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For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel--not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. *1 Corinthians 1:17*

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A word from our Minister...

...so what?

Well how was Easter for you? I always look forward to Holy Week and Easter – for although it can be a busy time with extra Services, it is always a hopeful time of the year. Often as I meet and listen to the stories of people's lives I am struck by how hard and difficult life can be at times for some folk. It is at precisely those moments of pain that I need to recall the Christian concept of hope. Of how in this Easter season we can move from pain to hope. And by hope I do not mean optimism. The author Philip Yancey crammed a sharp difference into two sentences in his new book, "The Question That Never Goes Away": *Optimism promises that things will gradually improve. Christian hope promises that creation will be transformed.*' Until that transformation, we wait – sometimes in pain, sometimes in joy.

But of course, as another writer, Jacques Ellul, noted in his book, "Hope in Time of Abandonment," we cannot get to hope until we have no other options. When we finally recognise that we are alone and without resources, we can shake our fist at God and demand that God be God. That is our 'rock bottom' as it were. Sometimes, though, once we have named 'our pain,' our finite lives are put back in touch with the eternal. This is where people who have lost their centres can be reintroduced to their souls. They tap into the power of their Creator. The one who has the power to move from pain to hope. And His name is Jesus, our Risen Lord.

Rev Ian Taylor

LOOKING FORWARD

Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings at 10 am Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr. Taylor, will be available on the 7th, 21st and 28th May, 2014 from 10 - 11 am. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact him on (20141 772 1540 or "A 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** 11th. **May**, 2014 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, 11th. May, 2014, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

On Sunday, 18th. May, 2014, the 268 Company of the Boys' Brigade will join us for a Service of Thanksgiving.





LOOKING BACK

Easter Leaflet. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who rose to the challenge, and in a matter of a few weeks delivered almost 6000 leaflets to the homes in our Parish. I remain thankful to God and to you the members

of Springfield Cambridge who responded so positively to my request for help. *Thank you.* Rev Ian Taylor

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.

> Michelle D. Campbell & Christopher (Chris) W. Blair Thursday 17th April, 2014

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 28 th March, 2014	Mr. Robert A. Young,
	54 Morar Crescent
Friday 4 th April, 2014	Mrs. Elizabeth Frame,
	62 Glendale Drive
Friday 11 th April, 2014	Mrs. Janet (Jenny) Murray,
	30 Keir Hardie Court
Tuesday 15 th April, 2014	Mrs. Isa Riley, 1 Park Crescent



Bishopbriggs Churches Together Walk of Witness Good Friday – 18th April 2014





This month's Front Cover and a wee personal input

I had selected a particular wall hanging to pictorially feature on this month's front cover; but the "fates" went against me as I couldn't find the leaflet I had collected from the church a few years back, the image has been removed from their website and I couldn't get hold of any one at their church office to negotiate for a file. So I was stymied. But on the basis of 'something will turn up' - I worried not. And yea verily something did indeed turn up. On Good Friday, Lynne was involved in the evening worship at Tron St Mary's and I was pleased to accompany the lady to afford me the opportunity to worship at a church I had passed often over the past years. And what a sight greeted my entrance – the early evening sunshine was streaming through the side window and illuminating the magnificent full length cross mounted on the chancel wall. And I immediately knew I had found my May front cover picture!

The picture beneath further establishes the cross in its place as part of a full church at worship.

I would here pass my sincere thanks to Jean Simmons, Session Clerk of Tron St Mary, for kindly furnishing me with these photographs. Finally, we would supply here our prayerful support the church will receive the call from a new Minister in the not too distant future. The Red Road Flats may be scheduled to be removed – but the church on the same site will remain – which is as it should be.



James Robertson

Christian Aid Week

11th to 17th May 2014

The list of streets available is available in the Hall of Sunday. If you can collect from the same street as last year, please tick your name. Or if you have not collected before and can help, please see Maureen Brown after the morning service. Envelopes will be ready for collection from Sunday 30th April. Thanks in anticipation to all those who volunteer each year – and a sincere welcome to any considering assisting for the first time with this important task.

Electrical Rewiring Works

The electrical works which began on 31^{st} . March, 2014 were completed sooner than expected. By the Wednesday of the second week, normal service was resumed within our buildings. Thanks to all our hall and Church users for their flexibility during this period which allowed us to keep disruption to a minimum for most folk. We are now awaiting the satisfactory 'completion certificate' and the bill from the contractors. After that we will carry out some redecoration work, particularly in the Cameron Hall.



65th Girls' Brigade

At their Coffee Morning, held on Saturday 29th March, Quiz Sheets relating to 'Place Names in Scotland' were distributed. The winner was Mrs Anne Lockhart – well done Anne!

Why not try and find the solutions – just for the fun of it! The answers are listed on page 8.

1. Commonly added to birth announcements 2. Currency 3. Macbeth's killer 4. Hate Rosy 5. Atmospheric town 6. Smiles better 7. Rich fruit cake 8. Surrounded by wax 9. Mission control 10. Sounds like a strong town 11. There's a pattern here 12. Not any smaller 13. Show a year 14. Garment crosses a river 15. Hallways 16. Finished by noon 17. Real Adam 18. Chilly burn 19. Blessed liver salts 20. Spotted cubes

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Treasurer's Report

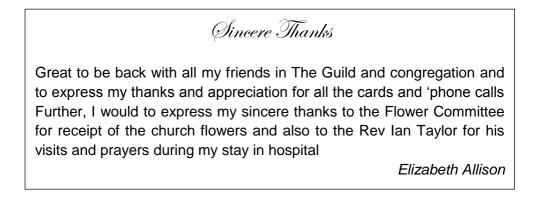
I am pleased to say that we recently carried out necessary work to upgrade the electrical systems in the halls at a cost of circa £8K and I am pleased to say that we were able to meet this in full from donations that were received in the recent Fabric Appeal. Thanks once again to all those members who gave so generously! Further work on the heating systems is scheduled for later in the year and this will once again be funded by the Fabric Appeal.

The Church Insurance is due for renewal later this month and the premium will be about $\pounds 3,700$. Did you know that our church buildings alone are insured for nearly $\pounds 2.5$ million!

This being the start of the new tax year we are once again able to take advantage of the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme meaning that we can claim tax relief of the first $\pm 5,000$ of cash donations in any tax year giving us additional income of $\pm 1,250$ annually.

The General Fund as at 20/4/2014 shows a deficit for the year so far of £1,593. Income and Expenditure are broadly in line with budgeted figures and we still await settlement of our Q4 General Fund tax claim from HMRC which should be with us shortly!

Jim Kerr, Treasurer



The Guild

On the 17th March we hosted the Spring Council AGM. This meeting was well attended by our own Guild members and members from other Guilds in our District. Everyone said how much they had enjoyed the evening and our home baking. Thank you to all who contributed fruit loaves.

Yvonne Waring visited us on the 24th March for the second time. Her rendition of some of Joyce Grenfell's monologues was excellent. She is such a talented young woman and her enthusiasm for what she does is to be admired. A great night was had by all.

Our AGM was held on the 7th April and was well attended by our members. Initially we thought we were not going to be able to fill the vacancies on the Committee, but having had a break to hear about A Hindu Wedding by our guest speaker Pat Marwick, we reconvened the meeting and by then several members volunteered to take on the vacant posts and we now have a full committee. A big thank you to all the volunteers!

"A Hindu Wedding" – Pat gave us a very interesting insight into her experience of being one of the Wedding Party at her son's wedding to a Hindu girl in America. It was fascinating to hear about the similarities in some aspects of the ceremony to our own wedding ceremonies. The colours of the saris were magnificent as were the various tartans of the kilts which most of the men changed into after the ceremony. Pat showed us the length of the sari – 6 metres! – and our Convener, Sheila, who was at the wedding, wore hers. An excellent night to end our session for this year.

Our Annual Outing this year is on the 17th May when the coach will leave the church car park at 10.30.a.m. to take us to Peebles in time for a snack and walk about. We then go on to Moffat where High Tea is arranged at the Annandale Arms Hotel. We are all looking forward to this day out and hope for some sunshine. *Carol Milliken*, Joint Secretary

65th Girls' Brigade

Quiz Answers (Questions on page 6)

1. Motherwell 2. Dollar 3. McDuff 4. Rothesay 5. Ayr 6. Glasgow

7. Dundee 8. Wick 9. Houston 10. Musselburgh 11. Paisley

12. Biggar 13. Calendar 14. Coatbridge 15. Foyers 16. Dunoon

17. Armadale 18. Coldstream 19. St Andrews 20. Dice

Journey's End?

On 30th March 2014 (Mothering Sunday), I completed the last part of my Readership training by successfully passing my final Preaching Assessment. So the journey which began nearly seven years ago when I went on an Enquirers' Conference comes to an end. It's a journey which took me on extended enquiry and co-ordinated field assessment at Lenzie Union as well as two placements at Carnwadric and St David's Memorial Park in Kirkintilloch. Along the road I've made some good friends with my fellow readers in training at the five Conferences I had to attend. The cohort I went through with have been a great support to one another and produced a paper for 121 on the training process and the deployment of Readers. Watch this space at General Assembly and Ministries Council's Report! It was great last November to return to a Conference to speak to folks embarking on the training programme. So now the conferences are over, the academics completed successfully and I satisfied the three assessors on the day of the Final Preaching Assessment. Now I'm no longer a Reader in training but rather a Reader in limbo awaiting Glasgow Presbytery arranging a service of setting apart and then it is up to them how they will deploy me as a Reader. So one journey has reached the terminus but the next adventure is about to start. Anybody else out there prepared to take up the challenge and join me - it's hard work but great fun and well worth the effort.

Lynne Robertson

FLOWER CALENDAR

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Springfield Cambridge Church Dates for May 2014

Sunday 4th May Worship at 11am

Sunday 11th May Worship at 11am Including the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 18th May Worship at 11am (Including a Service of Thanksgiving for the 268 BB company Section)

> Sunday 25th May Worship at 11am

and ahead in to June . . .

Sunday 1st June The Sacrament of Holy Communion Service at 11am

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