



The Springfield Cambridge Record

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the
God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our
troubles, so that we can comfort those in any
trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive
from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4



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A word from our Minister

As I write this article the rules around Co-vid are beginning to change, which has been a constant feature of so much of our lives since March 2020. A colleague shared some words she had discovered in the public domain, which I in turn share with you now.

Obviously these changes have meant that some of you have been able to return to church, but others for good reason have been unable to do so. If you are able, we would love to see you back in church, if not, please join us online.

"CHURCH ON THE SOFA IS NICE BUT ...As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient (who doesn't love not getting ready in the morning or leaving the home?!), it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We do life together.

The church needs you.

And you need the church.

Wherever you are, find a local church where you and your family can be part of community and use your talents to advance the kingdom and reach others. To come alongside one another physically, not just through a screen. While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to a facility or need to be away, it's not like being in the building. Never will be.

Yes, church on the sofa is nice.

But it'll never be the same as church in the sanctuary.

Rev Ian Taylor

Another word from the Minister ... Lady Lazarus - Acts 9:36-43

Acts 9 contains a story about Lady Lazarus, or should I say Tabitha or Dorcas, depending on whether you are reading the Bible in Aramaic or Greek. She is the lady raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter and restored to the widows in Lydda who could not imagine life without her. This is a story I was largely ignorant of until I came across it recently. Technically it is a resuscitation story, since Tabitha is restored to life in this world and not the life of the world to come, which may explain why this story is not well known. My ignorance of this account led me to stumble across a lesser-known church figure, the 15th. century German cleric, St. Nicholas of Cusa who wrote a book called *On Learned Ignorance*. There are at least three kinds of ignorance that show up in those who seek God, he says.

First there are those who *do not know* that they do not know. They think they know everything they need to know about God.

Then there are those who know that they do not know but who think they *ought to know*. They know that they don't know everything about God, but they're still trying to remedy that.

Finally, there are those who *know that they do not know* and who received this learned ignorance as God's own gift. It relieves them from the terrible burden of thinking they have to know everything God knows. It frees them to live in a state of perpetual wonder. It saves them from ruling out new life for themselves and those they love on the grounds that they *know how things work* and life like that isn't possible.

This is very high-level ignorance, Nicholas says. Those who accept it but do not know where the wind comes from or where it goes, but they can live with that because they trust *God does*.

Looking back over the past 18 months or so I am struck by how little I know.

Isn't that how it works? We are the people who don't know how things work but who trust that *God does*, whose high-level ignorance frees us to live in unusual ways and say unusual things, even things as odd as, "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

What will that look like? How does it work? Who will be there and who will not? Hear the good news: *we do not know* - and we can live with that, because we trust *God does*.

Rev Ian Taylor

On 9th August 2021 the First Minister introduced a number of changes concerning Covid 19. As of 25th August 2021, the Scottish Government had still not updated the changes which impact upon Churches, and so the Kirk's Covid 19 group were still waiting to prepare revised instructions to issue to local congregations. However, as a congregation from Sunday 29th August 2021 it will no longer be necessary to pre-book your attendance at Sunday Worship – simply turn up and provide your contact details upon arrival. For the comfort and safety and ease of those attending we are still applying 1 metre social distancing policy within our buildings where possible for now. The Kirk Session is scheduled to meet on 31/08/21 when we hope we can consider the latest revisions to the guidance (assuming we have it by then). Further changes will no doubt follow and we will update these on our Facebook and Website pages

LOOKING BACK

In December 2020, 3 of our Elders were recognised for 30 years of service to our congregation:

Donald Armour (*ordained 16/12/90*)

David Rae (*admitted 16/12/90 previously having been ordained at St. Peter's Church, Dundee*)

James Robertson (*ordained 16/12/90*)

Congratulations to each of these Elders.

In addition, our Depute Session Clerk, George McMillan was ordained into the Eldership of the Church of Scotland at Possilpark Parish Church on Sunday 21st February 1971, so this year celebrated 50 years as an Elder. Many folks in Springfield Cambridge will be aware that George is an "incomer". But we have taken him to be 'one of our own' and have been blessed by George's faithful service.



As you will be aware with our move to online worship during Co-vid, our Musical Director and Praise Team have been busy creating audio and video files of our hymns with an app called Acapella. Ronnie Williamson penned a poem which he shared with the Praise Team and which we include here if you missed this gem during some of our online Services!

What did we do before there was Zoom
On days when we gathered together - one room!
While now we have Praise Team on a wall like some fixtures
Sitting at home with a background of pictures

We wait for a chance to speak when it suited
To find to our horror that Alan has muted
Us all -to ensure that there isn't a rabble
And helps to get rid of a lot of the babble

Passing the time we scan round the screen
Checking if somebody's curtains are clean
Watching the backgrounds to see at a glance
If someone opens a door purely by chance

Alan leads us in hymns because Sunday is near
It's a joy to give laldy when you know he can't hear
Sometimes the tenor part can be a bit iffy
Just keep your lips moving it'll pass in a jiffy

Look! Someone's off screen - where are they goin'
To judge by the sounds they have gone to the phone
And when you have thought that they've gone for a walk
You find you can still hear all of the talk.

Recently we met with a new sort of fella
Who goes by the name of - Yes! - Acapella
New talents required to make it sound great
We all had to learn to collaborate!

Each week the challenge appears in our mail
We have to get ready - we must never fail
Personally I find that I must stay alert
And remember to make sure I wear a clean shirt!

The end result comes on Sunday's You Tube
You can watch yourself sing while your tea's being brewed
But no matter how good this may make us feel
It will never be better than doing it for REAL!

By R. WILLIAMSON 2021

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus December 2020

Our annual Christmas Concert in aid of CHAS did not happen quite as planned, but nevertheless with the wonders of technology an event still occurred online. Following this our Local MSP raised a motion in the Scottish Parliament recognising this significant feat. The following correspondence highlights this.

Rona Mackay MSP
Strathkelvin and Bearsden

22nd February 2021

Dear Alan,



Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus and Orchestra

I am writing to congratulate you and the fabulous members of the choir and orchestra for your continued support of CHAS, despite the challenges of the pandemic. I am in absolute awe that your tradition of delivering a Christmas concert has remained unbroken and has continued to have such impact. The members are held in such high esteem throughout the constituency and beyond, for the high quality of their performances and their dedication to weekly rehearsals ahead of the usual show in The Glasgow Concert Hall. It always delights me that such talent is encouraged to develop and thrive in our local communities.

I wanted to celebrate your commitment in a special way, so I raised a Motion at the Scottish Parliament in support of your outstanding contributions:

Motion Number: S5M-24147

Lodged By: Rona Mackay

Date Lodged: 16/02/2021

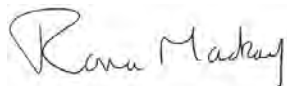
Title: Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus and Orchestra Raise £390,000 for CHAS

Motion Text:

That the Parliament pays tribute to the Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus and Orchestra on raising a phenomenal £390,000 to date for CHAS; understands that concerts by the 160-strong choir from Bishopbriggs are normally held in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall; praises the commitment and innovation of its musical director and members in organising and promoting its 20th annual concert, which was broadcast digitally at Christmas 2020 and raised £20,000 through donations; thanks the members of the public for attending the show remotely and supporting CHAS during these challenging times, and hopes that the members of the choir can continue to spread happiness and joy through their activities.

Please pass my very best wishes to your members and please do not hesitate to be in touch if you think that I could offer my support in any way.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rona Mackay', with a stylized, cursive script.

MSP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden Constituency

Commenting, Musical Director Alan A. Craig said:

"We are delighted to have been recognised in the Scottish Parliament and we thank our local MSP Rona Mackay for submitting the parliamentary motion in her name.

"Despite the pandemic, our group was still able to rise to the task and support those who needed it most.

"Over the years, we have been proud to step in the gap and help support CHAS' vital work for children across Scotland. Now more than ever, we need to ensure we continue to support them as we see the light at the end of the tunnel from COVID-19."

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus December 2021

a date for your diary

We are delighted to advise that there will be a live Chorus event on **Wednesday 22 December** this year in aid of CHAS, Children's Hospices Across Scotland.

The format of the event is still being firmed up, because of Covid 19 regulations, but we hope to be in a position to give more information in the next few weeks.

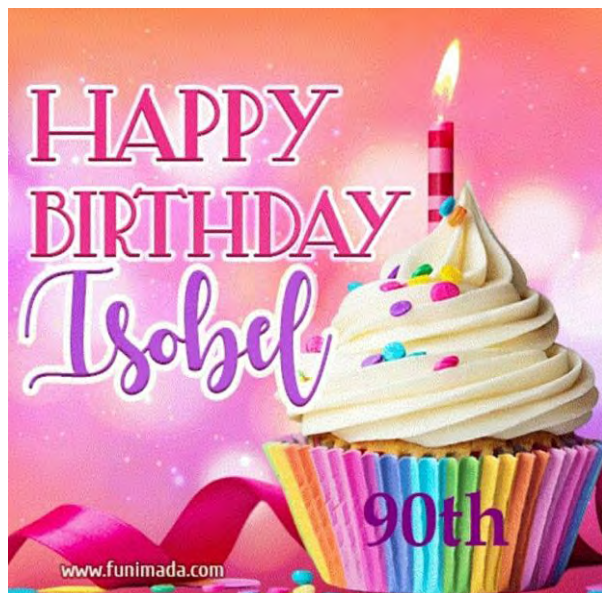
Ticketing arrangements for the event are also unknown at this time.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

I will ask the ladies of the Church Office to update the website and Facebook page as soon we have a better idea of what is going to happen.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary

Some other notable events from members of our congregation:



Isobel Dick celebrated her 90th birthday
on 14/03/21



Margaret Jeffrey celebrated her 90th birthday
on 01/01/21



Jim & Christine Copeland
Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 25/04/21

David & Gaynor
Lockhart
Silver Wedding
Anniversary on
01/06/21



Joan McGowan
celebrated her
90th birthday on
24/08/21

Jim & Fiona Smillie
Celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 30/05/21

Wedding



Deborah (Debbie) Smith & Kyle Davidson
Friday 28th May 2021



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. Amen.

Other Life Events

Congratulations to Rachel Faichnie on her recent graduation with a 1st Class Honours M.Sc. degree in Zoology (pictured l to r with Kenny, Fiona and Christine Faichnie)



Congratulations to Emma Giffen on her recent award of a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Physiology.

General Assembly 2021

CHURCH REFORMS

In a debate which stretched over three days, the Assembly passed a new Presbytery Mission Plan Act which will see the number of charges in the Church cut to 600, plus 60 vacancies, by 2025 - a number the Assembly was told was both financially affordable and reflected projections for the near future, with over 35% of ministers reaching retirement age within five years.

A motion calling on the Faith Nurture Forum to bring alternative proposals, with a breakdown of predicted financial impacts, to a Commission of Assembly later this year was defeated by 374 votes to 163.

It was agreed that no church would be granted permission to call a minister after June 1, and that churches going through the process will have until December 31 (amended from the Forum's preferred date of September 30) to find a sole nominee before the process is stopped. After that, no church will be allowed to call a minister until Presbytery Plans have been approved.

Presbytery reform continued with the General Assembly agreeing to three mergers, combining Edinburgh with West Lothian, Hamilton with Lanark, and six presbyteries in southwest Scotland. It rejected an Overture from the Presbytery of Lewis which would have put a year's pause on the process of Presbytery reform.

Disquiet was expressed over the proposal to delay a decision on the future of the Church's administrative offices in Edinburgh for another two years, although the Convener of the Assembly Trustees, the Very Rev Dr Chalmers, committed that no more than £100,000 would be spent on maintaining the buildings before the end of 2022. He said that nothing pained him more than the lack of progress on this issue.

FINANCE

Dr Chalmers told the Assembly that progress had been made, including reducing the costs of central administration by 30 per cent, but that it would be for nothing unless the work of reforming presbyteries and 'radical reshaping of local church' is completed.

The Assembly passed a budget with a deficit of £11m and approved a new scheme to replace the system of Mission and Ministries allocations.

It also agreed to the establishment of a new Pioneer Mission Fund to support local church growth, with a particular emphasis on church planting and the establishment of new worshipping communities. Proposed by the Rev Christopher Rowe, this is intended to partly fill the gap created by the suspension of the Growth Fund following the pandemic. While Mr Rowe suggested the fund would be supported by 'individuals, businesses and outside bodies', Dr Chalmers announced that the Church was likely to be able to use some money from unrestricted legacies as 'seed' funding.

The Trustees' proposal for a National Giving Day during harvest season this year was supported, although some commissioners were concerned that it might clash with local harvest appeals, or that it might not coincide with harvest locally. Dr Chalmers said that it had never been the intention to fix a specific date. A section of deliverance encouraging Presbyteries to use their discretionary funds to help struggling churches meet their Mission and Ministry contributions was resisted by some commissioners, who argued that the central church should not be seeking to influence decisions on that money, and that it could mean money being taken away from other projects. However, Dr Chalmers said: "If you don't have some urgent and imaginative ongoing project that needs to be supported, remember that your national Church and congregations across the Church need to be supported as well."

The following letter was received from the
Presbytery Clerk of Glasgow following the General Assembly:

"Dear Colleague

You will be aware that in May, the General Assembly approved the new Presbytery Mission Plan Act. Under this act, all current Presbytery Plans are suspended as of the 1st of June and Presbyteries are now required to engage in a new Presbytery Planning process. Alongside this, the Faith Nurture Forum advised each Presbytery of a mandatory cut in ministry allocation figures. Glasgow's allocation will reduce from 130 to 84 ministry posts. Currently we have 146 ministry posts occupied throughout the Presbytery, so we have a task ahead of us.

In order for the new Presbytery Planning process to be shared with congregations quickly and because we believe it would be difficult to visit 127 congregations in such a short space of time, we are organising a number of Open Office sessions to disseminate the information and would request that you and 2 members from your congregation sign up for a session[s] to hear this important news. It would then be helpful for you and your representatives to share that information with your Kirk Session and Board. We will also provide a video explaining the wider context which can be shown at Kirk Session/Board meetings, or during worship. If you are currently an Interim Moderator, it would be important for you to share this with your 'second' charge and enable them to be present at the Open Office sessions. "

The Minister and Session Clerk attended one of these meetings and we hope in the next short while to share the video mentioned above through a Worship Service one Sunday to give the congregation some insight into these serious matters.

Following on from this, some Vacancy news...

Kenmure Vacancy - as many of you will be aware our sister Church within our Parish Grouping, Kenmure, became vacant with the translation of Rev Jim Gemmell to Carnwadric Parish Church. Various efforts have been made to allow them to call a new Minister but in light of the above, presently the congregation has not been given permission to call, so we await further developments.

Kirkintilloch St. Mary's Parish Church were able to proceed with their Vacancy just before the General Assembly met and the Induction will occur on 19/08/21 when my duties and responsibilities will end after 29 months on the Induction of Rev Dr Ruth B. Morrison.

Rev Ian Taylor

Funerals - See the supplement included with this issue

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.

New Arrival

In a previous edition of The Record (Newsletter- 18th September, 2020) we celebrated a “Covid period” wedding when Michelle RAE and Iain BAIRD were married at Cromlix House on 03/09/20.

Now we are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Zara Rae BAIRD born on 7th June 2021.

Pictured below with her parents Michelle and Iain BAIRD, and her grandparents Marion and David RAE.



Treasurers Report

Thank you to all the regular "givers" who have continued to with their offerings so generously over the last few months. All contributions are much appreciated whether it is by standing order, cheque, PayPal or offering plate on a Sunday morning.

Although Sunday morning services resumed some time ago, we have of course been restricted on numbers attending due to social distancing and this obviously has an adverse impact on offerings. Many members continue to send cheques to me on a regular basis in respect of their offerings whether Gift Aid or Freewill Offering. I am more than happy to arrange uplift of any offerings for members who are unable to attend Sunday Worship or post a cheque to me. Please just get in touch with me on 772-6015 and I will be delighted to assist.

Since my last magazine article another 8 members have moved from Offering Envelopes to Standing Order with 4 of them being Gift Aid donors. Another 5 members continue to give via PayPal on a regular basis with approximately £200 being received by this method each month. The good news is that our Tax Recoveries are almost unchanged from pre-Covid levels in 2019 despite many changes in members circumstances over the last 2 years with claims due to be settled from HMRC in the next couple of weeks for £4,500 (Quarter 1 2021) and £4,500 (Quarter 2 2021).

An area of major impact for us financially is that our Gift Aid Small Donations Claim for tax year 2020/2021 is only going to be for circa £400 rather than the full amount of £2,000 that we would normally be claiming due to the church being lockdown for extended periods of time hence no cash being received in the Open Plate. You will note from the figures in the Financial Statement included in the magazine that only £395 has been received for year to date in the Open Plate whereas generally at this time of year it would stand at about £4,500.

On a positive note, we now have a couple of our outside agencies using the halls again and this will give a significant uplift in income of over £1,200 a month. We continued to utilise the Government Furlough scheme until recently in respect of our Church Officer and Deputy Church Officer and this year we have received financial assistance of £5,489.08. This has enabled us to continue to pay the salaries in full for both staff members since the start of the pandemic.

We continue to pay our Ministries and Mission contributions to the Church of Scotland on a monthly basis with another £23,484 due this year and our last Presbytery Dues payment of £1,500 is due at the end of September.

Lastly, I would just like to echo the Minister's thanks for all the very generous donations to the Fabric Appeal. It was truly staggering to receive the level of contributions that we did and that will allow us to assess the financial situation over the next few months with a view to paying back some of the loan to the General Trustees.

Thank you once again for your continued financial support to Springfield Cambridge Church. Every contribution is very much appreciated and valued.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

To all Springfield Cambridge Church Members

Update on our church central heating system and our Fabric Appeal

When we launched our Appeal on 24th. February, 2021, we expected the cost to be at least £85,000 - the cost of what it took us to build the new Church in 1971.

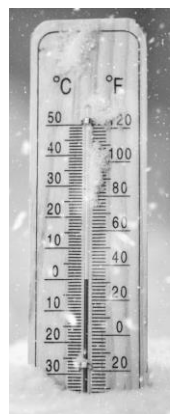
When the job was completed, the final cost came in at **£81,937.73**. This was made up as follows:

Contractors	£74076.89
EDC Building Warrant	£593.00
Architect's Fees	£675.00
Heating Consultant's Fees	£6592.84

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £81,937.73

Within the contractor's fees we are presently holding a retention fee of 2.5% which amounts to £1851.92 which we keep for a period in case there are any snagging issues to be resolved in the coming months.

In terms of Income, to meet these costs, I wish to record **a HUGE thank you** on behalf of the Congregational Board and Kirk Session to members and others who contributed so extraordinarily sacrificially and generously to our Appeal. 208 envelopes were received with donations amounting to £43,325, plus the Gift Aid Tax reclaim on eligible donations bringing an additional £8,872 resulting in a final figure of our Appeal generating £52,197



In addition, we have borrowed £30,000 from the General Trustees at 121 in Edinburgh at a rate of 5% p.a. for 5 years. The Loan Repayments of approximately £3428 will be paid on the 31st. March and 30 September. Just recently we were awarded a Grant of £5,000 from the Baird Trust and we have one other funding application pending.

CURRENT INCOME

General Trustees Loan	£30,000
Baird Trust	£5,000
Fabric Appeal	£52,197

TOTAL **£87,197**

Obviously as you can see from the above figures, we have more than met the cost of the heating works which is fantastic. However, it is our intention later in the year to consider the possibility of using some of these funds to make a partial early repayment to the loan to reduce our future commitments. Until things are a little clearer, we are not able to do that just yet. Our General Income has been greatly affected by Covid and such a major expense has depleted our Fabric Funds considerably which impacts on any future works we may need to undertake. We will share what happens next in a later Edition of The Record.

The Guild

The Guild strategy for the next three years is “Look Forward in Faith”, and we shall certainly be looking forward to the time when we can resume our worship, fellowship and friendship at Guild meetings. A provisional syllabus has been compiled and the committee are keen to get started whenever the updated guidance is received and we hear the decision of the Kirk Session.

As soon as we know the start date, the number who may attend and what the arrangements are; this information will be sent out to all Guild members and be made available in the Hall of Fellowship.

Ellen Robertson

Flower Calendar

“Look forward in Faith” Hymn 237

Things are beginning to look brighter these days as more people are getting out and about and being allowed to meet in greater numbers, especially in Church. I pray that it won't be long before the Flower Ministry is back and serving the Congregation once again, offering hope and contact to those who perhaps are unable to get out or who simply need a little encouragement. This ministry is funded by the generosity of donations from members of our Church family. Some have dates that are special to them and so give for the flowers which go out to others on or near that date. Others simply donate at any time of the year. Every donation is vital to allow this ministry to take place.

I hope and pray that you can all relax more now and are enjoying meeting up safely with family and friends again. May God be with you and keep you and your loved ones safe.

Anne Harvey, Convenor

Pandemic Reflections of a Reader

What does a Reader do in lockdown? The answer is a range of things. For the first six months I did nothing by way of preaching but I produced a daily prayer for a Facebook group of ministers I belong to. Be careful what you ask for I had suggested pre-lockdown as the numbers rose that the ministers on the group should take time to pray each day, maybe at a set time. I was asked to write a short prayer each day – and I'm still doing it!

God is good in that I didn't have any preaching commitments in the first six months which gave me time to get over the death of my dad and do what I had to do. But mid-September 2020 I had returned home at 3.30 on a Friday afternoon from an overnight away with my mum and the phone went. It was the Presbytery Office asking if I could cover at Netherlee and Stamperland, a joint charge and two services, on the Sunday. It was to cover for the minister being on compassionate leave, so I took up the offer

and was there until the end of October, for a very happy period in my life as a Reader. I came away with some wonderful memories including my last Sunday when I made the focus youth orientated and preached on the Gospel of Jelly Babies. Netherlee decided that would be their focus of Christmas outreach producing a card telling the story of the Gospel of Jelly Babies and sending it out to every household in the Parish. Stamperland left me speechless in more ways than one. At the end of the service the Session Clerks presented me with the most beautiful bouquet of flowers in thanks for what I had done. But their response to the closing hymn was wonderful. The hymn was "Will Your Anchor Hold", the first time I'd heard it since my dad's funeral. Stamperland is a strong BB congregation and many ex-members had turned out. At that point singing was banned but I'd asked for the congregation to clap or whatever they felt would add to the praise. There was a row of ex-members who stood up clapped their hands, stamped their feet and just "gave it laldy!" It's a memory I'll carry with me thinking "I hope you're looking down on this, dad!" From there I did a couple of weeks holiday cover at Fernhill and Cathkin which included Armistice Sunday and then I kind of moved to Springburn to assist during Brian Casey's absence. I did a number of inline services for them including one at Tollcross Park for the text "I am the Good Shepherd!" because there are sheep in Tollcross Park. That too will be a never to be forgotten memory for as Douglas was filming me saying "Sheep are not the most intelligent of creatures..." one of the sheep decided to go from one side of the field to the other but not through the gate – through the fence and the silly thing got stuck! Douglas managed to get through to the end, the sheep got free and the lady who was walking her dog and had stopped to listen said "that was lovely! I needed to hear that this morning. I'll be tuning in on Sunday to hear the rest". That's why we cannot and must not confine ourselves to buildings in proclaiming the gospel.

I'm still covering at Springburn including conducting funerals, planning to speak to the Guild as they re-open in October and I'm loving every minute of it.

Lynne Robertson, Reader

Girls' Brigade

The 65th Co Girls' Brigade leaders are delighted to announce that we plan to resume to face to face meetings in the church as of the 14th of September 2021 if our risk assessment is passed by GB Scotland.

From March 2020 we continued our GB sessions via zoom which was something very new to us all. We managed to hold weekly sessions including our Christmas party, parents and girls quiz night and presentation of certificates.

Our risk assessment has been submitted to GB Scotland and arrangements have been made for our return.

Planned times for sections will be Explorers P1-P3 6.30-7.30 pm in the Springfield Hall. Juniors P4-P7 6.30-8.00pm in the Cameron Hall and Brigaders 6.30-8.30pm in the Springfield Hall. We will be following the church's guidance on COVID-19 social distancing. Brigaders and Leaders will require to wear a mask while indoors.

All girls of school age will be made most welcome.

For further information please contact Captain Katie Byrne on 07771680452 or by email at gb65thglasgow@hotmail.co.uk

Katie Byrne Captain

268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade will be starting back on Thursday 2nd September for Junior and Company Sections at 7pm for an enrolment night with Anchor Boys starting on Friday 3rd September at 7pm as well.

Fortunately, we managed to meet for 6 weeks before Christmas last year in the church and we will be operating with those reduced times and arrangements for the first 6 weeks of this session and review things at the October week school holiday.

The hope is to run a much more "normal" program this year with Company Section now having an updated badge structure after the younger sections changed a couple of years ago. With restrictions hopefully easing further as we go through the year, it would be the hope for more outings being possible as we go through this session.

With all that in mind, any Boy is welcome if they are in school from Primary 1 to S6, then contact myself on 07821 985353 or john.armour92@hotmail.com and I can pass their details on to the relevant Officer in Charge.

John Armour, Captain

Anchor Boys

The Anchor Boys will be restarting on Friday the 3rd of September at 7.00p.m. We are looking forward to welcoming back all our boys from last session and hopefully we will be running a near normal programme this year. If you know of any boys who are in P1, P2 & P3 at school who you think would like to join our Anchor Boys then please pass on these details. We will have 12 boys coming back this session so there are available spaces for new boys to join.

The Anchor Boys did manage to meet for 6 weeks in June to finish off our session. The boys took part in lots of physical games over these 6 weeks and we finished off with our awards night. At the awards night we presented our achievement badges to all our boys as well as promoting our two Primary 3 boys to our Junior Section. We would like to wish Mason and Nathan all the best for their time in our Junior Section. Thank you to all our boys, parents, the church and the Anchor Boys staff for their hard work and support last session which allowed us to run for 13 weeks and provide our boys with a bit of normality during the pandemic.

Alan Kerr Officer in Charge Email: Anchorboys268@aol.com

Abie (Abe) Vaughn (22/7/36-11/8/21)

The Man who Invented Strathkelvin

Older members of the congregation will be sorry to learn of the death of Abie (also known as Abe). Abe, with his father, mother and younger sister Elizabeth, spent his early years in a tenement on Kirkintilloch Road, Bishopbriggs. He attended Springfield Church (now Springfield Cambridge) where he was a member of the Sunday School, Life Boys and Boys' Brigade. Later he became a Sunday School Teacher and was a founder member of the Youth Fellowship. Abe attended Bishopbriggs Higher Grade School, then Glasgow High School followed by the University of Glasgow where he graduated BSc before becoming a teacher at Lenzie Academy.

The family moved to Kirkintilloch where Abie became a local Councillor. The Local Government Act of 1964 resulted in the amalgamation of the local councils of Kirkintilloch and Bishopbriggs. At the first meeting of the new authority the question arose as to what the name should be. It was Abie who proposed Strathkelvin.

He continued to teach but his health began to fail. He married Maureen on 15th October 1990. At first they lived in Bearsden and then moved to a house in Kelvin Court. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Bill Findlay

Thanks

I would like to offer my thanks to Ian for the use of the church for my mother's funeral, which unfortunately could not take place in her own church. Heartfelt thanks to all those who helped out on the day, Alan for playing, Jim and Fiona, Douglas and Duncan for being so welcoming to those attending and Anne for arranging the flowers in the church. Thanks also to friends for expressions of sympathy and cards.

David Hogg

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Whenever it becomes possible, the Group will meet up to put forward ideas to entertain and nourish you over the next year. As always, we will rely on your generous support whether it is to enjoy the fellowship of eating together, listening to good music or engaging your brain in quizzes etc.

We look forward to meeting you all again soon!

