



The Springfield Cambridge Record



For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1 17 - 18

March 2012

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A word from our Minister.... *Stumbling blocks and stepping stones... the story continues... resources for life.*

Sometimes when writing an article for the magazine it can be difficult to imagine what sort of response it will prompt in the readers. Last month's article triggered some positive responses, which lead me to think that maybe there was a little more to be said about facing obstacles. I once heard someone say that

'hope hears the music of the future and faith dances to it'

which I thought was a stunning statement. But where do we go to find that hope and faith? For us, as readers of the 'good book' we naturally turn to the pages of Scripture. To that end, I thought it might be useful for readers to have a 'ready reckoner' of places within the Bible that can be helpful when facing some of life's obstacles.

WHERE TO FIND HELP WHEN:

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| AFRAID | Matthew 8: 23-27 Matthew 10: 26-31 |
| BITTER OR CRITICAL | Matthew 7: 1-5 Romans 2: 1-4 |
| CONSCIOUS OF SIN | Romans 7: 7-25 1 John 1: 8-10 |
| DEPRESSED | II Corinthians 4: 8, 9 Hebrews 12: 1-3 |
| DISCOURAGED | Romans 8: 31-39 Hebrews 13: 5, 6 |
| DOUBTING | Mark 9: 23, 24 John 20: 24-29 |
| FAILURE COMES | Hebrews 4: 14-16 Jude 24, 25 |

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| FEELING DOWN | Acts 3: 1-16 1 Peter 5: 10, 11 |
| FRIENDS FAIL | Luke 17: 3-5 II Timothy 4: 16-18 |
| ILL OR IN PAIN | II Corinthians 12: 7-10 James 5: 13-15 |
| LEAVING HOME | Mark 10: 28-30 Luke 15: 11-24 |
| LONELY | Luke 24: 13-32 John 14: 16-21 |
| NEEDING PEACE | Romans 5: 1-5 Romans 15: 13 |
| PRAYING | Matthew 6: 5-15 Luke 18: 9-14 |
| SAD | II Corinthians 1: 3-11 Revelation 21: 1-5 |
| TEMPTED | I Corinthians 10: 11-13 James 1: 12-15 |
| TROUBLED | John 14: 1-4 Hebrews 7: 25 |
| WANTING COURAGE | Acts 4: 13-31 II Corinthians 4: 16-18 |
| WEARY | Matthew 11: 28-30 II Corinthians 4: 16-18 |
| WORRIED | Matthew 6: 25-34 Philippians 4: 4-7 |

I hope that these directions may be of help to allow you to hear the music of the future and to find the faith to dance to it.

Rev. Ian Taylor

Breaking News.....

Presbytery Planning

The task of the Presbytery's Committee to prepare a Plan continues and the data we provided last year for the numbers at Worship exercise has been incorporated into other data to give our 'score'. We now have our 'score' and have received the first draft of the Plan which the Kirk Session will consider on 21st. February, 2012. A meeting with representatives from Presbytery and our neighbouring charges will be held by the end of March at which point it is hoped we will have a clearer picture of the implications for Springfield Cambridge.

Local Church Review (Quinquennial Visit)

Our Local Church Review which used to be called a Quinquennial Visitation (Q.V.) which was arranged for 14th. of June, 2011 was postponed by the Presbytery of Glasgow. This new scheme visit is now to be arranged over the next few months. The Kirk Session will consider our responses to a series of set questions at its meeting on February 21st. which it will then submit to the Visiting Team. On the 28th. of March, 2012 the Visiting Team will then meet with a small group of senior office-bearers to discuss our responses. Then on the 15th. of May, 2012 the Visiting Team will return to meet with all our office-bearers and any members of the congregation who wish to meet the Visiting Team to discuss their proposals for our future. On Sunday 20th of May, 2012 the Team Leader, Rev. Ian M. S. McInnes, (Minister of Dennistoun New Church) will conduct worship at Springfield Cambridge, while Mr. Taylor conducts worship at Dennistoun New. On the 12th. of June 2012, the Kirk Session will receive the final report from the Visiting Team and be given an opportunity to make any comments to the Superintendence Committee and Presbytery meetings following the Kirk Session meeting.

Looking ahead...

Vestry Hour - Wednesday mornings

Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Mr Taylor, will be available on the 14th March 2012 from 10 - 11am. School Chaplaincy and Presbytery commitments mean that there will only be one Vestry hour this month, but should you wish to see him at another time, please contact him on (☎0141 772 1540 or ✉taylorian@btinternet.com) 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.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting



The Wednesday Prayer Group continues in the Cambridge Chapel from 6.45 – 7.15 pm. Currently the member leading the Group begins with a short introduction, followed by suggested prayer points for that particular meeting. This is followed by open prayer. There is no need for anyone to make a contribution if they do not wish to do so. Following this meeting an existing ecumenical Bible Study meets in the Chapel at 7.30pm, which members are free to join, if they wish.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on **Sunday 4th March 2012**.

There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on Sunday 11th. March, 2012 at 2.30 p.m.

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. The Service is held in the Lounge.





On **Sunday 11th. March, 2012**, Lodge Cadder Freestone No. 1584 will once again visit the Church for their Annual Divine Service at 3pm. This Service is open to all.

Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) - Tuesday 27th. March 2012 7.00 p.m.
Changes introduced by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) some years ago mean that at this meeting in the Cambridge Chapel the 2011 Annual accounts will only be received by the congregation. The Trustees (the members of the Congregational Board and the Kirk Session) will previously have met to approve them on Sunday 26th. February, 2012 after Morning Worship, as stipulated by OSCR.

This year, the Congregational Board would be pleased to welcome new or returning members of the Board to serve for a three year term. This is an important meeting in the life of our Congregation and you are encouraged to consider serving the church in this way. Volunteers are needed each year. There will be a meeting of the Congregational Board following the SAM at 7.30 pm.

Funerals

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

Monday 23rd. January, 2012

Mr. Hugh K. Gibb,
59 Crowhill Road

Monday 30th. January, 2012

Mr. Donald M. Smith,
67 Gleneagles Gardens

Tuesday 31st. January, 2012

Mr. Wilfred H. Colquhoun,
31 Villafield Avenue

Friday 10th. February, 2012

Mr. Ronald Tennant,
1 Stronsay Place

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Gift Aid

As at the 31st December 2011 there were a total of 249 members making their regular contributions through the Gift Aid scheme. This is a net increase of nine over the previous December and is the highest number we have ever achieved. As many of these represent family contributions where only one member of the family is a taxpayer, this represents a significant proportion of the membership giving tax efficiently. Well done! Since the Gift Aid scheme started 12 years ago our Church has benefited from just over £165,000 in tax recoveries.

Over the past couple of years we have gained a number of new Gift Aid contributors using the weekly offering envelopes and it seems worth clarifying a couple of points over their use. If you miss church for a couple of weeks and have not already filled your envelopes for the two missed weeks, then when you do come you need only put the total in the current week's envelope. If more convenient, it is quite acceptable to put a cheque in your envelope instead of cash. All money is recorded against the week it is received, irrespective of the date on the envelope. This is necessary to balance the total actually given against the bank pay-in for that week to complete the audit trail. There is no need to include earlier dated unused envelopes.

Some of you will know that I indicated to the November meeting of the Congregational Board that I wished to retire from the position of Gift Aid Convener. I am pleased to report that at its February meeting the Board approved the appointment of David Lockhart as my successor. I shall be working with David over the coming weeks as he learns the different aspects of the job and comes to grips with the latest software package that we use. I will continue to handle any queries in the short term during the handover period.

Michael Cooke

Fair Trade



A Fair Trade table will be open before and after the service on Sunday 12th February and we hope you will browse the stall and make a purchase from the wide selection of consumables we stock. We would,

of course, be happy to order anything for you that we don't have at present. Hope to see you in the Hall of Fellowship on the 12th.

Ann Crooks and Mary Johnstone



Christian Aid

Once again Christian Aid Week is fast approaching. We are looking for help to collect Christian Aid envelopes from house to house. If you have any problem about the legality of this, it has been agreed with all authorities in Scotland to give Christian Aid permission for collecting between 14th to 18th May. The more people who take part in our work the more we can achieve together. Sadly, last year there were a good number of streets in our area which were not covered because of a shortage of collectors. This, of course, led to a considerable drop in donations as compared to the previous year. If you are going to help again this year we give you thanks for your loyal support to Christian Aid. For those of you who have helped in the past and have been taking a break I would ask you to reconsider and help us again. I am also sure there are many of you who think "I could do that" And I know that you could – please speak to Maureen Brown or myself.

Christian Aid week gives poorer communities the tools they need to lift themselves out of poverty. We are committed to making your money work as hard as it can for those who struggle for a better quality of life and for their voices to be heard. This means we are continually looking at ways of keeping down the costs of our resources and fund raising.



Willie McSheehy, Bishopbriggs and Springburn Christian Aid Co-ordinator



Also – from the Christian Aid Website - christianaid.org.uk

"Lent is a time to take each day to reflect, pray and be thankful for the goodness of God and the blessings that we have received.



Make Lent count this year in a fresh way by joining us on the Count Your Blessings journey and supporting some of the poorest communities in the world.

Download our free resources, follow us on Facebook and Twitter and use our android app to join the journey with us".



The Layman's 10 Commandments.

These are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all of the time!

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.
2. So why is a Car's WINDSCREEN so large and the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus & Orchestra



Further to my report in the February issue of The Springfield Cambridge Record, I am pleased to confirm that the grand total raised from our Christmas Concert was £29,500.

A cheque for this tremendous amount was presented to Victoria Cartwright of CHAS by Alan A Craig, Musical Director of the Chorus and Orchestra, and Christine Sinclair, the Leader of the Orchestra, at our Dinner on 1st February.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary

Flower Calendar

MARCH



Distributors: Mrs M Johnstone 772 5734 and Mrs M Kennedy 772 8792

Donors: Mrs R Addyman, Mrs A Harvey, Mrs S Struthers

The Guild

On the 23rd of January we had a very intriguing talk from Rev Stanley Cooke about his “hats”. Each one meant a different occasion for him – where it was bought or found and this led to some funny stories indeed.

On 6th February we had Katie Roger from Fintry and she talked about her very interesting and busy life both on the farm and at the coffee shop. She had been a hairdresser to trade and had also learned how to make ice cream, yoghurt, crowdie and soft cheese which they sell and send and sell all around the country. This, as well as her Interior Design business, makes her a very busy woman. She had us all wishing we could all do half as well!

Our next meeting on 20th February will feature Liz McConnell of earth Squared which is a Fairtrade organisation and she will bring along her selection of bags made by women in Vietnam.

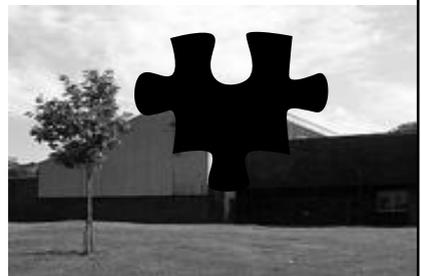
Betty Sturgeon, Secretary

Fabric Appeal 2011

As at the 19th of February 2012
the Running Total was

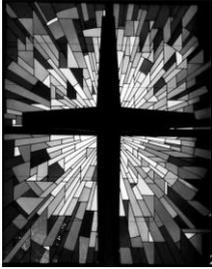
£9,440

187 envelopes returned



Although nearing its ‘end date’, the appeal is still very much open and *your* church would still be very pleased to accept ‘envelopes’ from those who have not as yet donated.

Front Cover Illustration



As we have now entered the period of Lent for 2012 – Wednesday 22nd February to Thursday 5th April – it seemed appropriate to carry a picture of a stained glass window representing the essence of this period of the 40 days before Easter. There is a succinct explanation of Lent contained within an informative website called *christianity.about.com* which asserts:

“Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter . . . the purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ – his suffering and sacrifice, his life, death, burial and (ultimately) resurrection”

The picture on the front cover is of a window to be found in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ingleside, Illinois. What better way to use the Lenten period to prepare for the coming of Easter than to have a clear image of the empty cross – that Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Master did indeed die for our sins but, as the Son of God, conquered death and rose again to everlasting life.

With regard to Lent 2012 – Dates for this year’s Holy Week Services are listed on the back cover.

PARTNERPLAN

Helen Scott

Ekwendeni Girls Secondary School

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January 2012

Dear Friends,

It was good to be home and able to visit many of you, but it is also goods to be back

I am now back in harness and getting back in to the routine of things. We now have two headmistresses who have been working together since September 2011. They seem to be working well together but neither of our bosses has been able to spell out to each of them what their role is. I am fitting in where I am needed or wanted. I have filled up my timetable so am doing a lot of teaching – great!! Seven of our teachers are on transfer – one has already left

– so the students are understandably worried as to who will be teaching them. There was a mini riot about this last term and I feel I should do as much teaching as possible, as this is a real concern. staff and students both use me as a sounding board for their complaints AS I think they are confused as to who in the office is dealing with what, so they come and report to me and then I pass the information to the right person. I have only been back 3 weeks!!!

Our new head is Mrs Chirambo quite young and easy to approach, though she has had no experience as a head. Please pray for her and Mrs Nyirenda as they work together. Pray too that I will have the wisdom I need as I do quite a bit of ‘conversation counselling’!

It is raining heavily each day so the crops are getting the water they need. That also means plenty of mud to come! Fertiliser is a problem this year with very few being able to afford the high prices. Most will be growing organic food, though not by choice!!! A lady came to see me today, obviously ill and as she went I was concerned that she would not be able to make it back to her bed without collapsing, but she had made the journey to my house just to ask about fertiliser.

There is a serious lack of fuel – I haven’t seen a petrol pump working since I arrived – just long lines of vehicles waiting at petrol stations. I do see fuel being poured out of plastic containers in to vehicles under a tree or such place. The problem with the black market fuel is that the price is astronomical and some add water (or something) to it and the engine seizes up, so it is a risk. Taxis are getting fewer – it means longer waits for one to turn up. As transport gets more difficult, then prices go up or goods become scarce. The country feels a bit fragile, but folks are trying to carry on as best they can.

I hear you have continued to have gales. When it rains here I just thank God that it is warm rain I am enjoying – am I being selfish?

Praying for you all

yours in Christ

Helen

Root Scootin' Boogie

The Junior Section of the Boys' Brigade
Present

Pat Davis Line Attack

Get you dancing shoes on and come along to a fun packed night with Pat Davis and her Line Attack Dancers. Pat, backed by her group of line dancers, will be on hand to put us all through our paces. This will be a fun evening for both novice and experienced line dancers.

Saturday 24th March

7.30pm—11pm

Springfield Hall

Tickets £5.00

Tickets will be available from Sunday 4th March from any junior staff member or call 762 3019

BYOB

sorry adults only

Springfield Cambridge Church

Dates for March 2012

Sunday Worship at 11am

Sunday 5th March

including the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday 11th March

Fair Trade Stall available before and after the service

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 18th March

Sunday 25th March

Stated Annual Meeting (SAM)

Tuesday 27th March at 7pm

Dates for Holy Week 2012

Palm Sunday - Sunday 1st April – 7pm

Springfield Cambridge Church

Monday 2nd April – 7pm

Robroyston Church

Stations of the Cross – Tuesday 3rd April – 7pm

St Matthews Church

Wednesday 4th April – 7pm

Kenmure Church

Maundy Thursday – Thursday 5th - 7pm

St James the Less Church

Good Friday – Friday 6th April

Walk of Witness - *time to be confirmed*

Bishopbriggs Community Church

Easter Sunday – Sunday 7th April

Dawn Service – 5.45am (meet at the Morte Safe) - Cadder Church

Easter Morning Service – Springfield Cambridge Church – 11am