



The Springfield Cambridge Record



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*I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is
neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God.
Amen. Martin Luther*

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Words from our Minister...

I have been watching an Australian-New Zealand comedy drama TV program, entitled '**800 words**.' In it, George Turner is a popular columnist for a top selling Sydney newspaper, writing an article which he insists must be exactly 800 words. After his wife dies, over the internet and unseen, he buys a house in New Zealand in a (fictional) small seaside town called Weld, where his parents took him on holiday when he was a child. He then has to break the news to his two teenage children. But the colourful and inquisitive locals in Weld ensure Turner's dream of a fresh start does not go exactly to plan. I have been drawn to this program because of its title - I write frequently to a precise word count, so I like George's '**800 words**'. But I also can connect to the characters because the theme of expectations is often woven throughout the episodes.

Expectations are part of all of our lives. Our own expectations. The expectations of others. The expectations of God. As a Minister, I am acutely aware of my own expectations and of those of others. And I am conscious when those marry together and when they do not. I know when: a Service has gone well, and when it has not; when I have found the right words to comfort someone, and when my words have failed; when I have not visited someone in time, and when my absence has caused hurt to another. And at times I also have to find a way to align those differing expectations in light of the expectations of God. In that there is always a tension, with which I and others must live. A seasoned colleague once said of the Christian life and ministry that, "*The exercise of leadership is the management of the disappointment of expectations at a rate individuals can absorb.*" That has always resonated deeply with me. It has helped frame my understanding.

In such a heady mix of expectations though I must rely on the grace of God. Others must do the same. A friend shared a prayer she had written for use immediately after God's people have shared Holy Communion.

"Heavenly Father, by your grace, we continue in this holy fellowship as we pray for our families and for the family of your church around the world... Keep us in fellowship with all who rest in you... for we have shared in the living bread and cannot remain the same. So, ask much of us, and expect much from us each day and every day for you have fed us at your heavenly table.... Amen. "

"Ask much of us and expect much from us" are sentiments I can relate to. The difficulty for us and others often lies in the understanding we have of expectations. When they are met and when they are not. And how we live with that tension when expectations remain unmet? Do we adjust our understanding, do we blame ourselves, others, or even God? There is a critical element to such reflection. To do that we need to take a step back from our situation and expectations. Often it is not about me. When others display disappointment, grief or anger towards us, we are not always the source of that emotion. Sometimes, though it is about me. When criticism is well founded we can discover an opportunity to clarify, to apologise, or to reconcile. Sometimes the voice of criticism is the voice of the Holy Spirit, speaking the truth, seeking to correct. But even when the criticism is well-founded, that does not make it easy to hear. In fact, legitimate criticism may be the most difficult to hear because it cannot be easily dismissed.

To flourish of course we need criticism and praise. Praise can build up where criticism can break down. For we who would follow Christ, we need both. We also must recognise that criticism and praise are twin impostors. Both are to be approached warily, because both can deceive and both can mislead.

So what are your expectations of the Christian life? Are they reasonable, do you expect enough of yourself, of others, of God? Or are they unrealistic somehow? Have you been too selective in your judgment of self, others, or God. The notion that we should not judge another until we have walked a mile in their shoes calls upon us to look at our expectations in a different light. It is easy to be selective with our judgement. It is more difficult to be understanding and compassionate. After all, why else did Jesus remind us in St. Matthew 7:1 "*Judge not, that you be not judged.*" Such an approach may well lead us to set for ourselves, others and God more appropriate expectations. Great expectations. *Rev Ian Taylor* (800 words)

LOOKING BACK

Funerals

Thursday 12 th April, 2018	Mrs Margaret Crone, Larch Avenue
Tuesday 17 th April, 2018	Mr Alexander (Alex) M Jack, Edzell Gardens
Thursday 19 th April, 2018	Mr Alexander (Alastair) Dow, Faskally Ave
Friday 20 th April, 2018	Mrs. Anne Strachan, Southport (formerly Muirpark Drive)

od 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 **2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th May 2018** from 10-11 am. Details for June will appear in the weekly Orders of Service. 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.



Christian Aid Week 13th - 19th MAY 2018

Envelopes will be available on a Sunday morning for those who wish to make a donation. *(Please see the article on page 14 for full details)*

On Pentecost Sunday - **20th May 2018** - we will worship as the Bishopbriggs Parish Grouping at the earlier time of **10.30am** at **Cadder Church**.



On Sunday 3rd June, 2018 we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** at 11am and 6.30pm. There will be a **Retiring Collection** after each Service in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated during our Service on **Sunday 10th June, 2018.**

JACKIE MURRAY MEMORIAL TROPHY EVENT

The **Golf Outing** will take place at **Bishopbriggs Golf Club** on **Friday 15th June, 2018.** The **Event** will be played over 18 holes, and in addition there will be an option to play only 9 holes. All golfers are welcome to participate - please contact **Ian Taylor (0141 772 1540)** or **Roy Stewart** as soon as possible, please.



On **Sunday 24th June, 2018,** our Service will mark the end of the session for our Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders with a Prize-giving Service. *(Please also see the article on page 9)*

PARISH GROUPING HOLIDAY CLUB

Parish Grouping - Holiday Club

Monday 6th - Friday 10th August, 2018



Our Holiday Club with our partners from our Parish Grouping will run each morning for children of primary school age, from 10 am-12 noon. Further details will follow in the weekly Orders of Service. A Joint

Service in Springfield Cambridge on **Sunday 12th August, 2018 at 11am** will round off the week's activities.

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!!



A REMINDER OF SOME MUSICAL NOTES

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus

Following the successful 2017 Christmas concert at GRCH, as this is the centenary year commemorating the end of the First World War, the Chorus will be performing in a concert on behalf of Erskine Hospital.

The concert will take place on **Friday 01 June, 2018**, at the Briggait in the Merchant City.

The Chorus will be singing Faure's Requiem. Tickets are scarce due to space limitations at the Venue, so get your tickets fast. Tickets are available through members of the Chorus, priced £10.



National Youth Choir of Scotland – East Dunbartonshire Boys' Choir

Following last year's 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. Further information will follow on the Weekly Orders of Service and on our website (www.springfieldcambridge.org.uk).



Update I have been encouraged to sell home baking after Church on a Sunday morning in the Cameron Hall to help me raise funds for my trip with Bishopbriggs Academy to Kenya in the

summer of 2019. Thank you to everyone who has supported me so generously until now. I plan to continue with my pancakes, shortbread and homemade tablet until Sunday 8th July, 2018 then I will stop for the summer. I will begin again hopefully on Sunday 26th August, 2018.
Thanks once again for your support.

Beth Taylor

Message received from Lodging House Mission



“Lodging House Mission are seeking volunteers to help in our kitchen and main hall. Duties are basic but the effect is huge. Can you spare 1 day per week (or even half a day) to extend care and compassion to people who are on the margins of society by virtue of homelessness, mental health and addiction“

Please contact Gus on 0141 552 0285
or e-mail enquiries@lhm-glasgow.org.uk



'We had a great laugh. I enjoy the atmosphere and company within the group. Drama has brought the best out in me.'

Anne, 56, Service user, The Lodging House Mission



PLAYLIST FOR LIFE HELP POINT

Do you know someone who has dementia, or know someone who provides care and support for a dementia sufferer? Then you'll know that the forgetfulness can, at times, cause anxiety/distress, frustration which can lead to agitation/anger as the person struggles to make sense of what is happening to them or around them. As the illness progresses withdrawal, sleepiness, being uncommunicative / unresponsive develops.

Music can help with these symptoms but it is much more effective if that music is from a personal play list of music which is associated with memories of past times and events in the life of the dementia sufferer. Personal music can help retrieve memories of happier times and sometimes elicit responses which were thought to have been lost.

Information leaflets on how to create and use a personal playlist are available in the Hall of Fellowship or if you would like more assistance, please come along to a "cuppa time" being held in the Church between 10am and 12md on the third Wednesday of each month, including during the summer. The next one is on 16th **May, 2018**. You might want to bring along the person with dementia so that they can contribute to the discussion. If you are already familiar with Playlist for Life please come along to share your experience and advice.

The Help Point is open to everyone, not just church people, so please pass on this information so that we may support our local community. Thank you.

Ellen Robertson

Sunday School & Wayfinders



As we approach the end of the session the staff would like to thank everyone for their contribution to the success of Sunday School and Wayfinders. Although we are small in number we continue to thrive and grow both in numbers and height! We have followed the same scheme as the Church services which proves a challenge at times with

some very young members, but they are increasing in their knowledge all the time. This last year has presented staff with new things to think about as they have to work round not just variable numbers but sometimes working with ages and stages with which they are less familiar, the staff team have risen to this and although we are nominally the leaders we could not manage without them. We extend a very warm invitation to any young person who is interested to join us - who knows you may enjoy what we do.

We have attempted many things to make the bible stories more accessible to the children from soap making and baking as well as the more run of the mill colouring and worksheets, I find bribery with sour sweets to work a treat for keeping them quiet during the story!

We would particularly like to thank Mr Taylor and our visiting elders for continued input, interest and enthusiasm. We would like to thank the young children for their attendance and enthusiastic participation in the weekly stories and activities and also the Wayfinders for playing their part with Alastair until his departure at Easter. We will miss Alastair's leadership at Wayfinders and extend our thanks to him for his time with the group.

As a great big thank you to everyone we would like to invite everyone at Springfield to our end of session BBQ after the morning service on **Sunday 24 June**. We became aware after last year that some of you felt a little left out so now's your chance! Please watch out for more information at the end of May but for now please "save the date"

Christine and Jim Copeland

Sunday School BBQ Sunday 24 June

Iona – Island of Peace – *and Fear!*



You're never too old to have an adventure and that was certainly true when I decided to go to Iona with a friend from my days teaching. The number of obstacles to overcome were many and it started with Queen St Station to get the train to Oban. Queen Street is not accessible at the moment due to building work so we met at

Lenzie Station early in the morning to get into Queen St for the early train to Oban. It's a wonderful journey but this time we had four seasons of weather in one journey not just one day! There was rain, fog, snow and in fact at Crianlarich there was deep snow and we both felt very sorry for the train crew who had to divide the train with our portion going on to Oban. But we reached Dalmally and the weather was clear and the sun shining. On arrival at Oban we checked the ferry times to discover that it was not just a reduced ferry service to Mull but the ferry operating the route was the smaller Corryuisk. Not greatly significant for foot passengers like us but significant for car passengers for the capacity of vehicles on board was much reduced. We arrived at Craignure on Mull some two hours later than planned and were walking off the boat when the bus to Fionnaphort departed. Western Motor Co buses and Calmac don't mesh! A two hour wait sitting in the sunshine at Craignure ensued – and we really knew that God is good to his own! Bus arrived and announced they'd be waiting for the next ferry in so that folks could get the last ferry to Iona! Just after 7pm some three hours after our estimated arrival time two bedraggled and weary travellers arrived at our hotel where we were fed and watered. After a night's sleep we were ready to face the next day. Iona taxi took us on a tour of the island dropping us at the Abbey. Once again the Abbey cast its spell of an ancient place of worship. How did Columba and his monks travel in coracles and how did he write on the wee hill in all winds and weathers? Round to the graveyard to see John Smith's grave, lunch at the Columba Hotel and then the walk down via the nunnery to the Argyll Hotel

where we were staying. All this time the weather was glorious and the Sound of Iona was like a millpond. Sitting at dinner that night we checked the ferries back to Oban the next day and normal service had resumed. So what time did we need to get the boat from Iona? And therein lies a tale – on checking the timetable it was “Be aware – due to forecast adverse weather conditions ferries from Iona are subject to delay or cancellation at short notice!” What adverse weather? The sky was blue, the sun was shining and the crossing was calm! But... by the time we went to bed the wind had got up and was blowing a gale. From the dining room the next morning the Sound which had been so calm the night before was wild – walking on water was not an option - and I certainly had no intention of getting out of the boat! My companion was quite happy to stay another night on Iona (this was Friday) but I knew I had to be back to preach at Norrieston and Kippen on the Sunday. The hotel owner was wonderful, offering us coffee as we sat and watched the ferry plough its course. As it left to come into Iona we walked through the wind and rain to the ferry terminal where we boarded the small ferry and believe me never have I used the words of “Eternal Father Strong to Save” as a prayer; for I did indeed feel like “those in peril on the sea!” However, we did get safely back to Mull and indeed home and I did preach at Norrieston and Kippen on the Sunday with an additional sermon illustration - for like Thomas I had allowed my fears and anxieties to come to the fore instead of trusting God!

Lynne Robertson



Editor's Note: This is one reflection on Iona. I know that many Springfield Cambridge folk have visited the island and abbey over the years. So – do you have a thought or memory that comes to mind? Please do pass it on. Editors contact details are on the inside front cover. Thank you in advance.

The Guild

Another very busy and enjoyable Session has come to an end. It concluded, on Monday, 9th April with our Annual General Meeting, and now we look forward to our Outing on 12th May. We are going to The Crieff Visitor Centre and then on to Perth where we will have a High Tea before returning home. Let's hope we have more sunshine and warmth for this occasion, and for all the outdoor activities of the Church this summer season.

Our new greater Presbyterial Council (merging West and North) are settling in together and it was good to have the "At Home" meeting in Broomhill Church. At this meeting there is an opportunity for Committee members to discuss programme ideas with the other Committees, and also to enjoy supper and entertainment in appreciation of the hard work they do for their Guilds.

The last Presbyterial Council meeting for the Session is the "Echoes of Assembly" evening when we are updated by an attending Minister of the highlights of the Assembly Week. This year Kenmure Church Guild is hosting the event.

A number of us will attend "The Big Sing" in the Assembly Halls during Assembly Week. It is always an uplifting occasion and Springfield Cambridge Guild is always well represented. But I am wondering if I will make it up the hill this year, with enough breath left to sing!

The latest Totals for the Projects - as at 31st March - are noted below. There will be money still to come as Guild Treasurers complete their Disbursements of Funds. Great support is given by every Guild in Scotland no matter how small their numbers are, and the total shown below is the result of faithful efforts made on behalf of the projects chosen.

Ascension Trust	£116,866.95
(Street Pastors)	
Care for the Family	£ 97,909.41
(Let's Stick Together)	
Christian Aid	£ 96,461.89
(Caring for Mother Earth)	

Female Genital Mutilation (F.G.M. in Kenya)	£131,801.26
Mission International (Haiti Project)	£ 94,512.01
Prospects (All Friends Together)	£ 95,236.48
Grand Total	<u>£632,788</u>

As this is the last issue of The Record for this Session Mrs Isabella Hutchison, who is continuing as our Convenor, and the Members wish everyone a happy and refreshing summer - whatever the weather!

Sheila Gibson

Dear Ladies, I would like to say a big thank you to the Ladies of the Guild who supported my daughter in law in her Marathon fundraising event in aid of Brain Tumour Research. Louise completed the London Marathon on 22nd April in 4 hours 18 minutes. A fantastic time for a first time Marathon in what was the hottest Marathon Day to date. Her original Fund Raising Target was £5000. To date she has raised an astonishing £15,000 with still more to come. Katie continues to keep well since completing her treatment, so on Louise' behalf, I would like to again Thank You All so much.

Carol Milliken





CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13TH – 19TH MAY 2018

After discussion between the Minister Rev Taylor and myself, it was proposed at the last Kirk Session meeting that we do not do a house-to-house collection this year and this was accepted. There are many reasons for this decision, the difficulty in getting collectors, most of our regulars are getting older, people are reluctant to open doors at night, the many charities asking for donations now, etc. Unfortunately, many churches are now taking this action. What we plan is to have envelopes in the church pews on two Sundays - **13th and 27th May** (*we worship at Cadder Church on 20th May*). It was also suggested that the Elders take a few envelopes out on their Communion visits. Also, if anyone wishes to take extra for anyone in their own street who they know have been regular donors and may make a donation - these will be available in the Hall of Fellowship. Can I perhaps ask you to take the opportunity of donating in any of these options so that we can continue to support Christian Aid. We can only try this in the current circumstances.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking all the Collectors who, when asked, have supported me faithfully over many years covering the local streets in the house to house collections. It could not have been done without you.

Thank you.

Maureen M Brown



Thank You

Bette Gregson

We would like to thank everyone at Springfield Cambridge for all the kind words following the passing of Bette. Thank you also to the many folk who were able to attend the funeral service at Drumchapel Saint Andrews and then at Clydebank Crematorium. Your support was very much appreciated by Christine, Jim, Laurie & Neil and the wider family.

FUND RAISING GROUP

On Saturday 28th April, the Fund Raising Group hosted the 'Spring into Summer' Afternoon Tea. 78 people attended the event and enjoyed all the "goodies" on offer. There was a great atmosphere and everyone seemed to have a good time chatting to their friends and table-mates.

The amount raised for Church Funds was £782.37, including Gift Aid. Many thanks are extended to everyone involved including the members of the Fund Raising Group and helpers, Gladys Currie for her lovely scones, Anne Harvey for the delightful table decorations, Jim Tonner and Fiona Russell for all their preparations in advance of the event, the Anchor Boys staff who helped set out the tables, members of the Congregation who loaned their cake stands for the event, and last, but not least, all those who gave their support to the event by attending or making a financial donation.

The Pamper Hamper, which was won by Mrs Christine Bickers, also raised another £152 for Church Funds.

We have recently had five new members join the Group, and their involvement and enthusiasm was very welcome in sharing the workload for the event.

Over the past session the Group has raised the following amounts of money from their events:

Christian Aid Lunch - October 2017	£678.75
(This amount was passed on to Christian Aid)	
Around Scotland Quiz Sheet - February 2018	£119.00
Quiz & Fish Supper Night - November 2017	£688.50
Burns Lunch - January 2018	£516.00
Spring into Summer Afternoon Tea - April 2018	£782.37
Pamper Hamper - April 2018	£ <u>152.00</u>
TOTAL RAISED OVER THE PAST SESSION	£<u>2257.87</u>

These amounts go towards the maintenance of our Church buildings and help to keep them in good condition, and your support at our events is invaluable.

The Group meets again on Monday 14th May at which time we will be planning events for the next session.

We thank you once again for all your support, and look forward to providing activities which we hope you will enjoy in the year ahead.

Margery Gough





268th Anchor Boys'

The anchor boys are now entering the last few weeks this sessions programme. All the boys have been working hard towards earning their achievement badge which they should all receive at our parent's night on the 11th May. We have been rehearsing some of the items for our parents' night over the last few weeks and we hope that everyone that comes to our parents night get a sense of what we do throughout the year. Our parents' night will also see us giving out our awards for the best group and best all round boy. We have our away day planned in with 25 boys going to heads of Ayr on Saturday the 12th May.

We held our coffee morning on Saturday the 21st April, rescheduled from March when it was snowing It was a fantastic morning with lots of boys, parents & friends of the anchor boys coming down to support us. Thank you to everyone for their support and the total raised for our funds was £510 which is fantastic.

Our first Friday night back after the Easter holidays saw the boys getting a visit from Cool Creatures. They boys got up close with some animals that Cool Creatures had brought with them. They boys learned all about, a meerkat, a bearded lizard, an armadillo & Heftie the python. All the boys had a chance to hold & stroke these animals. It was a fantastic event with the boys loving it...they did however keep the tarantula in the van.... maybe we will see it the next time.

Our away day brings our session to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the boys, parents, friends and the anchor boy staff who have made this such a brilliant year. *Alan Kerr, Officer-in-Charge*





268th Glasgow Company Section

It has been a busy year for the Company Section with a steady attendance of 12 Boys. Before Christmas, the Boys were using some problem solving skills to build towers first of all using spaghetti and marshmallows and then bridges using paper, some great teamwork on show there! After Christmas, the main project surrounded the media and the advent of “fake news” culminating in the Boys creating their own news programs using everything they had learned.

Over the year we’ve had a few visitors down to offer the Boys some different classes, Mary Armour came down to teach the Boys some cooking; they made macaroni cheese, soup and some cakes too. John Paterson MSYP of 3rd Kilsyth took a class on the Scottish Youth Parliament and their current project on Rights and St John’s Ambulance came down to do some Heartstart training with the Boys. On behalf of the Boys, thanks to all of them for giving their time and enhancing the experience on a Monday night.

As always, we’ve had many nights away from the church including our Christmas night out at Tag Active in East Kilbride and our summer programme is well under way with visits to Laser Quest, Flip Out and In2 Braehead all organised.

On Sunday 29th April, four of our senior Boys were presented with their Queen’s Badges, the highest award in the BB. A big well done to Rory McDonald, Andrew Irving, Callum Russell and Jamie Blackhall. They’ve all done a tremendous amount of work and thoroughly deserve the award. They will be presented with their certificates at the City Chambers in Glasgow on 24th May. We hope they are involved with the company for many years to come.

In terms of staffing, we welcomed back Stuart Jackson to the company back in August. He was a member of the company in both Anchor Boy and Junior Sections and will hopefully complete his officer training soon. We will also welcome back Phil Hunter in the new session after a year away. And finally, the Boys will be completing a sponsored cycle on 3rd of June round Millport to support the Boys’ Brigade World Mission Fund. The Boys and Staff will be looking for sponsors and if any member of the congregation would like to join us that day then let us know. *John Armour*



***Callum Russell,
Andrew Irving
and Jamie
Blackhall
receive their
Queen's Badges***

***Laura
Hutchinson
receives her
GB Officers
Induction
Badge***



268th Junior Section BB

We've had a busy couple of months with our Parent's Evening on the 22nd March where we presented this session's awards. Our Endeavour Awards went to Ewan Ritchie, Conor Borthwick & Cailean MacLean. This was quickly followed by our annual Line Dancing fund raiser where we raised over £900. Thank you to Pat and her dancers for coming along and teaching us some moves and thank you to all who helped to set up then tidy up!!

We finished off our session at Easter with a 10 pin bowling night at Kirkintilloch.

We are now in the middle of our summer programme where the boys have been outside for a game of rounders, made iced biscuits and took part in various games. We are looking forward to our away day on 12th May where we are hoping for sunshine as we head to Stirling to visit the Old Town Jail and the Wallace Monument.

Our last night for this session will be Thursday 10th May after which the staff will enjoy a well-earned rest! We hope you all have a great summer break and look forward to seeing you all again at the end of August. Also, good luck to our boys moving up to the Company Section!!

Gaynor Lockhart, Officer-in- Charge

Thank You

Following my recent illness and admissions to hospital, I would like to say a very grateful thank you to the Rev Ian Taylor for his support and prayers and to the wonderful congregation of Springfield Cambridge Church for their support in prayer and kindness. I have been overwhelmed by the cards and flowers and good wishes sent to me which lifted me when I was feeling low.

I have a much awaited diagnoses and feel so much better on treatment and oxygen. So thank you all once again.

Love

Wilma Cox

65th Girls Brigade

As we head towards the end of our session our joint service of thanks giving with the BB was held on Sunday the 29th of April. It's been a busy weekend with the Juniors attending the Mad Hatters Tea Party at Kelburn Country Park as part of the GB 125 year celebrations on Saturday the 28th of April. We left the church at 8.30 am full of excitement and looking forward to a fun filled day with girls from companies all over Scotland. The weather was in our favour and the sun shone all day. The girls helped the Mad Hatter hunt for hidden ingredients to make tea, took part in team games, solved the mystery of the stolen jam tart, toasted marshmallows, hunted for hidden eggs and enjoyed lunch in a huge marquee. What wonderful memories were created as almost 900 girls and officers joined in fellowship together. We even managed a huge group photo with the help of a drone before saying goodbye and heading home.

Our annual display will be held at the church on Tuesday the 8th of May at 6.30 pm with a fun evening for all sections on the 15th of May which will be our last evening of the session. The Juniors will be visiting the bowling club and hope this time to get a dry evening and be able to get outside for a game of bowls.

We wish Melissa Kerr and Clare Round good luck for their induction training on Sunday the 29th of April.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and Thomas Diamond and the family during this time of great sadness following the death of Brenda's mum. My God be with you and give you comfort.

Katie Byrne, Captain

"Sincerest thanks to the Officers and the girls of 65th Girls Brigade for the gifts of a cake, (with candles!), bouquet of flowers, chocolates and good wishes for my recent birthday! I was touched by their thoughtfulness. I love my Tuesday evenings when I am with the 65th! Doreen (Jobson)"

FLOWER CALENDAR

MAY addition

Mr G Graham (27th)

JUNE

Distributors

Mrs M Leeper

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Mrs J Martin (6th & 26th), Mrs E Wishart (8th), Mrs McDougall (12th),
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AUGUST

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Mrs M Ewing (21st), Mrs A Kilpatrick (26th), Mrs I Smith





Cathedral Guides Appeal

As you may know already, many thousands of people from Scotland and from all over the world visit Glasgow's 12th century Cathedral every year. To meet the needs of these tourists we, at the Society of Friends of Glasgow Cathedral, provide volunteer Guides to make their visit all the more enjoyable.

We are always trying to recruit more Guides and this is the purpose of this appeal. Applicants need have no prior knowledge of the Cathedral as informal training is provided.

Most of our Guides work a half-day shift, once a week, between Monday and Saturday over the summer months. You choose your own hours and the day that suits you.

If anyone is interested, you should contact the Convenor of Guides at www.glasgowcathedral.org.uk where more information can be obtained. Alternatively, you can call me on 07900558498 or speak to me at Church on Sundays.

Regards

Charles Dorward

On the Front Cover this Month



The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural colour. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530

Treasurer's Report

Firstly this month, I would like to appeal once again for donations to offset the cost of the Springfield Record. I'm sure you will agree that it is a pleasure to read such a professionally produced colour church magazine 9 times a year! *The recommended donation is £5 per household per year* to cover the printing and stationery costs. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Church Record" and place in the offering basket any Sunday. A great many members already give a donation annually and this is most appreciated. Thanks to everyone who contributes!

With the new Tax Year well underway we are able to claim £2,000 in tax recoveries under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.

This month we will pay our annual insurance premium of £3,730 for cover on the church buildings and the manse. The premium has increased by £280 compared with 2017 due to an increase in Insurance Premium Tax.

The General Fund Receipts and Payments Account show a deficit for the year to date as at 21/4/17 of £938 as below:-

<u>(£)</u>	<u>YTD (£)</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>
FWO Scheme	4,324	4,888
Gift Aid	25,769	24,398
Tax Recoveries	nil**	6,082
Open Plate	2,056	2,267
Other Ordinary General Income	8,716	7,374
TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME	40,865	45,009
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE	41,803	43,911

** Still awaiting settlement of the Quarter 4 2017 General Fund tax claim for £4,650

Jim Kerr, Treasurer



I have now been involved in compiling, editing and printing our church magazine for humpty tump years - since nineteen canteen, in fact - a very long time indeed. In all that time my physiognomy has never graced the pages in photographic form. So why break the winning streak now? Well - we are about to enter a period of change relating to the magazine and I thought it worthy of passing note. To clarify - it is not myself who is "changing" (I intend to editorially be around for a wee bit longer yet) but rather the change relates to the Kyocera - TASK alfa 3050ci printing machine that I can be seen nonchalantly leaning on within our church office. To explain - in the preceding article by our Church Treasurer, mention is made of the magazine production costs; in this age of tightened financial belts, these are costs which those of us involved with the production of the magazine are very aware and mindful.

So, when the printer's 5-year lease entered its final year, our Church Congregational Boards "Printing" sub-committee convened and used the opportunity to consider all and every option open to our church to arrive at a decision of "meets our church needs in the most cost effective manner". Result of those deliberations, now approved by The Board, is that we will not renew our printer lease and will instead reduce the annual number of published magazine issues from 9 down to 6 and have those outsourced for printing. So, come June a re-take of this photograph will see me standing next to an empty space!

One other change to note here - arising from no further in-house printing - is that the church's Magazine Distribution Team will see their involvement draw to a natural conclusion. No longer will the last Friday afternoon of the month resound to the sound of long arm staplers clacking away to good effect in Room 2. I would here extend my sincerest thanks to Mrs Sheena Paton for co-ordinating the team over many years past and also to all the Team Members who have given so generously of their time. Thank you.

(Please let me emphasise here that we will still very much require the appreciated services of all our door-to-door magazine deliverers. But as a bonus they will have three trips less to make over the next session)

In conclusion, I will shed but one small tear at the end of this particular printing era (those who know me - know that ink is in my very veins) but I will rejoice greatly at my church gaining a significant annual cost saving. And so, from August forward we will have slightly fewer issues - but these will be of enhanced finished quality. It's a "win/win" situation.

. . . and finally – this being the last issue of the current session, may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our contributors – occasional and regular – for their time given in preparing and submitting articles. I look forward to renewing our association in August 2018 after our well-deserved summer break.

James Robertson, Editor, Springfield Cambridge Record

Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 20th May

*Bishopbriggs Parish Grouping
Joint Service at **Cadder Church**
Worship at 10.30am*

Sunday 27th May

Worship at 11am

Sunday 3rd June

Worship at 11am and 6.30pm
Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 10th June

Worship at 11am
Including the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday 17th June

Worship at 11am

Sunday 24th June

Worship at 11am
*Including Prize Giving for Sunday School
and Bible Wayfinders*

Sunday 1st July

Worship at 11am

Sunday 8th July

Worship at 11am

Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where his believers are? *Martin Luther*