



The Springfield Cambridge Record



**You can't stop rain from falling down,
Prevent the sun from shining,
You can't stop spring from coming in,
Or winter from resigning,**

**Or still the waves or stay the winds,
Or keep the day from dawning,
You can't stop God from loving you,
His love is new each morning.**

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A word from our Minister... have you got 20 minutes?

I am often a weekly visitor to the car park at Buchanan Galleries as part of the franchise known by parents as dad's or mum's taxi! I am seldom in the car park for more than 20 minutes whilst I collect one of my children. The other night when I went to pay my customary £1.50 (the fee for after 6pm parking), the machine was out of commission. I approached the booth and the attendant upon taking my £10 for my ticket and upon inspecting the time stamped ticket, declared that I didn't need to pay, "*as I was just in and I had a 20 minute period of grace.*" I duly departed with a smile on my face and £10 in my pocket.

But then the financier in me began to work overtime - did that mean if I hadn't paid at the machine in the past, I could have saved.... wait a minute....how much? Could I do that in future, but what if I overran my period of grace! Was that the price of grace - £1.50?

Then the theologian in me kicked in, and I was taken back to something a colleague shared with me just before Easter. On a course the tutor asked us all to tell of an occasion we had been in a difficult situation, and to tell the group of the wise counsel that had aided us. That could have been a passage of scripture, a Biblical figure, a fellow Christian, a relative, a friend, or even a stranger in a fluorescent yellow jacket. My colleague spoke of a former professor of psychology who had greatly influenced him.

Afterwards he directed me to materials she has on-line. But that was before Easter and I forgot all about it.

However when I got home from being dad the taxi driver, I recalled what my colleague had said and googled the professor's reflection on grace. She explains grace as something unexpected, at times without reason. That is what Jesus death and resurrection at Easter were about. We had sinned, and a price had to be paid. And that price was paid for us by God's willingness to allow His own Son to die for us. We did not deserve it or expect such a sacrifice, yet God's grace was freely given in love. Now that grace is worth a whole lot more to me than the £1.50 I saved one Monday night, or the many pounds I could have saved over the last year! Amazing grace. Thank God for that.

Rev Ian Taylor

Another word from our Minister...

Interim Moderator Lenzie

Old

As I write this article, preparations are in place for a Sole Nominee to preach at Lenzie on Sunday 24th April, 2016.

Assuming all goes to plan, I would hope that they may be looking towards a Service of Induction in mid June, at which point I hope to be relieved of these additional duties. Thank you for your understanding thus far!



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.

Friday 15th April, 2016-Claire J Pollock & Brian J McKay



LOOKING AHEAD

Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings at 10 am. Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the **4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May 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 8th May, 2016 our Service will include an element of Thanksgiving to mark the end of the session for the Boys' & Girls' Brigade Companies.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 8th May, 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.



Colston Wellpark Church

On Pentecost Sunday (15th May 2016) we will join with our Parish Grouping friends from Cadder, Colston Wellpark and Kenmure for Worship at Colston Wellpark Church at 11am.



On **Sunday 22nd May, 2016** we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**.

On **Sunday 29th May, 2016** the Locum from Lenzie Old, **Philip Wright** will conduct our **Service** again to allow Mr. Taylor to conduct a Service of Holy Baptism at Lenzie Old.



Visit to the Glasgow Central Mosque



Following on from last year's support given by us to our local Muslim community after the attack on their premises, we have been offered the opportunity to learn a little more about Islam and the functioning and activities of a mosque. We have been invited to an organised visit of the mosque. If you would like to join me and members of our Kirk Session, please let me know. Once I have an idea of numbers, a date and time will be agreed.

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The Guild

On reviewing the articles previously submitted I realised that I had not reported on the visit from Ivy Blair from Prospects; one of the two Projects we have chosen to support this year. Ivy gave us a very interesting and informative talk on how to welcome those with special needs into our fellowship in church and the work done by their very small charity in setting up groups who offer support. She hopes that with the support of the Church of Scotland Guild Project that Prospects will be able to expand their work in this important field of outreach. We wish her every success in achieving her goals.

On 4th April we had an interesting presentation from Jill Scott and Bill Hicks on the History of the Central Hotel. This took the style of a question and answer session and it was an interesting and enjoyable way of presenting the information. The ladies seemed to enjoy it very much.

Our session concluded with our A.G.M. on 18th April. The convenor thanked all the retiring committee members for their service to the Guild here in Springfield Cambridge and we were fortunate to attract a number of new members to the committee to fill the vacancies. Thanks to these ladies for their willingness to undertake this work on behalf of their fellow Guild members. The only outstanding position needing a volunteer is assistant secretary so if there are any ladies who would like to assist in this role please come forward.

This was followed by a social evening with tea and a Guild cake which was cut by our one of our long serving Guild members Catherine Sutherland here accompanied by our Convenor Ellen Robertson.

A large number of members were presented with long service certificates. Maureen Brown (45); Morag Dickson (36); Margaret Fairlie (40); Ann Harvey (40); Mary McDonald (25); Joan McGowan (44); Carol Milliken (34); May Murray (20); Sheena Paton (40); Elsie Robertson (43); Irene Smillie (28); Catherine Sutherland (55); Margaret Tennant (28).

There were also a number of ladies who were not able to be present on the night who also receive certificates.

Elizabeth Allison (60); Mary Johnstone (52); Margaret Kinloch (35); Margaret Sievwright (39).

Dates for your diary: **Saturday 14th May** – Guild Outing to Pitlochry.

Joyce Macmillan, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Firstly this month, I would like to appeal once again for donations to offset the cost of the Springfield Record. I'm sure you will agree that it is a pleasure to read such a professionally produced colour church magazine 9 times a year! *The recommended donation is £5 per household per year to cover the printing and stationery costs.* Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Church Record" and place in the offering basket any Sunday. A great many members already give a donation annually and this is most appreciated. Thanks to everyone who contributes!

We still await our Q3 2015 and Q4 2015 General Fund tax recoveries from HMRC. I am pleased to say in tax year 2016/17 that we will be able to claim £2,000 in tax recoveries under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. This has increased from £1,250 in tax year 2015/16.

In May we will pay our annual insurance premium of £3,650 for cover on the church buildings and the manse.

The General Fund shows a deficit for the year to date as at 17/4/16 of £3,921 as below:-

	<u>YTD (£)</u>	
<u>BUDGETED (£)</u>		
FWO Scheme	5,003	7,084
Gift Aid	23,162	25,342
Tax Recoveries	nil	7,020
Open Plate	1,903	2,704
Other Ordinary General Income	7,401	8,413
TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME	37,469	50,563
 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE	 41,390	 50,759

Jim Kerr, Treasurer



**SPRINGFIELD
CAMBRIDGE CHURCH**



FUND RAISING GROUP

are holding a

***'SPARKLING STRAWBERRY'
AFTERNOON TEA***

for

CHURCH FUNDS

on

Saturday 7th May 2016

from 2.00 - 4.00 pm

in the Cameron Hall



Donation Ticket (Adults £7.50, Children £4)



**Please come and
support us and enjoy the
'taste of Summer'**





In conjunction with our 'Sparkling Strawberry' Afternoon Tea we are offering the following Quiz Sheet, compiled by a member of our Congregation.

'FOOD AND DRINK' QUIZ

DONATION £1

The Quiz Sheets are available on Sunday mornings in the Hall of Fellowship from 1st May, and the final date for posting entries in the Quiz Box there is 5th June 2016. 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 June edition of the magazine

Thank you

"Thank you all for your prayers, cards and flowers as well as all your good wishes during my recent stay in hospital".

Margaret Fairlie

FLOWER CALENDAR – MAY 2016

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On the Front cover this month



This month's contribution to our overview of Scottish Hymn writers has, at one and the same time, both an actual and a tentative Scottish link. The gentleman in question is John Gowans and he was born in Blantyre on 13th November 1934. But truth be told the vast majority of his life was spent in the midlands of England; for his parents were Salvation Officers and they were posted as

required across citadels in England. John himself had a life long connection with the Salvation Army. He entered the International Training College in London in 1954 as a candidate of the "soulwinners" session. There he met Cadet Gisele Bobhotal, who had entered training from Paris, and they married in 1957. John and Gisele became parents of two sons, John-Marc and Christophe. John rose to the rank of General and became the Salvation Army's 16th international leader between 1999 and 2002.

He was also a prolific lyricist and composer and in collaboration with his life long friend John Larsson he wrote over 200 hymns and worship songs, many of which still appear in the Salvation Army song book. In addition he and his friend also wrote, produced and staged ten religious musicals. (Details of his musical achievements can be viewed at <http://www.gowans-larsson.com/>



General Gowans served as leader during a time of decreased recruitment of new officers; he endeavoured to introduce various strategies of flexibility and change – but all underpinned by his stated mission statement of *"saving souls, growing saints and serving suffering humanity"*. A mission statement we can all draw from. General Gowans also looked to "soften" the image and presentation of officers; he himself wore the formal uniform with pride but contemporaneously acknowledged that it was perhaps more related to a previous age and their was a need to

adapt to such as t-shirts for younger officers. It is excellent to observe on the SA On-line store page, such modern articles of clothing - still with the “blood and fire” badge emblazoned upon them - are contained within a section called, “Witness Wear“. (Of passing reflection – there is also a section on the SA on-line store where one can obtain any musical instrument that you would expect to see being played in a proper SA Band. And yes, that does include, for the very reasonable sum of £24.95, that you can obtain a tambourine. For a mere £1.99 extra you can also obtain the ribbons to go with it. And with an eye to the future, for the equally reasonable sum of £14.95 one can obtain a junior tambourine!).



Space within this magazine does not permit listing all of General John Gowans many accomplishments and contributions to faith expansion. A wonderful and insightful obituary can be read on-line at <http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/news/inr081212>

(for any without internet connection who would like to read same, please refer to myself and I will be pleased to supply in paper form).

In addition, General John Gowans was encouraged to write his own autobiography; it is a slim volume of just over 120 pages – but is a fascinating account of a life lived in the faith. I have passed a copy to Mervyn with a request for it to be made available through our own church library. The title is “*There is a boy here*”; which at first glance one would think would perhaps relate to a childhood incident. But no – true to his faith John Gowans chose from a scriptural passage. If you look up *John* 6:9 you will see that the title reflects that all and everyone can provide worthy service to the Lord.

We are now officially in Springtime; the photograph on the front cover is a wholly honest reflection of living in Glasgow at this season as it was in fact shot in the month of May! The lyrics shown are the first verse of John Gowan’s hymn, “You can’t stop the rain from falling down”.

General John Gowans was promoted to glory on 8th December 2012.

James Robertson



Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves, and not just the ones next door or at the end of the street.

Christian Aid Week unites over 20,000 churches to put this love in to action.

The list for **collectors' names** is now available in the **Hall of Fellowship**. If you can help with the area you have covered in previous years, please tick or append your name on a desired street; or contact Maureen Brown on 0141 563 3501.

Help! Further volunteer collectors will be needed this year to ensure we cover all of our allocated area. If you have not helped with collecting for Christian Aid in the past – then this could be made the very year that you make a start to be involved with this valuable initiative to supply practical Christian help to others in need! Again – append your name and contact details to the list or call Maureen on 0141 363 3501

Thank you!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
15 – 21 May 2016

Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 1st May

Worship at 11am

Sunday 8th May

Worship at 11am

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm



Sunday 15th May

Pentecost Sunday

*Parish Grouping Service
at Colston Wellpark Church*

Worship at 11am

Sunday 22nd May

Worship at 11am

Including the Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday 29th May

Worship at 11am

