

The Springfield Cambridge Record



As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. *Genesis 8:22*

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A Word from our Minister: Love and grace sought

Presbytery Planning is occupying much of my attention and focus just now as The Presbytery of Glasgow seeks to reduce the number of ministry posts as instructed by the General Assembly. In our area, Zone 3, the reduction will amount to a move from 22 to 10.5 posts. Each Zone is forming clusters of congregations who will work together to agree the required reductions. During May and June our Kirk Session will have numerous meetings with Cadder and Kenmure Churches and a Facilitator appointed by Presbytery to help our cluster of Cadder, Kenmure and Springfield Cambridge work through this process. Currently Kenmure is without a Minister and has not been granted permission to call, and so we have to devise a plan for the next five years of how best we can provide ministry to our 3 congregations and parishes with 2 Ministers. Naturally this is creating a sense of anxiety and concern for many.

A while ago I went to the cinema to see the film *Belfast* set in Northern Ireland in 1969. Buddy a nine year old Protestant boy has a crush on a Roman Catholic classmate. He asks his father if he could have a future with her, and his father replies, *"That wee girl can be a practicing Hindu, or Southern Baptist, or vegetarian Anti-Christ. But if she's kind, and fair, and you two respect each other, she and her people are welcome in her house."*

Love and grace win the day, if not the war. This father's ethos of welcome strikes me as deeply Christian. I like to think that such qualities will be found in the midst of this Presbytery planning process. Of course I have been around the Kirk long enough, and seen previous iterations of Presbytery plans to know that this is not always the case. But, for my part, I am trying to remind myself of the need to let love and grace win the day. They are like guard rails of our faith.

In *Belfast*, the father doesn't simply say that everyone is welcome. He says they are welcome if they are kind and fair and respect others.

That's a big if. Isn't the whole point of grace that Christ's love extends to those who are neither kind, nor fair, nor respectful? I need something apart from my own goodness to be the basis for my welcome in Christ's Church?

And so it goes on. We will always wrestle with these questions, because we will always encounter and love people in Presbytery planning, in life in general who don't fit into our boxes. But then I recall that the heart of Christianity is never what we do; it is what God does. The community of God's people doesn't spring from our activity; it comes from God. As long as we err on the side of love and stay open to the Holy Spirit's guidance, we follow the commandment Jesus gave the community formed in his name: to love one another, so people will know we are his disciples. May it be so for me and for you.

Rev. Ian Taylor

A Word from our Assistant Minister

Friendship and Discipleship

Brazilian writer Joao Guimaraes Rosa has a magnificent phrase: *"the real is not in the exit or in the arrival, it is ready for us is in the middle of the crossing."* In my interpretation, he is warning us that life is a crossing between birth and death and between genesis and apocalypse. This is nothing new for anyone who has stopped to reflect, for even a minute, on the meaning of life. What is not always clear to most people is the fact that life is a kind of crossing that we cannot do alone. When God thought of our life, our crossing, he supposed that we were going to do it in the company of friends.

Jesus himself did not want to make his crossing alone. Anyone who looks at the two thousand years of Christianity, at the great organisations that have grown up around it, at the millions of people

who profess the Christian faith, at all the good and bad things that are associated with it, finds it difficult to believe that it all started with a simple friendship invitation. The purpose of discipleship revealed by Mark may be disappointing, but Jesus called 12 men "to be with Him" (Mark 3:14), to be His friends.

That's why the disciples had trouble understanding Jesus' intentions. They thought that Jesus had an ace up his sleeve that would be placed on the table at the right time. It was unacceptable that someone who cured the blind and the paralysed, raised the dead, multiplied loaves, and therefore seemed so powerful, did not have a sophisticated project of conquering power. It was unthinkable to accept the fact that it was all just a pilgrimage of friends, but it was.

After teaching this very important first lesson, Jesus sent them out to preach. Doing this he was saying: whatever you do, do it as a result of the friendship you have with me, which leads us to conclude that discipleship and Christian mission are a repercussion of our friendship with Jesus. Otherwise, it isn't discipleship or Christian mission at all.

Then notice that we can't live the Christian life without cultivating friendship with Jesus and the special people that God has been putting in our journey of life. I think Brazilian singer and poet Renato Russo help us to understand why friendship is so important in life. He has a song that says: *"with you around, I liked myself better."* There are people who make us like ourselves more and like God more. They are our friends. We are supposed to do our crossing alongside them.

If you think it is hard to make friends you might be right, but if we consider friendship as something essential to our progress in discipleship and that God provides all we need to become faithful apprentices of Jesus, we can have a new perspective. Friendship is a gift from God. We don't make friends; we find friends which God has been giving to us.



Ask God to help you find your journey friends and celebrate life with them while you are on the crossing. The reason for that is simple: in life, between a good beginning and a good ending or a bad beginning and a good ending, there is always deep friendship. No one can finish the journey of life well without the companionship and support of friends.

Rev. Edson Duque de Castro.

4th Placement Student (Probationer) (Full-Time Word and Sacrament (FTWAS)).

In August of this year we will be joined by another trainee Minister, Julie, who has penned a few words of introduction.



As I write this note to you, I have a companion with me today, toothache! Don't you just love toothache? I went to the dentist yesterday, and as I sat in the waiting room alongside another patient, I longed to hear my name being called. And so when the dentist called the other patient first my heart sank. I'd never been so desperate to get into that dentist's chair as I did yesterday, but I had to wait.

The waiting place, described so well by the children's author Dr Seuss.

"The waiting place, for people just waiting.
Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come,
Or a plane to go, or the mail to come or the rain to go,
Or the phone to ring or the snow to snow.
Or waiting for a yes or no, or waiting for hair to grow,
Everyone is just waiting'.

I have just submitted my final assignment to Trinity College, Glasgow University, just finished my final placement in training to become a Church of Scotland Minister and I now find myself in the waiting place. Waiting to come to you at Springfield Cambridge Parish Church to begin the next step of my journey, a step I am so looking forward to.

We are all waiting for something, but we so often struggle to wait. I wonder how we can wait well. Isaiah reminds us that, those who wait upon God get fresh strength; they spread their wings and soar like eagles.

Isn't that a wonderful image, from our waiting with God we are refreshed and rise with hope? There is power in waiting as well, it's perhaps one of the best of the best life balancing, soul strengthening, decision making gifts God gives us. But perhaps the fear of what the waiting place may hold can rob us of the delicious rest, hope and change it can offer. For as Isaiah tells, it is from our waiting with God that our deepest longings appear.

I spent several years wondering about my sense of call to ministry and wandering through life as I tried to understand it and perhaps reason it away. I guess I was waiting for a miraculous sign or for the timing to feel just right, ironically it was when Ross and I waited on the arrival of our miracle, the birth of our son Benjamin that I felt now was the time. I realised for me answering God's call was about taking the decisive step and acting in faithful response from the context in which I found myself. Freeing myself to be compliant to God's will. And to be honest if it wasn't God's will and timing there is no way I could have juggled life, motherhood, study, and placements over the past four years.

Yesterday, in that dentist's waiting room, what helped me wait well was knowing that my name would be called. Today, as I wait to be with you at Springfield Cambridge and as my family wait to see where God is calling us, we wait well, in hope, knowing our name will be called.

God speaks into each of our lives, Be Still and know that I am God.

Wait well and I will see you all very soon.

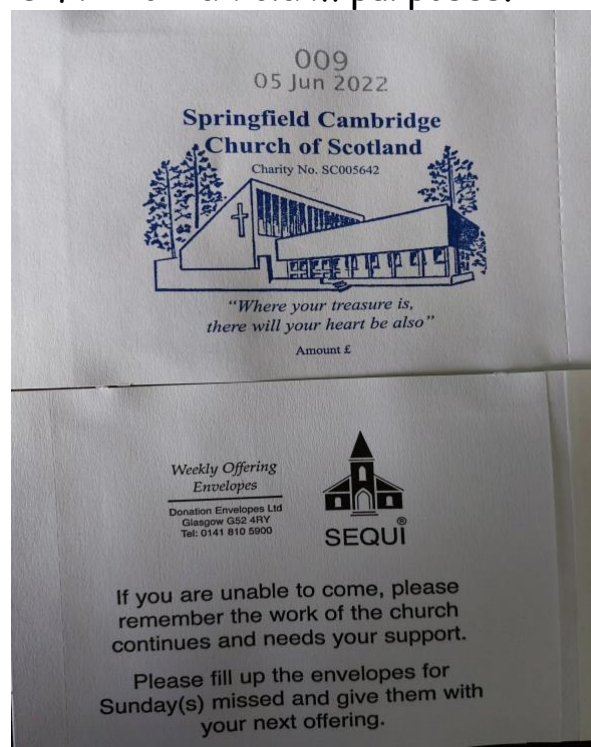
Blessings, **Julie Hearty**

Presbytery Planning Update

In May 2022 Rev. Val Duff, a Facilitator from the Presbytery of Glasgow will meet with the Kirk Session of Kenmure Church(11/5), Cadder Church(16/5) and Springfield Cambridge(17/5) and then in June 2022 with the combined Kirk Sessions at Kenmure (8/6), Cadder(13/6) and Springfield Cambridge(20/6) to discuss how we will minister to Bishopbriggs with fewer ministries than we have enjoyed in the past to help fulfill the General Assembly's requirement for a new Presbytery Plan. As details emerge of these significant changes, we will keep you advised.

Weekly Freewill Offering (WFO) Envelopes

Many members will be familiar with the habit of filling their weekly Church envelopes with their offering and bringing them to Church on a Sunday morning. Some members who use them will be tax payers and may have Gift Aided their offerings and others may be non tax payers and so we have two different colours of envelopes in use to differentiate for Gift Aid Tax claim purposes.



Usually at this time of the year we are preparing to reorder these envelopes which cost the Church about £500 each year to supply to those who have requested them. We have been reviewing their usage over the past two years and have noticed that **the number of envelopes being returned is very considerably less than those being supplied to our members.**

Those who currently receive WFO envelopes but currently **DO NOT** use them regularly will be contacted shortly by David Lockhart or Joyce Macmillan by letter to ask if they wish to continue with envelopes.

For some people changed financial circumstances may mean that they no longer need them. For others an inability to physically get to Church may mean that their use is less and it is not always possible to pass them to someone to bring them to Church. Some members may have moved to paying directly via their bank or building society during recent Covid times.

In any event please let David or Joyce know your preference. Should you have any questions or queries they will be happy to help you as will our Treasurer, Jim Kerr.

Rev. Ian Taylor.

COVID UPDATE



The Kirk Session met on 17/05/22 and considered the latest changes introduced by the Scottish Government and advised by our central Church offices at 121 George Street in Edinburgh.

For the foreseeable future the following measures will apply:

- Hand sanitiser should be used on entry to and exit from the building;
- Face coverings may be worn by those who wish;
- Track and trace details will no longer be required;
- Worshippers will no longer be shown to their pews;
- Worshippers may choose to sit anywhere in the two main central sections of the Church without the need to socially distance ;
- Worshippers who would prefer to maintain 1 metre social distancing should sit comfortably in the left and right side aisle seating areas;
- The Offering will continue to be received upon entry into the Hall of Fellowship to minimise the risk of those handling the Offering Plates and counting their contents
- Holy Communion elements will be individual elements collected by those participating in Communion to the minimise risk through the passing of elements and those assisting with the distribution will observe good hygiene practices.
- Worshippers will exit the Church via the Chancel Fire Escape Doors.

LOOKING BACK



Baptisms

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

15/05/22 Lucy Margaret Marion CRAIG



Wedding

6/5/22 Lydia R. Berrington & Andreas G Hollas



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.

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| Friday 8 th . April, 2022 | Mrs. Sheila Horne, Sunart Gardens |
| Tuesday 12 th . April, 2022 | Mrs. Jeanette McCartney, Blair Atholl Avenue |
| Friday 13 th . May, 2022 | Mr. David Ellis, Cortmalaw Avenue |
| Monday 16 th . May 2022 | Mr. Neville Hall, Hillview Gardens |
| Thursday 26 th . May, 2022 | Mr. Robert McKinnon, Dunkeld Gardens |



On **Saturday 21st. May, 2022**, Euan Russell and musical friends returned to Springfield Cambridge to hold a concert in the Church in aid of SAMH from 6.45-10pm. This was a fabulous evening and the magnificent sum of £2917.48 was raised.

On Thursday 26th May, NYCOS East Dunbartonshire Boys Choir's held their Summer Concert in the Church which was another exceptional evening of musical entertainment. Looking forward to their Christmas Concert already!



Notable Events in our congregational life:

11/6/22 David and Marion Rae Ruby Wedding



Congratulations to Church Member- Miss Ruby Younger, 6 Clober Road, Milngavie who celebrated her 100th birthday on 8th May.

LOOKING AHEAD



On Friday 24/06/22 the **City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra** who have recently begun to use the Cameron Hall as their Friday evening rehearsal venue, will hold a concert in the **Church** at **7.30 pm**. **Further** details to follow.



The Guild

We hosted the Glasgow North Guilds Together meeting in March when Edson, at short notice, ably led the devotions standing in for Ian who had Covid. The main speaker was Andrew Hornsby, the new lead in Scotland of one of the Guild Projects - Home for Good, a Christian charity supporting potential adopters or foster parents of vulnerable children. He spoke very enthusiastically and had clearly been influenced by his parents who had been foster parents. It was really good that we were able to provide hospitality to the representatives

of the twelve guilds attending and was not only an informative but enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting was our hostess tea (our main fund-raising evening) but sadly our planned entertainers had to cancel as they were both affected by Covid. We had a do it yourself evening with a sing along, general knowledge quiz and a musical quiz and despite the very short preparation time this turned out to be quite a success.

At our AGM most of the existing committee volunteered to continue and were joined by 2 others who had previously served. Unfortunately, there was no volunteer for the role of Convener. However, for those of you who did not see the stop press in the last magazine I'm delighted to report that the Guild ladies have donated £1381 to charities and £600 to the Church Fabric fund.

The weather for our outing to Largs was dry, breezy and with some sun. We enjoyed afternoon tea in the Brisbane House Hotel, and it was a very pleasant end to our 2021-22 session. There will be a Guilds Together "Echoes of Assembly" meeting on Thursday 9 June at 2pm in Cadder Church. To help with catering arrangements if you wish to attend, please let Joyce Macmillan know by 3rd June. The Guild Annual Gathering is on Saturday 3rd September in Edinburgh.

Our meetings will resume on 5 September when Edson will be the main speaker. The projects being supported next session are Beat, the UK's eating disorder charity and UNIDA, a charity pioneering education that transforms the lives of young Brazilians and develops future leadership for faith communities and for the wider society. If you want to participate in worship, fellowship and faith in action please come and join us - you will be very welcome. The Guild is open to both men and women.

Ellen Robertson

Photographs from the Guild Outing to Largs



Flower ministry - good news

It is hoped that the Flower ministry will be able to resume in our church within the next few weeks. We are very grateful to those who have made recent donations. Some people have also asked how they can contribute, and we are now able to welcome further donations in order to facilitate this ministry.

We will start again as soon as possible and very much look forward to being able to offer this ministry of encouragement again to those in need in our Church family.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, through

- * Donations to buy flowers on a special anniversary,
or
- * By being part of the team who organise the flowers for display and delivery (on a rota basis)

Please can you let either Maureen Brown or myself, Anne Harvey, know as soon as possible? Thank You.

Anne Harvey
Flower Committee



"Trust in the Lord and do good" Psalm 37:3

Treasurer's Report

This being the final magazine of the session I would just like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very pleasant summer. Hopefully by the time you read this article some long hot and sunny days will have arrived!

Thanks to all the regular "givers" for your offerings. Whether you give by weekly envelopes or bankers order, your contributions are much appreciated and mean that we can meet our regular ongoing expenses. Even over the summer months our average outgoings will still be nearly £12,000 per month without taking into account any one-off expenditure items that may crop up.

The General Fund has a Deficit for the year of £4,447 as at 15th May 2022. We expect to receive a settlement shortly of the Quarter 1 2022 General Fund tax claim from HMRC for approximately £4,750. All Income and Outgoings for 2022 to date are broadly in line with the budget set out at the beginning of the year.

I am pleased to advise that as a Congregation we have again been granted full exemption from paying any water charges for the tax year 2022/2023. Any Registered Charity whose annual income is less than £200,000 can apply for exemption under the scheme introduced by the Scottish Government.

We have also recently received much appreciated donations from the following:

£600 donation from The Guild to the Fabric Fund

£450 donation from the Badminton Club to the General Fund

The Church and Manse Insurance has recently been renewed at an annual premium of £3,323.

Jim Kerr (Treasurer)

268th Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys

Our session at Anchor Boys came to an end on Friday the 13th May. We have 29 boys on the role with our usual Friday night attendance about 26 boys which is really good. Since we restarted back in February the boys have been taking part in lots of games, team games, crafts and working towards earning their achievement badges. We held a Platinum Jubilee Night where we played lots of royal themed games and made our own crown iced biscuits. Our parents also donated items for our "Jubilee in a box". We aim to hand 38 party bags into a local care home for the residents to enjoy during the Jubilee.

Friday 13th was also our awards night where we welcomed parents into the hall for the first time in over two years to see our boys getting presented with their awards. The boys all got presented with their achievement badges which they all earned. Our Primary 3 boys got promoted to our Junior Section by our Company Captain John Armour. We will miss our 15 Primary 3 boys, but we know they will love their time in our Junior Section.

The minister presented the Marion Fleming Trophy for best boy to Deacon Tracy. The minister also presented the winners of our group competition with the Founders Trophy to the T Rex group.

Our final presentation of the night was to our Anchor Boys Officer Alan McMillan who has decided after 24 years that the time is right for him to leave our section. Alan has been a dedicated officer and will be a huge loss to the Anchor Boys. We would like to thank Alan for his many years of service to the Anchor Boys & the Boys Brigade.

Thank you to all the boys, parents, friends, and staff of the Anchor Boys who have supported us through the last two sessions. Thank you to the church for their support through the last two sessions and through the Covid period.

Anchor Boys will resume in Sept 2022. If you know any boy in P1, P2 & P3 who is at school and would like to join the anchor boys the please pass on the details to them.

Alan Kerr

Officer in Charge

Email: anchorboys268@aol.com



Thank you Alan from the Anchor Boys,

Alan McMillan

And right, pictured with his parents,
Sheena and George McMillan.



268th Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade - Junior Section

We finished for the session on Thursday 12th May 2022. The Boys' parents came along for a short time to see the boys getting their awards and prizes for attendance and also the winning team for the monthly team game challenge. Well done to the Blue Jays!! In late April the boys took part in the Boys' Brigade International Team Games competition and we got the result on 12th May!! Out of 176 entries the 268 Glasgow Junior Section were 55th - so proud of the boys and this achievement and as a well done we are off to McDonalds.

We have 2 Boys being promoted to the Company Section, Adam Carmichael and Ethan Thorn. We wish them both every happiness in their next part of their journey in the Boys' Brigade.

A huge thank you to Margaret, Mel and Harry for their help and input into giving the boys a varied, informative and fun programme. Also, once again an enormous thank you to Jim and Fiona for setting up the hall for us - it is really appreciated so much.

Mary Armour

268th Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade - Company Section

After a successful end to the 'normal' part of the session. We ran our annual summer programme for the first time in 3 years! The Boys went to the Time Capsule, Innoflate in Cumbernauld, a hill walk up the Whangie in the rain and then finished off the year with some archery and shooting at Auchengillan. The Boys all had a great time trying something new every week and this was funded by our reunion dinner and a donation from an ex-member's family so thank you to all for their generosity over the past few months. We hope to run a bigger event in June for the Boys as well before starting all over again in September.

I'd like to thank all the Boys, staff and parents for their support in returning to almost normal this year, with the prospect of a full session returning next year, there's plenty to look forward to.

John Armour
Captain



65th Glasgow Company Girls' Brigade

After two long years and three missed displays we were finally able to welcome the girls' parents for our first scaled down display on the 29th March.

The girls were so excited as their parents arrived and took their seats. The display did not take its usual form, but the girls had a ball showing their parents what they had spent the session doing. The highlight of the evening was our prize giving when all the girls received their badges.

The Cuthbert Cup was presented to the entire company in recognition of the girls' commitment to the company throughout Covid with each of the girls receiving a trophy to take home.

Our session ended on 19th April with a fun night full of games, pizza and an Easter egg hunt.

Our new session will commence in August when hopefully restrictions will have been fully lifted and we will be back to normal. Girls of school age P1-S6 are all welcome.

Wishing you all a lovely summer.

Katie Byrne
Captain

CHURCH FUND RAISING GROUP



The Fund Raising Group resurrected itself on Monday 16 May with a very fruitful meeting in Room 2. After a quick catch up with everyone it was down to business. Margery Gough has stepped down from being Chairperson for the Group, Ann Brannan agreeing to take over the position. Christine Bickers regretfully offered her resignation but offered her continued assistance at events if required.

As we're still in a period of uncertainty about Covid, especially looking forward to this Autumn/Winter we looked carefully at the types of fund-raising events we could undertake with reasonable ease.



Instead of our usual Christian Aid Lunch, members suggested that perhaps we could sell a Quiz Sheet to raise funds for the charity instead. We are hoping to organise a Concert with the City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra,

following a successful evening in 2019; to offer a 'Pamper Hamper'; and to look into the possibility of having a Film Night. Final dates for these and other events in Spring of 2023 will be finalised at the Halls Letting Meeting, so watch this space!



Margery Gough

G64 Community Support

Do you need help with essential shopping, collecting prescriptions, some light gardening, posting letters, transport to medical appointments, a friendly phone chat and more? If the answer is yes then G64 Community Support is there for you.

Please contact the Opal Helpline on 0141 237 2347

Monday 9am-7pm Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm & Saturday 10am-12pm

G64 Community Support Volunteers required

We are looking for caring volunteers who would like to contribute in supporting the G64 community of Bishopbriggs, Auchinairn, Torrance & Balmore.

Volunteers role involves assisting shopping, collecting prescription, friendly phone call etc. Also as the days get longer and warmer more volunteers are required to help out with light gardening such as cutting grass or some light weeding.

So if you like to be outdoors and can help please get in touch.

All that is required is that you have a compassionate nature, a willingness to help and are reliable.

If you feel you are this person or you know someone who would like to be part of our growing organisation then please either telephone EDVA on 0141 578 6680 or email volunteer@edva.org

If you would like more information about G64 Community Support please do not hesitate to contact us on our email: g64community@gmail.com

Recycle for Profit



Books

After a slow start on my part – donated books are now being processed and £72 has thus far been pleasingly passed to the church bank account.

That said, the response from our church family has been the polar opposite of ‘slow’ in that we have been inundated with a veritable cornucopia of books! I look forward, with confidence, to being able to report a further boost for our church funds. So – if you have books to donate – please bring them in.



Ink Cartridges

I had a very pleasant surprise when, *post lockdown*, I opened the cupboard door to then see the shelf filled to capacity with HP and Canon ink cartridges. These have now raised just over £60 – which the cartridge recycling company settle on a quarterly basis. If you use an HP or Canon printer, please bring along any empty cartridges you accrue – there is time before the end-of-June payment date to add a wee bit more to the total.



CDs and DVDs

In a previous article, I indicated that current digital systems had rendered CDs and DVDs as nigh on obsolete. But here we are in 2022 and there is still a small market to be found. £19 was recently received for a batch of CDs and DVDs. Not much – but a welcome addition to our church bank a/c. So – if you happen to find a stray CD or DVD at the back of a drawer – please bring it along to donate and maybe we can gain the benefit of another few pounds.

James Robertson
