



The Springfield Cambridge Record



Autumn 2019

Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord. I am sending him to you that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. *Ephesians 6: 21-22*

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Letter from our Minister

"The Lord may give you the bread of adversity and water of affliction, but he who teaches you will no longer keep himself out of sight, but with your own eyes you will see him." (REB Isaiah 30:20)

Just before I went off on my summer holidays, a dear friend who should have been looking forwards to a time of renewed life went through a torrid time as a result of what we euphemistically sometimes refer to in the catch all phrase of 'family troubles.' Who among us has not known such a time, I wonder? But for we who claim to be people of faith that can be quite a challenge. My friend has always been generous with their time and listening ear but was struggling through tears to be the one who needed a shoulder to cry on. Such vulnerability was just a bit too scary.

In the book of Joshua, we read of the provision God made for people to find places of sanctuary (albeit in murderous circumstances.) Such places were secure spaces. We all need places where we can feel safe, where past misdeeds can be put behind us, where no one will condemn us. Then maybe we can go and do great things - and perhaps even go and sin no more.

Jesus did not pretend the past had never happened, but He seemed to find ways of not letting it be the end.

Now is where we are standing, and today is, not let us forget, the first day of the rest of our lives.

Just now we may well taste the bread of adversity and water of affliction, but our Lord sees us. And He sees us as we are - seeing potential in the most unlikely lump of stone. But that potential cannot be released until we acknowledge Him. He has paid the price for the whole quarry! Will we surrender to His purpose and allow Him to wash us clean, then chip away all that would get in the way, hone the surfaces until He can see His own reflection in the jewel of our lives?

Shall we be stones, resistant, hard and rough? Or gems, prepared and radiant with His glory?

My friend has been chipped and bruised by the recent ravages of life, but slowly, ever so slowly, glints of the true person are returning.

Rev Ian Taylor



BAPTISM

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

Sunday 16th June, 2019

Georgie Hepburn

WEDDING

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.



Sunday 7th July, 2019

Sara M. Hodson & Paul B. Tansey

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

Tuesday 21st May, 2019

Mr Horace Lland,
Hawthorn Avenue

Friday 24th May, 2019

Mr Roger O. Bickers,
Carron Crescent

Monday 27th May, 2019

Mr Michael D. Brown
(Memorial Service)

Monday 3rd. June, 2019

Mrs Jean M. Burton,
Hilton Road

Thursday 13th June, 2019

Mrs Emma K. Callander,
Linnhe Avenue

Friday 14th June, 2019

Mrs. Helen Sneddon,
Park Road

Monday 17th June, 2019

Mrs Annie M. Robertson,
Campsie View, Kirkintilloch

FUNERALS, *continued*Friday 12th July, 2019Mrs Doreen McLaren,
Fintry CrescentMonday 15th July, 2019Mrs Frances D. McDougall,
Cedar WalkMonday 29th July, 2019Mrs Ellen Love,
Campsie View, KirkintillochThursday 1st August, 2019Mr Kenneth Fortune,
Keir Hardie CourtThursday 8th August, 2019Mrs Margaret MacKenzie,
Gannochy DriveMonday 12th August, 2019Mrs Margaret B. McCulloch,
Hilton ParkThursday 5th September, 2019Mrs. Anne E. Davidson,
formerly Gadloch View, LenzieTuesday 10th September, 2019Mr. David Hill,
CockermouthFriday 21st September, 2019Mr Michael B. D. Cooke,
Kirkintilloch Road**Vestry Hour**

Should anyone wish to see a Minister, Ian or Sonia will be available on the **9th, 16th (Not Ian), 23rd, 30th October, 6th, 13th (Not Ian), 20th, 27th November 2019** from 10- 11 am. Should you wish to see one of our Ministers 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 13th October, 2019** our Service will include the **Admission of New Communicants** in a Service of Public Profession of Faith.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **13th October, 2019 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 27th of October, 2019**,
The Boys' & Girls' Brigade Companies join us for
their Dedication Service.



British Summer Time ends on Sunday October 27th, 2019,
so remember to put your clocks back by one hour the night
before so that you come to Church at the correct time!



On **Sunday 3rd November, 2019** the Provincial Grand Lodge
of Glasgow will hold their Annual Divine Service at 3pm.

This Service is open to all.



On Sunday 10th November, 2019 (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 anticipate 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.

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On Sundays 17th & 24th November and on Sunday 1st December, 2019 we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

On Saturday 30th November between 10 - 12 noon and on **Sunday 1st December,** our **Jars of Grace for UNICEF** will be received.



Sunday 1st December, 2019 (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.

MICHAEL BARBE DELANEUX COOKE (29/08/38 – 03/09/19)

Michael Cooke was born on 29/8/38 and died on 3/9/19. As many of you will know Michael or Mick to some, was a physicist. Physics is concerned with matter energy and the interaction of those things in other fields. Today we will consider what mattered to Michael, where his energy lay, and how he applied those things in the interactions of life. A wise man once said that there were five elements in a complete life: family, friends, faith, work, and the satisfaction of making a difference. These elements perhaps provide a framework for us in the life of Michael Cooke

FAMILY

Michael was an only child born just prior to the outbreak of the Second World War, in Alvechurch a large village and civil parish in the Bromsgrove district in northeast Worcestershire, England, in the valley of the River Arrow. His family lived for a while in Burton on Trent and he attended Lincoln College at the University of Oxford where he read physics. Whilst a student on a holiday in Brittany in France with friends over lunch attending an exhibition of rural etchings he was seated beside another English student who was studying French & German. A perennial debate arose over whose French was better at the luncheon table. However, romance blossomed between Michael and Valerie and on 21/7/62 they were married in Ilkley in Yorkshire.

They settled in Harlow new town and their first child Tim was born there. While living and working in Harlow new town, Valerie saw an advert for a job in Glasgow which she thought might appeal to Michael. So it was that they moved north of the border to settle in Bishopbriggs living on Broadleys Avenue from 1962 to 1966 then in Southesk Avenue until 2016 when they moved to Campsie Grove. During the years from 1970 to 1972 and after the birth of Simon their second son, they were to live in Chicago. During his adolescence Michael had been an army cadet and he ensured that the boys were involved in the Scouting movement where his and their love of walking, hiking and the outdoors would be developed. As the boys grew, the family's frequent travels often took them camping throughout the UK and then in later years all over Europe. In later years when Tim and Tracey were married and their working lives took them to the USA, the

Caribbean, Malawi and New Zealand, Michael and Valerie were frequent visitors. When Simon and Morag also settled abroad in the USA the couple returned to visit them often and enjoyed being grandparents to Alison and Lizzie. The girls recall many happy occasions when they returned to see their grandparents and other family members in Scotland. Granpa took them on trips to the Glasgow Science Museum (where else) and the likes of Stirling Castle. Indeed on the 50th anniversary of Michael and Valerie's wedding the family holidayed in Aviemore and they recall with fondness when they went out in two rowing boats only to discover that the weather conditions changed and Michael and his crew had to be rescued by a speedboat which for him was a highlight of this family celebration.

FRIENDS

Michael maintained friendships with those he had been at Oxford with along with work colleagues as well as his friends here from Springfield Cambridge church. To have known Michael as a friend was to have known someone who was loyal, steadfast and true. You would often see him striding around Bishopbriggs purposefully, for he himself was not a driver (although that was not to say he did not have an opinion on your driving!) We knew he had an interest in classical music, was a philatelist, with a particular interest in the history of the late Victorian era with the development of the Postal Service. Additionally, he spent a lot of time and effort researching his family genealogy, which took him back to the late 18th century.

FAITH

Interestingly as a scientist Michael also possessed a deep faith and these two understandings were seen as being quite compatible. On the 8th of September 1974, he was ordained an Elder in this Church. As those who had Michael as a district Elder – they knew him to be highly organised. He would call in advance to make an appointment and sometimes those visits were not always short such was his concern and interest for those whom he visited. He was a member of the Finance Committee for many years and our Sunday School Superintendent. His fastidious nature meant that when he passed the baton of that leadership role to his successor, he

passed over the megaphone - complete with instructions of when the batteries should be charged, replaced and rotated. When the Bible Class was floundering and the Bible Wayfinders was struggling to get off the ground it was Michael and Valerie who opened their home in an act of Christian hospitality to provide a barbecue in the garden for the young Church members. Not only that, they provided after-dinner entertainment by leaving the remnants of the burger buns in the garden for the local foxes to feast upon much to the delight of those gathered in Southesk Avenue.

WORK

In his long working career, he enjoyed being a part of the new interdisciplinary unit, which was set up at West Graham Street, as well as a number of hospitals throughout our city. He and the late Henry Patterson enjoyed many a lively debate over their scientific understandings. Even in retirement he kept an interest in physics and read lots of scientific materials especially if there was a trace of physics within them. He was delighted when Simon completed postgraduate studies at Lincoln College his old Alma mater.

SATISFACTION OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Undoubtedly Michael made a difference to the life of Valerie caring for her with unstinting devotion in recent years, to Tim and Tracey, Simon and Morag, Alison and Lizzie with a father's and grandfather's love. Colleagues and friends were grateful for the part he played in their lives. To those of us here in Springfield Cambridge family: his fellow Elders and members of his district, the Bible Wayfinders and the Manse family whose garden was populated by plants and cuttings which Michael had selected to plant in the Manse garden with his customary care and clear instructions, to Cadder Men's Club, there are many who will miss him. However, the manner of his living and loving will live on in our minds, memories and conversations.

Rev Ian Taylor 20.09.2019

Update from Sonia

Amazingly I have now completed a year as your Assistant Minister here at Springfield Cambridge Church. It has been a busy year, and I have loved it. Being invited into your church and into your lives has been a pleasure. It has been great to get to know so many of you – even if I still don't know all your names!

As you may know I have completed all the training requirements set by the Ministries Council and have had my "Probation Sustained" – this means I have passed all the required parts, received my "Exit Certificate" and have been approved to start applying for my own charge. My Final Review was with a representative of Ministries Council, and a minister from Glasgow Presbytery, and another from the Church of Scotland's Training Task Group. This was a detailed, hour-long interview, covering all I had accomplished during my whole training, asking me for my thoughts and reflections, and how I would cope in different theoretical situations, and how I was feeling about moving into my own parish.

Now the process of finding my own church begins. There are currently 120 vacancies on the Church of Scotland website. Mostly up and down the length and breadth of Scotland – but the Church of Scotland in Brussels is in vacancy too!

I feel God has called me to rural ministry; after 25 years living in Moffat, despite a couple of years on the edge of the city, I am a country girl at heart.

I am in the process of reading lots of parish profiles and looking at many Church websites. Soon I'll be going to visit a few, looking at churches, manses, and getting a feel for the different communities, and then entering into discussions around the practicalities of Ministry in a couple of different locations. At some point in the next few of months I may be submitting an application, meeting and preaching to a Nominating Committee (look out for them visiting!) and finally preaching to a congregation as a Sole Nominee, if the Nominating Committee feel I am the right person for them. Throughout this process I remain in Bishopbriggs until the end of November. After that, if I have found a suitable parish, I'll be moving there, if not I'll remain nearby, probably doing locum work, until the right parish comes around.

Your prayers are appreciated as I pray that God will guide me to the Church(es) where he wants me to be, with the people he wants me to minister to.

That I may go, like Joshua, into the land God has promised me. (Joshua 1:3,7)

In the meantime, I will continue to enjoy my time of ministry here with you.

Every blessing,

Sonia

Dr Sonia Blakesley

Treasurers Report

I trust that you have all had an enjoyable summer break and trust that your batteries have been suitably re-charged! Since this is the first magazine of the new session, I would just like to update you on all things financial that have been going on over the summer months.

Firstly, I would like to thank you to all the “regular givers” for their offerings over the summer months which has enabled us to meet all our outgoings over the period. Major items of expenditure over the summer months have included the renewal of the church and manse insurance at a cost of £3,555, another one third of our Presbytery dues for 2019 of £1,451 and we also continue to pay our Ministries and Mission Allocation monthly settlement of £8,131 with £16,262 still due to The Church of Scotland for 2019.

As you see from the figures below, we are running at a deficit on the General Fund for the year-to-date of £7,359. We still await settlement from HMRC of our Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2019 General Fund Tax Claims. In addition, we will be a position in the next few weeks to submit our Gift Aid Small Claims Tax Claim for tax year 2019/2020 for £2,000. Thanks as always to all our members who are able to give “tax efficiently”. If anyone would like more information then please don’t hesitate to contact our Gift Aid Convenor, Mr David Lockhart.

The Income and Expenditure figures for the year to 21st September as against budget on the General Fund are as follows: -

<i>Income from Offerings</i>	£	£
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
FWO Scheme	8,566	10,164
Open Plate	5,146	5,372
Gift Aid	59,853	60,042
Tax Recoveries	9,867	14,520
Total	83,432	90,098
Other Ordinary Gen Income	18,822	17,767
TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME	102,254	107,865
GENERAL EXPENDITURE	109,613	107,853
Deficit for Year to date	(7,359)	

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

Congratulations

From all at Springfield Cambridge Church, we offer our congratulations to Bob and Betty Leadbitter who celebrated their sapphire wedding anniversary of 65 years on 14 July 2019.

Thank you

On behalf of the family and myself I would like to thank the congregation for all the letters, flowers, plants, home baking and the kind words in the condolence Cards, it has been so over whelming and very much appreciated.

A special thanks to Ian and Sonia for their prayers and guidance shown to myself and the family at this sad time in our lives.

Christine Bickers

PLAYLIST FOR LIFE

The Help Point in our hall of fellowship has now been available for nearly 18 months and a number of leaflets have been taken. We continue to have a monthly "cuppa time" but there has been very little uptake of the information and help available at this. The Help Point is for all the community of Bishopbriggs so please help by spreading the news of this facility.

We are considering a number of options to improve the uptake of assistance at the Help Point including changing to an afternoon "cuppa time" and/or having a musician to help with a "sing along". However, we would need a musician to play the music. So if you would be willing and able to do this please get in touch.

In the meantime, we can, access via the wonders of internet, a terrific range of music and help with the compilation of a personal playlist for dementia you might be interested in developing your own personal playlist and if so please come along and enjoy a cuppa with us on Tuesday 15th October. You will be very welcome.

Margaret Leeper, Sandra McDougall, Ellen Robertson

TEAR FUND BIG QUIZ NIGHT

Just to let you know that we at **Kenmure PC, Bishopbriggs** will be hosting a **Tear Fund Big Quiz Night** in our church hall on **Saturday 16th November**. This will be the second such Tear Fund national event; last year's inaugural quiz was great fun and tremendously successful. We would like to extend a cordial invitation to anyone in your congregation who might like to join us that evening - a team of 6 would be great!! This invitation is being extended to other churches fairly near to Kenmure. For more general information on the **Tear Fund Big Quiz** probably best just to Google it!! If anyone might be interested in putting a team together, best just to email me - geo.reid25@ntlworld.com - for more detailed information regarding the event at Kenmure.

Blessings

George Reid, Session Clerk, Kenmure

The Backpackers Holiday Club ran every morning in the week of 5th - 9th August. It was staffed by 36 volunteers from the Parish Grouping (Cadder, Kenmure, and SCC), and from the Boys' Brigade at Colston Wellpark. We had 58 children attending over the course of the week, on average around 35 each day; some came every day, others only 1 or 2 days in the week.

The theme of the week was Backpacking around Europe, travelling to a different country each day. We 'visited' Paris, Stockholm, Rome, the Matterhorn and London. Each day the fitness exercises, the craft activities, and the food were themed by the country. For example, in London we marched like the guards at Buckingham Palace; we made straw pictures of the Eiffel Tower, and pasta pictures of mountains, and our snacks included French brioche, and Swedish biscuits, but on the Italy day we made our own pizzas, which were then cooked and eaten for snack. There was a fun drama with a trio of three friends travelling on a bus tour competition around Europe, with surprising adventures, in the company of Mr and Mrs Shipperbottom, Carl the Culture-Vulture tour guide, and Nigel, the unseen but ever present, bus driver.

At **Backpackers** we travelled with Jesus as he arrived in Jerusalem and then explored the events of his last week on earth – helping the children understand his journey to death and his resurrection. We focused on accounts from the Gospel of Matthew, introducing the people who encountered Jesus, and who met the love of God, and we invited the children to encounter and respond to God.

It was a busy programme! We began each day with fitness exercises, then singing, helped enormously by our fabulous praise band. We spent time in small groups on our travel journals, and on the craft activities, we joined together for games, for the Bible encounters, (in person and in videos), and closed with the daily Bus Tour drama and more singing. At the end of the week, parents, grandparents and carers joined us for the final drama and singing, and the youngsters were able to take home their backpacks, travel journals and all their crafting masterpieces.

We also enjoyed an evening Treasure Hunt and a Sausage Sizzle. At the end of the week, the volunteers shared a meal and relaxed together.

A fun week was had by all the children and volunteers. We shared in the joy and love of Jesus, enthusing the children with songs and drama, encouraging them to read more in the travel journals themselves, and talk about their experiences at home. We rounded off the week with a joint Church service on the Sunday, which was well supported and enthusiastically received.

Sonia

Editor's note: The joys of digital photography – I politely requested a few “snaps” to include in the magazine – and I was passed a computer file with well over 100 photographs! What follows is a few representative examples of the activity and enjoyment of the Holiday Club week. And most importantly – that learning about Jesus can be fun.



SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

Our annual Christmas Concert, entitled “**A Christmas Moment**” will take place on Thursday 19 December 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Tickets are available from the Bishopbriggs Box Office at Cadder South Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.00 to 12.00.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary

SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

Concert Performance of The Pirates of Penzance

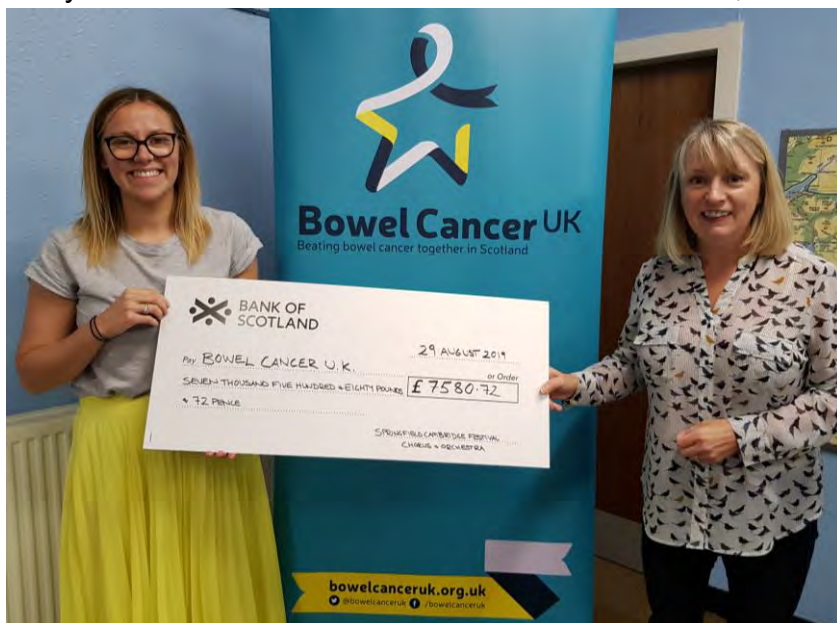
on Friday 5th July 2019

I am pleased to report that we raised a grand total of £7,580.72 for Bowel Cancer UK. At this event. This includes £2,565.71 from the bucket collection on the night.

A cheque was presented by our Treasurer Karen Donald to Emma McGeever of Bowel Cancer UK, at our AGM at the end of August.

Our sincere thanks are due to all of our patrons once again, for their generosity.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary



The Guild

Where has the summer gone? We always regret when the seasons change and we face the darkening of the days. But, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Guild has started! And what a fine start our Convenor, Ellen Robertson, and the Committee, mostly “old hands”, prepared for us.

Guild Week, which is actually in November, was, to our surprise, brought forward to a week in November, and the Annual Gathering held in Dundee was scheduled for Saturday and was to begin this special week. A large group from our church attended the Gathering, and this is excellent since our bus picks us up at the Bowling Green at 7.30am! It is always a super meeting – wonderful singing, excellent speeches (our new Moderator of the General Assembly Rt Rev Colin Sinclair was the keynote speaker in the morning and set the standard for the day. There was a lot of news and interaction on the sharing of ideas, a Guild Shop, and plenty of laughter.

On the Sunday it was lovely to come in o church to the welcome of our Guilds members.; many of them wearing Guild tartan scarfs. All the Office-bearers' duties were being covered by the Guild as were the readings, and we enjoyed the choice of hymns made by the Guild Committee. The special part of the service was, of course, the Dedication which will encourage us to go forward in faith.

The foilowing day brought our opening evening of the Session and what a superb first meeting we enjoyed. Our Guest Speaker was our very own Assistant Minister, Dr Sonia Blakesly. Her topic was “My Pathway to the Pulpit” which fitted beautifully into our theme of “One Journey, Many Roads”. As you would imagine, she was wonderful in her subject and in her delivery – even throwing “Sweetie prizes” to those who answered her quiz questions! Altogether, Sonia gave us a splendid opening evening.

To further highlight the Church of Scotland Guild, the three Convenors in Bishopbriggs put up display boards in the library for the whole of Guild week.

So off to a good start, and I am sure the year will fulfil the promise of the programme. Our membership is 85 strong which makes it one of the largest Guilds in Scotland. Now, Gentlemen, the Guild has been open to you, too, for some years now – there are 400 men who are now members – so if you are looking for an interesting evening try us out!

The Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in Worship, Prayer and Action.

Sheila Gibson

Girls' Brigade

Our new session began on the 22nd of August with a total of 47 girls. We are already busy with badgework with all the halls full of fun, laughter and noise. Last Tuesday we held a company party "Hen night" to celebrate Rachel Russell's up and coming wedding and wish her every happiness in her marriage to Christopher. The girls all enjoyed an evening full of wedding themed activities and presented Rachel with their wedding gift.

We have lots of activities planned for the coming months including a movie night, Halloween party and fun night for the 5th of November. A Divisional get together has also been arranged at the Roller Disco for the older girls at Kinning park in November.

We are proud to say that 3 of our Brigaders are commencing work on their Queens Award which is the highest award in the Girls Brigade. We would like to wish Kirsty Robertson, Beth Taylor and Kelsey Taylor good luck in their new GB journey.

We are still recruiting and invite any girl from P1 - S6 who is free on a Tuesday evening to come along and join in the fun from 6.30 pm. For further information please contact Captain Katie Byrne on 07340302013.

Katie Byrne, Captain

Mother & Toddler Group

The group enjoyed a trip to almond Valley in June, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We also had a visit from the 'dino team' with their baby dinosaurs, Mr Beardy and Barry the Tortoise. End of August was a charity event, hosted by Crazy Callum (Sports Squad), this was a mini sports day with cash and online donations supporting Marie Curie Hospice. End of the summer saw 10 of the group leaving for nursery and school, we wish them good luck and welcome our new starts.

Anna

FUND RAISING GROUP

Our "Summer Holiday Hamper" competition raised the fabulous amount of £143 towards church funds and was won by Mrs Betty Watson, who was absolutely thrilled with her prize which contained lots of summer holiday essentials ... and some luxuries!

Our thanks go to Mrs Joyce Gray who compiled and marked the "Numbers and Letters" Quiz which raised an amazing £135. First prize was awarded to



James Robertson, second prize was awarded to Nicky McMahon and third prize was awarded to Anne Lockhart. Even if you did not submit an entry, we hope that you enjoyed the challenge of the quiz at home!

We are grateful to the members of the congregation for their continued support in all our fundraising activities for our Church. This is very much appreciated.

Editor's note: I was very pleased to receive, on behalf of the Fund-Raising Group and the Church, a very nice note of thanks from Betty.

"It was a lovely surprise when I won the Summer Holiday Hamper. I would like to thank all who contributed to its seasonal contents.

Best wishes

Betty Watson"

Christian Aid Lunch

The Fundraising Group events for this session are already well under way with the annual Christian Aid Lunch having taken place on Sunday 25 August. £523.05, including Gift Aid and donations, was raised and a cheque for this sum has been sent to Christian Aid. The Fundraising Group are very grateful to all the other members of the Congregation who very kindly agreed to come along and help.



City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra

There is nothing quite like listening to live music and on the evening of 20 September we were indeed treated to a fabulous "Musical Extravaganza". The City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra has an extensive repertoire and the church resounded to wonderful music from Queen, TV theme tunes from the 70s, the musicals of Miss Saigon and Chess, a very moving interpretation of Amazing Grace as well as some beautiful classical pieces. The evening was rounded off with the audience clapping and singing along to Uptown Funk! Our thanks go to the talented members of the Orchestra and their Conductor, Mr Martin Thompson for such fantastic entertainment.

As a major fundraising event, we are pleased to announce that we raised the sum of £1,350.10 incl. £158.75 Gift Aid for church funds.



New Fundraising Group Members

We are pleased to welcome **three** new members to the Fund Raising Group, **Wendy Currie, Anne Stoneman and Lynda Cockburn**. We look forward to them contributing fresh ideas to the group.

Ellen Alexander & Marjorie Gough, on behalf of the Fund Raising Group

Harvest Service

“Share with God’s people who are in need” Romans 12 v 14

This statement sums up our Harvest Thanksgiving.

Through the generosity of our Congregation we were able to send food to help fill the larders of different Mission organisations. The monetary collection raised £361 and was sent to Cross Reach..

Once again, many people were involved in decorating the Church. The Flower Committee brought greenery and flowers and placed them round the Church. The Tables were then prepared ready to receive the donations of produce. Thanks also go to Jim Tonner and Fiona Russell for their invaluable help.

After the Service, the boxes were packed by some members of the Flower Committee ready to be uplifted by those who were taking them out for delivery.

In addition, the sum of £361 was raised on behalf of Crossreach.

Our grateful thanks to EVERYONE involved. This is Faith in Action. All of this led to the fulfilment of the meaning of the Harvest in the Service of Thanksgiving - Thanking God through Prayer and Praise.

May His Grace be with you

Anne Harvey, On behalf of the Flower Committee



Flower Calendar for September

Distributors: Mrs N Cameron and Mrs N Edmiston

Donors: Mrs M Johnstone, Mrs C Heathwood, Mrs J Sutherland (20th)

Flower Calendar for October

Distributors: Mrs M Jeffrey and Mrs J Campbell

Donors: Mrs H Summers (6th), Mrs H Noble (11th), Mrs M Kinloch,
Mrs J McGowan, Mrs E McEwan

Flower Calendar for November

Distributors: Mrs M Manson and Mrs M Aitken

Donors: Mrs M Myles, Mrs E Allison (11th), Mrs M Manson,
Mrs S McDougall, Mrs J Hall (21st)

Flower Calendar for December

Distributors: Mrs E Osborne and Mrs A Harvey

Donors: Mrs M Smith, Mrs E McEwan (9th and 25th), Mrs S Lyle,
Mrs M Johnstone (11th), Mrs M Shade (16th), Mrs C Copland,
Mrs M Kinloch, Mrs G Round, Mrs A Fleming.



*Floral arrangement from
Church Harvest Service*

On the Front Cover

Earlier in the year, Lynne and I attended an evening service at Sandyford Henderson Church; specifically, to hear Rev Scott Cameron. Minister at Stevenson High, who was the Guest Preacher for the evening. Rev Cameron was a close friend of the late Rev John Lafferty (who some may remember from his “placement” time here at our church) and in fact Rev Cameron delivered the eulogy at John’s funeral. We were intrigued to hear Rev Cameron preach – and we were not disappointed. He took as his theme “Rizpah – An Unsung Heroine of the OT”. Rizpah has one mention in 2 Samuel 3:7, where we learn that Saul took her as a concubine. But it is later in 2 Samuel 21: 8-14 that her “heroic” act is revealed. Eight short verses – yet Rev Cameron delivered a very thought provoking and “relevant to today” exposition. What it also gave me was the theme for 2019/2020 magazines – Unsung Heroes of the Bible (I shall return to Rizpah within a future magazine issue). But who to feature first? The answer came to me whilst attending the third Future Focus Group meeting for the three Bishopbriggs Church of Scotland. Some of those present aired the view that people will not simply return to church – we require to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20) and go out and convince people of the merits of coming to church. And that’s when I thought of Tychicus; trusted and dependable companion of Paul. Such was his steadfastness that he and Paul were even imprisoned together in Rome. We may not know much about Tychicus, but what we do know is praiseworthy. Tychicus was a trusted messenger, [faithful](#) preacher and loyal friend. Paul placed great confidence in him; exemplified by the fact that it was to Tychicus that he entrusted the delivery of his letter to the Ephesians. Tychicus obviously had the ability to minister in a variety of situations, bringing encouragement to those he served. Tychicus surely reflected the quality stated in Titus 1:9 - “He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it” As I sat and listened to the debate ebb and flow at the Future Focus meeting, I formed the personal opinion that it is perhaps such as Tychicus we should consider as an “ordinary person” supplying practical example of the approach that is required in these trying times for the Church of Scotland.

James Robertson

*The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in May 2019, passed a series of resolutions, which collectively are known as **The Radical Action Plan**. Below is a summary of the key points. The whole supplement comprises of four detailed pages. If anyone wishes sight of the full summary, please see James Robertson*

A RADICAL ASSEMBLY



SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019 SUPPLEMENT

- Up to £25m to be spent on projects aimed at church growth, with particular emphasis on church planting
- 100 new worshipping communities to be established
- Focus on engaging with people under 40
- Cost of central administration to be cut by up to 30%: four councils to be merged into two
- Number of Scottish presbyteries to be reduced from 43 to about 12, focused on supporting local congregations in their ministry and mission
- Networks, hubs and other new local church structures to be developed
- Kirk Sessions to be reduced in size and focused on 'leadership and strategic decision-making
- Decision-making and resources to be devolved from the central administration to regional and local levels
- No congregation to pay more to the centre after next year until new arrangements are agreed
- Land and buildings plan to focus on 'well equipped spaces in the right places. Money from sale of redundant buildings to be shared between congregations
- Improved training and support for all ministry and leadership roles
- General Assembly to be made smaller
- Encouragement of a season of 'prayer and preparation' across the Church from September to December 2019

Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 13th October

Worship at 11am

Admission of New Communicants

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 20th October

Worship at 11am

Sunday 27th October

Worship at 11am

Boys' and Girls' Dedication Service

Sunday 3rd November

Worship at 11am

Sunday 10th November

Worship at **10.45am**

Remembrance Sunday

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 17th November

Worship at 11am

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday 24th November

Worship at 11am

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday 1st December

Worship at 11am

First Sunday in Advent – Gift Service

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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