

The SpringfieldCambridge Record



He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shieldswithfire.Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

*Psalm 46, verses 9 - 10**

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A word from our Minister ... The biker with the black stuff

On Thursday 24th September, 2015 our local community was once again the centre of police and media attention following a gun related incident in Dornoch Place. With frequent violent scenes from the Middle East and around the world on our TV screens and in our newspapers, the third such incident in our own area in 10 years somehow stirs very differing senses within us. Is violence really the answer to the difficulties facing us at this time? As we draw ever closer to Remembrance Sunday again, with a world so wrought by violence, I wonder.

Actions have consequences, as we all know, but sometimes those consequences are unseen or unnoticed at the time. The day after the most recent Bishopbriggs shooting incident I was cycling down to the train station via the access road behind Wood Lane, but my path was blocked by a police cordon, as investigations continued into the burned out 'get away car. 'The constable suggested that I cut through the access road underneath Dene Walk and then cross the park into Woodfield Avenue. Pushed for time to catch my train, I took his advice but when I reached the end of my alternative route at Dene Walk I found myself facing a low wall with a metal fence mounted on top of it. Undeterred, I lifted my bike over the wall and fence onto the grass on the other side, and firmly placed my hands on the top of the fence and launched myself I thought clearly over the fence onto the damp morning grass in the park. But as I looked down at my hands and looked back at the fence I realised that the fence was coated in black anti-climb vandal paint. Wiping my hands on the grass made no difference, so I had no choice but to cycle on to the station. Securing my bike at the bike shed, I left it with handle grips that matched the colour of my black hands. I had become the biker with the black stuff.

Trying to get into my pocket to get £2.30 to pay Ronnie at the station for my ticket without covering my clothes in paint was something of a challenge. Arriving at my meeting destination in town I headed straight to the Gents and tried to remove the black stuff, to no avail. For the rest of the day I made frequent visits to the Gents to try again to remove the stain of an unintended consequence of another's actions. What I had forgotten of course was that when I got back into Bishopbriggs train station, my blackened handle grips were waiting moistly to begin the process all over again! Sadly it would seem that history has a nasty habit of repeating itself. Actions have consequences, as we all know, but sometimes those consequences are unseen or unnoticed at the time.

As we draw ever closer to Remembrance Sunday, I am reminded that there was One who came to break the historic cycle of the stain of human sinfulness and violence, Jesus. His sacrifice and love are what offer us the chance to be cleansed of our sin and offered the promise of a better way of life. Instead of using instruments of violence to face our difficulties, perhaps we should reconsider the words of the prophet Micah 4:3, "They shall beat their swords into mattocks and their spears into pruning-knives; nation shall not lift sword against nation nor ever again be trained for war," (NEB) That sounds to me like a way to live without the black stuff. Rev Ian Taylor



Another word from our Minister - Love divided multiplies = 150?

As at the 18^{th} of October, 2015, 187 envelopes have been returned containing £11,725 with gift aid giving a future tax claim of £977.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to return their envelope. If you have not yet returned your envelope you can still do this.

Your Anniversary Appeal envelope can be placed in the Offering plate any Sunday, or if you have difficulties then please phone our Treasurer, Jim Kerr on 20141 772 6015 to arrange an uplift.

Rev Ian Taylor

LOOKING BACK

On Friday 25^{th} September 2015, a fantastic evening of musical entertainment was held in the Church in aid of our 150^{th} Anniversary Fund. The sum of £1689.72 was raised, of which £120 was



Gift Aided. "Music from the Movies" with contributions from Alan Craig at the grand piano, the Praise Team and Guest Artistes, and soloists from our own congregation gave us a most memorable night. Thanks to all the organising team and to those who provided hospitality with a sparkle, to Jim Tonner, Davie Hogg (Sound system) and to the audience for singing along so well at the end. Truly splendid!

On Sunday 4th October, 2015, we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion at 11am and 3pm. The Guest Preacher at the 11am Service was Rev Donald R. Lawrie, M.A., B.D., Minister of Hamilton South linked with Quarter, one of our former Assistants. Donald was on fine form, looking well, relaxed, and clearly very happy almost three years after his Induction in Hamilton.



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.

Thursday 24th September, 2015

Tuesday 29th September, 2015

Thursday 1st October, 2015

Friday 9th October, 2015

Tuesday 13th October, 2015

14 Callieburn Court
Mr James (Jim) Kennedy,
152 Woodhill Road
Mrs Margaret S. Hunter,
17 Dene Walk
Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Abernethy,
44 Linnhe Avenue

Mrs Agnes W. W. McDougall,

44 Linnhe Avenue Mr. John (Jack) D. Cameron, 107 Brackenbrae Avenue

LOOKING AHEAD



On Sunday 8th November, 2015(Remembrance Sunday) our Service will start at the earlier time of 10.45 a.m. The Uniformed Organisations will join us that morning. There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the Earl Haig Fund.

Following our Service, there will be a second short Service at the Community Centre (at approx. 12.45, assemble at 12.30), on Auchinairn Road, before the Wreath Laying at the War Memorial across the road. A similar Service will be held at the War Memorial at Bishopbriggs Cross.



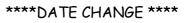
There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on Sunday 8th November, 2015. This monthly Service at Callieburn Court is open to any member of the congregation who would like to join the residents for a short Service lasting about 20 minutes or so. The Service is held in the Lounge.



On Wednesday 11th November, 2015, there will be short acts of Remembrance at 11am. at the War Memorial on Auchinairn Road and at the War Memorial at Bishopbriggs Cross.

There will **not** be a Vestry Hour or a Mid Week Wednesday morning Service on Wednesday 11th November, 2015.

On Sunday 22nd November, 2015, our Service will be conducted by Rev Roy Tuton, while Mr. Taylor is at Lenzie Old Parish Church on Vacancy business.





The Sunday School will now be providing Rolls and Sausage/Bacon after the Service on Sunday 29thNovember, 2015, not on the 1st as intimated last month. Sorry to have stirred your taste buds a month early!

Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings at 10am. Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the 4^{th} and 25^{th} November from 10- 11 am. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact Ian on $20141\ 772\ 1540$ or $1540\ cm$ itaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk 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 the Front Cover – last month

Editor's note: I am once again extremely grateful to Mr Bill Finlay for information supplied; on this occasion re the "kiltie" highlighted in last month's issue. "The Kiltie in the October Record Sunday School photo was Hector Sime. The paint brush was indeed his sporran. Hector was a Life Boy, BB Boy, and BB Officer before leaving the district. He later returned, became a member of the Deacons' Court (Board) then Elder. Also, Editor of the News Letter (Church Magazine). Sad to say, Hector died rather young, leaving a widow and two teenage children"

268th Junior Section Boys' Brigade

It's been another busy start to the new session for the Junior Section. We have a good number of boys on the roll -24 boys in total - but there is always room for a few more and we would be happy to welcome any boys from P4-P6.

We have a busy few weeks coming up, starting with the Talent Show in the Church as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations. This is quickly followed by our annual Dedication Service on Sunday 25th October. After this we have our Halloween party, District competitions, Remembrance Parade, and our first of 2 visits from the P3 Anchor Boys. Our senior boys are also taking part in the 'Giant Junior Sleepover' in November where they will join with other Junior Sections from across Scotland to spend the night in the Glasgow Science Centre.

Gaynor Lockhart, OIC

65th Glasgow Company Girls Brigade

After over 60 years as a Girls Brigade officer and Captain Mrs Margaret Cuthbert has decided to step down from her leading role. She has accepted the title of Honorary Captain for this year in assisting me as Captain in learning my new role.

Margaret became a Captain as a young woman building a new company in Drumchapel before moving to Bishopbriggs with her husband Norman and young family. Margaret's vast knowledge and experience will be invaluable to us all and she will most certainly be a hard act to follow. I am sure the congregation would like to join the officers and girls in thanking Margaret for her many years of service to the company as Captain and wish her well in her honorary year.

For those of you who don't know me my name is Katie and I live with my husband Tony and our 4 year old Beagles in Robroyston and I work as a Team Leader in a Social Work Area Team. Having been christened in Springfield Cambridge, I joined the company at the age of 4 and became an officer at 18. It's an honour to take over as Captain during such a special celebratory year for the church and I look forward to the new challenge.

We currently have 48 girls attending on a Tuesday night and all are progressing with their badge work.

The Brigaders have been busy from the start of the session; their topic for this year is Celebrations. Having made Harvest baskets, learned how to decorate birthday cakes they spent the night in the jungle for "I'm a Brigader get me out of here" before planning a party for their bring a friend to GB evening. This was the first of the companies bring a friend evenings which hopefully will increase our numbers and bring new girls to the company. *Katie Byrne*, Captain

The Junior Section completed their sponsored walk in aid of Fresh Start. We are planning a shopping evening on Tuesday 3rd November to buy items for the project.

We have continued with our cooking. We prepared desserts Strawberry angel delight with sliced strawberries and butter-scotch angel delight with banana.

The girls also had a visit from Catherine Taylor and enjoyed a singing session.

We are now planning to make goods for our table in the table top sale in Renfield St Stephen Church on the 7th November. *Brenda Diamond*

Treasurer's Report

Further to last month's article, we still settlement from HMRC of the Q1 and Q2 2015 General Fund Tax Claims of £9,750. This figure also includes the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme claim of £1,250. To date in 2015 our Open Plate Offerings total £5,898 and while all contributions to church funds are much appreciated, if we as a congregation were able to Gift Aid half of this we would be able to claim another £737 in Tax Recoveries. Gift Aid has no commitment for any fixed amount to be given over a period of time and is a great way for us to make your offerings go further. If you would be interesting in finding out more about Gift Aid then please do not hesitate to contact our Gift Aid Convenor, David Lockhart or myself. Our contact details are on the inside front cover of this magazine.

As you see from the figures below the deficit on the General Fund for the year-to-date is £20,365. I anticipate the deficit will reduce steadily over the next few weeks after we receive settlement of the pending tax claims and that our year end figures for the General Fund 2015 will be in line with our budgeted figures.

The Income and Expenditure figures for the year to 18th October as against budget on the General Fund are as follows: -

Income from Offerings	£	£	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	
FWO Scheme	15,172	16,264	
Open Plate	5,898	6,417	
Gift Aid	56,907	59,794	
Tax Recovered	nil	14,948	
Total	77,977	97,423	
Other Ordinary Gen Income	20,978	17,437	
TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME	98,955	114,860	
GENERAL EXPENDITURE	119,320	116,623	
Deficit for Year to date	(20,365)		

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

Brave@Heart Awards 2015

Victoria Gray is a member of our church and a Girls' Brigade Officer; in addition she is, most commendably, a volunteer Team Leader with the St Andrews First Aid. On the afternoon of 22nd December 2014. Victoria

Aid. On the afternoon of 22nd December 2014, Victoria and her team were on routine duty, providing first aid if required, at the Christmas Ice Rink at George Square. On the 6th of October of this year, Victoria and her colleagues, who had been nominated by the Scottish Ambulance Service for a Brave@Heart Award, were presented with this by Nicola Sturgeon, the First Minister, at Edinburgh Castle. For the inspirational story that links the two dates and events, one simply has to read the citation that follows:-



"This team of voluntary first aiders from the St. Andrew's First Aid was on duty in George Square for the winter festivities when a bin lorry went out of control leaving a devastating trail including six fatalities and seriously injured people.

The team immediately deployed to the scene to provide help. Remaining calm they tried to assist, resuscitate where possible and bring a sense of order to the situation.

They attended to casualties, provided comfort to shocked bystanders and give information to the emergency services. Despite the chaos surrounding them this small team assisted in directing staff to the casualties and continued to support the emergency services throughout the incident. Their professionalism, bravery, dedication and drive to assist and help was above any reasonable expectation of volunteers."



As one would fully expect and appreciate – Janice and Roddy, her mum and step-dad, are very proud of their daughter and the actions she took. We too at her church would here express our respect and approbation to Victoria and her colleagues.

Dalry, Ayrshire. helenms1960@yahoo.co.uk

Dear Friends

I write to you all from my home in the UK to update you on what I am doing.

I finished with Church of Scotand in January 2015 after coming back from Malawi in September 2014. I am now being at home for mum, as she needs someone more and more. In addition to this I have started tutoring for North Ayrshire Pupil Support. This means I teach children individually in their homes. They are not at school for a variety of reasons, mostly health and psychologically related issues. At the moment I am teaching four children. This could increase in the future, depending on my availability. Some are hoping to go back to school next term; others are at home for the longer term. It is just great for me as it allows me to be fully flexible and fit my timetable into mums needs for hospital visits, *etc.* as well as that, I am enjoying being able to get involved in my local church fellowship. I am enjoying too the spring, walking in lovely countryside and gardening.

I still keep in touch with what is happening in Malawi. (It is so easy to keep in touch with anywhere in the world these days. I have become a big What's App fan for that.) Malawi and the whole of that region is facing a very poor harvest, caused by flooding and then drought. If people can't grow for the whole year then November 2015 through to April 2016 will be very tough. Please continue to pray for Malawi in this context. It is always the poorest and most vulnerable who are hardest hit. Already the WFP is predicting a severe famine. Pray for the Malawian church's relief 'arms' - LISAP and the Relief and Development Department - as they face these issues and work through them. Continue to pray for the school. I hear things are progressing well. Pray for the head teacher, Mrs Nyirenda, as she steers the school through various issues.

I have felt a tremendous sense of being in the right place, and am aware of being in God's plan. I do not miss Malawi in a negative way but feel that I left at the time God wanted me to. Many thanks to all of you for the prayer support you gave me over the years. I did appreciate it and only had the strength to do what I did because of your prayers upholding me. I can always be contacted on the above e-mail address and would love to keep in touch with you.

May God richly bless you as He is doing to me.

Much love. Helen

The Guild

Unfortunately our speaker for October 5th, Andrea Hart, had left Hotter Shoes and the talk had to be cancelled; leaving me, the secretary, with another date to fill at short notice. Much to my relief a former Bishopbriggs resident, the author Jerry Brannigan, agreed to step in and he gave us an interesting and informative talk on our national bard Robert Burns and the time Burns spent in Edinburgh; those he knew there and the places that were important in his life at that time. This was the subject of a book written by Jerry Brannigan and his co-author John McShane published recently entitled "Robert Burns in Edinburgh". By the way that copies of the book were being signed by the author for the ladies it was a subject of great interest to them or there was some early Christmas shopping being done.

On 19th October we had a talk from Eileen Beaton a Pollok House volunteer on the subject of 'Upstairs & Downstairs'. Mrs Beaton gave a very informative talk on the life of a ladies maid in the eighteenth century and told the story of the Stirling Maxwell family who owned Pollok House and Estate and much of the land on the south side of Glasgow at that time. One of the family, Sir John Stirling Maxwell, was a founder member of the National Trust for Scotland and it is fitting that the NTS took over the running of the property from the City of Glasgow quite recently. They were a very benevolent family culminating in the generous gift of Pollok House its surrounding estate and the art work it contains to the city of Glasgow in 1966 by Anne Maxwell Jardine. Mrs Beaton was such a good advocate for Pollok House that a number of the ladies could be heard reminding themselves that it had been some years since they had visited and that perhaps it was time to go once again.

On 16th November we will be visited by John Irvine who will keep us in tune with Karaoke Hymns and our final speaker for this session will be Dr Mary Frame on 30th November speaking about Marie Curie a charity which is very local to us here in Bishopbriggs and which touches the lives of many of us at some time.

Dates for your diary

Guild Coffee Morning- Saturday 14th November 10 am -12 noon. Tickets available now £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for children.

Guild Big Sing- Friday 20th November at 2pm in Dunfermline Abbey (tickets-email guild@churchofscotland.org.uk or call 0131 240 2217. EVERYONE is welcome, so bring friends!)

North Presbyterial Council Carol Service- Monday **7**thDecember at 7.30pm in Kenmure Church *Joyce Macmillan, Secretary*

BIBLE CAKE

Our near neighbours at Tron St Mary's – having "survived" the demolition of the Red Road flats – are now in full swing with their own anniversary celebrations. This year marks the 50th year since their foundation in 1965 (although it should be noted that there has been a hall church on the site since the 1940s). As part of their celebrations, they too have produced their own anniversary cook book. One intriguing recipe therein is for a Bible Cake. And even if you don't manage to bake it – it's still a worthwhile exercise to study the verses!

Ingredients: The ingredients for this cake are hidden in Bible verses.

Study first, then bake and then eat!

A ½ cup Judges Ch 5, V 25

B 2 cups Jeremiah Ch 6, V 20

C 2 tablespoons 1 Samuel Ch 14, V 25

D 6 Jeremiah Ch 17, V 11

E 1½ cups 1 Kings Ch 5, V 2

F 2 teaspoons Amos Ch 4, V 5

G 4 teaspoons 2 Chronicles Ch 9, V 9

H A pinch of Leviticus Ch 2, V 13

I ½ cup Judges Ch 4, V 19

J 2 cups (chopped) Nahum Ch 3, V 12

K 2 cups 1 Samuel Ch 30, V 12

L 2 cups (chopped) Numbers Ch 13, V23

Method

Cream together A, B, C and the yolks of D

Sift together E, F, G and H

Combine the above together with I

Add J. K and L

Add in stiffly beaten white of D

Bake in a well greased rectangular (13 x 9) pan in a moderate oven for an hour.

Serve with ice cream

FLOWER CALENDAR - NOVEMBER



Mrs S Struthers 772 7422
Mrs M McKinnon 772 5857
Mrs M Myles, Mrs E Allison (11th), Mrs M Manson,
Mrs J McMillan, Mrs S McDougall, Mrs H Wood.
Mrs J Hall (21st)

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES

268 Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade



Our Christmas card delivery service is once again being made available for all "G64" postcodes. (Please provide all cards fully addressed with flat numbers and postcodes as omissions may mean that we cannot guarantee delivery).

Dates to Remember:

Collection starts

Sunday 29th November

Last Collection date

Sunday 13th December

Deliveries Completed by

Sunday 20th December

HEADSHOTS



The Headshots of the Congregation are now online on www.headshotsglasgow.com
Click on Client Area (top right hand corner of Home Page) and type in your password when asked. The passwords (all capitals; no spaces) are as follows:



SCSATURDAY (i.e. for photographs taken on Saturday 3/10/15) SCSUNDAY (i.e. for photographs taken on Sunday 4/10/15)

Copies of these photographs can be ordered direct from Andy Forman - via the website.

Any member of the Congregation who does not have access to a Computer should contact the Minister, the Session Clerk or a member of the Office Team.

On the Front Cover this month . . .

Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday. At this, the end of our 150th Anniversary Celebrations, it seemed most appropriate to reflect on the Remembrance plaques in our own church. For we have not one but two such plaques. The first is an engraved slate plaque positioned at the front of our Communion Table – as shown on the front cover. This memorial remembers the fallen from Springfield Church in the First World War. There is a second brass plaque which is mounted on the side wall of the Cambridge Chapel. This memorial commemorates the fallen of the two world wars from Cambridge Street Church; the plaque was moved and erected within Springfield after the merger of the two churches.

The Cambridge Street Church plaque concludes with the lines, "These laid the world away, poured out the red sweet wine of youth". This is not a biblical quote but rather two lines from a Rupert Brooke poem entitled "The Dead". This sonnet is a tribute to those British soldiers who died serving their country in the First World War. Brooke declares that the dead men have made the deepest sacrifice possible; but in return they have ennobled themselves and brought honour back to Britain. Rupert Brooke caught the optimism of the opening months of the war with his wartime poems, published after his death, which expressed idealism about war that contrasts strongly with poetry published later in the conflict.

Brooke was commissioned into the Royal Naval Division and took part in the disastrous Antwerp expedition in October 1914. He wrote "The Soldier", perhaps his most famous poem, whilst on leave during Christmas 1914. In February 1915 he sailed with the fleet to the Dardanelles; whilst on board ship he contracted septicaemia from a mosquito bite. He died on the 23rd April 1915 and was buried in an Olive Grove on the Greek Island of Skyros. It may well be considered ironic that, from "The Soldier", one his famous lines includes, "If I should die, think only this of me; that there's some corner of a foreign field that is forever England." A shade more contemporary to reflect upon are the words from a sermon delivered by Robert Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury,

"Those who dare to interpret God's will must never claim Him as an asset for one nation or group rather than another. War springs from the love and loyalty which should be offered to God being applied to some God substitute, one of the most dangerous being nationalism"

With regard to our own war memorials, this time of year it is apt to look again at the names and consider the individual story and life that lies connected to each name. You can readily expand one line to many; but one example of which is that on the Cambridge Street Church plaque there is one line that remembers –

KEMP, C M F, Staff Nurse.

Which can, first stage, be researched to bring to light –

Christina M Fuller KEMP, Staff Nurse, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve attd. 40th British General Hospital (Mesopotamia). Died 4th July 1918. Buried in Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. Listed on the Scottish Nurses Memorial, St Giles High Kirk, Edinburgh. Listed on the Scottish Women's Roll, Scottish National War Memorial, Edinburgh.

At this period, the end of our Anniversary year, it is a good time to stand before the plaques and give prayerful thanks to those "who gave of their today, that we might have a tomorrow".







Ten Things God won't ask you

- God won't ask what kind of car you drove; He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house; He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your wardrobe; He'll ask how many people you helped to clothe
- God won't ask what your highest salary was; He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- God won't ask what your job title was; He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- God won't ask how many friends you had; He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived; He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.
- God won't ask about the colour of your skin; He'll ask about the content of your character.
- God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation; He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven and not to the gates of hell.

Thanks

Alex Sturgeon would like to express his gratitude to everyone for their cards and good wishes on his 80th birthday. Thank you for making the day so memorable. My daughter was also very appreciative of those friends who answered her request for stories for my memories book.

Thanks once again.

Alex Sturgeon

Eric and I would like to thank the minister and the congregation for prayers, hospital visits, cards, flowers and good wishes sent to him during his stay in hospital. They were very much appreciated.

Eric is now at home recuperating. Again thank you.

Margaret and Eric Leeper

My family and I would like to thank everyone who came to Jim's funeral and for all the kindness shown to us. Thanks also to the Rev Ian Taylor for all his support and prayers.

May Kennedy

Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 1st November Worship at 11am

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday Worship at 10.45am



Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 15th November Worship at 11am

Sunday 22nd November Worship at 11am

Sunday 29th November Worship at 11am