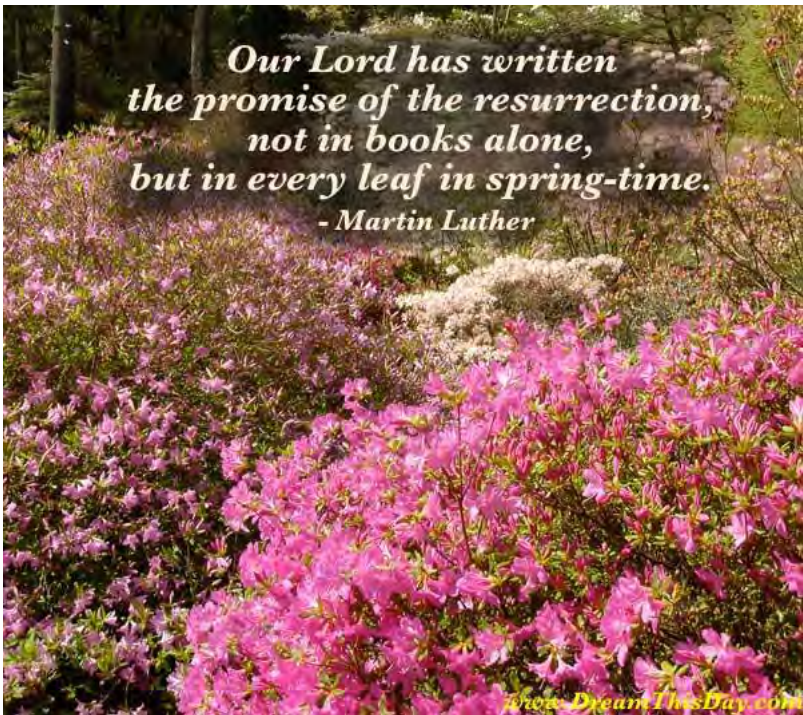




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Words from our Minister...

where have all the years gone?

At the turn of the year I received an invitation from the Ministries Council (121) to attend the *Renewing Ministry Conference* at Kinnoull Monastery in Perth for four nights/ five days. This conference was aimed at ministers in their fifties with 15-20 (or more) years of ministry behind them and around 10 still to go. I now find myself in that category. Where have all the years gone, I found myself wondering? The conference was intended to be an opportunity to take a few days to step back from the parish; to reflect on gifts and skills; to contemplate which aspects of ministry were encouraging and energising; to consider hopes for ministry and mission in the next few years; and to develop an understanding of how ministers relate to others. At the same time, strategies for self-care and for planning for the future were to be introduced and experienced.

The programme all looked very intriguing, but I decided not to attend.

Then I received another invitation to attend a 2 night/3 day Reunion at Princeton Theological Seminary, USA, for all those who were students in the Graduating Class of 1993. The invitation confused me initially because on it was a class photograph of the students standing on the steps of

Miller Chapel. I could not recognise anyone I knew in the photograph until I got out my magnifying glass and eventually found myself standing two rows behind and to the left of the President and his wife. Of course, then I had a full head of hair, as Catherine kindly reminded me! Once again, I found myself wondering where have all the years gone? Would it be good to return 25 years on, at present I am undecided!

In a strange twist of events, though I did end up attending the *Renewing Ministry Conference* at Kinnoull, although only for an afternoon. A friend was due to be one of the speakers and at short notice he was unable to go, and I was asked if I would be a late substitute for him, so off I went. Of the twelve ministers, about half of them were known personally to me - former Glasgow students like me, and some former colleagues from throughout Scotland and the other half were folk I had never met.

One colleague during one of the two sessions I was leading reflected on how he now had less time in front of him in terms of ministry than he had behind him. Many of us found that quite profound. Where have all the years gone, I thought?

This year Valentine's Day also happened to be Ash Wednesday, which I cannot recall having coincided before. But that may just be my memory. On Ash Wednesday, in some traditions of the Christian Church, believers have ash

imposed on their foreheads on the first day of Lent. This tradition which dates to at least the tenth century involves a blessing or prayer over the ashes, traditionally made by burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday, followed by an imposition on the forehead. This is accompanied by a verbal formula to remind believers of their mortality or an exhortation to faithfulness or both. Such a combination of word and action for many are a powerful beginning to the season of Lent.

As I move into yet another season of Lent, I am again pondering the question of where all the years have gone. But as I move through this Lenten season I am aware that Easter is coming. The promise of new life and eternity does lie ahead of us all. That is strangely comforting as I look at old class photographs from 1993. Now wasn't that a good year!

Rev. Ian Taylor

LOOKING BACK

Funerals

Saturday 3rd February 2018

Miss A. McKenzie,
Hazeldene



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 FORWARD

Vestry Hour Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the **7th, 14th and 28th of March 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.

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 March, 2018 at 2.30 pm**. This monthly Service is open to any member of the congregation who would like to join the residents for a short Service lasting about 20 minutes.

Rev Donald Lawrie, one of our former Assistants, is translating from the charge of Hamilton South linked with Quarter in the Presbytery of Hamilton to Auchterderran Kinglassie (Lochgelly) in the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy. Donald's Induction Service will be held on **Monday the 12th March, 2018 at 7pm**.



On **Sunday 18th March, 2018**, Lodge Cadder Freestone No. 1584 will visit the Church for their Annual Divine Service at 3 p.m. This Service is open to all.

**Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) 2018 -
Tuesday 20th March 2018, 7.00 p.m.**

- **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 2017 Annual accounts will be received by the congregation. The Trustees will previously have met to approve them on Sunday 25th. February, 2018 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 p.m. in the Cambridge Chapel.



On Friday 23rd March, 2018, at 9.30/10 a.m., the children of P3/4, staff and parents/carers of **Thomas Muir Primary School** will come to the Church for a Service before the Easter holidays.



British Summer Time begins on Palm Sunday, March 25th, 2018, so remember to put your clocks forward the night before.



Holy Week

At the time of writing, the proposed Holy Week programme of services at 7pm is:

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday - Cadder Church

Monday 26th March - Robroyston Church

Tuesday 27th March - Stations of the Cross - St Matthews

Wednesday 28th March - Woodhill Evangelical Church

Thursday 29th March (Maundy Thursday) St James the Less

Friday 30th March - Good Friday - Walk of Witness from Kenmure Church at 10.30am. Evening Service - Bishopbriggs Community Church

April 1st April - Easter Day Sunrise on the Campsies (TBC)

Please check the weekly Orders of Service on a Sunday and the local press for final definitive details and times.



Our own **Palm Sunday Morning Service** will be at the usual time of 11am on **Sunday 25th March, 2018**.

On **Easter Sunday, 1st April, 2018**, our Service will include the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**.



Musical Notes



East Dunbartonshire Council Schools

Concert Band & City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra

On **Friday 4th May, 2018**, these two bands will perform in the Church. Come and support some of our local school musicians in what promises to be a super evening. Further details will follow in due course.

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus

Following the successful 2017 Christmas concert at GRCH, Alan recently announced that, as this is the centenary year commemorating the end of the First World War, their next event is to be a concert on behalf of Erskine Hospital.

The concert will take place on **Friday 01 June, 2018**, at a venue yet to be confirmed, and rehearsals will start in Springfield Cambridge Church on Thursday 01 March.

The Chorus will be singing Faure's Requiem.

More details to follow in due course.



National Youth Choir of Scotland - East Dunbartonshire Boys' Choir

Following their 2017 Christmas performance in our Church, this choir have asked if they could return to perform their summer concert in the Church on **Thursday 7th. June, 2018**. If you missed the boys singing last year, then check your diary for this event. Additional information will follow.

Treasurer's Report

Enclosed with this magazine is a statement of summary accounts is shown for 2017 which showing a surplus on the General Fund of £22,235 for the year. A full statement of accounts will be submitted to the Stated Annual Meeting on 20th 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 £22,235 for 2017. This figure includes HMRC General Fund Tax Claims totalling £19,899 that should have been received in 2016.
- Stewardship Campaign one-off General Fund donations of £2,845 received in 2017 of which £1,890 was Gift-Aided. Another 32 households pledged to increase their giving on a regular basis.
- 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 2017 is 219 (224 as at 31st December 2016) with an additional 8 members who also give tax efficiently at certain periods during the year depending on their circumstances.
- Gift Aid General Fund Offerings (excluding tax recoveries) increased year on year by just over 5%.
- Ordinary General Expenditure up by 1.9% compared with 2016.
- All outstanding HMRC tax claims settled as at 31st December 2017 excluding the Quarter 4 2017 General Fund claim of £4,650 and a Fabric Fund tax claim of £250
- Fees for Rental of the Premises totalling £24,939 in 2017 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

Unfortunately, our Speaker for 8th January was unable to come due to unforeseen circumstances close to the date, always a problem for any Convener! However, one of our own church members volunteered to step up to the plate and take over the entertainment for that evening. He wouldn't let us take a photograph, but I am sure you all know



Gathering for the start of the meeting!

Douglas Robertson. Douglas told us about the journey of his general life and particularly of his life in the Church. He is an articulate and sincere speaker, and the ladies enjoyed his talk given with fluency and humour.

On 5th March our Speaker was Heather Wilmott who described her amazing visit to Antarctica. Heather does all the photography and script but is aided by her husband, Peter the "Technical Assistant" who is responsible for putting the Powerpoint Presentation together, adding signs, indicators and sound - South American rhythmic music to accompany us round the Opera House in Buenos Aires; the noise of a howling gale matching the force of the storm outside the ship. The visit to Antarctica, as described by Eileen, was obviously a wonderful experience for them both, and, we, too, learned a great deal about the magnificent grandeur of the ice mountains and about the wild life, the star of which show was undoubtedly the penguins! Another very interesting evening.



Tom Noon, one of our Visiting Elders, present on that evening With Joyce McMillan who was giving the Vote of Thanks on that occasion



We are now looking forward to our evening with Dr Roy Prentice talking about The River Kelvin, and our Hostess Tea on the 5th March. On that occasion our entertainment will be given by the Springfield Cambridge Praise Band. Tickets are available only from members of the Guild at a suggested donation of £4.00. I am sure it will be a happy evening.

We'd love to see you there. *Sheila M Gibson*

65th Girls Brigade

We hope you have all recovered from the snowy weather.

Unfortunately, our Brigader and Junior trip to Krispy Kreme had to be cancelled due to the poor weather conditions however the girls and Ian are pleased to hear that the trip will be rescheduled in due course.

Our celebrations of the Girls Brigade's 125th anniversary are now in full flow. The officers attended a service of thanks giving on Sunday the 18th of Feb in the Hallmark Hotel. Giving the officers of Glasgow division a chance to meet together in fellowship and enjoy a social afternoon. Thanks to Brenda Diamond and her team from organising such a lovely afternoon.

All the girls have been invited to the annual gathering at Auchingillen on the 10th of March for a full day of activities and fun. And the juniors are taking part in the mad hatters tea party at Kelburn park in April.

The church hall will be transformed in to a recording studio next Tuesday when we will be filming our explorer keep fit and Junior and Brigader maze marching virtual competitions. The Juniors and Brigaders welcomed back Colonel Coulter and SRM Amy Coulter last week to give them a helping hand with their marching.

Our annual camp for the Juniors and Brigaders has now been planned for May and we are delighted that the 1st Gartcosh company will be joining us in Girvan for the weekend.

We had a very successful social evening at the Cadder freestone club on the 2nd of Feb and raised a grand total of £800 including gift aid for company funds. The officers and girls would like to thank the congregation for their generous contributions and to all those who came along to support us.

Our badgework is now almost complete and the girls are now working on their display items scheduled for May.

Katie Byrne, Captain

268th Junior Section BB

It seems like a lifetime ago since our Christmas party and trip to the Panto to see 'Alice in Weegie Land'!!

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 22nd 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 24th 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 parables of Jesus 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 , Officer-in-Charge

268th Anchor Boys Section BB

Anchor Boys returned after the festive break on Friday the 12th January. We have 38 boys on the role at present with 32 boys attending on regularly. All the boys are working towards getting their achievement badges which they should all get at our parents' night in May.

We held our fund raising big family quiz on Friday the 9th of February. We had 9 teams take part on the night. At present we have raised £340 which great. Thank you to everyone who supported this event it is very much appreciated. The money will go towards subsidising our award night costs & away day costs in May.

Our second fund raiser will be on Saturday the 3rd March when we will be holding our coffee morning. We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come down and support this event. Entry is £2 for adults & £1 for children. Boys who wear their anchor boy Jersey will get free entry. Any donations of home baking will be very gratefully received.

We took 6 boys to the district fun morning which was on Saturday the 17th February at Robroyston Church home of the 125th company. The fun morning was pirate themed with all boys taking part in games, crafts & colouring in.

Our Primary 3 boys are visiting our Junior section on Thursday the 22nd February. This will give them a taste of what is to come when they are promoted to the Junior Section in May. It's always a great night at the Junior Section and our boys are looking forward to it.

We are attending the Lego fun morning run by Glasgow battalion on Saturday the 17th March. This event is open to all anchor boys across Glasgow. We attended this event last year and all our boys loved it.

We also have a planned visit from a company called Cool Creatures for after the Easter holidays...more about this in our next article.

Alan Kerr, Officer-in-Charge





FLOWER CALENDAR

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Thank You

Thank you so very much to Rev Ian Taylor, The Guild and congregation of Springfield Cambridge for their prayers, good wishes and flowers, for my recovery as a result of my recent stay in hospital. Dela Walker



Mr & Mrs Tennant (Bill & Irene) of Brackenbrae Avenue, will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on March 9th. Congratulations from all at Springfield Cambridge!

268th Glasgow Company of the Boys' Brigade

Reunion Dinner



Please note that this years 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

On the Front Cover this Month

Within the Christmas issue we looked at the importance to Luther of the Advent period. Last month we reflected on Luther's profound belief in the glory of music within worship. And it is certainly true that the Gospels were central to Luther's reformed beliefs; Romans 1 16-17 was a passage he preached several sermons upon. ¹⁶*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.* ¹⁷*For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

So, it naturally follows that Easter and the Resurrection were aspects of belief that Luther considered core to the Christian faith and upon which he preached numerous sermons; many of which were based on Paul's writings to the Corinthians, including: *"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. . . . But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:20, 23).* Upon which Luther reflected, ***"And what is more than that, by calling Christ *"the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep"* Paul wishes to signify that the resurrection is to be viewed and understood as having already begun in Christ,*** indeed, as being more than half finished, and that this remnant of death is to be regarded as no more than a deep sleep, and that the future resurrection of our body will not differ from suddenly awaking from such a sleep. For the main and best part of this has already come to pass, namely, that Christ, our Head, has arisen. But now that the Head is seated on high and lives, there is no longer any reason for concern. We who cling to Him must also follow after Him as His body and His members. For where the head goes and abides, there the body with all the members must necessarily follow and abide.... Now since Christ has passed over and reigns above in heaven over sin, death, devil, and everything, and since He did this for our sake to draw us after Him, we need no longer worry about our resurrection and life, though we depart and rot in the ground. For now this is no more than a sleep. And for Christ it is but a night before He rouses us from the sleep."

And we cannot leave Luther's reflections on the Resurrection without including one last, rather curious quote:

"Be thou comforted, little dog, Thou too in Resurrection shall have a little golden tail. (!)



Junior Section Fundraiser



Line Dancing 2018

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 Sunday morning or at BB on a Thursday evening.

Saturday 24th 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.



Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 4th March

Worship at 11am
and at 3pm

Sunday 11th March

Worship at 11am

Service at Callieburn at 2.30pm

Sunday 18th March

Worship at 11am

Sunday 25th March

Palm Sunday
Worship at 11am

“In his life, Christ is an example showing us how to live; in his death, he is a sacrifice satisfying our sins; in his resurrection, a conqueror; in his ascension, a king; in his intercession, a high priest.” Martin Luther