



The Springfield Cambridge Record



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“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.” Lamentations 3:22

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Words from our Minister...*bake a cake*

A colleague who was originally a Minister in South Africa before settling in Scotland was recounting a story of a parishioner who following bereavement had lapsed into a very deep depression. Nothing he said or did seemed to help the lady recover from the death of her mother. In desperation, he contacted an old colleague who had emigrated from Ireland to South Africa. Who said we Presbyterians don't get around!

The old Irish Minister told my colleague to tell the lady to bake a cake and give it away to someone. Brian, was unsure, but did as he was told. A few weeks later the lady phoned him up and said, "*Brian, you told me to bake a cake, and I did, and it worked. I feel better*"

Not quite "***Great British Bake Off***" - but the forced activity of a task, completed for someone else, marked the start of one woman's return to health and well-being. When we are down and all our energy and emotions are centred on ourselves, we can sometimes lose perspective. By thinking of others our inward attention can shift outwards to the needs of others, reframing how we ourselves are feeling. Not just that, along the way we might learn a new skill (how to bake a cake in the first place), or rediscover the joy of sharing, or learn anew that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

As you read this article we will be in the Season of Advent, preparing for the birth of Jesus - the ultimate gift we can all share in - the Christ child. How about trying to bake a cake and giving it to someone you know (or don't know) and see what happens.

Rev Ian Taylor

LOOKING BACK

BAPTISMS

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

Sunday 4th November 2018 Harrison George DEY & Ryan Gordon DEY

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.

Friday 16th November 2018

Miss Laurie A. Copeland,
Westerhill Gardens

LOOKING FORWARD

Vestry Hour

Should anyone wish to see a Minister, Ian or Sonia will be available on the **19th December 2018, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th January 2019, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th February 2019, 6th March 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.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 9th December, 2018 at 2.30 pm**. This monthly Service at Callieburn Court is open to any member of the congregation who would like to join the residents for a short Service lasting about 20 minutes or so.



ON Saturday 15th December, 2018 there will be a Christmas concert in the Springfield Hall. Details to follow.



On Sunday 16th December, 2018, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus presents "Hosanna in Excelsis!" at 7.30pm on **Thursday 20th December, 2018** in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Saturday 22nd December 2018 - Sunday School party. Details to follow.



Sunday 23rd December, 2018 the Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders join us for our Nativity Service at 11am



Monday 24th December, 2018 - Christmas Eve - A Family Service will be held at 6.30 pm. **Our Watch Night Service will begin at 11.30 pm** with Carol Singing from 11 pm. There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the Lodging House Mission at these Services.

On Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December, 2018 the Bishopbriggs Parish Grouping will hold a Joint Christmas Service at **Kenmure Church**. This 10.30 am Service will be a **Family Service** and will last for about half an hour. After this those who wish to remain may do so for a Service of Holy Communion, aimed principally at adults, although all are welcome to the Lord's Table.





There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sunday 13th January, 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.



The Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders will be serving rolls and sausage/bacon after Church on **Sunday 27th January, 2019**.

Friday Night



1st February, 2019 the Anchor Boys will host a Quiz in the Springfield Hall.

On **Sunday 3rd February, 2019** we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** at **11am and 3pm**. There will be Retiring Collection after each Service in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.



There will be a Charity Night with Euan Russell performing in the Springfield Hall on **Saturday 16th February, 2019**. Details to follow.



Saturday 23rd. February, 2019 the Girls' Brigade will hold their Coffee morning in the Cameron Hall.

On **Sunday 24th February, 2019**, there will be a short meeting of the Trustees (all members of the Congregational Board and the Kirk Session) in the Church after Morning Worship to approve the Annual Accounts for 2018. This will be followed in March by the Stated Annual Meeting (Tuesday 26th. March, 2019).

So, What Does the Assistant Minister Do to Fill her Time?

I am three months into my time with you at Springfield Cambridge Church. I have been made most welcome, my contributions and joining in appears to have been appreciated, but **I** wondered if **you** have wondered over **what** I do to fill my time? I thought it would be interesting to look over what I have been involved with in my time at SCC and share it with you.

Obviously, I am involved with every Sunday service – preparing for and leading the congregation in worship and prayers, sometimes being responsible for the children's address or sermon. There have been several special services – Communion, BB and GB, and Guild Dedications, the Dey family baptisms, and Remembrance Sunday. I have attended funeral services in the Crematoriums, the Church and the Cathedral, participating in some. There are the Wednesday morning services, and vestry hour, Kirk Session and Congregational Board meetings. I've been to the Guild, (and Coffee Morning), spoken to the GB Junior section about the parables of Jesus and been out for lunch with the Widowers and Coffin Dodgers – who graciously invited me although I don't fall into either category!) I joined in the Wednesday Bible Study, and a meeting about the Youth work.

I meet with Ian on a weekly basis, and we discuss and reflect on what I have done in the previous week, assessing what has gone well, and what can be improved upon, and we plan for the next two weeks. I've been hospital visiting – to the QE, the Royal, Stobhill and Lightburn. Ian and Jim assigned me an Elder's District, which included the round of visiting before Communion and I have been visiting people at home, particularly those who are no longer fit to get to church.

It has been a pleasure to lead services in Callieburn Court, and participate in School assemblies at Thomas Muir Primary and Bishopbriggs Academy.

I've met with the other ministers and Kirk Sessions in the Parish Grouping, and attended Bishopbriggs Churches Together, been to a worship event at St James the Less, and to the evening Remembrance Service at Cadder, when their church bell joined others around the country to toll at 7pm. Presbytery meetings have been interesting, and Induction services more so, and a highlight, the visit to the Sikh Gurdwara, which I wrote about last time.

As you can see, I have not been idle since coming here, for in addition to these, I have required reading to do and monthly meetings and regular conferences as part of my ongoing training.

Still to do – a visit to Cadder Coffee Shop, a walk by the canal – and lots more of the above. Thank you for welcoming me.

Sonia

Dr Sonia Blakesley

Treasurer's Report

This being the final magazine of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Thanks to all the "regular" givers in the congregation for your offerings in 2018. Your support is very much appreciated and this means that we can meet our planned expenditure throughout the year.

We have recently received settlement from HMRC of our Quarter 2 General Fund 2018 tax claim for £4,108 along with the balance of our Gift Aid Small claims allowance for 2018/19 tax year of £1,098.

By the time you read this article we will have made our final payment of £7,594 for our Ministries and Mission Allocation for 2018.

***As you can see from the figures below, we have a deficit on the General Fund for the year to 18/11/2018 of £938, but we remain on track to meet our budgeted full year surplus of £3,611**

<i>Income from Offerings</i>	£
	ACTUAL
FWO Scheme	12,172
Open Plate	6,356
Gift Aid	73,569
Tax Recovered	16,685
Total	108,782
Other Ordinary Gen Income	23,651
TOTAL ORD GEN INCOME	132,433
GENERAL EXPENDITURE	133,371
Surplus for the Year to date (938)	

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

268 Glasgow Company Section

It has been a busy start to the year for the Company Section. After about 20 years of meeting on a Monday we took the decision to move our meeting night to a Thursday to retain more Boys from the Junior Section. Initially, this seems to have worked with an increase to 16 Boys on the role with a regular 12-14 attending each week.

We've been busy with our badge work to start the year, the new P7 Boys learning about the Brigade and all the boys have been trying their hand at some cooking and advertising. In Bible Class, we've been looking at the parables and, in the lead up to Christmas, we will be writing our own parables with updated stories.

As always, we have been out and about, spending a night at Combat City before the October week and we will have our Christmas night out at Tag Active in East Kilbride.

On the competition front, we narrowly missed out of qualifying for the next round of the National 5s in Grangemouth and we have a Table Tennis tie against 25th Stirling at the end of November.

We will be delivering Christmas cards again this year, at the cost of 25p a card and we will be collecting on 2nd and 9th of December with delivery beginning from Monday 10th December.



And finally, we were very privileged to attend the World Mission Fund Cheque Presentation in Largs on 16th November and we won the highest Company Section total and best average in Scotland. A big well done to all the Boys who contributed to the £6,509 total.

John Armour

Boys are pictured with the Moderator Susan Brown.

Girls Brigade

Yes, we are still here! unfortunately we have missed the dead line for the last two editions of the magazine so here is a bumper article of our news.

Our session ended well in May with our annual display it was a great evening with our main awards going to:

Heather McKellar for Best all round Explorer

Caitlin Wilson for Explorer Achievement and

Aliah Donald for the Explorer Centenary Award

Jane Winning and Freya Weir for Best All Round Junior

Danielle Wells for Junior Achievement Award and

Charis Wilson for the Junior Centenary award

Kirsty Robertson for Best All Round Brigader

Eilidh MacLean for the Brigader Centenary Award and

Tatum Mulholland for the Anniversary Award

This year's Cuthbert cup was awarded to Rachel Donnelly from the Juniors.

Our annual camp saw us back at Girvan South Parish Church where we joined girls and officers from the 1st Gartcosh company on their first camp. The girls enjoyed an activity packed day trip to Ayr before returning to Girvan beach for a massive sand castle competition. Not a lot of sleep had over the weekend but the bus was very quiet on our return trip to Bishopbriggs.

Our new session is now well under way. The Explorer section is the smallest group we have seen in a long time with only 10 girls registered so plenty room for any P1-P3 girls who would like to join us. The Explorers are studying space as their theme for this year and are busy building their own space ship - not too sure where Jim will store it as it is growing in size. Our Junior section has almost doubled this session with many of our Explorers being promoted at the display. We have 24 girls in this section. They have been busy bird watching, learning about the parables in the bible and planting grass seeds. Both sections have also been busy promoting our new mascot Gracie Bee as you will see in the Springfield and Cameron Hall.

Our eight Brigaders have been studying Poppy Scotland this session which has seen them visiting war memorials in the area, collecting for Poppy Scotland, planting poppy seeds and preparing a presentation on what they have learnt. They have been enjoying playing some old-fashioned games and are keeping fit with their on-going fit bit challenge - the results of which are displayed on the giant poppy in room 2. You will have seen the Brigaders poppy stone display in the hall of fellowship they have now moved some of the stones down to the display outside the library. On the 7th of October we entered two teams into the Divisional treasure hunt. Despite the very very wet weather the girls and officers had great fun searching for clues in the city centre.

November has been a busy month for all sections - two of our Juniors Jane Winning and Freya Weir organised a book sale last week for the Explorers and Juniors and raised over £83 for company funds. Thanks to their mums for assisting them in organising the event which was enjoyed by all. Fourteen of the Juniors attended the district Roller Disco at Kinning Park on Sunday 4th November as part of the 125 year celebrations Brenda and I were not brave enough to wear skates but entered the rink to assist our less confident skaters at the start of the night. Needless to say by mid point our assistance was no longer needed and a great time was had by all. It was great to see the rink filled with over 80 girls chattering, laughing and singing.

Our social evening was held in the church on the 17th of November and was a party night which was enjoyed by all. The dance floor was full all evening and our DJ covered everything from the Gay Gordons to Big Shark Little Shark. Thank you to the congregation for their kind donations. We will let you know how much we raised once this has been finalised.

To celebrate the year of the youth we are joining up with the BB and Sunday School for a panto in the church on Friday the 7th of Dec as Hopscotch theatre company bring Beauty and the Beast to us.

If any girls from P1 - S6 would like to join the company we meet on a Tuesday evening in the church P1 - P7 are 6.30 - 8.00 pm S1 - S6 6.45 - 8.30pm. All welcome

Katie Byrne, Captain

CHURCH FUNDRAISING GROUP

By the time you are reading this magazine, we will have had an enjoyable evening of fun, friendship and fellowship at our Quiz and Fish Supper Night. The total amount raised on the evening was £710 including gift aid. The group would like to thank everyone who supported this popular fundraising event. Special thanks are extended to our excellent Quizmaster, Stephen Millar, for compiling and presenting the quiz. Thanks also to Gianni's for providing the delicious fish and chips.

We have also received donations for our competitions to Name the Doll, which was very kindly donated by Mrs Betty Sturgeon, and also for our fabulous Christmas Hamper, full of Christmas goodies!

The Fundraising group would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported our events throughout 2018. We look forward to another successful year in 2019.

Ellen Alexander

CUE and REVIEW

Cue and Review Print Speaking to the Blind are a charity based in Bishopbriggs.

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If you would like to volunteer and become an Access to Audio Ambassador, please contact Michael on 0141 772 3976 or via email aaatl@cueandreview.com

The Guild

This will be the last Magazine for this year! So, it will be February before you hear of the jollity of our Christmas Party! Can you believe that?

There have been three Guild meetings since last I wrote. The first brought us a speaker, Jane Allan, from Crossreach who is running this project which we are supporting this session. It is called "Join up the Dots" and aims to tackle the problems of loneliness and isolation that is affecting the physical and mental health of people in our own land. I hope we can raise funds for this cause which Jane explained so well to us.

Join
up the
Dots

The star of our following meeting was Heston, an Assistance Dog, and the Speaker was Danny Gallagher, who explained that the Charity - Canine Partners - trained dogs to assist people with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, amputations and M.S. Heston wandered round the hall making his own friends as he went but came as soon as his "partner" signalled or called and demonstrated his special skills.

On November 12th, Lyn Dunachie showed wonderful slides of The Great Tapestry of Scotland and told the story of how it all came to be made. I never caught up with it as it toured the country, and now I am anxious to do so as I will appreciate it so much more



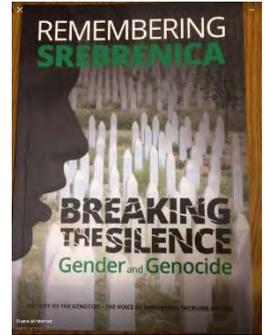
On Thursday, 15th November, we met for the Joint Meeting of Bishopbriggs Churches in Guild Week in Cadder South Halls where the Church Guild were the hosts this year and had planned an excellent evening. The Speakers were The Very Reverend Lorna Hood and Kezia Dugdale MSP

The subject was the very emotional story of the Women of Srebrenica, Lorna Hood has written that “you touch evil no matter where you go in Srebrenica, evil is very present there. But you also touch the other side of humanity.”

Some of us have a book about the stories of the Women. If you would like to read it just ask.

Our Visiting Elders this year are George McMillan and David McLintock who will be with us to visit the Scottish Islands with Heather Wilmott at our next meeting. And yes, we have now reached the end of this part of our Session and will celebrate with the Christmas Meal and Entertainment at our last meeting on 10th December.

Sheila Gibson



Fresh Start

We would like to thank the congregation for their continued support. The goods keep coming and I can assure you they are put to good use.

It has been a difficult year for our group, we had to leave the premises we had in Lennoxton at the end of March as we were no longer getting funding from the council. Goods were being stored between 3 of our houses. I am pleased to tell you that we have been given space in the garages at Milngavie Police Station. We are still on the lookout for something more suitable.

Sadly, Women's Aid are now approaching the busiest time of the year. Last year they had 391 requests for support and refuge, and with only 15 flats available and with social housing lacking this proves very difficult. On a happier note I would like to share part of a thank you letter we received.

"I am so grateful for the fresh start pack I received. I have no family other than my son, we were both amazed at all the lovely things we were given for our new home. My son loved his dinosaur bedding. I cannot believe that people can be so kind and give so generously and give time to do this for us. I wish all of you every blessing and thank you so much."

Thank you again to all of you for your donations

Wilma Cox and Brenda Diamond

PLAYLIST FOR LIFE HELP POINT

We have changed our Playlist For Life “Cuppa Time” to the third Tuesday of the month between 10.am and 12.00.md. We hope this may be a more suitable day and welcome anyone to come along who knows someone with Dementia or who cares for someone with Dementia.

Research has found that music can help with memories and we can provide assistance in finding appropriate songs through our Song Book and just by chatting to the person or their carer to identify which songs they liked. It has been suggested that the songs we learned between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five are a good place to start. We have leaflets on how to create and use a playlist in the Hall of Fellowship and are happy to help with this at our “Cuppa Time”.

We also have information on events being held in East Dunbartonshire by Alzheimer Scotland Action on Dementia. There are Tea Dances, Cinema and Fish Supper, Football Memories and Singing. These events are free of charge. There are also free monthly concerts in the Concert Hall for people with Dementia.

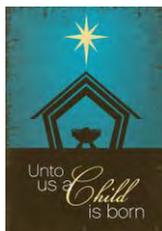
On the 18th December we will have mince pies with our cuppa and hope to have some Carol Singing too. This is open to the community so please spread the word and come and join us.

Sandra McDougall, Ellen Robertson and Margaret Leeper

On the Front Cover this Month

The Girls Brigade – Explorers assisted by Brigaders – are seen working round the table making preparations for Christmas. Which is most appropriate at this time of Advent as we wait and prepare for the arrival of the Baby Jesus at Christmas

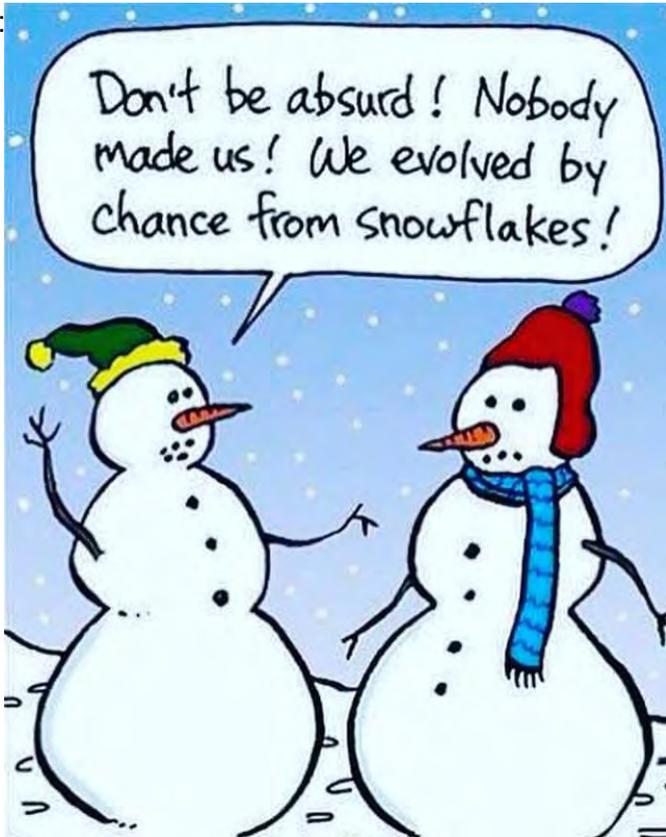
He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth. Luke 14:1



Hope Previews

What God Says About You 20 Scriptures That Define Your Worth

1. You are beautiful. (Psalm 45:11)
2. You are lovely. (Daniel 12:3)
3. You are loved. (Jeremiah 31:3)
4. You are chosen. (John 15:16)
5. You are special. (Ephesians 2:10)
6. You are created in His image. (Genesis 1:27)
7. You are cared for. (Ephesians 3:17-19)
8. You are strong. (Psalm 68:35)
9. You are precious. (1 Corinthians 6:20)
10. You are protected. (Psalm 121:3)
11. You are unique. (Psalm 139:13)
12. You are important. (1 Peter 2:9)
13. You are forgiven. (Psalm 103:12)
14. You were created for a purpose.
(Jeremiah 29:11)
15. You are empowered. (Philippians 4:13)
16. You are a new creation. (2 Corin 5:17)
17. You are accepted. (Ephesians 1:6)
18. You are the apple of His eye. (Zech 2:8)
19. You are family. (Ephesians 2:19)
20. You are His. (Isaiah 43:1)



[Editor's note: seasonal theological reflection . . . and wee smile]

The schedule for the next issue
of our Church Magazine is:

Copy date: Sunday 10th February 2019

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Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 9th December

Worship at 11am

Sunday 16th December

Including the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Worship at 11am

Sunday 23rd Decembr

Worship at 11am

*Sunday School and Bible Wayfinders join us
for our Nativity Service at 11am*

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Family Service at 6.30pm

Watchnight Service at 11.30pm

(With Carol Singing from 11pm)

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day

Joint Christmas Service at Kenmure Church.

Family Service at 10.30am

Followed by a Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 6th January 2019

Worship at 11am

Sunday 13th January

Worship at 11am

Sunday 20th January

Worship at 11am

Sunday 27th January

Worship at 11am

Sunday 3rd February

Worship at 11am

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Services at 11am and 3pm