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A word from our Minister...

NEVER LET A PASSING CLOUD RUIN A SUNNY DAY On Sunday 14th. August, 2016, I arrived at the Church earlier than normal to set up for our Joint Holiday Club Service. To my dismay, I discovered that overnight our premises had been subject to wilful vandalism with several windows having been broken. Since then there have been a number of further incidents. Thankfully, our neighbours around the Church have been vigilant in alerting the police who have attended the buildings and spoken to a number of individuals.

Having set up for the Service, I then went back to the Manse before returning for the Service later on. As I was closing the boot of the car, something caught my eye - it was a new fountain pen I had been given some 7 weeks previously, which I had lost the day after I had been given it. My dismay at the damage at the Church was dimmed by the discovery of that which had been lost. I was reminded of the line, "never let a passing cloud ruin a sunny day."

The recent spate of vandalism will pass. It is not a new phenomenon; Jim Tonner assures me that this was a weekly if not daily occurrence in the 1990s. So I remind myself to remain hopeful that this too will pass. Or in a modern take of the words of Julian of Norwich, "In the end all will be well. And if it is not well, it is not the end!"

Baptisms

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

Sunday 7th August, 2016 Broady Ronnie Montgomery



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.

Friday 29/7/16 Fiona A. E. Clark & Mark A. Munro



Pictured above - Stephen and Ann, members of our Praise Team with their daughter Fiona and new son-in-law Mark

Saturday 30/7/16 Helen S. James & Alan Moir



Pictured above - Alan Moir, one of our Local Councillors and Helen his new bride, daughter of Betty James

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 27th July, 2016 Andrew Smith,

Lomond Drive

Monday 1st August, 2016 William (Bill) A. Pollock,

Katrine Ave

The 8th JACKIE MURRAY MEMORIAL GOLF TROPHY EVENT took place at Bishopbriggs Golf Club on Friday 17th June 2016

Roy Stewart, our golfing correspondent, has provided the following results: Trophy winner 2016 Fraser Murray - pictured below with May Murray



Runner ups - Stephen Bates and David Russell
Winning team Stephen Bates - David Russell - Kath Craig (pictured below)



Runner up team: Ian Taylor - David Kerr - Craig Murray

Best Lady Score: Kath Craig



runner up Janette Gray - pictured above with May Murray

Bible Wayfinders

At our Prize giving Service on Sunday 19th June, 2016, the leaders of our Bible Wayfinders, Graham and Fiona Kerr stepped down after eight faithful years of service. They were presented with a gift token to allow them to enjoy a pleasant lunch or dinner at La Vita in the village. I received the following note of thanks,

Hí Ian,

Just wanted to say a big thank you for your kind words today and the lovely gift which we will certainly enjoy! It has been a pleasure to work with such great young people over the last eight years and a time that we will always remember fondly. Hope you all have a great summer (with Mack!).

Fíona

Rev lan Taylor

(P.S. Mack is the new Manse dog, another golden retriever, currently 18 weeks old and very mischievous!)

On the 11th of July, 2016, the Minister was invited to a reception at the Central Mosque hosted by the local Muslim community where he was presented with the beautiful gift below, which he received on behalf of the congregation.





Along with 18 members of our congregation, he returned to the Central Mosque on the afternoon of Sunday 21st. August, 2016 for an organised tour. Douglas Robertson, one of our Elders has written of this experience. . .

"It was with great interest that a group of members from the church went to visit the Glasgow Central Mosque. The first thing that struck us was how busy it was, as we tried to enter the mosque car park! This was the result of a

funeral that was happening. This started much conversation of the differences between a Christian funeral and a Muslim funeral. The big difference is in timing, as in Islam the deceased is buried the next day, assuming this is possible. Rizy Mohammed, our guide for the day, explained the whole process of a funeral. From there, we got a guided tour of the mosque, with Rizy explaining all the various parts of the mosque as well as its the history; which he presented in a humorous and very informative fashion. As would be expected, the subject of ISIS was brought up. Rizy was very clear about his belief that ISIS do not speak for the Islamic community he belongs to. and he doesn't believe them to be Muslim people at all. He spoke of the Quran, and what he believes it instructs people to be like. Much like our Christian tradition, the Quran instructs Muslims to be charitable and to look after the poorest in society."





Parish Grouping - Holiday Club - Guardians of Ancora Monday 8th - Friday 12th August, 2016

On Sunday 14th. August, 2016, we hosted a Joint Service with friends from Cadder, Colston Wellpark and Kenmure Churches for our 'Guardians of Ancora' themed Service marking the end of our children's holiday club which ran from 8th-12th August, 2106 from 10 -12. During the week the children joined us for Bible stories, DVD's, fun keep fit activities, craft, drama, music, a BBQ and a whole lot more! A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS and to Jim Tonner and Carol Nelson for helping us have another great week.







Looking Forward





Vestry Hour – Wednesday at 10 am

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the: **7**th., **14**th., **28**th. **September 2016** from 10-11 am. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact Ian on **2014**1

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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 **new session will resume on Wednesday 7**th. **September, 2016.**

On Sunday 4th. September, 2016, we hope to be able to present a cheque to Alzheimer's Scotland, from the proceeds of the sold out concert, 'AMORE' which we held in the Church on Friday Evening 1st July, 2016. Once again love divided shall be multiplied.

On **Sunday 11th**. **September, 2016** we will conclude Worship by going through to the Cameron Hall for a 'Harvest Lunch' in aid of Christian Aid. Tickets will be available from Sunday 21st. August, 2016. Tickets priced £5 Adults, £2.50 Children.



Our next Service at Callieburn Court will be on **Sunday 11**th **September, 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.



Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday 18th September, 2016.

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 2nd October, 2016, we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion at 11am and 3pm.**There will be a Retiring Collection after each Service in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.

CONGRATULATIONS to Irene & John CLINTON on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary (26th August 1966 – 26th August 2016). The young couple pictured below were married in Springfield Church by Rev. David J. Hebenton.



PARISH GROUPING

Changes have been made to section 3 of our Parish Grouping Basis, with the new inclusion highlighted below for your information.

BASIS OF PARISH GROUPING:

Cadder, Kenmure, Springfield Cambridge and Colston Wellpark churches 29 June 2016

On the following terms and conditions:

- **NAME**: The name of the Parish Grouping shall be Bishopbriggs/ Colston Wellpark or such as the congregations shall determine.
- 2 TERRITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY: The bounds to be served by the Parish Grouping shall be the combined Parishes of the participating congregations or as Presbytery may determine.
- 3 PROPERTY AND FUNDS: The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall remain the property and funds of each congregation. Contributions to the financial costs in regards to the work of the Parish Grouping shall be in proportion to the Central Allocation of each congregation. Open plate offerings gathered at joint Parish Grouping Services will be utilised in Grouping Projects and should any additional top up funding be required it shall be contributed by the four congregations in proportion to their Central Allocation from the previous year.
- 4 KIRK SESSIONS: The Kirk Sessions shall continue their present status and authority. Each participating Kirk Session shall appoint two of its members, together with the Ministry Team, to form a Development Group. The Development Group shall be moderated by a member of the Ministry Team by rota and shall have the task of promoting and co-ordinating the common work of the Parish Grouping. The Development Group shall have the power to co-opt additional members as it sees fit. The Kirk Sessions shall meet together at least twice in each calendar year.
- 5 MINISTRY TEAM: The Ministry Team shall consist of the Church of Scotland staff specified by the Presbytery Plan.
- **6 STIPEND AND SALARIES**: The stipends and salaries shall be as sanctions by the Presbytery in conjunction with the Council of the Assembly of the General Assembly.

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION: The Parish Grouping commits itself to working collaboratively in the following:

- Worship
- Mission
- Service
- Fellowship
- Learning through faith and prayer
- 7 VACANCY PROCEDURE: This Parish Grouping constitutes a Team Ministry (in terms of Act VIII 2003 Para 14.3) and therefore in the event of a vacancy, up to two representatives will be appointed by Presbytery to serve on a Nominating Committee.
- 8 POWER TO ADJUST: While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Parish Grouping for the congregation now agreeing, the congregations shall be free like any other congregation to agree to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.

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 £3,463, another one third of our Presbytery dues for 2016 of £1,434 and we also continue to pay our Ministries and Mission Allocation monthly settlement of £8,079.50 with £24,238.50 still due to The Church of Scotland for this year.

As you see from the figures below we are running at a deficit on the General Fund for the year-to-date of £7,829. We still await final settlement of the Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 2015 General Fund Tax Claims along with Q1and Q2 2016 General Fund Claims totalling approximately £18,000 along with another £2,000 from HMRC in respect of the Gift Aid Small Claims Scheme for tax year

2016/7. We are also outstanding circa £2,500 in tax recoveries in respect of other miscellaneous Gift Aid donations received in late 2015/early 2016. I am confident that with your continuing financial support and improved cashflow 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 20th August as against budget on the General Fund are as follows: -

Income from Offerings	£ ACTUAL	£ BUDGET
FWO Scheme	10,317	13,149
Open Plate	4,336	5,019
Gift Aid	48,615	47,035
Tax Recovered	10,023	13,030
Total	73,291	78,233
Other Ordinary General Income	16,673	15,615
Total Ordinary General Income	89,964	93,848
General Expenditure Deficit for Year to date	97,793 (7,829)	94,209

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

Flower Calendar SEPTEMBER

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APOLOGY

Due to an error, the June, July and August Donors' names were missed from the magazine. Please accept our sincere apology for this. The Flower ministry of this Church would not survive without our willing and generous donors, and we continually acknowledge this.

A copy of the list was printed and included in the Church Service leaflet and on the notice board when the error was noticed.

Thank you to all who help with this valuable ministry.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 18th September

"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I (Paul) was eager to do" Galatians 2 v 10

May we follow Paul's example as we think of others less fortunate at Harvest time.

The Church will be open on Saturday 17th September from 10am until 11:30am. Members of the Flower Committee will be there to receive any donation of produce. All donations are gratefully received 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 particularly welcome.

If Saturday is not suitable, gifts can be brought with you on Sunday. There will also be a basket in the Hall of Fellowship for any monetary donations.

After the service, all of the goods will be boxed and distributed to the various charities to which we give our support through this ministry.

Thank you for your donations towards this outreach.

Anne Harvey (on behalf of the Flower Committee)

On Wednesday 22nd June 2016 it was my great pleasure to represent Springfield Cambridge Church at a medal presentation to Mr Robert (Bob) Dougan a long time member of our church. This was a momentous occasion for Bob as he was being awarded a medal on behalf of Russia for his services to the Russian Federation during the Second World War. The award was the Ushakov medal named after an 18th century Russian Admiral renowned for his skills in battle and of whom it is said that he never lost a sea battle. He also had a loose alliance with Admiral Horatio Nelson around the time of the battle of Trafalgar.

So how did Bob come to be the recipient of this medal? Well that goes back to the dark days at the start of World War 2 when, as a youth of just 16 years, Bob Dougan joined the Royal Navy and was assigned to the Arctic Convoys whose role was to maintain supplies to Russia as they fought to defend themselves from German invasion. For three years Bob served his country in this role but this was no easy life for Bob, his Royal Naval and Merchant Marine colleagues lived every day at great risk and, as an example of this history records in particular Convoy PQ17, the largest and most valuable cargo run in history. This convoy left UK shores for Iceland to gather with other Naval and Merchant ships at Iceland and on 27th June 1942 made ready to sail for Archangel and Murmansk filled with armoured tanks, aircraft, tucks and general war supplies. Due to a threat from German aircraft the ships were ordered to scatter but regrettably, out of some 35 ships, only 11 survived to make it to Russia and at least 120 sailors lost their lives on that sole convoy run.

In 2012 the Russian government was minded to acknowledge the services of forces and merchant marine personnel who ran the Arctic convoy route to ensure aid to Russia in a time of great need and so the Ushakov medal for heroism in adversity began to be awarded to those who had served in this area of conflict. Recipients include not only Britons but also American, Canadian and South African personnel.

Bob served on the Arctic convoys for three years aboard HMS Norfolk then HMS Devonshire but his service with the Royal Navy would continue for a further three years when he was assigned to duty not on the waves, but below them, when he served as a submariner and saw active service in that role also.

Bob, now aged 92, was awarded his medal by John Nicolson MP for East Dunbartonshire who was eloquent in his praise of Bob's efforts during the War and who spoke of Bob's service as being an example to us all as it most surely was.

A letter from the Russian Ambassador to the UK, Dr Alexander Yakovenko, was also given to Mr Dougan expressing the thanks of Russia for the invaluable contribution he and his colleagues had made to the defeat of Germany.

The congratulations of all at Springfield Cambridge were extended to Bob and to his wife Janet who accompanied him on this notable occasion.

George McMillan



268 BB - Anchor Boys

A quick look back to the end of your session in May (which now seems a long time ago).

We held our parents' night on the 13th May and we had a great turn out of parent to support our boys taking part in various items throughout the night. The boys were excellent taking part in games, crafts & marching to give their parents some idea of what they do on a regular Friday night.

We also presented our end of year awards.

Marion Fleming Memorial Trophy Best all round boy: Lennon Gough.

Best Group: Paris St Germain

On Saturday the 14th May we took 26 boys to Heads of Ayr farm park which is now becoming our regular haunt for our away day. The weather was kind to us and all the boys had a great day seeing the animals, bouncing on the pillows, playing the sand pit, sliding in the ball pit & bouncing on the trampolines.

As we look forward to starting the anchor boys after the summer break we would like to send our good wishes to the 18 P3 boys who were promoted to our Junior Section at our parents' night in May.

Anchor Boys restart with our enrolment night on Friday the 26th August 7.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. Our first night back with the boys will be Friday the 2nd Sept doors open at 6.55p.m.

If you know of any boy who is in P1, P2 or P3 at school who would like to join our anchor boys please feel free to pass these details onto them and encourage them to come down any Friday night and check us out. This year we have 12 boys returning after the summer break which is our lowest number for a while.....so there are plenty of places for lots of new boys to join.

Alan Kerr, Officer in Charge

email: anchorboys268@aol.com Phone Number 0141 779 4463



Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus

Our Christmas Concert, entitled "Christmas Harmony", will take place on Thursday 22nd December 2016 in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

The Box Office at Cadder Church South Hall on Kirkintilloch Road will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.00 till 12.00, with effect from Wednesday 7th September 2016.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary

THE GUILD

The new session of the Guild will have commenced with a talk on this year's theme 'Go in Joy' by our minister the Rev Ian Taylor by the time this article is printed. Our next meeting on 19th September is on Scottish Superstitions by Deedee Cuddihy which should be an interesting evening. This will be followed on 3rd October by the Rev Douglas Clark formerly of Lenzie Old Parish Church speaking about his experiences as a Prison Chaplain. New members are always welcome please come along and join us in the Springfield Hall every second Monday at 7.30pm

Dates for your diary:

Guild Coffee Morning **Saturday 12th November** 10am – 12 noon Guild Dedication Service **Sunday 20th November** at 11 am.

Joyce Macmillan, Secretary

Recycle for Profit

CDs, DVDs, Ink Cartridges - but, alas, no more Mobile Phones

To our slight but pleasant surprise this fund raising initiative continues to provide regular amounts to church funds. We say 'pleasant surprise' as the consideration some three years ago was that it might run for a year or so before all 'nooks and crannies' had been cleared of items we could recycle. But the good folk of Springfield Cambridge are admirably consistent and still items appear on a regular basis in the receiving drawers located in the cloakroom off the Hall of Fellowship. And long may it continue! Although, the markets have shifted over the last 3 years – CDs are in their last phase of existence as they are being steadily replaced by 'downloads' and 'apps'; DVDs will go a bit longer but such as Netflix and Sky Movies are steadily increasing in popularity – and ink cartridges, for reasons less explainable, are narrowing in brands that can be recycled. That said – nigh on £200 has been directed to the church coffers over the last phase. So – as we say – keep checking those 'nooks and crannies' - your church does benefit!

As for mobile 'phones? Alas we have now removed 'phones from the request list. The new 'phone sector has evolved to such an extent that there is no longer a viable second hand market. That said – nigh on a £1000 has been raised over the last three years from recycling 'phones – so many thanks to all who contributed – your church really did financially benefit.

So – if you are having a pre-Christmas clear out of CDs and DVDs – please continue to remember your church as the place to deposit such items!

With thanks

James and Kenneth Robertson

We would like to draw your attention to the following event, and hope that you will support this worthwhile Charity.

SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE CHURCH



Bowl of Soup and Filled Roll

Coffee and Tea

IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID

Sunday 11th September

in the Cameron Hall

after Morning Service

TICKETS

£5 (Adults) and £2.50 (Children)

(Available from members of the Fund Raising Group)

Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 4th September Worship at 11am

Sunday 11th September Worship at 11am

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 18th September
Worship at 11am
Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 25thSeptember Worship at 11am

Sunday 2nd October

Worship at 11am and 3pm

Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!