



# The Springfield Cambridge Record

## Psalm 46:1-2, 7

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall  
into the heart of the sea ...

The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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## ***A word from our Minister... one small step for...***

I continue to make progress in my recovery. I have now had my cast replaced by a 'boot' (but not a football one) which I am sporting until the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. However given the serious nature of my injury my GP would not allow me to travel to the Belgium Battlefields with Bishopbriggs Academy and when I last saw him he signed me off for a further 4 weeks until a case review on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November.

As a result of this extended time of absence, the Presbytery of Glasgow has with immediate effect appointed Rev. Mark Johnstone of St. Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch (☎0141 776 1252) as Interim Moderator.

Rev. Jim Gemmell of Kenmure Church (☎0141 772 1468) has kindly agreed to continue to provide emergency pastoral care cover during my period of recuperation. Pulpit Supply will be arranged for this next period of time. Further updates will follow in due course.

## ***Another word from our Minister...***

The younger brother of a colleague used to say to their mother on early winter mornings, "Turn on the light, I can't hear you." With a profound hearing impairment, without his hearing aids in, he relied on reading his mother's lips to receive his morning marching orders. Without the lights on, he was in the dark in more ways than one. In my enforced separation from our faith community just now, I feel that I too am listening in the dark. I want to hear and understand but I am missing out on seeing your faces.

A Norwegian, Karl Ove Knausgaard wrote, *"The most powerful human forces are found in the meeting of the face and gaze. Only there do we exist for one another. In the gaze of other, we become, and in our own gaze others become. It is there, too, that we can be destroyed. Being unseen is devastating, and so is not seeing."*

The Psalmist surely knew this when he wrote, *"Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me."*

Being seen, regarded face-to-face, is to exist, to be known, to be saved and to love and be loved. It is to hear and be heard. It is to be understood in a way that fosters intimacy and maybe even reconciliation. It is embodied, word made flesh as St. John put it.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor killed by the Nazis, in *'Life Together,'* wrote: *"A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses. I can no longer condemn or hate brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner."*

St. Paul in 1 Corinthians reminds us that now we see in a mirror dimly and only in the fullness of God's time we will see face-to-face and be fully known. In the meantime, we are called to pray for each other trusting that when we do, the light of Christ illumines our darkness and we are able to see more clearly one another's faces and perhaps truly hear each other, too.

Until I see you again, grace and peace.

**Rev Ian Taylor**

## Funerals

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

Mrs Stewart Cannon,  
Emerson Road

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

Mrs Marion Browning,  
Huntly Court

*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.*

### **Vestry Hour –Wednesday mornings at 10 am**

Due to my present indisposition check the Orders of Service for details of future Vestry Hours. All pastoral emergencies should be directed until further notice to Rev. Jim Gemmell of



Kenmure Church (☎0141 772 1468) or to the Interim Moderator, Rev. Mark Johnstone of St. Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch (☎0141 776 1252).

## Midweek Service

### **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.



**On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016,**  
there will be short acts  
of Remembrance at  
11am at the  
War Memorial on  
Auchinairn Road  
and at the  
War Memorial at  
Bishopbriggs Cross.



**On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2016** (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.





Our next Service at Callieburn Court will be on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 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.



**On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2016,** there will be a Service of Dedication for the Church of Scotland Guild.

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*Our prayers may be awkward  
Our attempts may be feeble  
But since the power of prayer  
is in the One who hears it, and  
not in the one who says it,  
our prayers do make a difference.*

- MAX LUCADO -

Prayer Request Cards are located at the end of each church pew. Please do make use of these cards. Requests can be for 'thanks' for good that has taken place or requests can be for support in coping with life's ongoing challenges. Completed cards can be placed in the Prayer Request Box located in its permanent position in the Hall of Fellowship. Truly – Prayers do make a Difference.

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## Treasurer's Report

Further to last month's article, we still settlement from HMRC of the Q1 and Q2 2016 General Fund Tax Claims of £11,000. This figure also includes the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme claim of £2,000.

To date in 2016 our Open Plate Offerings total £5,856 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 £732 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 £699. 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 2016 will be broadly in line with our budgeted figures.

The Income and Expenditure figures for the year to 23rd October as against budget on the General Fund are as follows: -

<b><i>Income from Offerings</i></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
FWO Scheme	13,402	16,776
Open Plate	5,856	6,404
Gift Aid	61,883	60,010
Tax Recovered	18,876	16,624
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,017</b>	<b>99,814</b>
<b>Other Ordinary Gen Income</b>	21,253	17,437
<b>TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME</b>	<b>121,270</b>	<b>114,860</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>121,969</b>	<b>120,198</b>
<b>Deficit for Year to date</b>	<b>(699)</b>	

*Jim Kerr, Treasurer*



## The Guild

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October we had a very interesting talk from Rev. Douglas Clark recently retired from Lenzie Old and who is currently covering services at Cadder Church. He spoke about his work as a prison chaplain in Barlinnie Prison and told us a little about how he became involved in this type of work. It was obvious to his listeners that he enjoyed this aspect of his ministry very much.



On 17<sup>th</sup> October we heard from Keith Jones about the origins of the Helix Park and the Kelpies. The Kelpies are nicknamed Duke & Baron. Built of structural steel with a stainless steel cladding they are 30 metres high and weigh 300 tonnes each. Construction began in June 2013, and was complete by October 2013 however the process of fabricating the steel was several years in the making.

Our Convener Ellen Robertson will be speaking about her trip to China on 7<sup>th</sup> November. On 14<sup>th</sup> November during Guild Week we have our joint meeting with the other Bishopbriggs Guilds held this year in Kenmure Church. November meetings conclude with our OPEN NIGHT on 28<sup>th</sup> November which is a musical evening - A Musical Christmas Card. Members are encouraged to bring a friend!

### **Dates for your diary.**

Guild Coffee Morning - **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** 10 am – 12 noon

The Big Sing - **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** at 2.00 pm

Guild Dedication Service - **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November** at 11 am.

Christmas Party - **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

*Joyce Macmillan, Secretary*

## 268<sup>th</sup> Junior Section BB

It's been busy start to the new session for the Junior Section. We have a good number of boys this year – 35 boys in total – after welcoming 17 boys up from the Anchor Boy Section.

We have appointed our 'Leading Boys' and have started our monthly Group Competition.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October we had a movie night when we watched 'Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip'. We were on holiday on the 20<sup>th</sup> October due to the October school week.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with our Halloween Party on the 27<sup>th</sup> October and a visit from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Anchor Boys on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. We also have our annual Dedication Service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October then Remembrance Sunday parade on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. It would be great if we could have as many boys as possible out on each of these Sundays and warmly welcome any family and friends to join us at these services.

Gaynor Lockhart, Officer-in-Charge (OIC)

### FLOWER CALENDAR – NOVEMBER

<b>Mrs S Struthers</b>	<b>772 7422</b>
<b>Mrs M McKinnon</b>	<b>772 5857</b>

Mrs M Myles, Mrs E Allison (11<sup>th</sup>), Mrs M Manson,  
Mrs J McMillan, Mrs S McDougall, Mrs H Wood. Mrs J Hall (21<sup>st</sup>)

*My thanks to all friends in the Guild and Congregation  
for the many cards, phone calls, flowers and visits  
following my recent operation and recuperation.*

*Maureen M Brown*



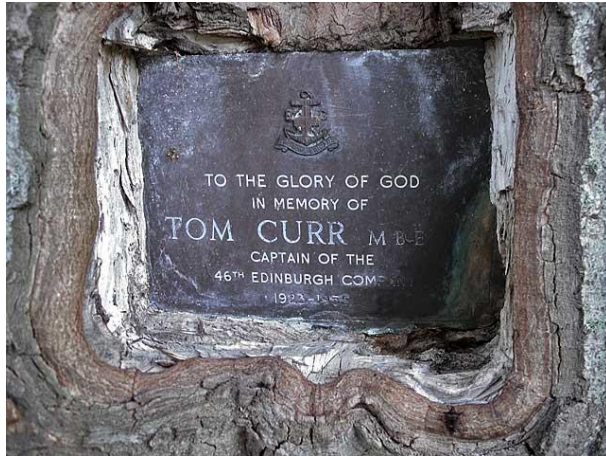
This poster by the Scottish artist Tom Curr was designed to promote fundraising for the Scottish National War Memorial, which opened in Edinburgh Castle in 1927. The location of the National War Museum, which opened in 1930, was part of the same memorial project.

Tom Curr was one of Scotland's most successful and accomplished commercial artists and cartoonists. With the exception of military service during the First World War, he spent his working life in the employment of the Leith-based printers McLagan & Cumming, producing a wide range of tourism and advertising posters. Many of the army recruiting posters he produced for the firm are on display at National War Museum in Edinburgh Castle.

Public service was central to Tom Curr's life and he served his city (Edinburgh) in many roles including that of town councillor, Baillie and magistrate. He was a member of many committees and was one of the original members of the Scottish Advisory Council of the BBC, as well as a radio and television broadcaster for the corporation on religious matters.

But it is for his work with the youth of Edinburgh, specifically his leadership of the 46th Company of the Edinburgh battalion of the Boys' Brigade that he would, perhaps, have wished to be remembered.

The photograph below is of a tree bearing a plaque in memory of the late Tom Curr. One former member of the 46<sup>th</sup> Coy Boys Brigade here provides an explanation as to the chosen location for the plaque:



*"This tree is at the bottom of the field in Lilliesleaf (a village in the Scottish Borders) where the 46<sup>th</sup> Coy Boys Brigade camped every summer during the Edinburgh Trades fortnight.*

*I was proud to be a member of the band of BBs who camped there from 1953 'till 1958. it was on one those camps that the memorial plaque for Tom Curr was put there.*

*I was a bugler with the Company, and played the last post during the ceremony of unveiling."*

I am extremely grateful to Donald who kindly brought this interesting item to my attention. Tom Curr was mentioned during the Wednesday Morning Service on 14<sup>th</sup> October. So – a further reason to come along to the Wednesday Morning Service – a time for quiet reflection and meaningful worship, good fellowship (with cake and tea) *plus* interesting information!

*Donald Armour / James Robertson*



*Marjory & Jim  
Shade*

*Married at  
Laighstonehall  
Parish Church in  
Hamilton on 30<sup>th</sup>  
September 1966*

*Congratulations  
from all at  
Springfield  
Cambridge  
on your Golden  
Wedding  
Anniversary!*

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## **Lodging House Mission**

Once again we will be selling Christmas Cards and Meal Vouchers on behalf of the Lodging House Mission.

These will be available in the Hall of Fellowship every Sunday, from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

*Christine Mackintosh*

At the beginning of October, it was a privilege and a pleasure to be able to take up my elder's role and serve at afternoon Communion. But I was somewhat taken aback and overwhelmed by the number of people who asked me how I was getting on and what I've been up to in my role as a Reader in the Kirk. So here's a wee update on my adventures.

I've retired from my professional life as a teacher on the grounds of ill health; which means I am now able to devote more time in proclaiming the gospel as a Reader in the Kirk. I'm currently still attached to the congregation at St David's Memorial Park Parish church in Kirkintilloch. My experience as a Reader is continuing to grow; I have now preached in a variety of locations and different types of worship; my pastoral experience continues to develop alongside conducting funerals. With regards to funerals my experience now spans across a diverse range. One week I conducted the funeral of a former Treasurer at St David's who had also been an elder at Cadder. Daldowie Crematorium was "stowed out" with his many family and friends. The following week I was back at Daldowie, this time I conducted the funeral of a lady who passed away in a care home. Those present this time were myself, the organist and the care home manager. I realised that day that all are equal in the eyes of God and I am absolutely certain that the whole heavenly host were present for both.

From June life became busy as I covered for Bryce (Rev Calder) when he was on holiday as well as leading worship at Blantyre Old, St Paul's Provanmill, St Mary's Kirkintilloch and St Enoch's Hogganfield. Pleas kept coming out from the Presbytery Office for other pulpit supply cover and on one particular Sunday I could have been in five different pulpits on the one day!

St Enoch's Hogganfield is currently in vacancy and they are a hard working honest bunch of folks with a real vision for the gospel. They even nabbed me to speak at the Guild which meets on a Monday afternoon and I had a lovely afternoon with them.

The most recent adventure into pastures new was on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October when I filled the pulpit at Hamilton Old. One ascends a spiral staircase to reach the vestry - what a view from the vestry window looking over and towards the Duke of Hamilton's estate. The minister had actually chosen the hymns because he hadn't originally anticipated being on holiday so I stuck to his order of service and it worked a treat. Folks made James and I warmly welcome and were very keen to tell me about Rev Ian Taylor as a boy. I declined the offers not wishing to shatter my illusions! I really enjoyed the whole Hamilton Old experience.

I love going from place to place meeting fellow Christians and realising that there are lots of other like-minded folks out there. Every congregation I visit has its own story to tell and folks will come and talk to me. It's very humbling when someone says "your sermon touched a spot this morning. I needed to hear that!" I still wonder why God chose to use me – but He could use you too!

I started by talking about the pleasure and privilege of serving God in Springfield Cambridge – but I am very privileged for I have the pleasure of serving Him in all sorts of Airts and Pairts. Friends as I pray for my home congregation daily I trust and hope as I go about my work as Reader that I go with your prayerful support.

*Lynne Robertson*

# Springfield Cambridge Church

**Sunday 6<sup>TH</sup> November**

Worship at 11am

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

***Remembrance Sunday***

Service will start at 10.45 a.m.

Service at Callieburn Court **at 2.30 pm.**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Worship at 11am

Service of Dedication for the Church of Scotland Guild

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Worship at 11am



We will not be afraid Psalm 46:2