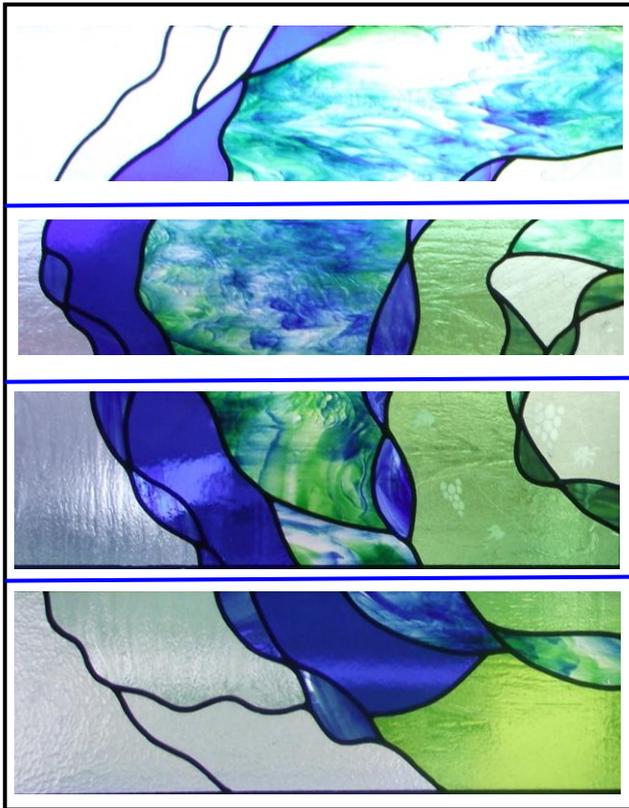




The Springfield Cambridge Record



From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. Matthew 24 : 32

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Editor's foreword: welcome to this first "Summer Special" issue of the Springfield Cambridge *Record*. Church is for all year round and does not "close" for the summer – so why not have an issue of the church parish magazine to cover the summer months? And here it is. We open with a "guest appearance" in the form of a reflection on the theme of Summer. Mr Finlay has kindly accepted the invitation to provide the first such reflection. Therefore, we commence this issue, not with a *Word from the Manse* but rather with a *Word from Bishop's Gate* . . .

Going on Holiday?

The word holiday takes its origin from the expression 'Holy Day', a day set aside for worshipping God. Where better then to spend a holiday on the Isle of Iona; a place where people have felt close to God throughout the ages and still do today.



I visited Iona in May of this year, just for a few days. The purpose of my visit was twofold – firstly, a holiday and secondly a fact finding mission as I am one of the Church of Scotland representatives on the Iona Community Board. The Rev Joanna Anderson is the Director (formerly known as the

Warden) on the island and she is ably assisted by a resident staff whose members spend one to three years working on such as hospitality, programming and administration. Also, in one year alone up to 130 volunteers each spend several weeks on the island involved in preparing meals, housekeeping and manning various facilities/. Most important of all, however, everyone shares in daily worship. In addition to the accommodation and facilities provided by the community, there are several shops, two hotels, a hostel, various B&Bs on the island. Besides the Abbey and historic remains there is much to see and do around the rest of the island; flora and fauna abound and the landscapes and seascapes are truly magnificent.

Iona is steeped in history; St Columba landed there in 563AD and along with twelve companions evangelised from the island and spread the word of Christianity amongst the Picts and Scots. Many Kings were crowned, and also buried, on Iona. The Abbey church was significantly extended in the fifteenth century; but following the Scottish Reformation, Iona along with numerous other abbeys throughout the British Isles were dismantled and abandoned, their monks and libraries dispersed. The original Benedictine Abbey was substantially rebuilt following the Duke of Argyll's gift of all the buildings in 1899 to the Church of Scotland, which undertook extensive restoration of the site. In 1938, the inspiration of Reverend George MacLeod (later Lord MacLeod of Funiary) led a group which rebuilt the abbey and founded the Iona Community. The surrounding buildings were also re-constructed during the 20th century by the Iona Community. All of which has combined to give us the ecumenical Christian community which continues to use the site to this day.

A visit to Iona is a wonderful experience.

Just go there, stay there and pray there.

Bill Findlay



For more information about the Iona Community visit: www.iona.org.uk
The church library holds an excellent biography on Rev George MacLeod –
if not on display, just ask Mervyn Porter to reserve the copy.

From our Minister . . . *STOP PRESS...*

Local Church Review (LCR)

The first visit by the Presbytery representatives to conduct the LCR took place on 28 March, 2012. Following the receipt of the draft report and recommendations the Team met with the Kirk Session, Congregational Board and members of the congregation who on Tuesday 15th. May at 7.30 p.m. On Sunday 20th. May, 2012 the Team Leader, Revd. Ian McInnes conducted worship at Springfield Cambridge, while Mr. Taylor conducted worship at Dennistoun New Church, Armadale Street. The final report will be received by the Kirk Session at its meeting on June 12th, 2012.



BB & GB Displays/Parents nights

Each May, as Chaplain to the Boys' and Girls' Brigades,

I attend a variety of Displays and Parents nights.



This year, the Anchor Boys Section of the BB was a fun filled night with almost fifty boys who were all 'Olympic Stars' aided by a committed and caring group of staff ably led by Alan Kerr.

The Junior Section Parents Night was hallmarked by the fun, friendship, faith and fellowship found within the Section who had their own brand of Olympic themes and activities. At this closing event (apart from the outing) command of the Section was handed over to Gordon Muir as Officer in Charge (OIC) by George Mcmillan as he stood down after being the OIC for the past 19 years. During those years George has not been afraid to lead - to take risks, to hold a steady course at times, to persevere, to give responsibility back and at all times to transform others into the likeness of Christ. We thank him for his exceptional service and wish him well in his continuing role as Company Captain, and extend our best wishes to Gordon Muir as his successor as OIC in the Junior Section.

The Company Section Parents Night brought to an end another successful and busy year for the senior boys. Sadly due to ill-health I was unable to attend, but from all that I heard, a good night was enjoyed by one and all.

The Girls' Brigade Display was an evening of fine entertainment at Bishopbriggs Academy - colour, coordination, costumes and charm took us to the West End, the set of the small screen and the big screen and showed us just what talent, commitment and fun can be found on a Tuesday night at the GB. I can't wait until next year!

Rev Ian Taylor

Ways and Means Committee

On Sunday 3rd. June, 2012, Ann Pickett was presented with a hamper as a thank you gift from the congregation to mark her years of involvement with the Ways and Means Committee as a member and as its Convener. Her enthusiasm, commitment, tireless energy and willingness to try anything endeared her to the congregation over the years. Thank you Ann for all that you have done for us, Christ and His Church.

Gift Aid Convener

Michael Cooke was also presented with a hamper as a thank you gift from the congregation on Sunday June 3rd. 2012, to mark his years of involvement with the finances of the Church, especially as Gift Aid Convener since April 2000. Michael's attention to detail, discretion, confidentiality and sensitivity have been valued by all who have had any dealings with Michael. We hope that his successor, David Lockhart will be as familiar with the finer details of the running of HMRC as Michael was! Thank you Michael for all that you have done for us, Christ and His Church.

Looking ahead...

Summer arrangements: July/August – Vestry Hour – Wednesday mornings



Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr. Taylor will be available on the 4th. July, 1st, 15th, 22nd. 29th. August, 2012 from 10-11 a.m. 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 a.m.

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.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

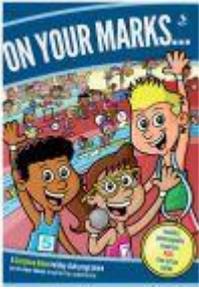


The Wednesday Prayer Group continues in the Cambridge Chapel from 6.45 – 7.15 pm. **until Wednesday, 27th. of June, 2012 when the Group will take a break for the summer recess until Wednesday 15th. August, 2012.**

Currently the member leading the Group begins with a short introduction, followed by suggested prayer points for that particular meeting. This is followed by open prayer. There is no need for anyone to make a contribution if they do not wish to do so. Following this meeting an existing ecumenical Bible Study meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm, which members are free to join, if they wish.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on Sunday 8th July, 2012 at 2.30 p.m. 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 Your Marks' HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 6th. - Friday 10th. August, 2012

Our Holiday Club with our colleagues from our Parish Grouping (Cadder and Kenmure Churches) will be called 'On Your Marks' and will run each morning for children of primary school age. Further details will follow in the weekly Orders of Service,

Baptisms

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

Emma ARNOLD

Sunday 6th. May, 2012

Niklas ARNOLD

Sunday 6th. May, 2012

Lisa ARNOLD

Sunday 6th. May, 2012



No "Summer Special" would be complete without a Puzzle Page and herewith is a wee puzzler for our readers to ponder. This object is attached to our church - and has been for many years. What is it and where is it attached? *Answers on the back page - no peeking until you have had a guess!*



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.

Wednesday 25th. April, 2012

Mr. John McNaught,
Rodgerpark Nursing Home

Friday 27th. April, 2012

Mr. Ian McCallum,
15 Mavisbank

Monday 29th. April, 2012

Mr. John M. Ogilvie,
8 Southesk Gardens

Wednesday 2nd. May, 2012

Mr. Scott B C Semple,
21 Broomhill Court, Stirling

Thursday 10th. May, 2012

Ina Macdonald,
Blanefield Nursing Home

Thursday 31st. May, 2012

Mr. Donald Graham,
5 Ruthven Place

Mission and Ministries Allocation-What is it??

The largest item in our Congregational Accounts is our Ministries and Mission Contribution. This year it comes to £66,915 out of a General Fund budgeted expenditure of just under £133,000. What is this contribution and why is it so large? I will now attempt to answer this “burning question” that a Treasurer is often asked!!

The contribution is paid to the Church of Scotland’s central organisation, or 121 as it is often called after the address of its offices in George Street. Around £57,500 of our contribution is going to support Ministries and the remaining amount is going to support Mission.

Ministries mean the costs of our own Minister and our share of the costs of sustaining Ministers across Scotland. The Stipend, National Insurance and Pension costs of each full-time Minister come to just under £40,000. Sadly, many congregations cannot raise enough from their members to meet the full costs of a Minister. For example most congregations in sparsely populated areas or the more deprived parts of our cities cannot do so. We are therefore contributing some £17,500 this year to help these

congregations. Without such support from the more “affluent” congregations like ours many more churches would have to close and this is one of the difficult scenarios that the Church of Scotland is grappling with at the moment. Some argue that the church can no longer afford to be present in all the places where a Minister is currently serving. Others would say that we are not like Tesco which operates where it can raise sufficient income and not elsewhere.

Mission means the central activities of the Church. These are numerous. The biggest element is the support that 121 provide to congregations through financial and legal services, advice on human resources and child protection and resourcing worship and witness. It also develops relationships with churches overseas and enables us to engage with the church at large. It comments on National, Political and Social Issues from a Christian viewpoint. It supports the General Assembly and the Moderator’s programme. It is easy at times to dismiss much of this activity as unhelpful bureaucracy. Even a congregation like Springfield Cambridge, however, with lots of experience among its Kirk Session and Congregational Board, draws on the advice and support from 121 in today’s complex world.

The size of our Contribution is driven, firstly by the size of the budget for the church as a whole and, secondly, by the size of our income. The budget for the church as a whole is set by the General Assembly each year. By far the largest item is the budget for the costs of Ministers and other parish staff across Scotland. Unless the number of Ministers is reduced or stipends frozen (**as they were for the last two years**) these costs cannot be reduced. The Church has little in the way of other sources of income, and if its costs are rising it has no choice but to increase Contributions. What we pay is linked with our income through a complex formula. Some of our income is excluded from the calculation: any legacies we receive are not counted, and special collections such as the sums raised for the Building Project in 2011 are also excluded. In a nutshell, when our offerings rise our Contribution will tend to increase and likewise when our offerings decrease our contribution will fall.

Have a very enjoyable summer!

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

Last Post –

This will be my last contribution to the 'Record' on the subject of Gift Aid as by the time you read this my successor David Lockhart will have been confirmed as the new Gift Aid Convener by the Congregational Board.

In a congregation of this size the Convener's job would not be possible without the dedicated support of the regular team who help count and record the envelope donations every Sunday after the morning service, to the standards required by H.M. Revenue and Customs. I should like to take this opportunity to thank them and the Finance Committee members who count and record the annual Fabric fund appeal Gift Aid donations and other Board members who willingly assist from time to time when we are a body short. I must also record my thanks to the congregation for their co-operation in responding to the invitation to use Gift Aid which has enabled me to build on the firm foundations laid by the late Ken Paterson under the former Deed of Covenant scheme.

The presentation by Ian Taylor to me on Communion Sunday on your behalf of a hamper of goodies is much appreciated and made a most pleasant start to my 'retirement'! Thank you all.

Finally I will sign off with my regular reminder to check that you are still personally paying sufficient UK tax to cover the amount we recover on your donations in the Tax Year. If you are no longer a tax payer after 5th April 2012 you should inform David before he submits his first claim shortly after 30th June. His telephone number is 772 6779 but any 'phone call should be confirmed in writing. If you are uncertain about your position for the current Tax Year then your account can be marked 'Don't Claim' until your situation is clear.

I trust that you will all continue to support David in the same way as you have me as he takes up the reins of his new responsibilities.

Michael Cooke, Retiring Gift Aid Convener, June 2012.

Christian Aid

I am very pleased to advise that the collection for Christian Aid raised the amazing total of £3,754. 35 plus the C.A. Lunch which raised £399, making a total of £4,153. 35. This is a great achievement in this day of financial restraints. I would like to thank very much all who took part, those who covered the street collections and those who worked at the weekend doing the count - well done, it would not be possible without you and it is a mark of your faith and Christian commitment.

Yours in Christ's service, *Maureen M Brown*

Dedication Service on Sunday 27th May

Pentecost Sunday, on May 27th, saw the dedication of a new pulpit fall, communion table runner and bible tabs. These were kindly donated to the church by the late Mrs Jean McMillan and by her family.

Explanation of the selection of certain of the chosen elements and colours is as follows:-

- ❖ Blue is the Church of Scotland colour and also represents eternity, faith and truth. (and according to the Sunday School children – the sky!)
- ❖ Red represents blood (Communion) and Fire (Pentecost).
- ❖ The Gold represents eternal light / the circle being without beginning or end representing the Almighty.
- ❖ Gold is for sovereignty, the sun, love, constancy, dignity and wisdom.
- ❖ The dove represents peace.
- ❖ The Celtic knot band refers to Scotland's Celtic history and the fact that such symbolic patterns have been used in Christian art since Roman times.



In considering topics to include in this Summer Issue, one theme that came readily to mind was that of The Seaside Mission. And one name equally came to mind who would be able to provide an interesting contribution on the theme; that gentleman being the Rev John Campbell who Lynne and I knew (from a few years back) from our hometown of Barrhead where Rev Campbell was minister at the Arthurlie Church – and also a committed contributor to the work of the Seaside Mission. Involvement that involved a close friend well known to us here at Springfield Cambridge.

The Seaside Mission in Scotland

I was seventeen when I headed for Aberdeen that summer in the early sixties complete with guitar, not knowing what to expect other than a promise that it might just be a life changing experience. Those two weeks were the beginning of a long adventure with God, marking as they did my introduction to the Church of Scotland's Seaside Mission. Each summer, most of my adult life included a couple of weeks with a Team somewhere around the coast of Scotland, mainly but not exclusively in the West. Together with my close friend Sandy McDonald (former Bishopbriggs boy), we led Mission Teams from the congregations where we were parish ministers and were both privileged to witness many young Teams members coming to a personal faith in Jesus Christ. We found too taking the young folks away for two weeks to a holiday destination also had a profound effect on the life of the church back home in the parish. The idea of "mission" became common currency. We agreed that if the work had had no influence on the holidaymakers it would still have been worthwhile. In reality we know that lives were touched through the Christian involvement of the young people on the beaches and parks of our Scottish resorts. Still Sandy and I meet church people who speak fondly of times on holiday in places like Millport, Girvan Ayr, Leven, North Berwick, when their holiday was enhanced by the presence of a Mission Team. In fact, occasionally parents would telephone us in advance of the summer, to check the dates when the Mission would on site. Then they would 'phone their B&B!

The Church of Scotland Seaside Mission programme was initiated by the Rev. D. P. Thomson in 1934, in two resorts - Millport and North Berwick. DP as he was known, went on to found St. Ninian's Training Centre in Crieff, but his Seaside Mission legacy stands supreme, spawning as it did, a whole network of evangelical ministers and lay people. The Mission Department of the Church of Scotland was responsible for the summer work and renamed it Summer Mission, as holiday patterns changed with the advent of package holidays abroad. Although some beach work continued, Teams began to be based in parishes working with local congregations, often in housing estates and villages. Other changes took place, but just a few months ago the Council for Mission and Discipleship, the body finally responsible for the work, pulled the plug and what started as a Spirit inspired process in 1934, has now officially come to an untimely bureaucratic end.

Rev John Campbell

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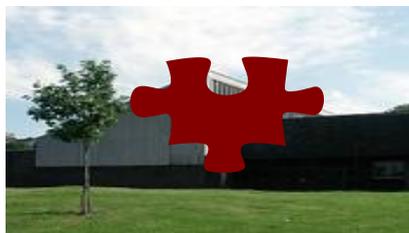
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Fabric Appeal 2011 / 2012

The appeal has now closed.
The grand total raised is:

£12,271

224 envelopes returned



Sincere thanks are extended to all who contributed towards raising this significant sum to aid the on-going work of their church. (The sum includes £7,725 which was gift aided – which will realise a tax refund sum of £1370. Clearly demonstrating the benefit of ‘gift aiding’ contributions from all who are in a position to so do). So to the future – the ‘logo’ which represents ‘keeping’ whole all the parts of the church is now particularly apt as we are, as previously reported, ‘losing’ parts of the mullions from the windows above the Praise Team Loft. This is a serious issue which will require to be addressed and resolved in the next immediate period.

Thank You

Hazel and Norman Wilson & family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and support during their recent bereavement.

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and good wishes during my stay in hospital following my accident. I would especially like to thank the rev Ian Taylor for his visit and the members of the guild who kept in touch with Norman and offered him support which was much appreciated.

Thank you all very much.

Nina Pollock

Valerie Cooke would like to thank Rev. Ian Taylor and the congregation for friendship and support while she has been unwell. The prayers, flowers, cards and good wishes and the practical help have been very much appreciated.

The Guild

First a pleasant look at events just past . .

Our Annual Outing on 12th May to Perth was a great success. The sun shone all day and the ladies indulged in some retail therapy, both at Tulliebarden and in the Fair City itself. Our High Tea at the Salutation Hotel was most enjoyable, and we arrived back at the Church at 8.15pm, having had an excellent day out.

May I, on behalf of the committee, wish everyone a refreshing Summer break and we look forward to our new session.

Betty Sturgeon (Retiring Secretary)

Followed by an equally pleasing look at events to comet . . .

We are now looking forward to our next session which starts on *Monday 3rd September* at 7.30.p.m. with entertainment from Isobel and Graham, and for the rest of the session the Committee has arranged a varied and interesting programme which I am sure all will enjoy. We look forward to welcoming any new members who wish to join the friendship and fellowship we share on Monday evenings.

Carol Milliken, Joint Secretary

268 Boys' Brigade Junior Section

They think it's all over . . . and it is now! At the end of another busy session it's good to reflect on all of the Sections achievements. Whilst our numbers were down slightly, relative to years gone by, this did not reduce the amount of fun and enjoyment had by all. We still participated in numerous District Competitions with mixed success but the efforts of the boys culminated in the 268 Junior Section winning (yet again!) the District Shield. One notable achievement was the success in the District Sports event where our small but quality team came home with a vast array of medals and the Sports Shield which helped secure the overall title.

Over the year the boys have worked hard to gain their achievement awards and raise funds for various causes and must be congratulated on all their hard work. We also had our own line dancing night to raise section funds. This was a great success, but there is always room on the dance floor for a few more feet next year!

Our group theme was based on the Olympics for obvious reasons. The boys had been learning various skills over the session with the intention that we would host our own Olympic Display. This took place on Thursday 17th May and contained various events including the Olympic opening and flag procession, warm up exercises, marching, beach volley ball (minus the sand) Olympic cake off, team quiz and closing ceremony.

As part of the awards ceremony all the boys & staff were presented with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Badge. Also awarded were the endeavour trophies which were presented to the boys by our Inspecting Officer,

Mr John Watson, formerly Captain of the 87th Glasgow. The awards went to:

Best Junior: *Graham Swift*

Best Intermediate: *Andrew McAra*

Best Senior: *Ross Bovill*

McGeachie Trophy for Bible Knowledge: *Graham Swift & Nathan Williams*

Part of the closing ceremony was the official hand over. The torch was not only metaphorically passed on but also physically from George McMillan to me as the new OIC of the Junior Section. After 19 years as the 268 Junior Section OIC, I am sure you will all join me and the staff in thanking him for his many years of dedicated service. George has not of course escaped from the 268, but has simply changed his armband from that of OIC to that of Company Captain. I now have the challenge of ensuring that the 268 Junior Section remains one of the most successful Companies in the Glasgow Battalion of The Boys Brigade!

Our away day to Largs was one to remember. With the sun blazing and the soaring temperatures it was safe to say there wasn't even standing room on the train! The boys and staff had a great time visiting Vikingar where we also ate lunch. This was followed by the messiest ice creams ever due to the heat, and then a trip to the adventure park or a game of putting was on offer to the boys.

With 4 Seniors moving up to Company Section and 12+ boys coming up from the Anchor Boys, next session promises to be a busy one. There will be plenty of new challenges and hopefully new ideas which will keep the boys and staff enthused for another session. We will be asking the boys to get their thinking caps on during the holidays so that when we start back they can make some suggestions of things they might like to do.

It is likely that we will start back on Thursday 6th September, but I will be in touch during the summer with all the boys & parents with more information. So until then enjoy your summer!

Gordon Muir. OIC

Girls' Brigade – Juniors



The Juniors of the 65th company Girls Brigade enjoyed a full fun packed day at Scotland Street School as an end of session treat. The magic world of Mackintosh was there and as well as visiting the school they had a fun day with arts and crafts, story telling, mosaic and street games and enjoyable day out for all. Mixed feelings about the underground trip but made bearable with the chips and juice at the end of a great day.

Janice MacLaren on behalf of the Junior Section Officers

Girls' Brigade – Brigaders

Tuesday 15th May saw the last evening of the current session. Whilst the rest of the company were having a fun night in the church, the Brigaders went to Frankie and Benny's at the retail park to enjoy an end of session meal. This was the one item that had not been ticked off from the Brigaders "Wish Tree" where, at the start of the year, the girls all came up with ideas of things they would like to do throughout the session. Girls and officers alike enjoyed the evening which gave us all the chance to relax after working extremely hard for the display.

Victoria Gray, on behalf of the Brigader Officers

Sunday school

The Sunday school and Bible Wayfinders recently enjoyed a celebration for the baptism of Emma, Niklas and Lisa. We all joined together before the baptism and enjoyed cake and juice, we made book marks to commemorate the day and presented Emma, Niklas and Lisa with a silver cross pendant. We are now looking forward to our fun day on Saturday 23rd June and Prize Giving on the following Sunday, 24th June/

I would like to thank everyone that has helped and supported the Sunday school, Bible wayfinders and the creche this session. I hope the regular Sunday school staff have a lovely summer and thank them all for their commitment and hard work.



Brenda Diamond

Jackie Murray Memorial Trophy

This year's tournament was again a huge success for the players and organisers. The added bonus of good weather meant that waterproofs didn't have to be worn. (unlike last year!!). This event would not have been so successful if it wasn't for the participants and organisers being so committed to this event.



The Murray family would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants for supporting this event, to Ronnie Williamson for spending endless hours organising the day and to Bob McMorran for his support in collecting and verifying the score cards.

John Clinton being presented with the winner's trophy by Jack's son Craig.

Flower Calendar

June

Distributors: Mrs M Fleming (772 7758) and Mrs L McGrath (762 0539)

Donors: Mrs Frame, Mrs W Martin (6th and 26th), Mrs E Wishart (8th),
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Mrs Watson (14th), Mrs L Reynolds (29th), Mrs I Harley,
Mrs G Magin (last Sunday in the month)

July

Distributors: Mrs M Leeper (772 0196) and Mrs M McKinnon (772 5857)

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August

Distributors: Mrs M Gough (772 8342) and Mrs E Patterson (772 4989)

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Mrs Shade (5th), Mrs Brown (12th), Mrs Duncan, Mrs Pickett (15th),
Mrs H Wilson, Mrs M Ewing (21st), Mrs E Graham

To members of the congregation

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Flower Fund

When people receive the flowers, it gives them a message that they are
thought of and cared for by the Church Family.

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“Serve one another in love” Galatians 5:13

Anne Harvey Flower Convenor

This summer issue's front cover features the last in our series of stained glass windows. What is portrayed is but one colourful aspect of a stained glass window which was specially commissioned for inclusion within The Oratory at the new Turnbull High School in Bishopbriggs. This stunning window was designed and produced by Siobhan Heally, a Glasgow based glass artist. Like all stained glass windows, a photograph can do it scant justice as it really needs to be appreciated *in situ* under natural lighting conditions. But herewith enclosed is a photograph to show the extent of the landscape design. Also here included, in part, is explanation of certain of the chosen elements.

Stained Glass Window - The Oratory - Turnbull High School

Looking at the window from top right we see a star with a cross in it. This calls to mind the Exsultet (The Easter Proclamation):

May the Morning Star which never sets
find this flame still burning:
Christ, that Morning Star,
who came back from the dead,
and shed his peaceful light on all mankind,

your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The star represents the power of the risen Christ – the Morning Star – shining in the darkness. Around him can be seen twelve smaller round stars symbols of Twelve, his closest companions who are the first witnesses to the resurrection. The twelve stars also remind us of the crown of stars that adorn the head of the Mother of God as described in the book of the Apocalypse:

And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars (Revelations 12:1)

Emanating from the darkness the glass turns to blue symbolising the Easter Water, the water of new birth, Baptism. Within that water can be detected three small droplets of water, reminding us that we are Baptised into the mystery of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As the waters sweeps round towards the centre pillar the colour green dominates the window. Green is the liturgical colour which expresses hope. As Pope Benedict explained in the title of one his most recent Encyclical Letters, it is in hope that we are saved, Christ is our Hope.



Within the green colour we can see the signs of the source and summit of the Church's life, the Eucharist. Wheat and grapes remind us of the Last Supper in which the Lord took bread and wine and made them the means of his real presence with us. The wheat and grapes encircle the centre pillar on which stands the tabernacle in which the Lord dwells with us here in Turnbull High School. The bread that the Lord gives us is not like the manna given to the Jews in the desert, or the food that the world would give us; this is the bread come down from Heaven.

To the left of the tabernacle the colours of the window speak to us of the new life found in Christ, the life that takes root in our young people here in Turnbull and makes them men and women for others.

My sincere thanks to Mr Neil Roarty, Head Teacher of Turnbull High school, for permission to visit The Oratory and photograph the stained glass window; my thanks to Mr Tommy Hughes, DHT at Turnbull High, for kindly supplying the information about the window and, finally, my thanks to Siobhan Healy for supplying additional photographic material.

To view "The Art of Siobhan Healy" just visit www.nattyglass.co.uk

This being the final issue of the 2011 / 2012 session, I would take this opportunity, to thank Mrs Sheena Paton for all her sterling work in her capacity as Magazine Distribution Team Convenor. And on behalf of both Sheena and myself, I would extend sincere thanks for the greatly appreciated time and input supplied by our excellent magazine compilers and distributors. Finally, I would extend thanks to all the contributors to the magazine, who give so freely of their time and talents. And I look forward to receiving their next contributions for inclusion in the September issue!

James Robertson, Editor

Editor's afterword: . . . and finally . . . we close this issue with our own Minister's reflection arising from a thought about summer. . . .

The summer days have arrived as I write this article, and as such, I hear people talking of bus journeys they have made or are planning. Some have been or are preparing to go on tour bus trips. 'Tour bus Christians' drive comfortably through life as they gaze out the windows at others who are elbow-deep in the daily adventure of serving God and working among spiritually needy people.

Tour-bus Christians are insulated from the real-world activity and excitement of God's work. They may avoid some of the pain that's involved, and they may protect themselves from the difficulties and struggles, but there's no real adventure on a tour bus. They miss out on the excitement of living at the edge of expectation. They don't experience the tremendous counter-cultural truth that the more a Christian pours him/herself out serving others in God's name; the more God will fill him/her to overflowing. The adventure comes when you tell the tour bus to stop, and you jump off and say: 'Lord, I want to get into the fray. I want to play a role in the biggest adventure story of all time. Use me to make a difference'.

I don't just want to observe cathedrals through my bus window; I want to roll up my sleeves and build one! Lord use me to build a living cathedral dedicated to your glory.'

Has anyone seen a tour bus passing? I'd like to get on, what about you?

Rev Ian Taylor

Well? Did you know the answer to the puzzle set on page 6?

The mystery item is – of course – the “wheel” that carried the pull rope to the church bell. The bell which was originally set on top of the church roof of the original Springfield Church facing Springfield Road (now our “top hall”).



I am reliably informed that the bell had to be removed as it proved to be too heavy for the structure of the building and was liable - in the fullness of time – to come through the church roof. Just proves that work on the maintenance of the fabric of the church is truly on-going. I was also informed that the bell itself was taken by the Ministry of Board and Trade during WWII to be reused for the war effort. If true – it is a nice thought that it finished its days serving King and Country.

It is a great pity that the bell is no longer there; it is an intriguing thought to consider it still pealing out of a Sunday morning to remind all in the Parish that the right and proper worship hour is about to commence.

