



The Springfield Cambridge Record



For there stood by me this night the angel of God,
Whose I am and Whom I serve (Acts 27:23)

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A word from our Minister....

The writer of Ecclesiastes whose well known words in chapter 3, "*For everything its season, and for every activity under heaven its time*" (Eccl. 3:1) was on to something significant. As a Minister I have observed over the years, that individuals, congregations, even Presbyteries and General Assemblies can experience lows and highs, bad times and good times alike. Sometimes it appears that wherever I turn folk are having a *bad season* as it were. Whether it is folk facing family troubles, ill health (physical or mental), redundancy or overwork, or whatever, the season seems to be quite bad just now for many folk.

As Christians we have an understanding of the word 'season'. We are in the season after Easter just now. Our Lord is a seasonal God: He comes, He departs. His faithfulness never changes, but His seasons do! There are seasons when the tree is green, there are seasons when it is dry, and seasons when, for the life of us, the thing looks dead. Now, does this mean you are serving some capricious God who comes and goes by whim? Or, could it be, that it is only through *seasons* that true growth may come?

St. Paul said, "Does not nature teach us?" Fruit from a tree comes to us as a result of three or four seasons.

The Christian *and* the Lord's body both need rain and sunshine, cold and hot, wind and doldrums.

We are all very subject to seasons; yet these seasons are there to make us eventually seasonless. There is only one way you are ever going to learn to triumph over all seasons, and that is to go through each and every season...many times. When you can reckon the sound of abundant rain and the hot blowing of a dry spell exactly the same, then you will be nearing the land of maturity.

An old apostle said it so well to a young man. 'Be ready in season, be ready out of season.'

Rev. Ian Taylor

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Local Church Review (LCR)

The first visit by the Presbytery representatives to conduct the LCR took place on 28 March, 2012. We have now received their draft report and recommendations. They will return to discuss these further with the Kirk Session, Congregational Board and any members of the congregation who wish to join us on Tuesday 15th. May at 7.30 p.m.

Looking ahead...



Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr Taylor, will be available on the 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. May 2012 from 10 - 11 am.

Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact him on (☎0141 772 1540 or ✉taylorian@btinternet.com) and another arrangement can be made.

Mid Week Services - Cambridge Chapel 11.10 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.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

The Wednesday Prayer Group continues in the Cambridge Chapel from 6.45 – 7.15 pm. Currently the member leading the Group begins 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 an existing ecumenical Bible Study meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm, which members are free to join, if they wish.



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on **Sunday 6th May, 2012**, and the Service will have some German influences reflecting the cultural heritage of our Baptismal family.

There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on Sunday 13th May, 2012 at 2.30 pm. This monthly Service at Callieburn

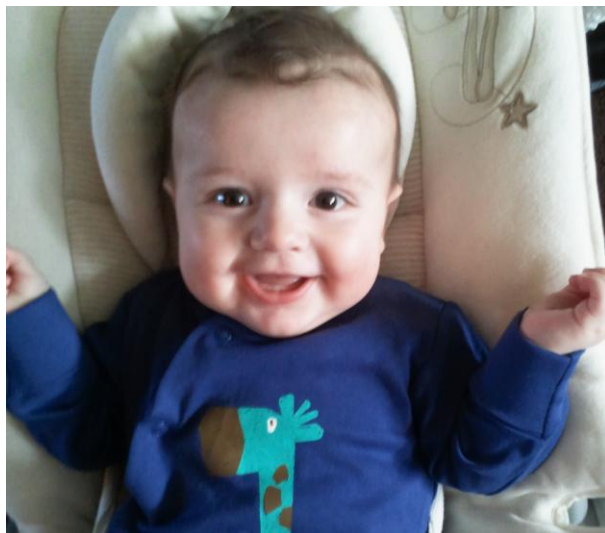


Court is open to any member of the congregation who would like to join the residents for a short Service lasting about 20 minutes or so. The Service is held in the Lounge.

On Sunday 20th May, 2012 Rev Ian McInnes, Minister of Dennistoun New Parish Church will conduct worship as part of our Local Church Review while Mr. Taylor will conduct worship in Dennistoun New.

Pentecost Sunday 27th May 2012 a new Pulpit Fall, Communion Table Runner and Bible Markers will be dedicated during our Service.

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



Alfie Cahill McGRORY Sunday 18th March, 2012

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.

Monday 19th March, 2012

Mr Robert H Maxwell,
Bishopsgate, 20 Kenmure Drive

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Mrs Margaret Gillespie,
22 Fern Avenue

Wednesday 28th March, 2012

Mrs Isabella Graham,
5 South Crosshill Road

Thursday 29th March, 2012

Mr William C Diamond,
95 Burnbrae Street

Friday 30th March, 2012

Mrs Mary J Ballingall,
10 Beech Place

Saturday 31st March, 2012

Mr John McGarvie,
Fourhills Nursing Home

Wednesday 11th April, 2012

Mr George MacDonald,
10 Juniper Grove, Lenzie

Treasurer's Report

Statement of General Fund Income and Expenditure as at 21/4/2012

	<u>Year to Date (£)</u>	<u>Budgeted (£)</u>
FWO Scheme	5,698	7,756
Gift Aid	22,999	20,896
Tax Recoveries	778	778
Open Plate	2,818	2,437
Other Ordinary General Income	6,560	5,735
TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME	38,853	37,602
 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE	 38,124	 40,634

As you can see from the above figures our Income and Expenditure on the General Fund for the Year To 21/4/2012 shows a small surplus as against budget. Although this is encouraging, I would sound a small note of caution that many of our large expenditure items come in Quarter 2 of the year, for example, the remainder of our dues to Glasgow Presbytery of £1,700 and the renewal of the Church Insurance policy which is likely to be about £3,900.

This being the last "regular" magazine of the session I would just like to thank all the "regular givers" for your offerings over the last few months and also thanks to all those who responded to the Fabric Appeal in late 2011 and early 2012. The summer months are always a difficult time financially for Treasurer's having to balance the books as the income invariably drops during the holiday period, but I am sure with the support of you all we can continue to build on the strong financial foundations of Springfield Cambridge that have been laid in the past few years.

Have an enjoyable summer!

Jim Kerr (Treasurer)

The Guild

Well, we had a very good Annual General Meeting and our new Committee members were elected to fill the vacancies. The new joint Secretaries are Anne Deachon and Carol Milliken. I was sorry to stand down, but circumstances dictated so.

After our meeting we were entertained by Dianne Kurth who kept us chuckling with her humorous readings.

On 12th May we have our Annual Outing to Perth, so let us hope for good weather on that day.

I hope everyone has a lovely summer break. *Betty Sturgeon* Secretary

Girls' Brigade

The end of the Session is fast approaching with our Display on the 11th May, in Bishopbriggs Academy. Junior and Brigader Sections are just about finished their rehearsals only a few minor details to sort out. We hope to have a good turnout of Parents and Friends on the night. We will be welcoming back a friendly face at the Display – Mrs Heather Ambler, a former Officer, is coming along to present our Prizes. Inspecting Officer is Mrs Anne Goodlet also a Girls' Brigade Officer. A list of the Main Prize Winners will be in the next copy of the Magazine. Junior Section are hoping to have a trip just after the Display, at the moment final arrangements have still to be made this also applies to Brigader Section

Margaret Cuthbert, Captain

Girls' Brigade – Explorers Section

“On the move”, is the theme this year and that is exactly what the Explorers did for their annual trip this year. We met at Bishopbriggs train station to head into Glasgow on the 10:24am train. We walked across the road from Queen St. station to George Square to “Hop on” the Glasgow City Sightseeing bus!



Our first stop was People Palace. The girls had fun looking at and using some of the “old stuff”. They washed, danced, went to prison and Doon the Watter, sat in an Anderson shelter and met in the “single end”! All that before we had our packed lunch in the beautiful Winter Gardens! After lunch we walked along to the adventure park in Glasgow Green, then back to enjoy a free bouncing session on the Stonehenge bouncy castle.

We travelled on the bus to the Riverside Museum when the rain started. After a short time there, it was time to travel back to George Square, but not before entertaining the other travellers by singing at the bus stop as we waited for our bus! Unfortunately for us, we had to travel on the top deck returning to George Square. This meant sitting on “wet seats”. Not only were our trousers wet, but below them too!! The rain didn’t dampen our spirits as we ended the day with a quick stop to get chips then ran for the train back home for 5pm.



I am sure everyone, including Officers, had an early night on Saturday 21st April 2012!

Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders

The Sunday school are planning a champagne high tea on Saturday 9th June. Further details will follow and tickets available soon from myself or Christine Copeland. You will be served a glass of bubbly/orange juice, tea/coffee, sandwiches and cakes.

We will also be having a fun day for the children on Saturday 23rd June followed by a barbecue.

Our prize giving service will take place on Sunday 24th June.

Brenda Diamond, Superintendent

Jesus died for our Sins

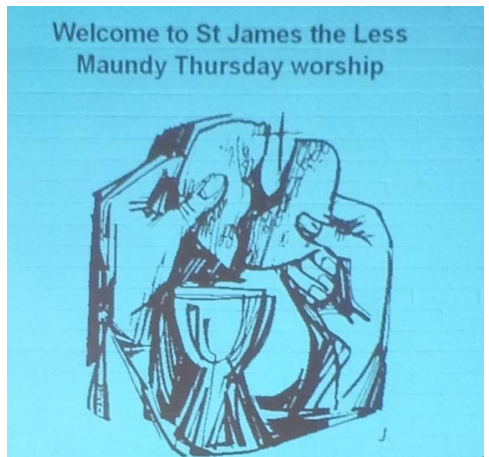
Holy Week Services in Bishopbriggs 2012



Monday – Robroyston Church



Tuesday – Stations of the Cross -
St Dominics



Maundy Thursday –
St James the Less

Jesus is risen hallelujah!



Wednesday – Kenmure Church

Good Friday -

Andrew Strong, Elder at Kenmure Church, strides out to lead the “Walk of Witness” away from his home church and down along Kirkintilloch Road through Bishopbriggs Cross – stopping for prayer and worship at St Dominics. Cadder South Hall and Woodhill Evangelical Church



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Helen Scott, Ekwendeni Secondary School, Box 2. Ekwendeni, Malawi

Dear Praying Friends

Let me share with you some of the joy of Easter I have been privileged to be part of. I heard last week that there was a vehicle going up to Engerenge Presbytery on the northern border of Malawi. I have a longstanding invitation to go to a church up there called Lutengano. I was last there in 2002 and was given the name Mama Lutengano. So I 'phoned them up on Wednesday and invited myself for Easter! I arrived up there at 9am on Friday morning (we left here at 5.30am) just in time for breakfast and then the start of the Easter Services. In this area of Malawi they speak a language called Kangonde – quite different from Tumbuka, though they do understand Tumbuka. It is a rice growing area and the church is situated in the middle of the paddy fields, near the shores of the lake with the mountains of Tanzania shimmering in the distance. This year, that area has been hit by drought, but the rains have come and people are now hopeful of a harvest!

On Good Friday we had a service in the morning, then after lunch I conducted a bible study looking at Grace. Fortunately this did not take place until about 3.30pm as Lutengano is very hot at midday and I felt like a wet rag. Then in the evening we had more worship in the church – I actually gave up at 9pm and went to bed but I'm told the others continued 'til midnight. All day people were arriving at the church with big bundles of bedding on their heads as the church was a sort of big SU camp for the weekend. One team of ladies was busy cooking for everyone. I and other visitors for Easter stayed at the manse. Others camped in the church itself or the Women's Guild house or the primary school across the field. In the lulls between services, there was constant singing by all the choirs which were practising their songs and the steps. They tried to teach me and I got the hang of some, but physical co-ordination is not my strong point. The energy expended in constantly jiggling around plus singing is enormous! Anyway, it was great fun. On Saturday there were more services – 8am to 10am, then breakfast, 11am - 1pm – then lunch, then 2pm – 5pm, then supper, then 7.30pm – 2am (I think, though, I had gone to bed around 9pm exhausted and just aching to stretch out). In the afternoon slot, I led another bible study on Peter. I was actually so hot and full of rice that I asked questions and got them to discuss. Then we had a good time looking into what the bible says about forgiveness. Even after it finished little groups continued to sit around outside and look at some of the issues and questions they had about the bible. It was such a blessing to be a part of that.

At sunrise, the climax to Easter was when everyone sang with hoarse but joyful voices that Jesus had risen. We celebrated Holy Communion on Sunday morning before breakfast and after breakfast another Easter Thanksgiving service. The church had a time of fundraising and what a lot of singing and dancing there was as they brought their gifts to church – not only money, but bananas, rice and chickens.

In the midst of all this it was reported on the radio on Saturday that President Bingu wa Mulharika had died. He had a heart attack on Thursday and instead of announcing his death immediately, they flew the body to South Africa and then announced on Saturday. So now we have a new President, Joyce Banda, who was the Vice President and will be interim President until the next election. Although she was Vice President, Mutharika had sidelined her as they disagreed and so one of the reasons

They delayed announcing the death was the pro-Bingu faction did not want her to succeed the Presidency.

What was the reaction in Lutengano, Nothing really, they just heard the news as though they were talking about the price of sugar – in fact the price of sugar gets much more animated discussion these days as it goes up all the time (today £2.50 / kg on the black market). When I go back to school I am sure I will get the low down about the politics of the weekend. So what does our new President have to do? There are rifts that need healing as Bingu had antagonised everyone ... inside the country, our neighbouring countries, the world ... She also needs to try and get the economy back on track – not an easy job. At the moment we have serious fuel, sugar and forex shortages and the black market is thriving.

We shall wait to see what happens next, but please pray for us as we do need your prayer.

Yours in the Joy of Our Risen Lord.

Helen (Mama Lutengano)

This Month's Cover . . .

Do you recognise the window photographically reproduced on the front cover? Well if you are numbered amongst those who once worshipped in a certain “wee grey church” in Springfield Road Bishopbriggs, it may well strike a memory chord. For it is indeed a photograph of one of the stained glass windows in our own church. Didn't know we had stained glass windows? Well, you are not alone. I've been a member of Springfield Cambridge Church for just over 25 years and I never knew of their existence. Not, that is, until last year when members of our Property Group removed the boards at the back of the stage in the top hall – the Springfield Hall - to reveal the windows that were behind the pulpit when the building was in use for regular Sunday worship. And it was this development that triggered in my mind the idea to run a cover series in 2011/2012 of stained glass windows – culminating in portraying our own windows.



The windows are a series of three – with an image of the Cross flanked by two angels. The central Cross window has interesting detail with alpha and omega incorporated at the top (*Revelation 22: 13*) and a crown of thorns looped to the left with – interestingly – a crown of laurel leaves looped to the right; truly our Christ was victorious over death.

The front cover shot is an external view of one of the ‘Angel’ windows and is one that will be rarely seen – as it necessitated I and my two sons having a good head for heights and using a ladder to negotiate up and over the flat roof of the ‘new build’ to be able to take this photographic shot. No “challenge” is too great for a *Record* article!



Photographing inside, within the hall, is, alas, a shade problematical as there are now a series of strengthening bars across the windows. Such are the practical necessities when preserving and using on a regular basis such an old building. However, a series of shots are here included to illustrate, as is best possible, these newly “revealed” windows. And a walk up our new corridor, from bottom to top hall, is greatly recommended to view “our” very own stained glass windows.

James Robertson



Mrs McGrath prepares for the Sparklers and Allstars Sunday School session - with the three stained glass windows behind her above the stage in the top hall.



Whilst Mrs Diamond supervises the young folk leaving in orderly fashion for the church - whilst they wonder what the man up on the stage is doing!

Last Month's Cover . . .

So – where is the butterfly? With regard to last month's cover, the quest was set to find the butterfly that St Johns Evangelical Lutheran church say is included in their stained glass image. Well, I attended a recent Wednesday morning service (11.10am every Wednesday morning – highly recommended to all) and the topic arose and I was met with a pleasant barrage of “where is it – we can't find it!” Alas _ I still do not know where it is. There is a thought that in reducing the original photograph down to a size to fit a web page, the butterfly has been “lost”. I have therefore contacted the church in question with a plea to put us all out of our misery and reveal where the butterfly is! Watch this space – all will (hopefully) be revealed in our forthcoming Summer Special issue!

Singers Company Concert – The Magic of the Musicals

SECC - Saturday 19th May - 7.30pm

Tickets are now available, priced £14 and £12 (concession) from Mrs Ann Pickett for this concert, if there is sufficient interest it may be possible to organise a bus from the church to the event. Please contact Mrs Pickett if you would like to attend.



268 Boys' Brigade Junior Section

Picking up from last month I can advise our readers that on the 31st March, we took a somewhat depleted team to the District Figure Marching competition where the Boys who did support the event took third place gaining us seventy additional points and maintaining our lead in the overall District competition. Well done to all who participated.

A final update on our fundraising efforts for World Mission, where our total reached £600.00 or 5000000 Zambian Kwacha which sounds much more impressive. I am sure that the BB in Zambia will be able to do a great deal with the monies the 268th and other Companies in Scotland have raised.

Fund raising for the Section also moved on apace with our line dancing night on 24th March raising a total of £700.0 for our own funds. My thanks to my staff, the folks of the Church who supported this event either by coming along and taking part, or by giving a donation to our funds. Our thanks also go to Pat Davis and her line dancers for providing, free of charge, an excellent evening of fun and entertainment and for bringing along many of their supporters.

A reminder that we are moving toward the end of our 2011/12 session and our Parents Night will take place on Thursday 24th May at 7.00pm in the Springfield Hall. A warm welcome is extended to

parents, friends and supporters of the Section who may wish to come along on the night.

Look out for the results of trophy winners in the summer edition of the magazine.

Our final event of the session takes place on Saturday 26th May 2012 when the Section is off to Largs for the day where, among other fun and games, we will visit the Vikingar Experience for a hands on look at Largs historic past.

George McMillan, OIC

Fair Trade



A Fair Trade table will be open before and after the service on Sunday the 13th of May and we hope you will "browse" the stall and make a purchase from the wide selection of consumables that we have in stock. We would, of course, be happy to order anything for you that we don't have at present.

Hope to see you in the Hall of Fellowship on the 13th

Anne Crooks and Mary Johnstone

Flower Calendar

April

Distributors: Mrs A. Henderson (772 5888) and Mrs S Paton (772 4430)

Donors: Mrs McGilvery (2nd and 8th), Mrs I Galbraith (8th),
Mrs E McSheehy, Mrs E Frame, Mrs L McGrath, Mrs Stewart (16th),
Mrs C Macintosh, Mrs M McIntyre, Mrs E Graham (27th)

Mrs Helen Stormont would like to thank members and neighbours who sent her get well cards during her time in hospital. These were much appreciated and encouraging. She is now home and making steady progress.

Thank you to Ian for visits in hospital and at home, friends in the congregation for prayers, calls, cards and good wishes after knee surgery. Also grateful thanks for the church flowers.

David Hogg

The end? Not quite!

The May *Record* has previously been the last issue of "the session"

But not this session!

As church is for every Sunday of the year – it has been decided to publish an edition of *The Record* which cover the months of June, July and August.

Look out for your church summertime reading –

to be available by the middle of June

Springfield Cambridge Church

Dates for May 2012

Sunday Worship at 11am

Sunday 6th May

including the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday 13th May

Fair Trade Stall available before and after the service

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 20th May

Worship to be led by the

Rev Ian McInnes

of Dennistoun New Parish Church

Sunday 27th May

Pentecost Sunday

*The Service will include the dedication of
a new pulpit fall, communion table runner and bible markers*