



The Springfield Cambridge Record



March 2015

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

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A word from our Minister...

my best thought in the day and the night

A friend of mine was looking for a new job at the end of 2014, in the hope that this year would be better for her than last year. Enquiring how things were going at the turn of the year, she was disconsolate. The job she had set her heart upon had fallen through. What hurt even more was that she had not even been called for an interview. The darkness of the day seemed to match her situation, reminding me of the aphorism, “The real troubles in life will always be things that never crossed your worried mind.” For her, the situation seemed full of darkness, despair and disappointment. It was as if she was living in a state of total darkness.

The night time can be a time that makes us uneasy. It is a time to feel isolated, a time of darkness, the unknown. And darkness is the covering of God: it is where He lives. He is light; and the light in darkness is a greater light than a light at day. It is in the dark that we can see stars, not in the daytime. But it is at night, in the early hours, when most people are likely to die. But we do not talk about that. Suffering and death often happen nowadays in specialised places – hospitals, nursing homes. It is removed from us, and we lose part of our perspective on life.

But we need darkness – for is not God closer to those who suffer? Have you not felt closer to God at the times of suffering than at the other times when everything has been going well for you? Who is it the doctor visits? The one who is well, or the one who is ill?

Do not go looking to have pain happen to you, but do not always hurry out of its path when it comes. Remember, when we think of Him, it is in the day *and* the night.

In a book called *It's All Right to Cry* this quotation is to be found: 'Nobody is wise who does not know the darkness. I appreciate the dark hours of my existence in which my senses are sharpened.'

Lord, in Your presence is fullness of joy.

You make sense of the darkness.

You understand it.

Even my darkness is no surprise to You,

And Your presence is my light. *Psalms 139*

Rev Ian Taylor

On the Front Cover



We have a puzzle to solve with regard to our front cover illustration this month. It is a photograph taken of a door within Springfield Cambridge Church; but where in the church is it to be found? Give it some thought before turning to page - - - for the answer!

LOOKING BACK

Baptisms

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

Sunday 15th February, 2015

Noah George Millar



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 30 th . January, 2015	Mrs Sheila A. McFarlane, 77 Angus Avenue
Monday 2 nd . February, 2015	Mr William (Bill) B. Thomson, 43 Fintry Crescent
Friday 6 th . February, 2015	Mrs Mary (May) Reid, 34 Keir Hardie Court
Thursday 12 th . February, 2015	Mrs Mary(Marilyn) C. Murray, 12 Balmuildy Road

LOOKING FORWARD

Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings at 10 am

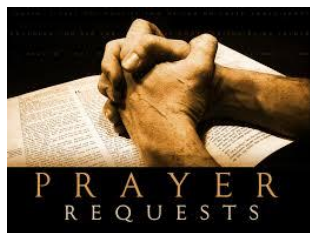


Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 2015 from 10-11 am. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact

Ian on (☎0141 772 1540 or ✉taylorian@btinternet.com) 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.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 8th. March, 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 15th. March, 2015**, Lodge Cadder Freestone No. 1584 will visit the Church for their Annual Divine Service at 3 p.m. This Service is open to all.

Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) 2015 - Tuesday 24th 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 22nd. 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 approx. 7.30 pm in the Cambridge Chapel.**



Sunday 29th March, 2015 is Palm Sunday and the start of British Summer Time, so remember to put your clocks forward by one hour before coming to Church at 11am!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2015

**Palm Sunday 29th March 2015 –
Easter Sunday 5th April 2015**

At the time of writing, Bishopbriggs Churches Together have not confirmed the arrangements, but provisional indications suggest the 7pm Services for Holy Week may be as follows:

Palm Sunday: Springfield Cambridge

Monday: Robroyston Church

Tuesday: St. Matthews Church

Wednesday: Woodhill Evangelical Church

Thursday: St. James Scottish Episcopal Church

Friday: Community Church

In addition to the above there will most probably be a Walk of Witness on Good Friday and a Dawn Service at Cadder Church followed by a breakfast in their halls. Please check the local press or our weekly Orders of Service nearer the time for finalised details.

Kenneth (Kenny) Kilpatrick (26/8/38- 17/12/14)

Kenny was born in Gracey, Manorcunningham, County Donegal, Ireland in 1938, the 2nd youngest of 6 children. His father was the owner and farmer of 2 farms. Kenny is survived by his older sister Mabel, nephews and nieces and his widow Nan, and sons Raymond and Jim. A Protestant work ethic was instilled in Kenny from an early age, working from dawn to dusk on the farm, and his farming skills were not simply applied to the land and the animals, for he was also particularly good with farm finances. As one of the younger sons however Kenny could not see a future on the family farm so at the age of 22 he left Ireland to come to Scotland.

Attending a Tent Hall meeting in 1962, Kenny was to meet the love of his wife, Nan. On 12/10/63, the couple were married at St. Silas Church on University Avenue. For 2 years they lived in a 2 bed roomed flat in Townhead. From 1965 to 1974 they lived in another flat in Fergus Drive at the Botanic Gardens, before moving out to 3 Faskally Avenue in Bishopbriggs where they remained until 1978, before settling in 1978 in their final home at 3 Keir Drive with their growing sons Raymond and Jim.

The boys recall their father as a hard working man, who did his utmost to provide for them and their mother. Nan recalls his loving faithfulness and innate caring nature. Their home was always a place of love and harmony. Ken would not tolerate the utterance of profanities, nor a raised voice or hand, or the slander of anyone else, and despite working often 6 days a week; he endeavoured to maintain a Sabbath rest. He was a proper gentle man in so many ways.

In later years he was delighted to welcome Marion (Jim's wife) and Louise (Raymond's wife) and of course his grandson Andrew into his family.

Kenny arrived in Scotland with only a suitcase and £10 to secure for himself a better life. His first job was at the Parks Department in Dalmuir. That was a providential job, because it was through a work colleague that he was to find a place to live! He told a colleague who drove a lorry in the Parks Dept. that he had nowhere to stay and his friend secured him accommodation as a lodger with his mother. The fact that Kenny was well mannered, polite and always smartly dressed no doubt endeared him to his friend's mother.

Promotion followed quickly in the Parks Department but Kenny then moved into the construction industry as an HGV driver before becoming a crane driver and eventually a heavy plant operator. His steady and careful nature meant that he was an ideal candidate to teach others to drive which he duly did.

Around the home he was something of a Mr. Fix-It – only recently he told Nan not to worry about a garden rake that had lost its teeth “*I’ll fix it,*” he said, and fix it he would have.

Often in Kenny’s life you would see him do or say seemingly simple things and then later realise that as he shared his knowledge and experience with you, he was actually conveying to you a profound lesson in life. For example as a driving instructor he would say, “*Remember that every time you turn the ignition key a car is not designed to kill but it can, so exercise caution when you drive.*” That caution and consideration he applied to every aspect of his life, for you always met with Kenny on the level and parted with him in harmony.

Long working hours, often working 6 days a week left little time for friendships, but those friends and neighbours who knew Kenny best would speak of his helpful nature, loyalty and reliability. He was a man upon whom you could always count upon to come up trumps in any situation you found yourself. In later life a particular passion of Ken’s was dancing with Nan and through this they made many firm friends as they travelled around the country to dance together.

Kenny was by profession a lifelong Christian and Presbyterian. It was through his faith attending a Tent Hall meeting that he had Nan were to meet. And they shared that faith together for a lifetime. They were married at St. Silas Church on University Avenue, but in later years they were to attend St. George’s Tron Church then upon their move to Bishopbriggs to Springfield Cambridge Church. As one of our Elders, Kenny was faithful in worship, diligent in his Elder’s duties, and always supportive of his Minister. On a Sunday morning he would pass me on his way out of the Church, firmly grip my hand, and offer me a word of encouragement and appreciation for the Service.

He was a quiet ambassador of the Christian faith who lived out his faith daily as a personal vocation. Indeed a member of our congregation recounted how she came to be in our Church. After many years of absence, and doing the rounds of other churches, one Sunday she sat next to Ken. She was welcomed then and on successive weeks with his natural warmth and interest. This was what was to lead to her join this Church. For Ken knew and believed he had a Saviour and Redeemer in Jesus Christ and he wanted others to find that fullness of life he experienced.

In describing his life, Nan said that Ken had three loves – his garden, his dancing and his Church.

His garden was always a joy to behold with the eye. It was all self taught – done with pleasure and pride and quiet humility – he won the best garden competition held by EDC and he hadn't even entered it.

His dancing was a passion shared over a lifetime with his true love – Nan.

His Church was also a lifelong passion and commitment – he knew who his Lord and Saviour was and even in the midst of the darkness of his death we know that for Kenny that darkness has not overcome him – for the light of Christ shines perpetually upon Kenny and upon His followers.

Rev Ian Taylor

Treasurers Report

Ever wondered what happens when you place £10 in the Offering Plate on a Sunday?

Enclosed with this magazine is a small booklet that is issued by The Church of Scotland that explains in detail how **your** money is spent! You will notice that from your £10, only £4.20 is retained by Springfield Cambridge Church. **As you can see we will meet the cost of our Ministries and Mission Allocation for 2015 of £47,730 and also pay an additional £31,909 to financially support another congregation who is unable to make full payment.**

A statement of summary accounts is shown for 2014 which showing a surplus on the General Fund of £8,849 for the year. A full statement of accounts will be submitted to the Stated Annual Meeting on 24th March and I would urge as many members to attend this short but important meeting. The main financial aspects are as follows: -

- Surplus on the General Fund of £8,849 for 2014
- We took full advantage of the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GADS) and claimed the maximum allowable of £1,250 in respect of Open Plate General Fund Offerings.
- Number of Gift Aid Donors as at 31st December 2014 is 236 with an additional 10 members who also give tax efficiently at certain periods during the year depending on their circumstances.
- Gift Aid General Fund Offerings increased by 1.8%
- Ordinary General Expenditure up by 2.3%
- £18,000 loan outstanding with the Church of Scotland General Trustees to be re-paid by 31/3/2016.
- 150 Fund launched to coincide with our 150th Anniversary year in 2015.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

***Count Your Blessings – Daily Lenten Reflections
on the Church of Scotland Website***

Each day, throughout Lent, there will be (and already is) thoughtful reflections on the period ahead.

From Ash Wednesday on 18th February was the following submitted by our current Moderator.:

To us water is a given not a privilege and yet across the world today 750 million people (almost two and half times the population of the USA) live without access to a safe source of drinking water.

On a recent trip to Nigeria and South Sudan it was striking to note how many people, (mostly women) still have to travel many miles to collect their water supply, but with no guarantee that it is safe to drink.

From Genesis to Revelation the Bible is shot through with references to water as the first essential of life and as the symbolic substance of new life in Christ. In my own thinking, when I see a child die because she slakes her thirst at a stagnant pond, I cannot separate the relative value of the material substance that flows from the taps in my house and the living water which Christ speaks of in St John 4: 10.

Christians cannot rest until drinking water and living water are shared across the world but much has to be done to bring this about. The places where the problems are most acute are far off the beaten track. They are in countries caught up in civil war or blighted by political corruption, so the challenge of breaking through and transforming the lives of the world's most vulnerable people involves big things such as peace-making and nation building.

Pray with me that across the whole earth people will have access to the springs of the water of life.

Rt Rev John Chalmers

For those with internet connection, these reflections can be found at

<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/lent>

For those who prefer a more “paper and ink” approach – and who would like to follow these reflections – then please contact on 772 1323 and we will be pleased to deliver.

The Guild

On 26th January we enjoyed a great evening of entertainment by the Munro Family Ceilidh Band from Kenmure Church. . The family really enjoy playing together and it showed! Their varied and interesting programme of music, played on a variety of instruments and sung by every member of the family, was excellent as they are all skilled musicians but special mention must be made of Eilidh, a beautiful singer, who won the Ladies Gold medal at the 2013 MOD. On 9th February we welcomed Isobel Allan - a Legal Eagle - who spoke of her life as a Legal Aid lawyer in the east end of Glasgow. She is involved in diverse areas of law including family law, mental health or incapacity law and criminal law and gave us a very interesting insight into the variety of situations she faces daily in her legal practice.

We held our Coffee Morning on 21st February and raised the excellent sum of £700.97. Thanks are extended to all who helped with donations and to those supported this event. On 23rd February we welcomed Dr John McArthur who spoke about the Guild Project we are supporting this year which is 'Out of Africa into Malta'. This project is supporting St. Andrew's Scots Church, Malta in partnership with others, like Red Cross Malta, responding to the needs of refugees who have fled Africa and have arrived in Malta by sea where they are put into makeshift camps. It could be providing cool-boxes in summer to keep heat, dirt and rats at bay; or snowsuits (yes, really!) in winter to keep little children warm and dry; or it could be offering companionship and friendship to people who have absolutely nothing and no-one. A worthy cause indeed - supporting those much less fortunate than ourselves.

On 9th March we look forward to a visit from Kirkintilloch Ladies Choir to entertain us at our Hostess Tea. All are welcome to attend this evening and tickets are available from committee members for a suggested donation of £4. Our final speaker for the session will be Dr McNicol telling Tales of a Possilpark GP on 23rd March.

Members old and new will be made very welcome at these events.

Joyce Macmillan, Joint Secretary

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus & Orchestra - Bishopbriggs Churches Together

The money raised from our Christmas Concert on 22 December 2014 amounted to a phenomenal £30,628. Of this, £13,628 was collected in buckets at the end of the evening - an incredible response from our faithful audience.

Our cheque was presented to Debbie Mooney of CHAS at our Presentation Dinner at Bishopbriggs Golf Club on Wednesday 04 February.

This brings the grand total raised by our Christmas Concerts from December 2002 to December 2014 to £218,714.

Our sincere thanks go to all who support us and have helped us raise this truly magnificent total.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary



Girls Brigade

Explorer and Junior sections have now completed their badge work, and are now putting all their energy and talents into practicing for our display Explorers - The girls had a wonderful night at their Pyjama Party. The evening started off with a film – the explorers sprawled all over the floor in blankets enjoying every minute of it This was followed up by some games and last but not least some juice to cool them down and of course sweets

Their Fund raising event collection total was £35.00 which will be going to Shelter

Juniors –Their Fundraising event is still in the pipeline – time yet to be decided.

They had a Jungle evening, had a wonderful time tasting different kinds of food (some very good and some ?} They also played games, had plenty juice and crisps altogether a great evening testing. A big thank you to Brenda, Michelle and Jim for decorating the hall with Trees, Fires, Grass and Plants etc.

Brigaders – Tuesday evening 17th the officers' and girls' are doing a sponsored walk, money donated will be distributed between Erskine Hospital and Company Funds

The Brigader Fun evening consisted of quite a number of obstacle courses, which the girls all completed in the time allocated. When finished the course they just collapsed on the floor, and agreed it was great. They have still a little to do to finish their Badge Work – The History of Springfield Cambridge, this has been quite an exciting project for everyone, looking at photographs and putting names to the pictures.

District Fund day - Saturday 31st January, Torrance

Church. Unfortunately only some of the Explorers managed to attend. As usual Explorers love all the excitement of attending competitions, and came in second in their events. To them it is competing and taking part. Well done Explorers

Margaret Cuthbert, Captain

268th Anchor Boys

We have 31 boys on our role with our Friday night attendance sitting at 28.

Our boys attended the Pantomime run by Glasgow Battalion at Ibrox church just before Christmas. We had 13 boys come with us with the rest of the Springburn Districts Anchor boys/Junior section boys to see Cinderella. It was a fantastic panto and all our boys enjoyed it.

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 American theme to it.

We had our Big family quiz night on Friday the 6th Feb. This was an event to raise funds for our section. We had 15 teams take part on the night with over 100 people in the room. The winning team won by 1 point so it was very close indeed. It was a great night and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. On the night we raised £420 for our funds which is brilliant. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

Our P3 boys will be having their second visit to our Junior section on Friday the 19th February. This will give them a taster of what they can expect when they move up after the summer break. Gordon Muir & his staff always put on an entertaining programme for our boys and I am sure they will enjoy their night.

Our second fund raiser of the year will be our coffee morning which will be held on Saturday the 25th April.

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

FUND RAISING GROUP *FLOWER, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE QUIZ*



DONATION £1

The Quiz Sheets are available on Sunday mornings in the Hall of Fellowship, and the final date for posting entries in the Quiz Box there is 8th March 2015. If you haven't taken one already why don't you give it a try!!

Answers and amounts raised for both of these Fund Raising items will appear in the April edition.



Sunday School

Thank you to everyone that joined us recently for a roll sausage/bacon. We raised £270 for the Sunday school funds. Our recent act of kindness, gifts of fruit from the Sparklers and All Stars.

Brenda Diamond

Flower Calendar

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Reunion Dinner



**All former “268 members” are cordially invited
to the annual 268 Glasgow BB Reunion Dinner**

**This will take place on Friday the 13th of March 2015
at Cadder Freestone Social Club
7.00pm for 7.15pm**

Guest Speaker: Rev Martin Forrest

**To reserve your place please contact
Douglas Robertson on 0141 772 1323
or e-mail: bb268reuniondinner@hotmail.com**

Cost: £20.00



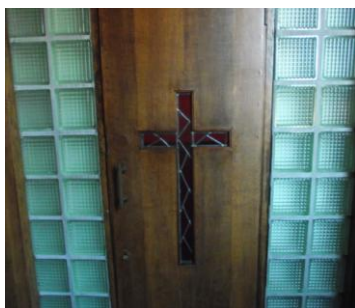
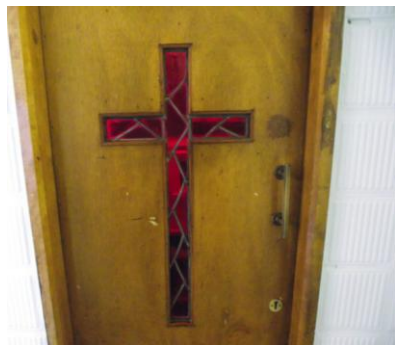
**268 Boys' Brigade
Springfield Cambridge Church
Bishopbriggs**

On the Front Cover

Since we acquired the facility to include photographs in our magazine, I and my camera have happily travelled the length and breadth of our two churches; recording and noting items of interest - both previously installed and recently added. Commencing from the pulpit with shots of the new pulpit fall and communion table cover, passing the wall hangings left and right, out in to the Hall of Fellowship with its Millennium Stained Glass, along to the Cameron Hall and in to our new link corridor with its impressive murals running its length, up to the Springfield Hall to view the stained glass windows behind the stage - and even out and up to the roof for external shots of the stained glass windows, the bell frame and the gallery of windows above the Choir Loft. All of these items have

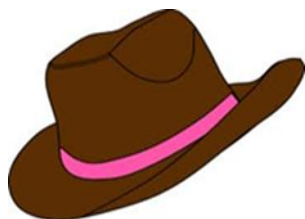
been duly photographed and included in our magazine. There are a couple of items left which I have lightly pencilled in for inclusion in the future; but I would have asserted that there was no item within our church with which I was unaware of its existence. How wrong I was! There are a set of stairs leading up from outside the top hall that lead up to the church office (once the Springfield Church Vestry) with two rooms on the left; one used for storage and the other to house the small photocopier for use by church organisations. It is in fact the door to the small "copier room" that is shown on the front cover - complete with its fine red glassed and leaded cross. I have passed or entered this room regularly over the past three decades and - shame of shames - never once taken cognisance of the significance of the cross on the door. Recently we had reason to consider adding a piece of equipment in to this room - and discovered it would not fit as the door frame is only two feet in width. It was then I started to consider the room's original use. As well as the glass cross on the door, on the inside looking out one sees that the door is framed by glass tiles. The narrow width of the doorway has in fact been determined by the size of the tiles - being four tiles in width. I was now intrigued and curious. The room seemed too small for a chapel or prayer room and I wondered if perhaps it had been set apart as an "In Memorium" room. I duly contacted Mr Findlay, our Church Historian, and was pleased when he duly confirmed that it had indeed been added as an "In Memorium" Room; having been added at the same time as the construction of the Cameron Hall in 1948. The above clarifies where the cover photograph belongs; but it still does not clarify as to what was the intended function of the room when it was conceived and added. So, to any current Springfield Cambridge member who was originally a Springfield Church member - do you know what the function of the "In Memorium" room was - with its distinctive door with its red cross? If you do, please contact me and I will be pleased to clarify in a future issue!

James Robertson





Junior Section Fundraiser



Line Dancing 2015

Pat Davis and her Line Attack Dancers will be back again this year to put us through our paces. This promises to be a fun packed evening of line dancing with dances for all levels. Tickets include tea and coffee at half time and can be purchased from any junior section staff member in the Hall of Fellowship on Sundays or call 762 3019.

Saturday 21st March

Springfield Hall

From 7.30pm

Tickets—£5.00

IT'S BACK!

By popular demand and after the success of last years event.



Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 1st March

Worship at 11am and 3pm

Sunday 8th March

Worship at 11am

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 15th March

Worship at 11am

Sunday 22nd March

Worship at 11am

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

Worship at 11 am and 7pm



Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. *Isaiah 1:18*