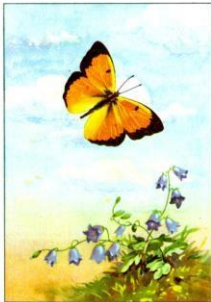




The Springfield Cambridge Record

*Let the Lord be glad
in His works. Psalm 104:31*



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A word from our Minister ...

Recently I attended a meeting where we were asked to share memories of a friend and colleague who had died after a very short illness at the end of last year. Michael was a man whom I had not known for terribly long, but during our friendship he made a lasting impression upon me. He had led a fascinating life of ministry in the church with many twists and turns, but at his heart was a pastor of quiet leadership. Dag Hammarskjöld is quoted as having said, "The humility that comes from others having faith in you..." The quote is incomplete, yet relentless with its reminder that others have faith in us. There is an overwhelming humility in receiving faith, and the ...

How should we complete that sentence? People place a vote of faith in us and that stirs a deep humility within us as we are all too aware of our own human limitations. We are anxious that the faith of others in us could evaporate. That is not a new phenomenon. The great leaders of life have always been reluctant. They had other plans for life. But something happened to push them into a responsible role. It wasn't really their skills or CV's, and certainly not their ambition.

Mostly, the great leaders were just true believers in a cause. And the people around them had faith that they could make a difference. And some did. But there is no evidence that these leaders were having a good time along the way, but they knew what they had to do.

Gregory the Great was one of the best popes ever. He saved Rome from economic, political, and spiritual crisis in the 6th. Century. But he only wanted to be a monk. He called himself a "contemplative condemned to action." That reluctance is one of the reasons he is known in history as "the Great."

Now I realise that you did not know my friend Michael, but for me and others who knew him, he was a "great" man. Great because he lived a life of faith in humility and a life in which his values translated into good actions. He mirrored the Golden Rule, "to do to others as you wish them to do to you" (St. Matthew 7:12, St. Luke 6:31.) That always sounds to me like Good News, and an aspiration worthy as an ideal, and well worth applying in action. Contemplative action. May it be so for you and for me.

Ian Taylor

LOOKING BACK

Funerals

Monday 30th January, 2017

Mr Joseph Sharp
Montrose Terrace

Monday 30th January, 2017

Mr William (Billy) Meharry
Firpark Road

Friday 3rd February, 2017

Mrs. Jean Loudon
Toregay Street

Tuesday 14th February, 2017

Mrs Christina (Chris) S. Walls
Keir Hardie Court

Tuesday 21st February, 2017

Mrs. Cecilia S. Bone
Forfar Crescent

Thursday 23rd February, 2017

Mrs Isabella B. McKenzie
Younger Quadrant

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

LOOKING AHEAD



Vestry Hour – Wednesday mornings at 10 am

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the **1st, 8th, 15th and 29th March, 2017** from 10-11 am. Should you wish to see him at another time, please contact Ian on ☎0141 772 1540 or ✉itaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk 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 a.m. - 12 noon for anyone who wishes to find a quiet place to read the Bible, pray or reflect during the course of the week.



There are new Prayer Request Slips which can be found at the end of each church pew. These can be used by anyone in the church to record "thanks" for good events experienced in life or to record a request for support during a period of difficulty.

The Prayer Box to receive completed requests is permanently located in the Hall of Fellowship.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 12th March, 2017 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 12th March, 2017**, the Glasgow Division of the **Girls' Brigade** will be holding an event in the Church and halls from 2-4 pm.

On **Sunday 19th March, 2017**, Lodge Cadder Freestone No. 1584 will visit the Church for their Annual Divine Service at 3 pm. This Service is open to all.



British Summer Time begins on Sunday, March 26th 2017,
so remember to put your clocks forward
the night before **Mothering Sunday.**

On **Tuesday 28th March, 2017**, at 10 am., the children, staff and parents /carers of Woodhill Primary School will come to the Church for a Service before the opening of the new Thomas Muir Primary School after the Easter holidays.



Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) 2017 - Tuesday 28th March 2017, 7.00 pm. - Cambridge Chapel. Changes which were introduced some years ago by the Office of the Scottish Charity

Regulator (OSCR) mean that at this meeting in the Cambridge Chapel the 2016 Annual accounts will be received by the congregation. The Trustees will previously have met to approve them on Sunday 26th. February, 2017 as required by OSCR.



This year, the Congregational Board would be pleased to welcome new or returning members of the Board to serve for a three year term. This is an important meeting in the life of our Congregation and you are encouraged to consider serving the church in this way. Volunteers are needed each year.

Following the SAM, there will be a meeting of the **Congregational Board at approximately 7.30 pm. in the Cambridge Chapel.**



On Thursday 30th March, 2017, at 10 a.m., the children and staff of Auchinairn Primary School will come to the Church for their final Service before the opening of the new Thomas Muir Primary School after the Easter holidays. This is open to all.

Treasurer's Report

Enclosed with this magazine is a statement of summary accounts is shown for 2016 which showing a surplus on the General Fund of £2,449 for the year (after a transfer of £346 to the Manse Fund). A full statement of accounts will be submitted to the Stated Annual Meeting on 28th March and I would urge as many members to attend this short but important meeting. The main financial aspects are as follows: -

- Surplus on the General Fund of £2,449 for 2016 (excluding legacy income)
- We took full advantage of the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GADS) and claimed the maximum allowable of £2,000 in respect of Open Plate/FWO General Fund Offerings.
- Number of Gift Aid Donors as at 31st December 2016 is 224 (240 as at 31st December 2015) with an additional 11 members who also give tax efficiently at certain periods during the year depending on their circumstances.
- General Fund Offerings (excluding tax recoveries) decreased year on year by just over 2%.
- Ordinary General Expenditure up by 1.4% compared with 2015.

- Since Year End 2016 we have received settlement of all outstanding HMRC tax claims totalling £23,522 which includes £2,583 attributable to the 150 Fund.
- Fees for Rental of the Premises totalling £24,338 in 2016 with continued high demand for the use of our excellent suite of halls and rooms with minimal overheads to the church.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

THE GUILD

On 6th February we had a talk from Reverend Terry Wright of Kilsyth Methodist Church. His intended talk was to be about John Wesley but unfortunately due to a major computer crash he was unable to access his slides for the talk so perhaps we will have him back another time to hear that one as his computer expert was sure he could retrieve his lost files but not in time! However, the talk he did give was about the Christian bikers club that he was a member of and their outreach to the 'biker' community. The ladies found it very interesting and I am sure learned much about these clubs' ministry and outreach to a section of the population that most of us knew very little about. What I found intriguing was the number of Christian bikers clubs which were involved in this outreach work. It was an enlightening and thought provoking talk.

On 20th February, we had a speaker from one of the Projects we are supporting this year. Gill Lyth spoke eloquently to us about the 'Let's Stick Together' project being run by the charity Care in the Family. This project's aim is to assist young couples with new babies to support one another and to try to keep families together at what can be a very stressful time just after having had a baby. It was an interesting presentation about a very worthwhile project.

Our final speaker of the session will be Irene Dick on 20th March with a talk intriguingly titled 'Postcard from the Big One' followed by our AGM on 3rd April.

The Guild Outing this year will be to Largs on Saturday 13th May and tickets priced £22 will be available at our meetings on 20th March and 3rd April.

Dates for your diary.

Hostess Tea - Monday 6th March at 7.30pm

Spring Meeting & AGM of North Presbyterian Council – Friday 24th March in

St Mary's Parish Church, Kirkintilloch (**PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTED**

DATE the syllabus is incorrect)

Joyce Macmillan, Secretary

268th Junior Section BB

Christmas seems like a distant memory now! Since then we have celebrated Burns Night by having a Burns Supper cooked by our own Captain, George McMillan! The boys thoroughly enjoyed it!

Last week we hosted the District Fun Night where boys from other companies within the district joined us for potted sports, board games and an art competition.

We are now looking forward to our Parent's Night on Thursday 23rd March where family and friends of the section are invited to come along for a taste of what we do on a Thursday night. This is quickly followed by our annual 'Line Dancing' fund raising event on Saturday 25th March. Tickets are again priced at £5 and will be available from any of the staff on a Thursday night or after the Services on Sunday mornings over the coming weeks from either myself or Stephen Millar.

We also have our District Bible Knowledge competition coming up in March based on the story of Noah which the boys are working towards.

We will then finish off with a section '10 Pin Bowling' night before we break up for the Easter holidays!

Gaynor Lockhart (OIC)

Thanks

Many thanks to all friends in the congregation who sent cards and good wishes during my recent stay in hospital for a hip replacement.

My thanks also to the Flower Committee for their floral decoration.

George Graham

268th Glasgow Company of the Boys' Brigade

Ex Members Dinner

Were you or anyone in your family in the "268"? If you were or alternatively if you contributed to the Company as a member of staff or helper, then this is for you. An evening of unadulterated nostalgia awaits on 24 March at Cadder Freestone Social Club where ex members will share memories, photographs and many anecdotes of the time in the BB. Many new stories will be shared and indeed as is often the case many well kent ones will be retold. Our speaker for the evening is Rev Mark Johnstone from St Mary's Kirkintilloch who has recently been our Interim Moderator during Ian's period of convalescence from his football injury.

In addition to what is likely to be an amusing address one of our own ex members is attending for the first time. John Gilligan was in the Company in the 60s and is now a Director of Rangers. He is to share a few words about the club, his experience as a Director and has also suggested a "Question and Answer". This will be of interest to many, whatever the hue of your footballing allegiance.

Please share these details with any friends or family who may be interested and if you, or they, would wish to attend the dinner please contact **Donald Armour 0141 563 6194**.



The Lodging House Mission is now giving all meals free, hoping to attract more people and therefore I can no longer sell vouchers, I will, however, still be pleased to receive any donations which will help to offset the cost of the meals.

I wish to thank all these who bought vouchers

over the years.

Update for 2016

Christmas Cards £846. Donations & Gifts £268. Vouchers for Year £200. *Thanks again.*

Christine Mackintosh

'My tutor said I was a beautiful writer. No-one has ever told me that before.' *Robert, 52, Service User, The Lodging House Mission*

How many opportunities do we get these days to reflect on how fortunate we are and in the words of the old hymn to "Count your Blessings"? It's something James and I have reflected upon over the past few years on attending the Homelessness Service at Lodging House Mission. We have been equally blessed in being able to witness first-hand the invaluable work that LHM carries out in our city.

The service is of course open to all and is attended by service users, staff and members of congregations throughout the city. One is sadly used to seeing "service users" as homeless persons on our streets; here it is supremely uplifting to then see certain "service users" taking part and leading

worship through the reading of scripture. Truly, it is quite awesome to worship at such an inclusive service.

This year the speaker at this year's Homelessness Service was the Right Rev. Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly. Homelessness is an issue close to Dr Barr's heart and in fact he describes it as a scandal in 21st century Scotland. He told us about the charity in Edinburgh, called Fresh Start, which he was instrumental in setting up and he cited two examples of how people have been helped by the charity; emphasising that homelessness can happen to anybody at any time. The sermon came straight from his heart and his passion was obvious.

After the Benediction was pronounced he was presented with a gift of a painting created by one of the service users which he said would be given pride of place in his manse at Cramond. The Moderator and his wife circulated after the service when refreshments were served and spoke to almost everybody there – service users and those from other churches – all worshippers together.

Once again it was a chance to see first-hand the range of work undertaken by LHM from the provision of meals through to education and on to seeing that the building was set up as a night shelter to provide a safe place from the bitter elements of winter.

As the words of the hymn say *"When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one,*

And it will surprise you what the Lord has done." Going to this service is truly one of those blessings. And remember – all are welcome at next years service.

Lynne Robertson, Reader



'I've been on other courses before but to be honest they were more about getting yourself used to being homeless, not about trying to move you on.' Francis, 36, Service User, The Lodging House Mission

FLOWER CALENDAR - MARCH 2017

Distributors:

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Mrs J Sutherland, Mrs R Addyman,
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A Harvey.



**Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus & Orchestra -
Bishopbriggs Churches Together**

The total raised from our Christmas Concert on 22 December 2016 was a magnificent £29,258. Of this, an amazing amount of £13,258 was taken in the bucket collection at the end of the evening. Once again, we thank our audience for contributing so generously. Our cheque was presented to Claire Benjamin of the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) at our Presentation Dinner at Bishopbriggs Golf Club on Wednesday 01 February.

The grand total raised from our Christmas Concerts for CHAS now stands at a magnificent £276,474.

Many thanks to everyone who has sponsored or supported us over the years.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary

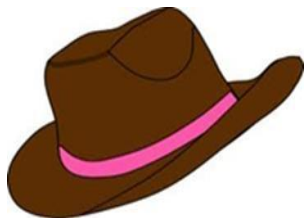
. A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our 2017 Christmas Concert will take place on
Thursday 21st December 2017 at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.





Junior Section Fundraiser



Line Dancing 2017

Pat Davis and her Line Attack Dancers will be back again this year to put us through our paces. This promises to be a fun packed evening of line dancing with dances for all levels.

Tickets include tea and coffee at half time and can be

purchased from any junior section staff member in the Hall of Fellowship on Sundays, at BB on a Thursday night or call 384 9158

Saturday 25th March

Springfield Hall

From 7.30pm

Tickets—£5.00

BYOB Adults Only
IT'S BACK!

By popular demand and after the success
of last years event.



The Record – March 2017

10th Girls Brigade



In December, we held 2 bag packs in Asda and Morrison's raising a grant total of £1073.19 a percentage of which was donated to cash for kids at Asda. On the 3rd of January, we attended the Kings theatre pantomime which was enjoyed by all.

This month we attended the district fun day at Torrance church where the girls enjoyed an afternoon of

baking, crafts and games. We also competed in the divisional collage competition I'm pleased to say that both our Explorer and Junior teams gained second place. Well done girls.

The girls have now almost completed their badge work and are working towards their display on the 2nd of May. We welcome Megan Round back

from her trip to America and look forward to hearing all about her travels and wish her well in her residential weekend to complete her Queens award in March.

The divisional gathering this year is being held in our own church on the 12th of March and look forward to a large turnout at this event.

Our Brigader camp has now been booked for the 17th of March in Penicuik and plans are underway for an exciting weekend.

Congratulations to Heather Mckellar One of our Explorers who bravely had her hair cut in support of the Princess trust well done Heather.



*Katie
Byrne,
Captain*



**Friends of the Paul O'Gorman
Leukaemia Research Centre Glasgow**

Charity Quiz Evening

In Aid of Leukaemia Research

I hope that you are not all quizzed out by **March 18th** following on from the Church fund raising quiz in February.

I shall be quizmaster on Saturday 18th March (BYOB event) in order to raise funds for the Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre which is based at the Beatson Cancer Campus in Glasgow. This is a charity which means a lot to our family. It is the major leukaemia research centre in Scotland headed by Professor Tessa Holyoke.

The quiz starts at 7:30pm with a tea/coffee interval (along with prize raffle) midway through the quiz. Tickets are **£5 per person**. Teams of any number are welcomed and I would suggest a **maximum** team size of 8 persons. There will be a prize for the winning team.

This is where I now request your support - first in attending the event, second, some volunteers to help with the tea and coffee at the interval on the quiz night and thirdly - if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts that may be suitable for raffle prizes - all donations will be gratefully received.

Tickets will be available most Sundays from me in the Hall of Fellowship after the service.

Tom Noon

I am extremely grateful to Mr Jim Scott, our Session Clerk, for passing on this extremely interesting newspaper article – which appeared back in 1953 – and which relates to the three stained glass windows that can be seen behind what is now the stage in the top hall.

From a legacy left to Springfield Church of Scotland by Mr Thomas Scott, th Viewfield Drive, Bishio Briggs, who died on 4 December 1952 and who was a former office-bearer of the church, the office -bearers decided to earmark a portion of the money for a memorial to Mr Scott.

At the forenoon service Sunday, 27th December, the Rev. H.J. French dedicated three stained glass windows which have been placed behind the pulpit, in memory of Mr Scott. The centre window has the Cross, one has a figure in the attitude of praise, and the other one has a figure in the attitude of Prayer. Mr Scott, who was well known in the city of Glasgow, carried on business as a coal merchant, and was head of the firm of Thomas Scott & Co., Ltd.

Mt French said in dedicating those windows as a memorial to Mr Scott, who was a former office-bearer, member of the choir, and a member of the church for over 30 years, a precedent has been set, for it is the first time in this congregation, which had its origin 110 years ago, that an office -bearer has been commemorated. In these unique circumstances, it is fitting I should say something regarding one the glow of whose personality, I understand, lighted the way for others. As a member of the Deacons' Court, he was a valuable asset on all occasions. His colleagues never saw him ruffled. He was incapable of harbouring a single mean thought, for his courage and deep religious conviction carried him through. In him, the church had a generous giver, and though with advancing years his attendance slackened, his benevolence continued. God loveth a cheerful giver, and he was in that category. Every life has its own cross of sorrow, sometimes hidden, sometimes revealed, and he had had his cup full, for death early in life robbed him of those he loved, yet he never murmured nor complained. To-day by these windows, we commemorate the life of a very useful and blameless man who loved this sanctuary. The writer, as a former colleague in the Deacons' Court of Springfield Church, can truly say it was Tom Scott's delight In the words of Coleridge-

“To walk together to the kirk,

And all together pray,

While each to his great Father bends,
Old man, and babes, and loving friends,

And youths and maidens gay.”

W. Stirling

Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 5th March

Worship at 11am

Sunday 12th March Worship
at 11am

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 19th March

Worship at 11am

Sunday 26th March Worship
at 11am

