



The Springfield Cambridge Record



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Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew,
like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.
Deuteronomy 32:2

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Letters from our Minister...SPF

After Christmas all I seemed to notice once the January sales were over, were TV advertisements for summer holidays - often promising warmth and sunshine in foreign climes. Amid the January blues and chills, coughing and spluttering people, I could see why the advertisers were selling their wares, so to speak.

Then amid the neaps and tatties and haggis on sale around the national bard's birthday I espied a sale of sun cream in the supermarket. There on the end of the aisle in Asda was a display of every kind of sun cream you could desire. There were bottles of cream, spray on versions, and varying types depending on your skin colour. And they ranged in strength or factor depending on where you would be catching the sun's rays.

Now I regret to say that I have not booked a holiday in the sun or purchased some discounted sun cream. But on one particularly bleak January morning when I was finishing my morning prayers, my prayer book led me to Colossians 1:1, which reads, *"In his glorious might may he give you ample strength to meet with fortitude and patience whatever comes; and to give joyful thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share the heritage of God's people in the realm of light."* (NRSV)

I am sure I have read this passage before but somehow in the darkness of a January morning it fell on me like a bright ray of sun. I carried it around with me in my head for the rest of the day, and to help me remember I created my own little acronym, **SPF. Strength, patience, fortitude.** Not quite the usual meaning of the acronym SPF - sun protection factor. But in its

own way a handy reminder of the fact that whatever weather we face in life, the sunshine, the rain, the sorrows, the joys, the Son promises us his strength to meet with patience and fortitude whatever is waiting around the corner for us.

So, **SPF** has a new meaning for me and it makes me smile and find inner God-given strength every time I recall it. **Strength, patience, fortitude.** But I haven't given up on a bargain in the sun or a discounted can of sun cream factor 50.

Rev Ian Taylor



LOOKING BACK

BAPTISMS

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

SUNDAY 16th. December, 2018 Charlotte Christina Mary MUNRO

SUNDAY 20th. January, 2019 Hope LAVELLE

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Mary Charlotte Christina Munro



Hope Lavelle

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.

Wednesday 28 th November, 2018	Mr. Alan Yuill, Cumbrae House
Monday 10 th December, 2018	Mrs. Mary D. Brown, The Rowans
Monday 14 th January, 2019	Mrs. Ruby Cox, Mavisbank Nursing Home
Thursday 17 th January, 2019	Mrs. Margaret Calder, Wester Cleddens Court
Friday 25 th January, 2019	Mrs. Helen (Ella) McCluskey, Duncryne Place
Friday 25 th January, 2019	Mrs. Rose Neely, Keir Hardie Court
Saturday 2 nd February, 2019	Mr. Andrew Diamond, Killearn Street

LOOKING FORWARD

Vestry Hour

Should anyone wish to see a Minister, Ian or Sonia will be available on the **17th, 24th April, 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th May, 5th, 12th June, 2019** from 10-11 am. Should you wish to see one of our Ministers at another time, please contact Ian on ☎0141 772 1540 or ✉ ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk and another arrangement can be made.

Mid Week Services - Cambridge Chapel 11.10 am.

The Wednesday morning Service will be held in the Cambridge Chapel. The Cambridge Chapel will also be open Monday - Friday from 10 am - 12 noon for anyone who wishes to find a quiet place to read the Bible, pray or reflect during the course of the week.



There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sundays 14th April, 12th May and 9th June, 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.

HOLY WEEK 2019



Holy Week

Palm Sunday 14th April, 2019 - Easter Sunday 21st April

At the time of writing, the arrangements were not finalised for this year, so please check the weekly Orders of Service on a Sunday, our website (www.springfieldcambridge.org.uk), or the local press for details.

Mission Mapping Exercise

On Tuesday 5th March, here at Springfield Cambridge Church, between 7pm and 9pm there will be an event organised by the Presbytery of Glasgow - Mission Outreach Support Team. This event will map churches in the area to identify gaps where potential churches may be planted – not necessarily in a formal or tradition sense. This is an ecumenical event and all are welcome. Come along and, make your contribution!



**268th. Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys -
Coffee Morning - Saturday 27th April, 2019 at 10am.**

**65th Glasgow Company Girls' Brigade - Display -
Tuesday 14th May, 2019.**



**National Youth Choir of Scotland –
East Dunbartonshire Boys' Choir**

Since their first performance with their 2017 Christmas concert in our Church, this choir have asked if they could return to perform their summer concert in the Church on **Monday 3rd June, 2019**. If you have never heard the boys singing before, then save this date in your diary for this event. Additional information will follow.



Lodging House Mission

Christine Mackintosh would like to thank all the members of the Congregation who purchased Christmas Cards and donated monies during 2018. The total raised from the sale of Cards was £906, cash donated during the year amounted to £260 and a total of £435 from the retiring collection on Sunday 9th December. This is very much appreciated and I also thank those who assisted me during the year.

The Trojans

Recently I was invited to attend a performance at The Bridge, a small theatre in Easterhouse. The play was called *The Trojans*, and was a modern adaptation of the ancient Greek play called *Trojan Women* written by Euripides around 413 BC. The original play follows the fates of the women of Troy after their city has been sacked, (remember the Trojan Horse?), their husbands killed, and as their remaining families are about to be taken away as slaves.

This modern adaptation was performed and written by Syrian refugees living in Glasgow. It is performed in Arabic (with English surtitles) and English. This extraordinary performance was the culmination of nine months of drama workshops at Platform. The male and female cast were of a wide range of ages, from 18 to 60+ and numbered about 16. The cast bring their personal experiences of war, of exile and of loss into the performance.

They shared some of the story of their lives in Homs and Damascus in Syria. The difficulties of lives lived under constant shelling, of food shortages, of persecution. They told how normal working family lives became impossible. They told of families torn apart, by assassinations, by geography, by the sheer panic and of different escape routes. They shared the bitter-sweet emotions about coming to Scotland – Would they understand us? Would they be understood? Would they be welcomed? Where would they live? And joy that they and their children would be safe, and the children could be educated, and have a hope for the future.

They told a story of welcome, and of support; of friendships offered and shared; of a desire to assimilate into a new culture; of tasting irn bru and fish and chips!

They told of love for Syria, a beautiful country, now ravaged by years of war, and of hope that in the future things will be better there.

It left me moved, touched deeply in a way few performances do. Feeling I had connected deeply with their stories, sharing their grief for what they have lost, encouraged by the welcome offered in Glasgow, and feeling the need to share the story, to share the love, and to share the often unprinted news that refugees are real people, who would not have chosen to come here but for the devastation to their lives back home.

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me,” (Matthew 25:35)

And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Sonia

Rev Dr Sonia Blakesley

Treasurer's Report

Enclosed with this magazine is a statement of summary accounts is shown for 2018 which showing a surplus on the General Fund of £6,138 for the year. A full statement of accounts will be submitted to the Stated Annual Meeting on 26th March and I would urge as many members to attend this short but important meeting. The main financial aspects are as follows: -

- Surplus on the General Fund of £6,138 for 2018. This figure includes HMRC General Fund Tax Claims totalling £5,255 that should have been received in 2017, but excludes Claims for 2018 totalling £8,705.
- Fabric Appeal donations of £11,978 received in 2018 of which £9,196 was Gift-Aided resulting in tax recovered from HMRC of £2,299.
- We took full advantage of the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GADS) and claimed the maximum allowable of £2,000 in respect of Open Plate/FWO General Fund Offerings.
- Number of Gift Aid Donors as at 31st December 2018 is 223 (219 as at 31st December 2017) with an additional 8 members who also give tax efficiently at certain periods during the year depending on their circumstances.
- Gift Aid General Fund Offerings (excluding tax recoveries) increased year on year by just over 4%.
- Ordinary General Expenditure 2% less than in 2017.
- Outstanding HMRC tax claims as at 31st December 2018 total £8,705 in respect of Quarter 3 and 4 General Fund Claims for 2018 along with Fabric claims for circa £2,000.
- Fees for Rental of the Premises totalling £24,537 in 2018 with continued high demand for the use of our excellent suite of halls and rooms with minimal overheads to the church.

By the time you receive this Magazine we will already have made our first Ministries and Mission payment of £8,131.20. The total amount payable for 2019 is £81,312 and this amount is based on our assessable income in 2015,2016 and 2017. The comparative amount for 2018 was £75,940.

As I am sure you are aware we are members of The Church of Energy Agreement along with another 900 congregations. The present contract for Electricity expires on 31/3/2019 and we have been informed by The Church of Scotland General Trustees (who negotiate on behalf of the congregations) with many different suppliers to obtain the best possible deal, that the supplier will remain as Scottish Hydro under a new 1 year contract. Unfortunately, the cost per unit of Electricity will be approximately 35% higher than the present deal due to the increase in energy costs over the last 3 years and also that the last deal was finalised when Energy costs were at a very low level. I am however pleased to say that the new tariff is a wholly "green" one.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

The Christmas Hamper, won by Pamela Brown, one of our Child-minder's Group, raised the marvellous amount of £234, and the draw for the Knitted Doll, won by Kirsty Callendar and named 'Willie', raised £101.25.



In total, during 2018, the Fund Raising Group has raised £2691 for Church Funds thanks to the support from our Congregation.

Taylor Fashions

Our next event, presented by Taylor Fashions, will be on Friday 5 April in the Springfield Hall at 7.30 pm. The tickets for this popular event will be £5 per person and will include refreshments which will be available in the Cameron Hall. A free ticket draw will take place with prizes kindly donated by Taylor Fashions.

There will also be an opportunity to choose a 'Lucky Bag' for a donation of £1 if so wished. Those who attended a similar Guild event in October will know what a fun night this is with lots of good bargains.

The tickets for the Fashion Show will be on sale in the Hall of Fellowship, before and after the Service, on 4 Sundays from 10 March.

Quiz Sheet

Also, on these four Sundays, we will be selling a Quiz Sheet – "All Things Living" – compiled for us by Drew Fleming for the usual suggested donation of £1 per copy.

Ellen Alexander, On behalf of the Fund Raising Group



268 Boys' Brigade *Ex-Members Dinner*



This year's Dinner takes place on 29 March in Cadder Freestone Social Club. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout of ex members. If anyone in your families had a connection to the 268 over the years, please make them aware of the event and full details can be obtained from either George McMillan the Company Captain or Donald Armour. This is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and share memories of the BB whether in the football team, band or annual visits to camp.

The Guild

First I must make an apology to one of our Elders, David Lockhart, who, along with George McMillan, visited us on two occasions recently. However on the visit before Christmas it would appear that a strange man accompanied George, someone named **McLintock!** This, of course, was not the case, and David **Lockhart was** on the job! We **do** appreciate the support of our Elders and the time they give us.

Our Christmas Celebration was delightful, a delicious meal and entertainment, and here is a collage of smiling faces to prove that it was enjoyed by all.

We laughed, reminisced and joined in, with some of the old songs and hymns provided by The Ian Walker Band. Ian was joined by his wife, Moe, and by Jimmy Scott in this very varied programme. Elvis even dropped by for a number!



I tried to take the ladies to the sunshine of the Caribbean on our first Meeting of the year by telling them about my visit to Jamaica, when I stayed with a friend who is a Minister in the United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

Also in January we enjoyed a lively evening provided by the Glasgow Caledonian Fiddle Orchestra. Their conductor Robert Rocke took the fiddlers through a variety of traditional foot-tapping Scottish Music, and some Burns songs.

We learned a great deal about Action on Hearing Loss from our speaker, Malaika Rose, who visited us on February, 4th. Deaf herself, she was able to give us many tips for both speakers and listeners, and her presentation was most interesting.

The Meeting on February 18th will bring a presentation on Windsor Castle and the Garter Parade, and on March 4th we will be holding the Hostess Tea when the Springfield Praise Band will entertain us. At the Meeting on 18th March one of the Guild Project Speakers will explain Seema's Project to us. So, keep supporting the Martha Table, ladies, because this provides funds for the Projects.

Before you receive the next copy of the Record we will have held our Annual General Meeting on 1st April. Please, ladies of the Guild, chat with your friends over coffee or on a walk, and come to the if you can with some idea of a Plan that we can discuss to help us go forward. We must seriously think about how we can keep our Church's Guild alive.

Sheila Gibson

Flower Committee

Jesus said “Love one another as I have loved you”

Greetings everyone. We are now well and truly into the New Year and I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you about the Flower Ministry in our Church. Each week the flowers are bought from Morrisons (4 bunches at around £10 each). They order them in for us and members of the Flower Committee then collect them and arrange them in the Church vases for the Services.

After the Service, they are then delivered to members of our Church whose names have been forwarded to us from various people. Over the years, the flowers have brought comfort, joy or hope to many people as they appreciate this visible sign of being thought of by the Church.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of donors. Many give year after year on a date which is special to them. Other members give at different times throughout the year. Thank you to all who donate to the Flower Ministry.

Thank you also to the members of the Flower Committee who faithfully give of their time to collect, display and then deliver the flowers each week.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from having the flowers delivered to them any Sunday, regardless of age or circumstance, please let us know who they are so we can support them in this way.

May the love of Christ be with you.

Anne Harvey

Flower Calendar

FEBRUARY

Distributors	Mrs M Brown	563 3501
	Mrs I Harley	772 4177

Donors The Guild, Miss S Bryce(3rd), Mr G Herbison (3rd), Mrs I Hamilton (7th), Mrs L Reynolds (7th), Miss H Collins (16th), Mrs J Provan (11th), Mrs J Ditty (20th), Mrs C Bickers.

MARCH

Distributors	Mrs M Johnstone	772 5734
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So Where is She Now?

The observant amongst you will have noticed that I have been back worshipping with you at Springfield Cambridge on a Sunday morning. Why? Well my time as locum in Stirling came to an end in December because a new minister has been inducted into the charge and a new chapter begins for them. That leaves me awaiting a new challenge to see where God is sending me next. Actually, the new challenge began the day after I finished in Stirling when an email landed in my inbox from Ministries Council inviting me to serve on a short life working group at 121 looking at how Readers can be supported by both Presbytery and Ministries Council especially in terms of ongoing training. The group has to complete a report for General Assembly in May and it needs to be ready by March so watch this space.

Never being one to do nothing, there has been a feeling within the Readers in Glasgow Presbytery that we need a peer support group – and it's been talked about for years but nothing happened until I took the bull by the horns and arranged a meeting in the chapel here at Springfield Cambridge on Saturday 26th January. Eight out of twenty two Readers were in attendance with four expressing interest but unable to come due to prior commitments. Rev George Mackay, from Ministry Committee was also present leading the opening devotions and taking word back to the committee. Hopefully this group will grow in the months ahead.

Lastly a tale of hope. On 14th January I headed off to Edinburgh to attend a meeting of the working group. Despite a little delay the train from Bishopbriggs arrived and the train from Croy was on time. Arriving at Haymarket comfortably for my meeting I decided to go for a coffee before getting a taxi up to George St. I went to order and went into my briefcase

– no purse. Panic. Briefcase emptied – no purse. I knew I had it on the train because I had taken my ticket out – and of course the return ticket was in the purse. Went to report the loss at Haymarket. No joy. Eventually got to 121 where folks advised me to cancel my cards which I failed to do. The meeting was about to start when a member of staff came in enquired if there was a Mrs Robertson present. James had phoned to say the purse had been found and was at Waverley. Kenneth Fleming, the chair of the group exclaimed “We’re still in the Epiphany and there is hope!”. I can’t believe how people at 121 and the rest of the group drew hope from that gesture of honesty – and better was to come for the cards and money down to the last penny were intact in the purse. I presume the cleaners at Waverley found it when they cleared the train – and were honest enough to hand it in. I wrote a letter of thanks to the Scotsman and the Glasgow and Edinburgh editions of the Metro newspaper – and the Lodging House Mission benefitted with a wee donation as a thank you. I’m off to another meeting on the 20th of this month and I’ll be taking more care to ensure the purse is back in my briefcase!

Lynne Robertson Reader

Thanks

Many thanks to Ian for pastoral visits and phone calls following my recent injury. His concerns and prayers were very uplifting. My elder, Charles Dorward, was also very attentive and his visit helped raise my spirits. Thanks also to the Flower Committee for the lovely arrangement of flowers. Cards and calls from others were also very much appreciated. Finally, my thanks to fellow members of the Praise Team for the thoughtful card and gift. It was a great comfort and encouragement to have so many church friends showing such concern for my wellbeing.

David Hogg

"Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus & Orchestra - Bishopbriggs Churches Together

The total raised from our Christmas Concert on Thursday 20 December 2018, after expenses, was a magnificent £30,000. Of this, an amazing amount of £12,746 was taken in the bucket collection at the end of the evening. Thanks to all our patrons for their very generous contributions.

Our cheque was presented to Jonathan Clegg of The Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) at our Presentation Dinner at the Eagle Lodge on Wednesday 06 February.

The grand total raised from our Christmas Concerts for CHAS to date now stands at a tremendous £336,474.

Sheila Dunbar Secretary





Thanks

I would like to say a big thank you to Rev. Ian Taylor and the Congregation for their prayers and the many flowers, cards and phone calls I received following my operation in December. Your support has been much appreciated.

Sandra McDougall

PLAYLIST FOR LIFE

We need your help! Although we have put up many posters and informed lots of places that we have a Help Point here in Springfield Cambridge Church we have had very few using this and even less coming along to the cuppa times. It would be really good if you could help spread the word that this resource to help people with their memory problems and/or their carers is available to everyone in Bishopbriggs.

The information leaflets are accessible every week day morning in the Hall of Fellowship and on Sunday mornings too. The forthcoming cuppa times are between 10am and 12md on Tuesdays, 19th February, 19th March and 16th April, 2019.

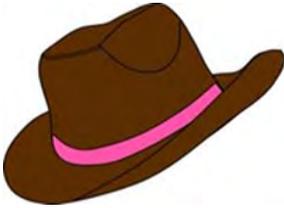
Recently, at the Men's Club there was a speaker from Playlist and one of the men told us how impressed he was by the difference shown in the film in one man when they used his personal play list. Apparently he had not been talking for some months but did start to sing along and became quite chatty. We know just how big a difference a personal play list can make so we would be very grateful if you would help to publicise our Help Point and we would be very pleased to see you at a cuppa time if you would like to find out more about how to develop and use a personal play list for yourself or someone with memory problems.

Thank you

Ellen Robertson, Sandra McDougall, Margaret Leeper



Junior Section Fundraiser



LINE DANCING

2019

Pat Davis and her Line Attack Dancers will be back again this year to put us through our paces. This promises to be a fun packed evening of line dancing with dances for all levels. Tickets include tea and coffee at half time and can be purchased from any junior section staff member in the Hall of Fellowship on Sunday morning, at BB on a Thursday evening or call 07725736165

Saturday 23rd March

Springfield Hall

From 7.30pm

Tickets—£5.00

BYOB Adults Only



Springfield Cambridge Church

Sunday 10th March

Worship at 11am

Sunday 17th March

Worship at 11am

Sunday 24th March

Worship at 11am

Sunday 31st March

Worship at 11am

Sunday 7th April

Worship at 11am

Sunday 14th April

Worship at 11am

Palm Sunday

Service at Callieburn Court at 2.30pm

Sunday 21st April

Worship at 11am

Easter Sunday

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