



The Springfield Cambridge Record

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greatest treasure in the
world."

Martin Luther

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A word from our Minister...under pressure...the dog, the hedge, the glasses and me!

A Happy New Year to all our "Record" readers. I hope you have had a good Christmas and the New Year has begun well for you. Between Christmas and New Year our hospitals have been 'under pressure' as you will have no doubt read and heard elsewhere. While doing my 'hospital rounds' I have been acutely aware of how the winter, the flu and other illnesses have taken their toll on our members and those who care for them in hospital or at home. Pressure it seems is all around. "Pressure that brings a building down, splits a family in two, puts people on streets. It's the terror of knowing what the world is about." Under pressure. Few of us can go through life without experiencing pressure at some point or another.

The challenge of course is always how best to respond to pressure. Do you give in? Lie down and simply give up? Or do you fight back, get up and keep on going?

I suppose that depends on the circumstances.

Shortly after New Year, I experienced a small degree of pressure myself. Our dog, Mack who is now 20 months old, is an escape artist. He loves nothing better than to sneak out the front door and tear off down the street (off the lead) with me in hot pursuit. I always seem to be the one playing the retriever part!

Having escaped, I chased after him, to his obvious delight. In an effort to curtail his doggy activities I lunged at him to catch his collar. Instead with speed and power he simply knocked me into the hedge where I landed on all fours, my glasses landing on the grass beside me. As he passed me a second time, to his immense indignation I clutched a clump of his rear flank which stopped him in his tracks and I was able to get him back into the house, Not before my neighbour came over to help me, who observed that my forehead was bleeding profusely (from the hedge), and where were my glasses.? On the ground, but thankfully not broken. Under pressure.

The challenge of course is always how best to respond to pressure. Do you give in? Lie down and simply give up? Or do you fight back, get up and keep on going?

I realise this element of pressure I felt was minimal, and as I write this my experience is now quite comical. But as we approach our February Communion, I am reminded when under pressure; I find the words of Jesus hugely comforting and helpful,

*"Come to me, all who are weary and whose load is heavy;
I will give you rest.*

*'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble-hearted;
and you will find rest for your souls."*

St. Matthew 11:28—29

Rev Ian Taylor

Looking Back



Ruby Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Brenda and Thomas Diamond who celebrated their anniversary on 9th December 2017.



On Saturday 2nd December, 2017 and on Sunday 3rd. December, 2017, our Jars of Grace for UNICEF were returned to us raising the magnificent sum of £1423.14. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS.



On Sunday 3rd December, 2017 gifts for children were received during our Service. A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated a gift. We have received warm expressions of gratitude from St Rollox Community Outreach, Start Up and the organisation Babes in the Wood.



We also received an expression of thanks from Glasgow City Mission whom we supported via the Retiring Collections at our Services on Christmas Eve.



Lodging House Mission also wrote as follows:

Dear Christine,

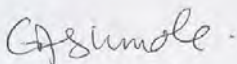
I am writing to thank your congregation at Springfield Cambridge Parish Church most sincerely for their generous support through Christmas Card sales, Meal Vouchers and Christmas Donations (totalling £1540) for the work of the Lodging House Mission. Be assured that this donated total will be wisely spent to improve the lives of the homeless and vulnerable who utilise our services.

We are now hosting the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter at our premises in East Campbell Street which offers safe and warm refuge to rough sleepers during the harshest winter months. Many of our overnight guests stay on at the Lodging House Mission the next day to partake of the free shower facilities, food and support services we offer and I am pleased to report that at least for the duration of the Night Shelter, our Day Centre will be open 7 days a week to offer continuous daytime shelter too. On Christmas Day, we expect to feed up to 100 service users and your kind donation will help us greatly with our festive costs.

We are very aware that we can only offer our service users the services we do due to the generosity of faithful supporters such as yourselves, so please accept our grateful thanks for all you do for us at Springfield Cambridge.

May God bless you all abundantly this Christmas Season and into the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Director & Trustee



Lodging House Mission – Christine Mackintosh would like to thank all the members of the congregation who purchased Christmas Cards and donated monies during 2017. The total raised from the sale of Cards was £805; cash donated during the year was £230 and a total of £570 from the retiring collections on Sundays 3rd and 10th December. This is very much appreciated, and I also thank those who assisted me during the year.

Funerals

Thursday 4th January

James (Jimmy) McGilvery,
Hastings

Friday 5th January

Mrs. Jane (Jean) M. Steele,
Boclair Road

Wednesday 10th January

Mr Robert (Bob) F. Dougan,
Belvidere Crescent

Wednesday 17th January

Mr Ian C. Buchanan,
Stobhill Care Home

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 **7th, 21st and 28th February, 2018** 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.



On **Sunday 4th February, 2018** we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion at 11am and 3pm**. There will be Retiring Collection after each Service in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.



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.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 11th February, 2018 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.



After worship on **Sunday 25th February, 2018** there will be a short meeting of the Trustees (all members of the Congregational Board and the Kirk Session) in the

Church after Morning Worship to approve the Annual Accounts for 2017. This will be followed in March by the Stated Annual Meeting (Tuesday 20th March, 2018).



In the summer of 2019 I am going with Bishopbriggs Academy to Kenya on a Mountain Expedition for four weeks. This volunteering work will be on an inspirational project to improve the lives of local people. The trip will also include a 4-5 day trek up Mount Kenya. Part of our preparation beforehand involves fund raising to help with the cost of the trip. I have been encouraged to sell home baking after Church on most Sunday mornings in the Cameron Hall to help me raise funds. Mum and Dad have agreed to help me too with maybe the odd batch of pancakes and shortbread. Why not pop in after Church and get something tasty to take home for your lunch!

Thanks for your support.

Beth Taylor



Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to you all!

The year- end accounts for 2017 are in the process of being prepared and I am pleased to say that once again have a surplus on the General Fund for the year. Early indications show that our General Income will exceed the General Expenditure by circa £2,336 (excluding the late settlement of General Fund Tax Claims from 2016 totalling £19,899). Gift Aid Donations on the General Fund for the year total £80,227 with the tax claimed back by HMRC on that amount being approximately £20,056. Thanks to all the “regular givers” for your offerings during 2017 and in particular to the many members who recently reviewed their giving which has resulted in General Gift Aid offerings for 2017 being 5.2% higher than 2016.

Our Mission and Ministries Allocation that we pay centrally to The Church of Scotland will be £75,940 in 2018 and this is payable in 10 equal instalments from February to November. This figure is arrived at by taking in consideration our General Fund Income Base in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Our General Fund Income reduced slightly in 2015 and 2016 and this has resulted in our Allocation being lower than in 2017 which was £78,644. In addition, our Presbytery dues for 2018 will be £4,131 and these are payable over 3 quarterly equal instalments to the Presbytery of Glasgow from March to September. The full budget will go before the Congregational Board for approval on 6th February and I will include a copy in the March magazine.

More finance news next month!

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

FLOWER CALENDAR

February 2018

Distributors:

Mrs M Brown (563 35010 and Mrs I Harley (772 4177)

Donors:

The Guild, Miss S Bryce (3rd), Mr G Herbertson, Mrs I Hamilton (7th), Mrs L Reynolds (7th), Miss H Collins (16th), Mrs J Ditty (20th), Mrs C Bickers.

“Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3 v 18

Grace is a gift from God and like any gift, for it to be of value, you must stretch out and accept it, and use it

We have an opportunity to do this through flowers, in giving to others. This is especially helpful when people may be at a very low time in their life, perhaps through illness or bereavement, or it could be for a special celebration of a happy time. Jesus gave the instruction to us to think of one another. We honour this by giving the flowers each week to people we hear about who just need to know that we care. This ministry would not be possible without the generosity of the donors who willingly give throughout the year. Thank you to those wonderful people who through this giving, bring hope, joy and love to so many in this way.

May 2018 be another year of generous giving and therefore encouragement through receiving the flowers from our Church.

Anne Harvey

On behalf of members of the Flower Committee



BURNS LUNCH

On Sunday 28th January a Burns Lunch was held in the Cameron Hall after the Morning Service. This has raised £516, including Gift Aid, for Church Funds. The event, with traditional Scottish fayre, was enjoyed by everyone attending. The diners were piped in to lunch by Scott and Kirsty Robertson. Once everyone was seated the entertainment continued with the Burns poem 'The Ploughman' recited by Maureen Brown; 'My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose' sung beautifully by Euan Russell; and before lunch was served Rev Ian Taylor gave the 'Selkirk Grace'. Many thanks are given to members of the Fund Raising Group, Jim Tonner, Fiona Russell and all the other members of the Congregation who gave of their time to serve at the lunch. Special thanks go to Mary McDonald, Karen McDonald and Emma Giffen for the moreish tablet and to Helen & Jack Cranston for the lovely dumpling. Here are some photographs of the event:





65th Glasgow Company - The Girls' Brigade

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a good new year. Before stopping for the holidays the girls enjoyed a fun night with the Explorers having a night of party games, the Juniors and Brigaders were busy with Christmas crafts. All were pleased to have a visit from Santa before going home. On the 12th of December we all went to the panto at the Tron theatre "Oh yes we did".

Our session started again on the 9th of January the Explorers continuing on their theme of Princesses and the older girls continuing with their badge work.

Its competition time and the girls are all working towards their keep fit and maze marching virtual competitions which are now done by video and sent in for judging - modern technology.

Unfortunately due to adverse weather last week we had to cancel our evening for all girls meaning the Junior and Brigader trip to Krispey Kreme did not go ahead as planned, however we will be rescheduling this in the near future.

We have a lot to look forward to this year as Girls Brigade celebrates its 125th anniversary. All sections have been invited to Auchingillan in March for a divisional gathering with a day of activities and celebration. In April the Juniors are attending Kelburn Park for a Mad Hatters Tea Party which is a national event.

Junior and Brigader camp this year is taking us back to Girvan and plans are underway for this for May with an explorers outing still to be confirmed.

The Brigaders have been trying to contact companies worldwide and despite the use of Facebook, messenger and email haven't had much success overseas. However are planning a visit to Gartcosh in February to talk to their Juniors about becoming a Brigader.

Our social evening to raise funds for the company will be held on the 2nd of February at Cadder Freestone social club. Tickets are available from any of the officers at the donation price of £5 adults only. Please come along for a fun filled evening and support the company.

Katie Byrne, Captain



Friends of the Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre Glasgow



I wish to thank Alan Craig and members of the Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus who gave their time and talent in performing at the Paul O'Gorman annual Christmas Carol Concert at the University of Glasgow Chapel in December. They created a wonderful sound in such magnificent surroundings. Thanks also to those church and chorus members who purchased tickets for the event, which managed to raise over £2000 for leukaemia research. *Tom Noon*



BB Reunion Dinner



Please note that this year's event for ex members of the 268 takes place on Friday 23 March at Cadder Freestone in St Mungo St. This is an ideal opportunity to meet up with old friends and share memories of your time in the Company.

If anyone in your family has had an involvement with the Company over the years please share the details with them. They may have been a boy in the Company or they may have been a member of staff or a helper, assisted at camp or even coached a football team for the Company.

Many of our former members have moved away from the area so please tell them the date in case they are thinking about a trip home, so they can factor this event into their plans.

More details of the event will be available in the March issue.

Donald Armour

FUND RAISING GROUP

'AROUND SCOTLAND' QUIZ

This Quiz raised £119 for Church Funds. We would like to thank all those who participated, and to Drew Fleming for compiling the Quiz Sheet. 21 entries were received and although there were no all-correct entries, no clue was unsolved. Of the 40 clues in the quiz, 22 were correctly answered by everyone, and 18 had one or more alternative suggestions, most of which were reasonable, and a few quite ingenious! A small prize was awarded to the first 3 most correct entries chosen at random. The names of the Prize winners are:

Tom Noon, David Hogg and Catherine Smillie.

The Solution to the Quiz is as follows:

'AROUND SCOTLAND' QUIZ SOLUTION

The clues below all relate to the names of places in Scotland.

Note that the clues in CAPITAL LETTERS are anagrams.

1	Good news from the Maternity Hospital	BOTHWELL
2	Appear to be unwell	SEAMILL
3	CABIN THUG HAIR	TIGHNABRUAICH
4	Building Society Manager?	LOANHEAD
5	Attractive card game	BONNYBRIDGE
6	Sounds like a successor	AYR
7	STAIR OUNCE	CARNOUSTIE
8	Deny admission to the left hander	BANCHORY
9	Canine-free fortress	CASTLE DOUGLAS
10	Almost completely bald!	WANLOCKHEAD
11	Replacement gas sources	NEWMAINS
12	Slippery?	ELIE
13	TALK LICK OR DIP	OLD KILPATRICK
14	How a judge should dispense justice	FAIRLIE
15	Untruth from the Kirk Session	ELDERSLIE
16	Could cause embarrassment if it slips	TONGUE
17	Outcome of Education	KENMORE
18	Effect of failure of prison heating system	CALDERCRUIX
19	Place of worship on brink of collapse	KIRKLISTON
20	Set fire to Siam!	BURNTISLAND
21	GRABS HER FUR	FRASERBURGH
22	Needed for sight and sound	EYEMOUTH
23	Canonised substitutes	ST FILLANS
24	Ironed part of the lamp	PRESTWICK
25	Continue to acknowledge applause	BOWMORE
26	Paddington's residence	BEARSDEN
27	Apiary Conversation	BEATTOCK
28	HOT GIN WILL	LINLITHGOW
29	Master Brown - after a bath	TOMINTOUL
30	Spanish drink?	ELGIN
31	Place of worship for the percussionist	DRUMCHAPEL
32	Where women might keep their cash	LADYBANK
33	Brass instrument played at Pentecost	WHITHORN
34	Where the devout might spend their Sabbath	KIRKCALDY
35	ANN OR ANDREW	ROWARDENNAN
36	Feeling of regret	RHU
37	Everything is permitted	OBAN
38	Entrance to the washing facility	BATHGATE
39	BIG RED HUN	EDINBURGH
40	The French henpecker	LANARK

The Guild

In many ways Christmas seems a long time ago, and yet when I was looking at photographs, it seems like yesterday! So I hope it is not too late for our Convener and Members to wish everyone a happy year in 2018 - the best health we can have, fulfilment, and many happy times.

Our approach to Christmas included a delightful demonstration of Christmas flower arrangements, cleverly and amusingly presented by Margaret Crane, shown on the right with some of her flowers.



Then, of course, came our Christmas Party - delicious meal prepared and served by Table 13, and lots of laughter and chatter over that, and the games and quizzes which followed singing of a few of

our favourite Carols brought our evening to an expectant end. A really happy night!



January 8th brought us a very warm and friendly group from Kilsyth - a Discovery Group of ladies who met regularly to produce a lovely wall hanging of Kilsyth, showing the history, geography, activities, etc. of this area. This involved research, poetry writing, art and design. They themselves learned a lot in a happy encouraging fellowship and are able to pass on this information in a pleasant and visual way.



“Tales of the Tenement” is the title of our next talk on 22nd January and I am sure that many of us will have memories of Glasgow tenement life as Catherine Proven brings us her stories.

We are visiting Antarctica with Heather Wilmott on 5th February so may realise how lucky we are with the inconveniences of our short spells of snow in winter!

Dr Roy Prentice will speak on our own River Kelvin on 19th February, and I am sure we will learn more of the River on that night.

Please remember that you are always welcome to come along on any evening if you want to learn more about the Guild itself, or the subject of a particular talk or activity attracts you.

Sheila M Gibson

Recycle for Profit Yes – amazingly and positively this church fund raising initiative is still open and running. The last tranche of CDs and DVDs were processed for £12 gain to the church. Not a vast sum but given that it is the third such contribution over the last few months, it continues to be of monetary value to our church.

Further – as I was recently removing items from the cupboard a nice church lady was going the other way to pleasingly add some ink cartridges. Realising who I was, said lady took the opportunity to run past me a comment her daughter had made that “not all ink cartridges can be recycled”. Was this right? Well – the daughter was right and not right at one and the same time. It is indeed true that there are now several makes that are no longer recyclable – but that said, there are still some brands that can be recycled for benefit. This is highlighted by the fact that we have just processed £66 worth of cartridges for our church’s benefit. So, please keep those spent ink cartridges coming and we will continue to “separate wheat from the chaff”!

In conclusion – Christmas is past and if you have listened to your CDs and watched your DVDs given as presents and doubt you will listen or view again; then please bring them in to the church where they will be most gratefully received! *Kenneth and James Robertson*

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus & Orchestra - Bishopbriggs Churches Together

The total raised from our Christmas Concert on Thursday 21 December 2017, after expenses, was a magnificent £30,000. Of this, an amazing amount of £12,398 was taken in the bucket collection at the end of the evening. Once again, our thanks go to our patrons for their very generous contributions on the night.

Our cheque will be presented to a representative of The Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) at our Presentation Dinner at Bishopbriggs Golf Club on Wednesday 07 February.

The grand total raised from our Christmas Concerts for CHAS to date now stands at a tremendous £306,474. Many thanks to everyone who has sponsored or supported us over the years.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary



Prisoners Week 19-26 November 2017

We passed on this affirmative story to our Minister, who filed it for future reference and so now has it in print to remind him.

*"Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them." **Hebrews 13:3***

Prisoners Week took place in the third week of November and this is an initiative of the Churches (including the Church of Scotland) which aims to stimulate discussion, highlight concerns and share hope, in prisons and communities across Scotland.

The National Launch Service for Prisoners Week took place on Monday 20th November in St Margaret's of Scotland RC Church in Stirling. The Service featured a variety of participants; ministers and preachers across a range of denominations as well contributions from those who have served time in prison.

Those present in the church included the Chief Executive of the Scottish Prison Service, serving Prison Officers, Former inmates, family members of serving prisoners as well as current prisoners from HMP Glenochil and HMP Castle Huntly.

We were glad to have at last managed to attend this service; it was an inspiring and moving act of worship. Further, the traditional tea and cake hospitality served in the hall after the service was an interesting experience – as one ascertained whether the person you were sipping tea together with was freeman or prisoner. Truly it brought home that we are indeed all equal in the eyes of the Lord.

And the victims of crime were not overlooked – they were rightly remembered during the worship and in prayer.

The ex-prisoner who gave his testament expressed genuine regret and remorse for his actions. It certainly stimulated prayerful thought about our Christian duty to be forgiving towards those who are truly repentant; as our own Minister reminds us each Sunday during his opening prayer. The testament provider concluded with a thought provoking statement, "I'm an ex-con, a bevy merchant – and Christ died on the Cross for me."

Lynne and James Robertson

The Prisoners Week Prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those who are held in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends,
prison staff, chaplains and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others,
especially the victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another,
to act justly, to love mercy,
and walk humbly together with Christ
in his strength and in his Spirit,
now and every day.
Amen.

On the Front Cover this Month

Martin Luther had a great love of music, was a skilled musician himself and in his lifetime, wrote many hymns and pieces of choral music. His own letter that follows exemplifies his convictions about the role of music in the act of Christian worship

Foreword to Georg Rhau's Collection, "Symphoniae iucundae".

"I, Doctor Martin Luther, wish all lovers of the unshackled art of music grace and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ!

I truly desire that all Christians would love and regard as worthy the lovely gift of music, which is a precious, worthy, and costly treasure given to mankind by God.

The riches of music are so excellent and so precious that words fail me whenever I attempt to discuss and describe them.... In summary, next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits...

Our dear fathers and prophets did not desire without reason that music be always used in the churches. Hence, we have so many songs and psalms. This precious gift has been given to man alone that he might thereby remind himself that God has created man for the express purpose of praising and extolling God.

However, when man's natural musical ability is whetted and polished to the extent that it becomes an art, then do we note with great surprise the great and perfect wisdom of God in music, which is, after all, His product and His gift; we marvel when we hear music in which one voice sings a simple melody, while three, four, or five other voices play and trip lustily around the voice that sings its simple melody and adorn this simple melody wonderfully with artistic musical effects, thus reminding us of a heavenly dance, where all meet in a spirit of friendliness, caress and embrace.

A person who gives this some thought and yet does not regard music as a marvellous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed and does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs."

Martin Luther

Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 4th February

Worship at 11am
and at 3pm

Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 11th February

Worship at 11am

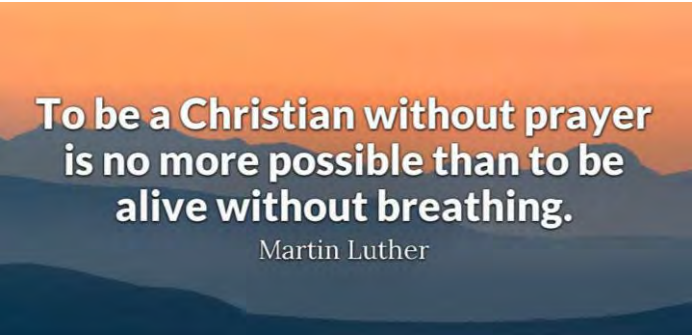
Service at Callieburn at 2.30pm

Sunday 18th February

Worship at 11am

Sunday 25th February

Worship at 11am



**To be a Christian without prayer
is no more possible than to be
alive without breathing.**

Martin Luther