

The Springfield Cambridge Record



Springfield Cambridge Church

150th Anniversary

*150 continuous years of worship and
service in Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn*

1865 - 2015

September 2014

John 12:26 *If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him.*

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A word from our Minister...

During the summer months I passed a significant milestone space in terms of my age. My children have been teasing me that I am now officially 'old', because I am 70 years old. Reflecting on this, and on the adage, "*you can't teach old dog new tricks*", I have been trying my best to rebuff such suggestions. Evidence of my prowess with one of my recent birthday gifts, a Kindle, is surely a sign that I'm not really that old. After all I successfully downloaded a free copy of the Bible onto my new tablet.

I was heartened then to read that the brains of older people only appear to be less speedy, because they have so much information to access, much like a full-up hard drive, scientists believe. Elderly people have so much information in their brain that it takes longer for them to access it, scientific studies show. Older people do not decline mentally with age. It just takes them longer to recall facts, because they have more information in their brains, the research suggests. Much like a computer takes longer as the hard drive gets full up, so to do humans take longer to access information, it has been reported. Researchers say this slowing down it is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain appears to work slower in old age, said Dr Michael Ramscar, but only because so much information has been stored over time. Older people simply know more, so selecting a correct choice from the trove of stored data may take a bit longer.

So my current mission is to keep sharing what I do know about the Christian faith by slowly dragging it out of my memory bank and passing it on. But I still might need to find my glasses first to read my tablet!

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 **3rd, 10th, 24th, September, 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.



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. The current session resumed on August 20th. 2014. We would love you to join us.



On **Sunday 14th September, 2014** we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**.

This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the

Cameron Hall in aid of Christian Aid
(please see p.16 for further details)



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 14th September, 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.



Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on

Sunday 21st September, 2014.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will provide an opportunity to think about how we care for God's creation and how we respond in thankfulness to God for all His good gifts to us.

On Sunday 28th September, 2014 we have been asked by Martin Forrest, Chaplain at HMP Low Moss to help lead **the Service at 9.30am**.



Numbers are now to be limited to 8 members from our congregation, so if you would like to join the Minister, please let him know.

NEW COMMUNICANTS CLASSES

Would you like to learn more about Jesus and the teachings of the Christian faith and become a member of the Church? **COMMUNICANTS CLASSES** will be held on **SUNDAYS** after Church from 12.30-1.15pm in Room 1 on the following dates:

7/9/14, 21/9/14, 28/9/14, 12/10/14, 26/10/14. These will be followed by a possible Service of Admission on 2/11/14. If you need any further information or are interested, then please speak to me. Rev Ian Taylor.

LOOKING BACK

On Sunday 10th August, 2014, we welcomed our friends from Cadder and Kenmure Churches for our 'Fit for a King' themed Service marking the end of our children's holiday club which ran from 4th-8th. August, 2104 from 10 -12. During the week the children joined us for fun, craft, drama, music, Bible stories, DVD's and a sausage sizzle, tepee storytelling and den building!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUTEERS and to **Jim Tonner** and **Carol Nelson** for helping us have another great week.



Baptisms

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



Nathan Maxwell LOWRY Sunday 22nd June, 2014

Freya Adele Elizabeth TOSH

Sunday 6th. July, 2014



Kathryn Anna GRIFFITHS

Sunday 17th August, 2014

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.

Kathleen A. Forrester & Mark K. Smith

Thursday 26th of June 2014

Amanda Murray & David S. Speirs

Saturday 26th of July 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.

Thursday 12 th June, 2014	Mr Paul Stansfield 47 Torr Road
Monday 23 rd June 2014	Mr Daniel Y. McKechnie 272 Auchinairn Road
Thursday 26 th June 2014	Mr Donald Macbeth 23 Morven Avenue
Friday 27 th June 2014	Mr John MacLeod Flat 4, Keir Hardie Court
Wednesday 2 nd July 2014	Mr Alexander R. Bryce 29 Springfield Crescent
Thursday 3 rd . July, 2014	Mr James M. McGeachie, 25 Bardrill Drive
Thursday, 10th July 2014	Mr Michael Rodgers 8 Sunart Gardens
Monday, 14 th . July 2014	Mrs Elizabeth McCallum, Northgate Care Home
Monday 14 th of July 2014	Mr Wilson Watson 8 Lunan Drive
Tuesday, 22 nd July 2014	Mr Brian Thorn 2 St Cyrus Road
Thursday 24 th July 2014	Mr Alexander Burgess 9 Forrester Court
Friday, 1 st August 2014	Mrs Carolyn S. McAllister 10 Elspeth Gardens

Harvest Thanksgiving Service Sunday 21st September

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than receive" Acts 20:35

When we think of these words of Jesus, we can't help but remember what He gave to us through His death and Resurrection. May we honour Him through our giving at this Harvest time.

On Saturday 20th September, the Church will be open from 10am-11.30am when members of the Flower Committee will be present to receive any donations of produce.

Gifts can be brought on Sunday morning. There will also be a plate in the Hall of Fellowship for any monetary gifts.

After the Service, the goods will be packed ready to be distributed to Missions, Care Homes, the Hospice, RNIB and Women's Aid. (Can anyone help with those deliveries?)

All donations are welcome and can include the following:

Vegetables, lentils, cereals, biscuits, tea, coffee, fresh fruit, sweets, fruit juices and tinned goods such as soup, beans, peas, vegetables, fruit and puddings. Small easy-to-open tins of macaroni cheese, meats, fish, etc are also welcome.

May God's Blessing surround you this Harvest time.

Thank you for your support.

Anne Harvey



Jars of Grace 2014



Labels and leaflets for this years 'Jars of Grace Appeal' will be available for collection on Harvest Sunday – the 21st of September.

Giving church members three months up to December to collect coins on behalf of this most worthwhile cause.

FLOWER CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2014

Distributors

Mrs C Millar 772 5895 and Mrs A Harvey 772 3615

Donors: Mrs M Johnstone, Mrs C Heathwood, Mrs J Sutherland (20th)

The Big Gold Event

On **Saturday 20th September, 2014 at 7pm** there will be a short **Service of Worship** in the church to mark the outcome of the Scottish Referendum.

This will be followed by a **family Ceilidh** in the halls with live music (Bishopbriggs Academy Ceilidh Band), dancing and food. Tickets will be limited, so make sure you get yours soon (max. 110 people).

Both of these events on 20th September, 2014 have a dual purpose.

The **first** is to provide us in the context of worship an opportunity to recognise that whatever our political understandings and aspirations, post 18/9, our unity in Christ is what gives us the greatest unity of all.

The **second** is to allow us to share Christian fellowship with one another in a positive way. The event is being part sponsored by Jim Stormont, our Senior Elder. On the 18th September, 2014, Jim and his late wife Helen, would have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. So please join us all for a fun night of Christian fellowship, giving thanks to God for the past and looking forward in faith.

The Ceilidh will be family friendly and we would like as wide a cross section of the congregation to join us in this Big Gold Event. Individual tickets £5, Family tickets £10 (2 adults, 2 children).





On **Sunday 29th of June, 2014**, 5 new Elders were ordained and one was admitted during the Morning Service.



(from l-r) Joyce Watchorn, Wendy Currie, Wilma Cox, Rev Ian Taylor, Christine Faichnie, Carol Robertson, Jim Reid

The JACKIE MURRAY MEMORIAL GOLF TROPHY EVENT took place at **Bishopbriggs Golf Club** on **Friday 27th June**. Pictured below are (l to r) Roy Potter (Overall winner) May Murray, and Roy Stewart (Organiser) at a presentation in the Church on Sunday 29th June, 2014.



Treasurer's Report

I trust that you have all had an enjoyable summer break and trust that your batteries have been suitably re-charged! Since this is the first magazine of the new "session" I would just like to update you on all things financial that have been going on over the summer months.

Firstly, I would like to thank you to all the "regular givers" for their offerings over the summer months which has enabled us to meet all our outgoings over the period. Major items of expenditure over the summer months have included the renewal of the church and manse insurance at a cost of £3,534, another one third of our Presbytery dues for 2014 of £1,368 and we also continue to pay our Ministries and Mission Allocation monthly settlement of £7,554.30 with £17,662.90 still due to The Church of Scotland for this year. I am pleased to advise though that Glasgow Presbytery have reduced our total allocation for 2014 by £5,000 having taken into consideration our present financial situation with regard to the outstanding loan that we have with the General Trustees to fund the building work that was undertaken in 2011. Therefore the total payable for 2014 is now £70,543.

As you see from the figures below we are running at a substantial deficit on the General Fund for the year-to-date of £16,452. Although a deficit situation is not unusual at this time of the year it has been magnified by more delays at HMRC in settling our Tax Recovery claims on Gift Aid Offerings. Indeed, 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 am confident that with your continuing financial support and improved cash flow from the outstanding tax recoveries that this deficit will reduce substantially over the next few months.

The Income and Expenditure figures for the year to 19th August as against budget on the General Fund are as follows: -

Income from Offerings	£	£
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
FWO Scheme	13,167	13,332
Open Plate	4,766	5,244
Gift Aid	47,459	45,567
Tax Recovered	nil	11,391
Total	65,392	75,534
 Other Ordinary Gen Income	 14,293	 14,289
TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME	79,685	89,823
 GENERAL EXPENDITURE	 96,143	 88,229
 Deficit for Year to date	 (16,458)	

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

The Guild

The Guild members extend a warm invitation to any ladies in the congregation who would like to join them at their bi-weekly meetings in the Springfield Hall for the forthcoming session.

The first meeting will be on MONDAY 22nd September 2014 with registration from 7.00pm. The meeting will start at 7.30pm when we will be entertained by a Music Group from Bishopbriggs Academy. We have a varied programme planned for this year including speakers on subjects as varied as The Scottish Dialect, Personal Life Stories, Hidden treasures of Glasgow and the charity Deaf Blind Scotland as well as entertainment by the Columban Singers and Kirkintilloch Ladies Choir.

We do hope you can join us.

Joyce Macmillan Joint Secretary

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus Christmas Concert - Monday 22nd December 2014

Please note that the Box Office will be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings at Cadder South Hall, Kirkintilloch Road Bishopbriggs, between 10.00 and 12.00, with effect from **Wednesday 3rd September**.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary

65th Glasgow Company Girls Brigade

Centenary of the First World War at Glasgow Cathedral

On Monday 4th August at Glasgow Cathedral, Melissa, Emma and myself, representing 65th Glasgow Girl's Brigade Company, formed part of a guard of honour outside the cathedral. We welcomed guests and then attended the service inside. The service was to commemorate all those who were affected by World War One, and the sacrifice made by those who lost their lives. It was a great honour to be invited as guests included Prince Charles, David Cameron and Sir Trevor McDonald OBE. After the moving service we were each given a poppy which represented the fields found by soldiers at the front. We left the cathedral in silence, each of us taking our poppy to reflect upon, and to place where we felt appropriate. This has helped us to understand some of the sacrifices made then, and the freedoms we now have.

Amy Kerr

On Monday 4th August there was a special commemoration service for WW1. Lots of uniformed organisations attended. I was there representing the Girls Brigade. At George square before the service started we were given a pile of order of services and newspapers to hand out to people. Then we waited to see Prince Charles; David Cameron; Nick Clegg; Reverend John Chalmers and the Arch Bishop of Glasgow.

It was a very interesting service. After the service we were given a sandwich and a drink.

Beth Taylor



Request for Assistance

Every year Bishopbriggs Academy welcomes a German Educational Trainee as part of the school's partnership with the Federal Government of Germany. Participants are native German speakers, training to become secondary teachers of English.

It is always difficult for students to find affordable accommodation in the area and so this is an appeal to ask if there is anyone in the congregation or community who would like to rent out a room to this year's student who arrives in Scotland at the beginning of October (staying until April 2015). This would perhaps interest someone living within walking distance of the school and who has spare room (and preferably an extra bathroom).

If you are interested please contact Fiona Kerr at either fiona.kerr@eastdunbarton.gov or call 578 8743 for further details.

Congratulations

Congratulations & Best Wishes to Roger & Helen Summers who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with Family and Friends. They were married on 11th July 1964 in Kintore Church, Aberdeenshire.



Frances and Jim Farrell celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with family on Thursday 14th August at the La Bonne Auberge in Glasgow



Betty and Bob Leadbitter recently celebrated their Diamond Anniversary; they were married in Trinity Church in Duke Street on the 14th July, 1954

Marriage of Grant Mc.Intosh and Kirsty Howat



Which took place at St Mary's Church in Kirkintilloch on Saturday 10th May



*Duncan & Christine, Grant & Kirsty, Lorna Howitt (Mother of the Bride)
and Keith Howitt (Bride's brother)*

CHURCH FUND RAISING GROUP

On **Saturday 5th July**, the Fundraising Group held a **CAR WASH, BOOK SALE AND TEAROOM**. The weather was very kind to us on the day, and the support given to this venture was again tremendous. We raised approximately **£700** for Church Funds, with an additional amount of Gift Aid being able to be reclaimed. A big thank you to all.



CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH

A lunch comprising **Soup and Pudding** will take place on **Sunday 14th September** in the **Cameron Hall** after the Morning Service. We are hoping to tempt you with some of the recipes which will be in our forthcoming Recipe Book. All funds raised at this event will go to **Christian Aid**. Tickets, priced **£4 for adults and £2 for children** are available for purchase from any of the **Group Members**, or in the **Hall of Fellowship** on **Sunday mornings** leading up to the event. Please **Gift Aid** your ticket on the reverse if you can.

CHURCH RECIPE BOOK

Our next Fund Raising venture is going to be the publication of a **Church Recipe Book**. The **Launch** will take place at our **Pre-Christmas Shopping Morning** on **Saturday 18th October**. The Recipe Book will include a selection of **favourite recipes, and words of wisdom**, 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!! Watch out for further details in the Intimation Sheet and October magazine.

On the Front Cover this month . . .

Well, there is a text piece, highlighting the very positive news that Springfield Cambridge Church, our church, will in 2015 celebrate the wonderful achievement of 150 years of continuous worship and service within the local community

What the Front Cover does not have this month is a picture. And that's where **you** – the person reading this article – have a role and part to play for future issues leading up to and on to our anniversary year. For we are looking to 'personalise' each monthly issue with a picture of life at **our** church – going as far back as anyone has a photograph to offer!

Now, within our household we have various boxes in cupboards – and each box contains a rich and diverse collection of photographs of our family life. (We will one day actually get round to sorting them in to albums!). And I know that amongst those photographs are church related items. Now, I am as certain as certain can be – that **you** – the person reading this article – will likewise have a cache of family photographs – photographs that may very well include pictures of church life. (You may even be better organised than our family and have these photographs already sorted in to albums!).

What we are asking – please – is for church folk to supply such photographs that we may over the coming months and issues represent the diversity of life at our church - Special Services, Sunday School Trips and Parties, Concerts, Fund Raising Events, Uniformed Parades, Church Trips and Events. Simply put, photographs related in any way to Springfield Church or Springfield Cambridge Church.

A box will be placed in the Hall of Fellowship to accept your photographs. Please pencil your contact details on the reverse of the photographs or place them in an envelope with your contact details written on the envelope; plus a line indicating year and event. These will then be scanned and **all** photographs will be returned to their owners.

This has the potential to be a fascinating and reflective exercise – so please go forth and have a sort through **your** family stash of photographs and see what you can provide!

With many thanks in advance to one and all for your help in this matter

James Robertson, Editor

Springfield Cambridge Church

Dates for September 2014

Sunday 7th September

Worship at 11am

Sunday 14th September

Worship at 11am

Including the Sacrament of Baptism

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 21st September

Worship at 11am

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 28th September

Worship at 11am