



The Springfield Cambridge Record



November 2018



This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope.
Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness. *Lamentations 3 21-23*

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Words from our Minister...

it's getting dark again!

As we approach the end of British Summer Time, and we prepare for the clocks to go back, I am conscious that as my granny used to say, "*the nights are fair drawin' in.*"

Of course, we will all soon enough experience the darkness of winter nights, but I am aware that there are many of you who are also experiencing an inner darkness. Those experiences of life that cast long dark shadows over you - the illness of a loved one, a bereavement, and financial worries.

Parker Palmer is a contemporary writer and teacher who plumbs the depth of the human spirit and sinks deeply into the darkness of the Holy Spirit. It is there, in the darkness, that he most often finds the light.

Palmer wrote often of his own shadow experiences - years when he lived in the dark pit of depression. As he withdrew and wallowed in the darkness his friends tried to 'fix' him. All their best efforts failed. They intended well, but they were avoiding or denying his suffering. They were unable to be '*with him*' in his suffering.

Finally, a friend came to see him and said nothing. Instead, he sat at Parker's feet, took off Parker's shoes and rubbed his feet. This friend returned often in the next few weeks - just to touch Parker - and to be '*with him*' in his suffering.

That story reminds me that serving others - touching others when they hurt most - is the call of Christian discipleship. I am reminded through my own discomfort, that the world is full of suffering and pain that makes my own troubles fade in comparison. Recognising how much I need to be loved when my strength is at a low point opens me to hear Jesus in a new way. If he can hang broken on a cross, I can open my heart to feel the pain of the world, and I can re-commit myself to love the suffering of the world, just as God continues to love me. Anyone for a foot rub?

Rev Ian Taylor

The following letter was received from Rev Catherine E.E. Collins, Convenor, Training Task Group, Ministries Council

The Training Task Group of the Ministries Council is delighted that you are going to provide a training placement for a candidate on probationary placement. Most congregations find this a stimulating, enriching and enjoyable experience, but it also means change, especially if you are having a candidate for the first time. The Task Group thought it might be helpful to outline its hopes for the placement and the thinking that underlines it.

The background

The placement is made by the Task Group in careful consultation with the candidate. The aim is to ensure the candidate receives the best possible training and is given ample opportunity to receive constructive criticism, and to reflect on the relationship between their theological education and parish life. All salary costs and travelling costs are met centrally. The placement is normally for 15 months.

Changes for your minister

It might seem that your minister is having an easier time with a candidate to share the load. The task of training, however, is a major one, and will occupy a great deal of your minister's time, energy and imagination. The work is largely unseen, but it is vital for the candidate to receive a well planned range of experiences, good critical feedback on the work that has been done, and time to discuss, reflect and ask questions.

Changes for the congregation

There will be a new face, a new voice, a new approach to some areas of parish life. On occasions where in the past you would have seen only your minister, now you may see minister and candidate together, or perhaps the candidate on her own. Please understand that if the candidate visits you at home or in hospital, or is asked to conduct a funeral, this does not mean that your minister is not interested in you. These are important areas of work for the candidate to experience before going to her own parish.

The Task Group hopes that you will warmly welcome the candidate, and offer her (and where appropriate spouse and family) support and encouragement. Each candidate brings a unique blend of skills and gifts, and these need to be used to the full; at the same time, however, it is important to remember there is no guarantee that a replacement candidate will be allocated, so it is unwise for the candidate to develop too many new initiatives which can not be sustained when she has gone.

Changes for the candidate

For most candidates this an exciting time; it is full-time ministry, an opportunity to get to know a congregation well, the challenge of fulfilling their calling. Parish life is very different from university life, and time is needed to adjust. Every candidate makes mistakes; so please be patient and understanding.

Conference programme

The Task Group arranges a series of four residential compulsory conferences for all candidates to enable them to work together on issues relating to ministry.

If things go wrong

Thankfully this is a rare occurrence; if there are problems the Task Group will seek to deal with them in a caring and pastoral way.

Finally

The church's candidates represent the next generation of ministers, and this final stage of their pre-ordination training is an exciting and vital task. The Task Group hopes that you will enjoy sharing in it. At the end of the placement, your candidate will go on to her first charge. That congregation as well as the Task Group and indeed the whole church looks to you to prepare them as fully as possible.

We wish you God's blessing as you undertake this task.

Yours sincerely

Rev Catherine E.E. Collins

Convener, Training Task Group, Ministries Council

A visit to the Central Gurdwara

A few weeks ago, a group of us had the opportunity to visit the Central Gurdwara in Berkeley Street, in Glasgow. This impressive Sikh temple is the largest place of worship in Scotland – of any religion. Gurdwara means simply 'House of God'. Its impressive golden dome makes it distinctive from streets away.

We were warmly welcomed and given a tour of the building, although were required to remove our shoes and cover our heads as a mark of respect. We were told about the history of the building and of the Sikh faith in Scotland. The first Sikh Gurdwara was opened in the 1950s in the top floor of a tenement in the Gorbals; this one was begun in 2010 and took 6 years to complete and has cost over £8million. The pink stone came from Jaipur and many carvings have been shipped over from other parts of India.

Sikhs believe in one God, and the religion dates from the 15th Century. One of their key principles is to help the needy

The Holy Scripture is a book called the Guru Granth Sahib, the final Guru, which is 1430 pages long and is revered, being brought out each morning and placed on a golden bed, in the place of honour, within the main prayer room. It is covered with a canopy, and protected by swords, and decorated with shields and flowers. We were allowed to have our picture taken beside it. Men and women worship together.

At the end of our tour we were taken to the Langar – the kitchen – where free food is provided for all who worship and visit there. The food is vegetarian, and you take it what is provided without a choice, but over 1000 people are fed each Sunday. There is no charge, although people can make donations of cash or food.

We were warmly welcomed and the 'Uncles' would have been happy to talk much longer to us about their faith. All people are welcome to visit. It was a fascinating insight into the fifth largest religion of the world and one practised by 15,000 of our fellow Scots. *Sonia Blakesley*

LOOKING BACK

BAPTISMS

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

26th August 2018

Nova May SURGENOR



GOLDEN and DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Gracious God, we praise you for the gift of love - that most precious of gifts which endures beyond all others, bearing all things, believing all things and hoping all things.

We thank you for the joy that comes from two lives truly being shared, from two people becoming one, each complementing and enriching the other, each helping love to grow.

**Congratulations to Christine and Duncan Mackintosh
for celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary
on 20th September 2018.**

**Congratulations also to Charlotte and Craig Hamilton
who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary
on 29 Aug 2018.**

FUNERALS

God of grace and peace, in your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us new birth into a living hope. Strengthen us now to live in the power of the resurrection and keep us united with our loved one from whom in death we are not divided. For you live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

Monday 3rd. September 2018

Mrs Sarah H.U. Wallace,
Springfield Avenue

Saturday 8th. September 2018

Mr Colin C.A. Wilmoth,
Manchester

Friday 28th. September 2018

Mr William H. Henderson,
Bishopsgate, Kenmure Drive

Wednesday 10th. October 2018

Mr Robert H. Lyle,
Auldearn Road

LOOKING FORWARD

Vestry Hour

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available on the 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th. November and 5th and 12th December 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.



On Sunday 4th November 2018, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



On **Sunday 11th November 2018** (Remembrance Sunday) our Service will start at the earlier time of **10.45 a.m.** The Uniformed Organisations will join us that morning. There will be a Retiring

Collection in aid of the Earl Haig Fund.

Following our Service, we hope there will be a second short Service at the new Auchinairn Community & Early Years Centre (at approx. 12.45, assemble at 12.30), on Beech Road, before the Wreath Laying at the War Memorial on Auchinairn Road.

A similar Service will be held at the War Memorial at Bishopbriggs Cross.

On the Front Cover This Month

Members of our own 268 Junior Section BB stand respectfully to attention at the Auchinairn Cenotaph in 2017.





There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 11th November 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.



On **Sunday 18th November 2018** there will be a Service of Dedication for the Church of Scotland Guild.

On **Sunday 25th November 2018** the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow will hold their Annual Divine Service at 3pm. This Service is open to all.



On **Saturday 1st December 2018** between 10 - 12 noon and on **Sunday 2nd. December 2018**, our **Jars of Grace for UNICEF** will be received.

Sunday 2nd December 2018 (1st. Sunday in Advent) gifts for children will be received during this Service. The gifts will be used by local social work agencies at Christmas and throughout the coming year. You can wrap your gift if you wish, but please attach a label to the outside indicating whether the gift is suitable for a boy or girl, and what age group. Or, you may present your gift unwrapped, with accompanying paper attached and a note of sex/age of child. In this way these gifts can be used during the coming year for birthdays and the like, if unused at Christmas.



Treasurer's Report

Firstly, this month thank you to everyone who has returned their Fabric Appeal 2018 Envelopes. As at 14th October we have had 128 envelopes returned with donations totalling £8,330 of which £6,545 is "Gift Aided" meaning that we can claim a further £1,636 of tax relief from HMRC. Thank you once again to everyone who has given so generously to the appeal. There is still time if you haven't yet returned your Appeal envelope, simply place it in the offering plate any Sunday.

With only a few weeks left until the end of the year, "a landmark date" for any Church of Scotland Treasurer is always the 15th November as that is the date that we make our last Ministries and Mission payment for the year. Once our final payment for the year of £7,594 is completed then we will not make any further central payments until 15th February 2019!

To date in 2018 our Open Plate Offerings total £5,396 and while all contributions to church funds are much appreciated, if we as a congregation were able to Gift Aid half of this we would be able to claim another £674 in Tax Recoveries. Gift Aid has no commitment for any fixed amount to be given over a period of time and is a great way for us to make your offerings go further for Springfield Cambridge Church. If you would be interesting in finding out more about Gift Aid then please do not hesitate to contact our Gift Aid Convenor, David Lockhart or myself. Our contact details are on the inside front cover of this magazine.

***As you can see from the figures on page 11, we have a deficit on the General Fund for the year-to-date of £1,927, but we remain on track to meet our budgeted Income/Expenditure figures for 2018.**

The Income and Expenditure figures for the year to 14th October on the General Fund are as follows: -

<i>Income from Offerings</i>	£
FWO Scheme	11,012
Open Plate	5,396
Gift Aid	62,173
Tax Recovered	11,479
Total	90,060
Other Ordinary Gen Income	21,628
TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME	111,688
GENERAL EXPENDITURE	113,615
Deficit for Year to date	(1,927)

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

PLAYLIST FOR LIFE HELP POINT

We have decided to change the day of the week of the “Cuppa Time” to the third TUESDAY of the month and the timing to between 10am and 12 midday. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 November 2018 so if you are aware of someone with dementia or a carer please let them know about this and invite them to drop in for a cuppa with us. Please remember that the Help Point is open to ALL in our community who will be made very welcome. It is always good to exchange information and support and since we are able to search out and play music there can be singing too.

In addition to the Playlist information there is now a folder containing information about events, organised by Alzheimer’s Scotland, taking place every month in East Dunbartonshire . For example, Sing Along sessions and last month, a very successful Saturday afternoon film and fish supper was held. There is another in November so check the folder for details.

There is also information about free monthly concerts in the Concert Hall. Please have a look as there may well be something that appeals to you or someone you know.

Finally, Playlist for Life has collaborated with the BBC on music memories. This BBC website is musicmemories.bbcrewind.co.uk and may also help you find music for your personal playlist.

Ellen Robertson, Sandra McDougall and Margaret Leeper

FLOWER CALENDAR**NOVEMBER 2018****Distributors**

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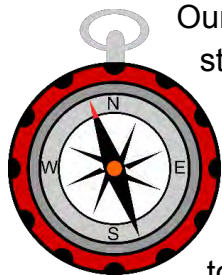
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I would like to recommend The Upper Room daily bible readings. They are produced in booklet form, each covering a four month period. Annual subscription is £16.95. Details from The Bible Reading Fellowship, 15 The Chambers, Vineyard, Abingdon OX14 3FE. Tel: 01865 319700. brf.org.uk

Bill Findlay

The Guild



Our first meeting for this Session provided a wonderful start for us. Our Speaker, the Rev. Ian Taylor, provided us with a most entertaining and energetic talk, cleverly interspersed with recorded music with which Joyce Watchhorn assisted. Ian gave us a compass which will certainly help us to go forward to seek the Way. An enlightening evening - all-singing, not quite all-dancing, and with many wise words.

To follow this, on 17th September, came Ailsa Turner who enthusiastically described the work of the Scottish Painters known as the Glasgow Boys. These painters formed an informal alliance of some 20 painters who brought fame to Glasgow with their innovative styles of work which included much painting in the out-of-doors. We will be looking at Scotland's Galleries' Collections of these painters with new eyes now!



A beautiful painting of the period



Ailsa Turner with Convener, Isabel

Subjects in the coming weeks are: -

- 15th October The Crossreach Project
- 29th October Canine Partners in Scotland
- 12th November Great Tapestry of Scotland
- 26th November Scottish Islands

Remember that you are welcome to come and try out the Guild on any evening if a particular subject appeals to you. We would be delighted to see you.



By the time you receive this newsletter we will just have had our Coffee Morning, and I hope you were able to attend to help boost our funds. Thank you if you did!

Sheila Gibson

Copies of "Bishopbriggs Remembers WW1" by Bill Findlay are now available at Poppies (Bishopbriggs PO), Bishopnriggs Library, Hunters Hill Village, Woodhill Pharmacy and Café Torino.

Also, by popular demand, direct from Bill on Sunday mornings.

"SONGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD" QUIZ - SOLUTION

Original Answers given in **RED**, additional acceptable answers in **BLUE**

For an answer to be correct it was decided that a "song" should have lyrics.

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| 1 Do you know the way to SAN JOSE | 23 When IRISH eyes are smiling |
| 2 CALIFORNIA dreaming | 24 The girl from IPANEMA |
| 3 GEORGIA on my mind MEMPHIS/CALIFORNIA | 25 New YORK , New YORK |
| 4 Y viva ESPANA | 26 On a slow boat to CHINA |
| 5 By the beautiful blue DANUBE | 27 PENNSYLVANIA 65000 |
| 6 My old KENTUCKY home | 28 Battle of NEW ORLEANS , JERICO ,
WATERLOO , BANNOCKBURN |
| 7 Tulips from AMSTERDAM | 29 Deep in the heart of TEXAS |
| 8 ENGLAND swings | 30 O little town of BETHLEHEM |
| 9 Hotel CALIFORNIA | 31 BOHEMIAN rhapsody |
| 10 JERUSALEM (and did those feet) | 32 It's a long way to TIPPERARY |
| 11 Oh, I'm going to BARBADOS | 33 A nightingale sang in BERKELEY SQUARE |
| 12 The TENNESSEE waltz | 34 Midnight in MOSCOW |
| 13 From RUSSIA with love | 35 CAROLINA moon VIRGINIA , HAVANA ,
KENTUCKY , MISSISSIPPI |
| 14 Stars fell on ALABAMA , STOCKTON | 36 White cliffs of DOVER |
| 15 The SKYE , IONA , MINGULAY boat song | 37 Tales of the VIENNA woods |
| 16 Rule BRITANNIA | 38 NORWEGIAN wood |
| 17 CHICAGO (that toddling town) | 39 The HAWAIIAN wedding song |
| 18 In a windmill in old AMSTERDAM | 40 LONDONDERRY air (Oh, Danny Boy) |
| 19 The SWISS maid NORTH COUNTRY | 41 Arrivederci ROMA |
| 20 I left my heart in SAN FRANCISCO | 42 CHATTANOOGA choo choo |
| 21 The poor people of PARIS | 43 Long-haired lover from LIVERPOOL |
| 22 Yellow rose of TEXAS | 44 TIJUANA taxi NEW YORK , CALCUTTA |

- 45 By the time I get to **PHOENIX**
- 46 A walk in the **BLACK FOREST**
- 47 There'll always be an **ENGLAND**
- 48 Isle of **CAPRI TIREE, INNISFREE, MULL**
- 49 The rain in **SPAIN**
- 50 **SCARBOROUGH** Fair (Canticle)
- 51 24 hours from **TULSA**
- 52 Banks of the **OHIO**
- 53 Mull of **KINTYRE**
- 54 It never rains in **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
- 55 **SCOTLAND** the brave
- 56 **CALIFORNIA** girls
- 57 **SPANISH** eyes **IRISH**
- 58 **CALIFORNIA** here I come
- 59 **AMERICAN** patrol
- 60 Lawrence of **ARABIA**
- 61 **KANSAS** City **ATLANTIC, SUN, PANAMA**
NEW YORK
- 62 In the old bazaar in **CAIRO**
- 63 Wonderful **COPENHAGEN**
- 64 April in **PARIS PORTUGAL**
- 65 Surfin' **USA**
- 66 Ferry across the **MERSEY**
- 67 **WITCHITA** lineman
- 68 I belong to **GLASGOW**
- 69 **ST LOUIS** blues **FULLSON PRISON,**
MISSISSIPPI, POLYNESIAN, BASIN STREET
- 70 **CHANTILLY** lace **SPANISH**
- 71 Maybe it's because I'm a **LONDONER**
- 72 **SPANISH** flea
- 73 Show me the way to **AMARILLO**
- 74 **NEW YORK** mining disaster
- 75 **BRAZIL**, (Where we were entertaining June)
- 76 **WATERLOO** sunset **CANADIAN, AFRICAN**
- 77 **SPANISH** Harlem
- 78 Viva **LAS VEGAS, ESPANA**
- 79 (I feel I'm goin' back to) **MASSACHUSETTS**
- 80 Return to **SORRENTO OZ, MOON**

£194 was raised for Church Funds from the sale of Quiz Sheets and the prize winners were:

Peter Struzik, Sandra O'Donnell and Gordon McKenzie who have each been presented with a small prize.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Quiz.



LUNCH



We are pleased to be able to report that £597.22, including £73.12 Gift Aid was raised at the Soup and Roll Lunch which took place on Sunday 16th September in the Cameron Hall, after the Morning Service. Many thanks to all who gave of

their time and talents for this event, and to all those who came along to enjoy the lunch. A cheque for the proceeds has been passed on to the Christian Aid organisation.





CHRISTMAS HAMPER



Look out for a chance to win the “Christmas Hamper” as a gift for yourself or a friend.

Donation of £1 per entry.



The Hamper will be on display beside the Entry Sheet in the Hall of Fellowship on Sundays 18th and 25th November, and 2nd and 9th December. The winner will be announced on 16th December.

NAME THE DOLL



This beautiful knitted doll has been donated to the Fund Raising Group, in memory of one of our former elders, Mr Alex Sturgeon, for the purpose of raising some money for our Church, to which he dedicated many years of service.

It has been decided to let Members of the Congregation have a bit of fun with this by naming the doll for a donation of £1 per entry.

The doll will be on display alongside the Entry Sheet in the Hall of Fellowship on Sundays 18th and 25th November, and 2nd and 9th December.

The winner of the Doll will be announced on 16th December.

Thanks

Amy and family wish to thank you for your prayers, kind words and cards received during recent times, with the sad loss of Bill. Thank you also to Rev. Ian Taylor for his help and support, and for the uplifting service. Bill had lots of friends and we will all miss his smile.
Regards Amy Henderson.

Ellen and Willie McSheehy would like to thank Rev Ian Taylor and all members of the congregation for prayers and cards during Ellen's recent illness

Thanks very much for the lovely flowers I received for my birthday. They were very much appreciated. Thank you *Gina Robertson x*

Thanks very much for the lovely flowers for our Silver Wedding Anniversary. Much appreciated *Scott and Carol Robertson x*

I am writing to thank members of the congregation for their cards, flowers phone calls and good wishes I have received. Also, to Nancy Cameron and Nan Edmiston for the beautiful flowers they delivered from the Church. To the Rev. Ian Taylor for his visit and prayer which was greatly appreciated. A few weeks and I will be back in Springfield Cambridge. Again, thank you all. God Bless,
Mrs Helen Summers

Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlotte Hamilton who celebrated her 80th birthday shortly after celebrating her Diamond wedding anniversary on 29 Aug 2018.

“How do you feel about going out for lunch one day a week?” This was the question posed to me in June 2013 by my two fellow basses in the Springfield Cambridge Praise Team.

The reason for their invitation was that my wife had died the preceding February and they wanted to do something to support me.

That was the start of something that has grown over the past four years to the point where we now have 11 members of our church who meet for lunch every Wednesday at various venues around Bishopbriggs and beyond.

From the outset, we decided that, when a lady member of our church dies, we will allow her husband time to grieve and deal with all the business which is associated with death. We usually wait for about two months or so before we approach the husband and invite him to join us. Not every widower takes up our invitation, but the invitation is left open nevertheless. The rules are very simple. The cost of the lunch is shared equally among those present. That is the only rule.

We have a schedule of the dates and the places we will meet each week. Each member gets a copy of this. If any member knows that he will not be at lunch, he lets another member know so that we do not sit waiting for him to arrive. Any member who does not attend without letting another member know gets a telephone call shortly after we finish lunch to make sure that he is all right.

When we part on a Wednesday, we say to each other, “I’ll see you on the Sabbath” and on the Sunday, we see each other in the Hall of Fellowship in our church and part with “I’ll see you on Wednesday”. That means we have two days when we have a positive contact with one another.

We support each other in many ways. We visit any member who is in hospital and we provide transport for any member who needs transport for a hospital appointment. When a member is ill and housebound we make sure that he is visited and any shopping which he needs is obtained for him. At our weekly lunch meetings there is always lots of banter and laughter and we set the world to rights.

All of us have contacts with friends and relatives in other churches and it is quite amazing how many times we have heard, “I wish our church had a group like yours.”

I would encourage everyone who is in a church which does not have a group like ours, to start up a weekly lunch club where widowers can meet for mutual support. To start a group, all it takes is for two widowers to decide to meet for lunch one day a week and apply the rule which we have. Everyone who has joined our group has said, sooner or later, “This is great.”

We even have a name for our group. “The Springfield Cambridge Widowers and Coffin Dodgers Club”. The “Widowers” bit is obvious. “Coffin Dodgers?”. That’s because we are all in our upper 70s and beyond and we know that we are in the departure lounge waiting for our flight to be called.

Ian Miller



from left to right: *Iain Murray, Drew Fleming, Jim Stormont, Ian Miller (front), Mike Walker (back), Alex McCallum, John Semple and Ryan Vernal.*

Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 4th November

Worship at 11am

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Sunday

Worship at 10.45am

Sunday 18th November

Worship at 11am

Including Service of Dedication for The Guild

Sunday 25th November

Worship at 11am

Sunday 2nd December

Worship at 11am

First Sunday in Advent – Gift Service

Sunday 9th December

Worship at 11am

Second Sunday in Advent

The schedule for the next issue
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