as the girls' don't know the outcome.

Margaret Cuthbert

FABRIC APPEAL

Mr Kerr, our Church Treasurer, has commented upon our on-going Fabric Appeal within his Financial Update within this month's issue of <u>The</u> Record. The most current update of which is that on Sunday the 27th of January 2013 - total received from 11 envelopes returned was £690 of which £500 was Gift-Aided. Running Total as at Sunday the 27th of January - £8,210 of which £6,195 is Gift-Aided from 174 envelopes.

Please, if you have not as yet returned a Fabric Appeal envelope, there is still time to so do – just bring along to the church of a Sunday morning or 'phone 772 13223 if you wish it uplifted.

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Recycle for Profit *** £600 + and still rising! ***

Dear Church Friends,

Wonderful news from the on-going Recycle *for* Profit project – we have now passed the £600 mark! To be exact – to date we have raised £602; with a further £57 worth of items being currently processed and cheques due by the end of January. And most pleasingly of all - every single penny of which augments our church funds.

November was a quiet month; but then we had a real flourish of great – and profitable – activity in December. Dozens of empty ink cartridges which took our quantity over the £25 "release" mark; in fact we received a cheque for £32 in mid-January. And to the family who donated the three Wii Games, your kindness raised just over £20 for your church. As for CDs and DVDs; amounts raised ran from a welcome collection of 30 pence returns up to such as £3 for an excellent classical DVD - £12 in total. Finally – one recycled mobile 'phone raised £9.50 in its own right.

April is but a few months away – the month associated with spring cleaning and clear outs. So if you are tidying cupboards or attics in the period ahead and come across any no-longer-required items as described – then please bring them along to your church to the Hall of Fellowship and pop them in to the receptacles located therein.

Remember, please, every single item donated helps your church. And who knows – maybe next year we can be celebrating 'breaking' the £1000 mark. Now there is a nice thought for the year ahead!

With kindest thanks for all your support – now and in the future

James and Kenneth Robertson











Reunion Dinner

All former "268 members" are cordially invited to the second 268 Glasgow BB Reunion Dinner

This will take place on Friday the 8th of March 2013 at The Bishopbriggs Golf Course Club House 6.30pm for 7pm

Guest Speaker: Very Rev Sandy McDonald

please note: spaces are limited

To reserve your place please contact

Douglas Robertson on 0141 772 1323

or e-mail: douglas_robertson@hotmail.co.uk

Cost: £20.00



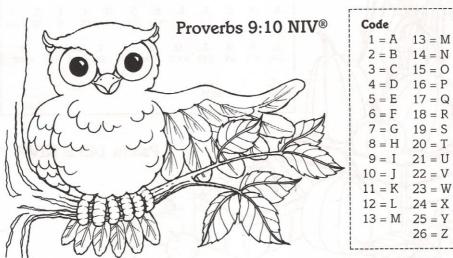
268 Boys' Brigade
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Who-o-o Is Wise?

Proverbs 9:10

God makes us wise as He shares His plan for salvation with us, promises to love and care for us, and shows us how to love and obey Him. Solve the puzzle by matching each number with its letter.

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Services during the month of February 2013

Sunday the 3rd of February

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Service at 11am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Service at 3pm
in the Cambridge Chapel

Sunday the 10th of February
Service at 11am

Afternoon Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday the 17th of February
Service at 11am

Sunday the 24th of February Service at 11am