



The Springfield Cambridge Record



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He has showed you what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

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A word from our Minister...

...pray always without ceasing!

Prayer on one hand seems a safe and easy thing to do - something that you can do with little difficulty. On the other hand prayer seems a risky and difficult thing to do.

In thinking about prayer I return to the story of the persistent widow in **St. Luke Chapter 18 verses 1 to 8** (you may wish to read this passage before, you read on.) From this passage it seems to me that Jesus has an odd challenge in mind when speaking of prayer.

Prayer this passage tells us is no ordinary straightforward matter. In a parable about a nameless judge, in a nameless city and a worthless widow, Jesus paints a picture of two characters in an extreme fashion. The judge is cast as an indifferent judge and the widow as worthless.

Three details of the story strike me as important.

Firstly, the woman *is filled with hope*. She would never, never, never, never give up or give in. She had hope because she knew what she was asking for was legitimate. She had hope because she believed things could and would change. She had hope that the judge would rule in her favour because her case was compelling. Prayer depends upon that kind of hope, that there is a God who has power to create newness.

Secondly, the *subject matter of this prayer is justice*. The exhausted judge promises the widow justice. Justice is the right subject of prayer. However the Bible means by justice that everyone is entitled to all that is needed for dignity, peace, freedom, health, joy and security. Sometimes we will go to court for ourselves, sometimes, for others. The Bible imagines that God will not allow the world to linger with inequality and disability. So we always pray to the judge for justice. When God is tired of it (our nagging), and exasperated by our insistence, God will answer.

Thirdly, our nagging prayers for justice are indeed acts of hope. The naggers are filled with hope that justice can be done, that God will listen, that the world will be changed, that the widow will be honoured. And then Jesus ends this lesson on prayer with the haunting, unanswered question: "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?" *At the bottom of hope and justice and nagging is faith.* Faith that this is God's world and God will listen, faith that the world will be changed.

Prayer is not just for pious little children on their way to bed. Prayer is not just for neurotic people who are excessively too religious. It is the core gesture by which we all stay in faith, by which we hope for the world, by which we keep justice as the issue before God and ourselves. To pray always means to hope always for justice, to nag always the judge, to trust always in the power of God.

The good news is that we are baptised people - we are believers, hopers, and naggers for justice. We will not let God off the hook. We will not let ourselves off the hook. **It is promised that if we do not lose heart, if we pray endlessly, relentlessly, and passionately, God finally must care too. Pray always without ceasing!!!**

Rev Ian Taylor



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. Why not come and join Prayer for All?



LOOKING FORWARD

Within this edition of the magazine you will find a couple of commercial advertisements, as we resume occasional advertising to assist with our magazine production costs. Normally, I would not 'endorse' such adverts, but for those of you who are wrestling with iPads or Kindle's (following my article last month), you may be interested in the advert from Pauline Gallagher on the inside back cover. Given my ever advancing years, I may even join you there!

Rev Ian Taylor



Vestry Hour -Wednesday mornings at 10 am

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr. Taylor, will be available on the 1st, 8th, 22nd **October, 2014** 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 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 Sunday 5th October, 2014 we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at 11am and 3pm.

There will be Retiring Collection after each Service in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.

There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 12th. October, 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 26th October, 2014**, there will be a Service of Dedication for the Boys' and Girls' Brigade.



LOOKING BACK

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

Kruze Angela Cameron MACDONALD

Sunday 24th August, 2014

Ruby Louise OGILVIE

Sunday 14th September, 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, 22 nd August 2014	Mr. John G. E. Clark, Fourhills Nursing Home
Tuesday 26 th August, 2014	Mr. Philip R. Tinch, 9 Carnoustie Crescent
Saturday 30 th August, 2014	Mr. John M. Walker, 18 Kincardine Drive
Monday 1 st September, 2014	Mrs. Anne (Nan) H. G. Thomson, 19 Gleneagles Gardens
Wednesday 3 rd September, 2014	Mr. James (Jim) McNeil, 10 Menteith Avenue
Friday 5 th September, 2014	Mrs. Mary (Mae) McCarroll, 36 Park Crescent
Monday 8 th .September, 2014	Miss Margaret Brown, Lilyburn Care Home

Treasurer's Report

We have now entered the last quarter of 2014 and time is marching on until the year-end or 81 sleeps until Christmas Day if you prefer!

Our income has picked up over the last few weeks with all of our outside agencies returning after the summer break resulting in a good cash flow. Income from offerings continues to be in line with the budgeted figures. In addition, the church was recently used as a Polling Station and we look forward to receiving a payment from East Dunbartonshire Council for the use of the premises.

Major recent items of expenditure over the last month include the final instalment of our Presbytery dues for 2014 of £1,368, a loan repayment of £6,000 (with an interest payment of £855) to the General Trustees in respect of the loan drawn down for the building work in 2011. We have also had some repair work carried out to the drains in the Springfield Road Lane at a cost of £730.

As you see from the figures below we have a deficit on the General Fund for the year-to-date of £11,374. Although the deficit has been reduced from last month it is still magnified by the ongoing delays at HMRC in settling our Tax Recovery claims on Gift Aid Offerings. We still await final settlement of our Q4 2013 General Fund Tax Claim along with the Quarter 1 2014 & Quarter 2 2014 General Fund Tax claims as well as the Tax relief on the last Fabric appeal at the end of 2013. In addition another £1,250 is due from HMRC in respect of the Gift Aid Small Claims Scheme for tax year 2014/5. I hope to be able to give some good news next month on this!

The Income and Expenditure figures for the year to 21st September as against budget on the General Fund are as follows: -

Income from Offerings	£	£
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
FWO Scheme	14,542	15,236
Open Plate	5,414	5,993
Gift Aid	53,037	52,076
Tax Recovered	nil	13,411
Total	72,993	86,716
Other Ordinary Gen Income	17,325	16,331
TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME	90,318	103,047
GENERAL EXPENDITURE	101,692	100,833
Deficit for Year to date	(11,374)	

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

The Guild

The first meeting of the Guild took place on Monday 22nd September when we were entertained by the Orchestra from Bishopbriggs Academy led by their conductor Mrs Kennedy accompanied by Greig Ratcliff. The young people, some of whom are members of our own congregation, were absolutely excellent and showed great musical talent especially since some of them only joined the school and therefore the orchestra in August and are in their first year. They presented a varied programme of music from films such as Harry Potter, Frozen and Pirates of the Caribbean to name but a few which was enjoyed and appreciated by all the ladies present. We must especially mention the wonderful ability of our soloists - Eoghan McManus on violin accompanied by Kasia McKay on piano, singer Megan Byrne accompanied by Mr Ratcliff and Euan McDonald who played a lovely medley of Scottish airs on the violin which had the ladies tapping their feet all over the hall. The evening was well attended by 61 Guild members and we were happy to be joined by 8 new members for the forthcoming session. We hope they feel welcome and enjoy our fellowship.

Our next meeting is on Monday 6th October when we will have David Fraser giving us a Demonstration of his Jewellery-making skills followed by the possibility of purchasing or ordering some of his pieces. This is an ideal opportunity for some early Christmas shopping. On 20th October we look forward to hearing our guest speaker Andrea McLean whose talk is on her life and is entitled 'Life is an adventure'. We have a wide and varied programme planned for this year and would welcome anyone in the congregation who would like to join us in the Springfield Hall at 7.30pm on alternate Mondays.

Joyce Macmillan, Joint Secretary

Cadder Men's Club

An invitation is extended to all male members of the congregation to join the Men's Club for a very interesting series of talks and visits

The Club opens for the new session on Wednesday 1st October, in Cadder South Hall at 7.30pm – with the next meeting then to be held on 15th October.

Reconciliation and Coming Together

The Referendum is now well behind us and as a Nation and a Church we look forward. But part of the healing process in Springfield Cambridge began on Saturday 20th September – a day ahead of the National Church’s service of Reconciliation and Healing in St Giles’ Cathedral. It took the form of the Big Gold event. Why that name? Our Senior Elder, James Stormont would have celebrated his Golden Wedding on Thursday 18th September but sadly his wife Helen died earlier in the year. Jim, hearing the Moderator speak at General Assembly about the need for Healing and Reconciliation on the weekend after the Referendum, approached the minister asking if we as a Parish Church could organise some kind of event to include a short time of worship followed by a family ceilidh. So began the planning for the Big Gold Event. At 7pm on Saturday 20th Sept over a hundred people – young and old, families and friends gathered in the church and Rev Ian Taylor led the congregation in a period of worship singing the hymns “Lord for the Years” and “Look Forward in Faith”. There were prayers, a short reflection based on the scripture readings from Micah 6 and Matthew 28, and the Act of Commitment which was to be used in St Giles Cathedral the next morning. Everyone then shared the Peace with their neighbours. It was a moving and significant act of worship where we united together as one people. Everyone then made their way to the Springfield Hall where Bishopbriggs Academy Ceilidh Band entertained us and led us through the traditional ceilidh dances from the Gay Gordons, St Bernard’s Waltz to the Dashing White Sargent and the exhausting Orcadian Strip the Willow. No church function would be complete without some kind of fellowship and half way through there was

an interlude for a beautifully prepared finger buffet and refreshments. Everyone present would want to record our thanks to Jim for we all enjoyed what would have been a great celebration for a very special couple. A thoroughly good time was had by one and all and the coming together had begun.

The front cover photograph reflects the pleasurable enjoyment shared across the age ranges!

The Act of Commitment towards Reconciliation as presented at the service at St Giles' Cathedral on Sunday 21st September 2014. Presented here for thought and reflection.

We commit ourselves to work for the people of Scotland,
uniting to build a better society, grounded in the values and
ideals we share:

Let us act wisely:

Respecting our differences
Healing one another's pain
Working together for the common good

Let us act justly:

Towards those who have held different views
Towards those who cannot stand up for themselves
Towards those who live life on the margins

Let us act with compassion:

When we see others struggling
When our neighbour needs support
When our rivals are in the despair

Let us act with integrity:

Putting the good of others before our own
Putting honesty and truth before personal advantage
Putting self-interest aside in favour of self-sacrifice
and noble service

HARVEST

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth,
whatever you did for one,
the least of these brothers of
mine, you did for me"

Matthew 25:40



The worship service brought the message of God's "Harvest" for us. While all around was the produce of this earthly harvest.

Thank you for your generosity in giving. You once again have made it possible for others to share in this harvest. After the

service, the boxes were packed by the Flower Committee ready for others to deliver.

Thank you to all who packed and all who took out the goods for delivery. The recipients were the Lodging House Mission, Glasgow City Mission, Kirkhaven, Women's Aid, RNIB (Bishopbriggs), Callieburn Court Care Home and Marie Curie (Huntershill) who very gratefully received them.

The £332.50 in the offering plate on Sunday was sent to Cross Reach, our Church of Scotland Charity Fund.

My thanks go to the Committee who gave of their time to decorate the Church and then to clear up after the service on Sunday.

Harvest is truly a time of giving in all aspects. Through it all we give Praise to God.

Anne Harvey



CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH

The lunch which took place on **Sunday 14th September** in the **Cameron Hall** to raise funds for **Christian Aid** raised the huge amount of **£666 including Gift Aid**. A big thanks to all who came along and enjoyed the food, and to the large team of hard-working volunteers who helped to make it another successful occasion.



PRE-CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MORNING WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE CHURCH RECIPE BOOK

The next Church Fund Raising Group venture is going to be the publication of our **150th Anniversary Church Recipe Book**. The **Launch** will take place at our **Pre-Christmas Shopping Morning** on **Saturday 18th October from 10 am – 12 noon**, The Recipe Book will include a selection of **favourite recipes**, which have been gratefully received from members of the congregation. These will make excellent **Christmas Presents**. Also on sale that morning will be the large range of **Unused Gifts** which have been handed in by the Congregation over the last few months. **Tea, coffee and soft drinks** will be available along with a **"Taster Session"** of some of the delicious cakes and traybakes from our Recipe Book. We hope you will put this date in your diary and come along to do some **early Christmas Shopping**, while enjoying a morning cuppa and goodie!! Tickets, priced **£2 per adult** and **£1 per child**, will be on sale in the **Hall of Fellowship** on **Sunday mornings** or **at the door** on the day.

THANK YOU

John Gordon Emery Clark

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and Church Flowers, received during the long illness and eventual passing of my father.

Along with the rest of the family I would especially like to thank the Rev Ian Taylor for his continual support, prayers and visits and his final tribute to dad's life.

Moyra Ewing

I cannot fully express in words the comfort that I and my family have found from the prayers, cards and flowers that we received from you in recent weeks. They have help to bring us through a very sad time.

Thank you for caring. God Bless You,

Anne Harvey

Journey's End or Beginning?

Thursday 28th August was my service of Setting Apart as a Reader in the Church of Scotland. It marks the end of my training period and the beginning of my journey as a Reader.

People have asked about the term “Setting Apart” which seems a strange term to use. In fact it dates back to when Readers were first instituted by John Knox because there weren't enough ministers for every Parish (does this sound familiar?). Basically men who could read were set apart to go out to Parishes without a minister and take worship, reading a sermon which had been prepared for them. Obviously things have changed since then – there are women Readers for a start, and Readers are expected to prepare their own sermons. This is why the academic side of the training is so important – for the Reader has to know their Bible but also know what commentaries exist and what they say.

The service on the 28th was very important to me for it marked that point where I made a commitment to God. It was wonderful to be surrounded by friends and family but even those who didn't manage, sent so many supportive greetings. The whole evening had a warm and loving atmosphere about it. The hymns were very meaningful – new words to familiar tunes and for me that's one of the strengths of the Church of Scotland. The fellowship in the hall afterwards was great and the fact that we have the capacity to set tables and let people sit meant that I could mingle and speak to people who had come from all airts and pairts, from West Lothian to Ardrossan. It was really meaningful and moving and Bill Findlay reading the Old Testament lesson was so important for Bill has been one of those who has supported through my training, being on the end of the phone when I needed a listening ear but always keeping me in his personal prayers. To all who contributed in any way to making that evening the special success which it was I would offer my heartfelt thanks. If anyone missed the evening and would like to see the recording please just give me a ring.

At the moment Presbytery has allocated me to St David's to assist while Bryce is Interim Moderator at Tron St Mary's so I'm still not going to be around at Springfield.

Once again many thanks to all who made the 28th a success and also those who have supported me in whatever way to get me to this point.

Lynne Robertson

268 Boys Brigade

During the end-of session church service, Presidents and Queens Awards were duly presented to the young men who had worked so hard to achieve such levels. In addition, there was a further special element to the service when Long Service Awards were presented to no fewer than five currently serving officers. The awards are staged for continuous service - Bronze for 10 years, Silver for 20 years and Gold for 30 years. We take great pleasure to here record our sincere thanks to these committed officers for their on-going involvement in serving the Boys' Brigade.



pictured l-r Rev Ian Taylor, Gordon Muir (Bronze), Ian Ingram (Bronze), Gillian Round (Gold), Jim Kerr (Silver), Alan Kerr (Silver), George McMillan – Captain.

BB Company Section Christmas Cards

Back by popular demand, the Company Section will be delivering Christmas Cards across Bishopbriggs again this December. Keep an eye out for the next edition of the Record for further details.

BB Scotland World Record Attempt

On 11th September at 10pm 16 young officers from companies all across Scotland set out to break the World Record for the longest game of 5 a side football. Players had to go through mental and physical struggles across the whole attempt with the help of all the support team to get them through. The weather for the weekend was absolutely ideal if a little chilly at night when the fog came down but during the day we couldn't have asked for more. On the Sunday morning at 8am the boys broke the record. 54 hours of continuous football, absolutely unbelievable. Clare Balding broke the news live on BBC Radio 2, the boys played for another hour, so a total of 55 hours was achieved. The guys playing achieved something absolutely amazing; highlighting what the BB is all about and shows what we can do when we all work together. We had over 100 boys from various companies coming to take part in football related events, people dropping in to visit right across the weekend, the atmosphere was incredible. On the Monday night we had a TV interview with STV Glasgow giving great exposure for the BB to a wider audience. Overall, the weekend was a resounding success and we couldn't have done it without a fair bit of luck, a bit of divine intervention and a great amount of team work from all of those involved.

John Armour

everymanremembered.org

Over one million Commonwealth service men and women lost their lives serving their country during the First World War. The Royal British Legion has set up a website to have each and every one individually commemorated by those alive today. You don't need to know of a relative who fell you can use their list by, perhaps, using your own surname or that of a grandparent or you could take a name from the church memorial. I put in my surname but fully expected to come back empty handed, it didn't. Private William Faichnie of the London Regiment of the Royal Fusiliers died on December 21st 1917. Please take the time to help them achieve their aim,

Christine Faichnie

*Web Address: **everymanremembered.org***

GIRLS' BRIGADE 65th COMPANY

The company resumed on Tuesday 19th August, unfortunately the number of girls attending was very poor, but are happy to say the numbers have since grown. We would also like to welcome any new girls from P1 upwards who would like to join us on Tuesday evenings

We have made a few changes this session – the company meeting time now 6.45p.m. for everyone. This brings all the girls together at the same time, the younger girls getting to know the older girls and officers in the company. We have a short opening service a few games then all adjourn to our own halls. Finishing times Explorers 8 p.m. Juniors and Brigaders 8.30 p.m. Tuesday will be our first Fun Evening when the company will all get together as one.

We have a number of girls going forward to do their Leadership 2 Course, also Megan Round and Chloe Wearing finishing off their third course the first step to becoming Officers. Megan and Chloe also help out at Robroyston Girls Brigade on Thursday evenings.

Our first fund raising event is our Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st November, sale of tickets will be to hand shortly.

November will see the company attending the Pavilion Theatre to see Treasure Island.

Also during this session the Brigaders hope to have a night at the Fort – visiting Hobby Craft.

At the end of the session we were saddened when Carol (Scott) handed in her resignation. Carol had been an officer for 17 years, never missing a Tuesday and always ready to help out if needed. Carol was also the company treasurer, also treasurer for Northern District Girls Brigade. Thank you Carol for all your support and friendship throughout your 17 years, it was greatly appreciated.

Margaret Cuthbert, Captain

We now have a company Facebook group, if you would like to find out more about us and what is happening within our company you are welcome to join.

Find us on Facebook – [com/group/65thglasgow](https://www.facebook.com/group/65thglasgow) or just search 65th Glasgow on Facebook

Michelle Blair

Springfield Cambridge Church

150th Anniversary

In last month's *Record*, an appeal was made to request any church related photographs that you, the esteemed church magazine reader, might have stored somewhere in your home. Well, to date, one photograph has been supplied and conversation held with a promise to supply two others.

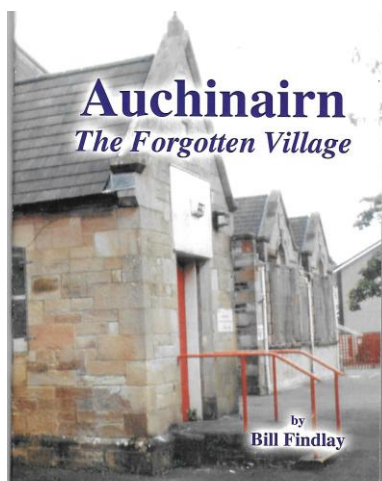
Please, I ask again. Given all the Sunday School Trips, Guild Trips, Men's Club Visits, Young Mothers Group Events, Coffee Mornings, Church Fetes, Ways and Means Fundraising and Social Events, Uniformed Parades, Special Church Services, and so on and so on – surely more than three photographs exist covering the last sixty years or so?

So may I respectfully ask again for photographic donations to be forthcoming. All original photographs will be scanned and returned!

The box to receive such contributions is located in the Hall of Fellowship

With many thanks in advance for your appreciated help in this project.

James Robertson, Editor



The front cover of last month's issue also recorded that the 150th Anniversary marks "continuous worship and service in Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn". In fact, our church is indeed located in Auchinairn. With timing bordering on "providential", our own Mr Bill Findlay has just written a book covering "Auchinairn – The Forgotten Village". This excellent publication includes a section on the history of the churches in Auchinairn – including our own church.

So – as we approach our 150th Anniversary Year – if you wish to read about the fascinating history of the area within which your church is placed, then this volume is greatly recommended.

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Springfield Cambridge Church

Dates for October 2014

Sunday 5th October

Worship at 11am

Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Worship at 3pm

Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 12th October

Worship at 11am

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 19th October

Worship at 11am

Sunday 26th October

Worship at 11am

Including an Act of Dedication for the BB and GB