



The Springfield Cambridge Record

BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE, FEAR
NOT, NOR BE AFRAID OF THEM: FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD, HE IT IS THAT DOES GO WITH YOU;
HE WILL NOT FAIL YOU, NOR FORSAKE YOU.

Deuteronomy 31:6



Winter 2020

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Letter from our Minister - January 2020



The more observant worshippers on January 5th 2020 may have entered the Church and noticed a chalked 'code' on the threshold to our building. *"But what does it mean?"* one of our members asked me.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Glasgow in December 2019, the Moderator, Rev. Dan Carmichael (Minister of Lenzie Union Church) invited every congregation to gather at the front steps of their Church building on Sunday 5th January and pray a blessing on everyone who would cross the threshold of their building in 2020. Now I did not ask everyone to gather - we would have obscured the image and I am not sure we would have all fitted. However, as I pen this article, the chalk mark, though fading, remains. This is a reminder of the prayer of blessing which can be used at this time (see over).

But what of the code? 20 + C + M + B + 20 indicates the year and the blessing 'Christus Mansionem Benedicat' (May Christ bless this house).

This is a variation of an old European Epiphany tradition, when the priest, pastor or a group from the Church visit the homes in their parish and pray such a blessing. There is also an allusion to the traditional names of the three wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, whose visit to Christ's childhood home is celebrated at Epiphany.

So, as we come and go into our Church I hope each of us may find this prayer of blessing helpful:

Blessed Lord Jesus,
visit this house with the gladness of your presence.
Bless all who gather or visit here with the gift of your love
and grant that we manifest your love to each other
and all whose lives we touch.
May we all grow in grace,
in the knowledge of your love and in the love of you,
and may your peace be found among us, now and forever.
Amen

Rev. Ian Taylor.



LOOKING BACK



Following her final Service with us on **24th November, 2019.**

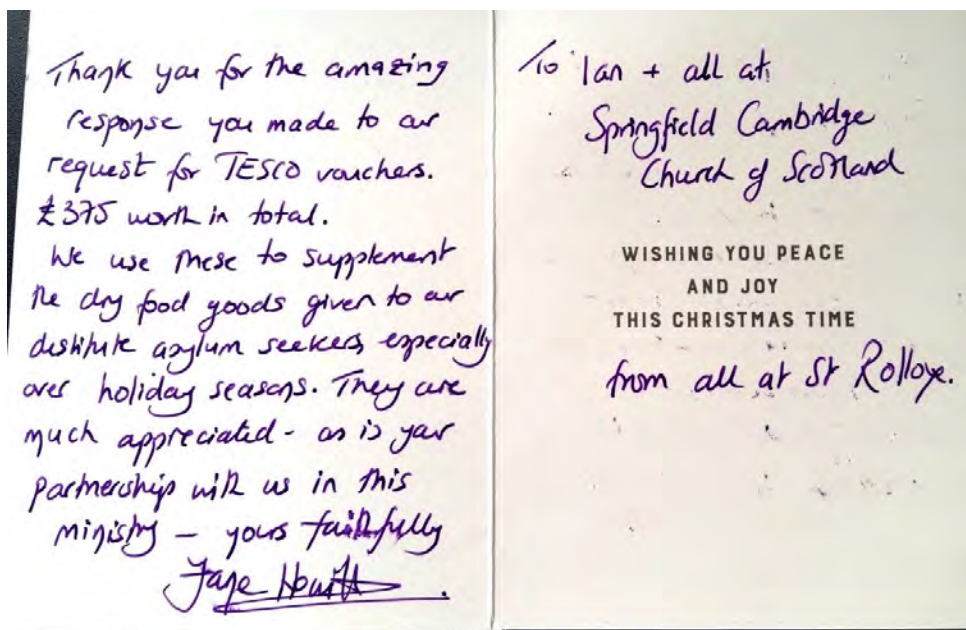
Dr Sonia Blakesley was presented with a framed picture of Springfield Cambridge Church and a cheque for £1000.

Sonia has sent us the following note:

Thank you,
your friend +
ex-probationer,
Sonia
✓

“To all the congregation at Springfield Cambridge, many grateful thanks for the lovely picture and very generous cheque you presented me with last Sunday. SCC will always have a special place in my heart”

At our Gift Service on **1st December, 2019** the congregation donated gifts and Tesco vouchers which have been used locally to support families in need for use by St. Rollox Church. Their Minister, Rev. Jane Howitt sent us this note:



BAPTISMS

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

Sunday 17th November, 2019

Olivia Jane Provan EGAN

Sunday 17th November, 2019

Emily Grace WHITE

Sunday 24th November, 2019 Hunter Calvin Macpherson THOMSON

Sunday 1st December, 2019

Calum James SNEDDON



Olivia Jane Provan Egan



Emily Grace White



*Hunter Calvin
Macpherson Thomson*



Calum James Sneddon

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.

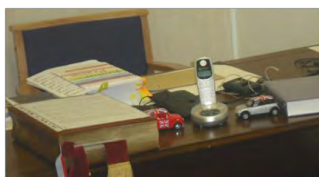
Monday 9th December, 2019

Mrs. Helen Maider, Morar Crescent



LOOKING FORWARD

Vestry Hour



Should anyone wish to see our Minister, Ian will be available on the 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April, 2020 **from** 10 - 11 am. Should you

wish to see the Minister 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.



Friday 7th February, 2020 the Anchor Boys will host a Quiz Night in the Springfield Hall.

There will be a Service at Callieburn Court on **Sundays 9th February and on 8th March, at 2.30 pm.** This monthly Service at



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 Sunday **8th. March, 2020**, Lodge Cadder Freestone No. 1584 will visit the Church for their Annual Divine Service at 3 p.m. This Service is open to all.



Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) - Tuesday 31st March 2020, 7.00 p.m. - Cambridge Chapel. Changes which were introduced some years ago by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) mean that at this meeting in the

Cambridge Chapel the 2019 Annual accounts will be received by the congregation. **The Trustees** will previously have met to approve them on **Sunday 23rd February, as required** 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. **Following the SAM**, there will be a meeting of the **Congregational Board at approximately 7.30 p.m. in the Cambridge Chapel.**

Treasurer's report

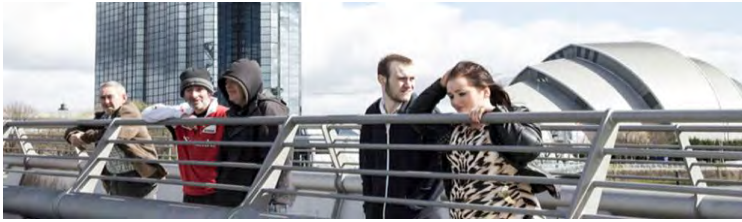
Happy New Year to you all!

The year- end accounts for 2019 are in the process of being prepared and I am pleased to say that once again we have a surplus on the General Fund for the year. Early indications show that our General Income will exceed the General Expenditure by circa £9,500 (including the late settlement of General Fund Tax Claim from 2018 of £5,577). Gift Aid Donations on the General Fund for the year total £83,635 with the tax claimed back by HMRC on that amount being approximately £20,908. Thanks to all the “regular givers” for your offerings during 2019 and in particular to the many members who recently reviewed their giving which has resulted in General Gift Aid offerings for 2019 being maintained at the same level as 2018 despite many factors which would normally result in a decrease.

Our Mission and Ministries Allocation that we pay centrally to The Church of Scotland will be £84,846 in 2020 and this is payable in 10 equal instalments from February to November. This figure is arrived at by taking in consideration our General Fund Income Base in 2016,2017 and 2018. Our General Fund Income increased in all 3 of the assessable years and this has resulted in our Allocation being higher than in 2019 which was £81,312. In addition, our Presbytery dues for 2020 will be £4,579 and these are payable over 3 quarterly equal instalments to the Presbytery of Glasgow from March to September. The full budget for 2020 will go before the Congregational Board for approval on 4th February and a copy will be included with the full year end accounts.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has so far contributed to the Fabric Appeal that was launched in early December last year. So far as at 5th January we have had over 130 envelopes returned with Gift Aid Donations received of £6,530 and Non Gift Aid Donations of £2,305. For anyone who would still like to contribute please place your envelope in the offering plate any Sunday or contact myself on 0141 772 6015 and I would be more than happy to arrange for your Elder or for myself to collect it from you.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer



I am writing to acknowledge and thank your congregation at Springfield Cambridge for their generous Christmas donation of £570.77 to assist us in our work with homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded persons at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow. Be assured that this will be spent wisely to improve the lives of those we strive to help.

Christmas can be a difficult time for many of the individuals we work with, some of whom are estranged from their families and far from home, so your thoughtfulness in remembering them at this time means a lot to them and us.

Now that the wilder weather is with us, we are pleased to say the Winter Night Shelter is now open 10pm -7am providing additional support, shelter and warmth from 1st December to 31st March. This venture is run through partnership with the City Mission, from the LHM buildings here on East Campbell Street, providing up to 45 beds per night.

Through such generous donations on Christmas Day we served over 80 individuals a three course, table served, Christmas lunch and we were also able to make joyful memories as each person received a Christmas gift.

We are very aware that we can only carry out the work we do at LHM thanks to the generosity of supporters such as yourself. On behalf of everyone at LHM, please pass on our grateful thanks for your kindness which helps us to make a difference to the lives of those experiencing homelessness and social exclusion across Glasgow.

May God bless you, as you have been a blessing to the least of these our brothers and sisters in Christ. (Matthew 25:40)

Yours Sincerely

Claire Herbert, Chaplain



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING UNICEF UK

10th January 2020

Dear Treasurer,

I would like to say a huge thank you for the generous donation of £1264.01. This will support Unicef's vital work for children. So please accept this letter as a receipt of your donation and pass on our thanks to all those who contributed to this wonderful gift.

Right now, millions of children are in danger. They're facing violence, disease, hunger and the chaos of war and disaster. But together, we have the power to change that.

Thanks to your support, we are on the ground right now, delivering lifesaving supplies to keep children safe. It's through your support that we are able to make sure more of the world's children are fed, vaccinated, educated and protected than any other organisation.

For more information about our work, please visit our website at www.unicef.org.uk or contact our Supporter Care Team by e-mail supportercare@unicef.org.uk or phone 0300 330 5580.

On behalf of the children, and all of us at Unicef UK. Thank you so much for your valuable support.

With best wishes

Michael Flynn

Mike Flynn

Deputy Executive Director – Individual Giving

PLAYLIST FOR LIFE

Just a wee reminder that leaflets on the benefits and how to create a Playlist for someone with dementia are available in the Hall of Fellowship. There is also the songbook with the titles of the top one hundred songs in each year for the 100 years up to 2015 and these will certainly bring back memories.

We continue to have a “cuppa time” on the third Tuesday of every month between 10am and 12md so if you are looking for more information or would like some help creating a Playlist please drop in. You will be very welcome and as well as help there is tea/coffee and usually chocolate biscuits. We are able to access music sources so that you can check out if you’ve remembered the right song and if accompanied by the person with dementia to see their reaction which is very helpful when creating a Playlist.

Our next “cuppa times” are on 21st January, 18th February and 17th March, 2020.

Margaret Leeper, Sandra McDougall and Ellen Robertson

Thank you

Many thanks to Ian and Sonia for pastoral visits in hospital and at home following my extended period of incapacity. Their support and prayers were very uplifting.

Charles Dorward, my elder, was also very attentive and his visits raised my spirits. Finally, my thanks to fellow members of the Praise Team for the thoughtful card and gift. A special mention for Andrew Smillie who ably deputised on the sound desk.

It was a great comfort and encouragement to have so many church friends showing such concern for my wellbeing. I still have further surgery to come, but hopefully after that 2020 will be a happier year than 2019!

David Hogg.

268th Glasgow Company Section

It has been a busy session already this year. Thursday nights have consisted of the usual drill, bible class, games and class work. We have also been on a few outings already namely to Ryze trampolining and laser quest. Plans for the rest of the session are looking to learn some new skills such as juggling and making a Goldberg machine (hopefully some videos will follow). After Easter, we will also have our usual summer programme getting out and about, hopefully taking advantage of the good weather when it comes.

As many of you will know, the Company Section have delivered Christmas cards for a number of years now. This year, we have raised £472 for company funds - so thank you to all who have used the service again. The staff and Boys now feel that it is time to rest this fundraiser for now and we have some interesting ideas for next Christmas. so, keep an eye out!

Finally, if you know of any Boys who are in P7-S6 let them know we are here!

John Armour, Company Captain

Ex Members Dinner

This year's event will take place on the 27th of March at Cadder Freestone Social Club. There is still plenty of time for you to advise me of email or postal addresses to add to the circulation list as invitations will be issued during February.

Our guest for the evening will be **Craig Turnbull Sheriff Principal of Glasgow & Strathkelvin** and a former BB member of the 278th Glasgow at Netherlee Church. He recently chaired the Clutha enquiry.

Please let me know if you would wish full details of the event for friends or family who have contributed to the Company's success in the past. Also, please remember that the "Old Boys" have an active Facebook page where memories are often shared and photos of past glories are also circulated to prompt those memories and wider discussion.

Visitors to previous events come from far and near to meet up with old friends and to share stories of their time in the Company and often join us as part of a weekend home to visit family Please encourage your folks who were part of the 268 to learn more of this event.

Donald Armour



**SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE
CHURCH
FUND RAISING GROUP**



**are holding a
QUIZ AND FISH SUPPER NIGHT
on
FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2020
at
7.30 PM
in
THE SPRINGFIELD HALL**

**TICKETS - DONATION OF £10
(including Irish Bingo ticket)**

**Available on Sundays from end of February
in the Hall of Fellowship**

**More information about the event will appear
nearer the time in the Intimations Sheet.**

***This is always a very popular event so make sure
you get your tickets early!***

This is an Adults-only night

BYOB



The Guild

We hope that the year 2020 has started well for all of you, and that,



Agnes with Ellen and Anne

as it progresses, it will bring peace, joy, and opportunities for good and happy times. The second half of our Session started so well with a fascinating account from our Speaker, Agnes Malone, of her life's journey. What an interesting and successful career she has had in so many spheres, and she told her story beautifully, captivating us with

the unfolding of tales of the many good and caring jobs she has done. From impecunious Nun to the Chief Executive of CHAS, Agnes has provided love and care to all. Now she has time to sing her heart out in the SCF Chorus!

Before Christmas came along, we went on another journey, this time with John and Susan McGregor. They took us to Nepal where they had gone on a Church of Scotland gruelling trip to see for themselves the situation after the 2015 Earthquake had struck this impoverished



Ellen and Carol with Susan and John

country. John told us of the facts of the disaster, the help given, the Church connections, etc. while Susan told us about the living conditions, the food, etc. they suffered on their trek. We were full of admiration for their endurance, their sympathetic understanding and their sense of humour!

One of our projects this year is the BB project, so we were delighted to hear from Jim McVean who came to tell us about the development of the scheme to involve more young people to their benefit.



Some of our BB Officers
with our speaker, Jim McVean



Christmas Dinner with Ian Walker Band

By the time you read this we will have heard about the History of Stobhill Hospital from Speaker, Dr Frank Dunn - 20th January

Dr Nigel Lawrie's talk is entitled "Five Ideal Dinner Guests" - 3rd February

Don't forget that you are welcome to come along to any of our evenings if you would like to hear a Speaker or participate in an activity, or simply try us out! I hope you will find Faith, Fun, and Fellowship, should you do that.

Sheila Gibson

SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE
FESTIVAL CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA
Christmas Concert 19th December 2019

I am really delighted to report that our Christmas Concert has raised a truly staggering total of £32,500 for CHAS.

This is the highest donation we have ever made to CHAS and exceeds our wildest expectations.

The sum collected in buckets after the concert has still to be finalised but is expected to be in the region of £13,600. This is included in the above total.

This is a fantastic response from our patrons and we thank them, once again, for their very generous support.

Sheila Dunbar, Secretary



Flower Calendar

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Thank you to all of our donors, and best wishes for 2020.

Anne Harvey, on behalf of the Flower Committee

Defibrillator - Part II

In the previous issue of The Record – the Christmas issue – there appeared on page 14, an article relating to the installation of a defibrillator on the church wall facing the lane. This valuable community resource was purchased through a fundraising initiative organised by the Childminders Group.,

Pictured below, alongside the defibrillator, are members of the group and a representative of RSM Plumbing, who kindly installed the unit.,



Unsung Heroines of the Bible – Shiprah and Puah

“If you’ve never heard the names – Shiprah and Puah – fear not! At the beginning of the week I was with a bunch of pastors from this small cohort of churches that we are a part of called Blue Ocean Faith. And when I mentioned that I’d most likely be speaking about these two women, I thought I read a bit of panic on their faces... “**who?**” ...blank stare — “wait – who you are talking about?”

The story of Shiprah and Purah can be read in Exodus 1:15-21

THE COURAGEOUS MIDWIVES

Where we often come close to the story of Shiprah and Puah is with the story of Moses. Many of you probably have heard the epic story of Moses – this Hebrew baby that was drawn from the water and raised in Pharaoh’s courts and becomes not a prince, **but a liberator of his people**. These people are the Israelites, who have been enslaved and considered less than human by the Egyptians. It’s the story of the great exodus from Egypt into the promised land.

This story of Moses is the one we know... But we don’t know the story of Shiprah and Puah – the story that sets the stage for Moses to live and determines the fate of an entire people.

Pharaoh’s xenophobia pushes him to take drastic measure to ensure these “outsiders” do not one day take over the land, and his latest attempt, as we see here, is calling forth these two midwives, Shiprah and Puah. Under government sanctions, Shiprah and Puah are enlisted to participate in the extermination of Hebrew baby boys — to bring death to the world around them.

Now, the text reads that these women were Hebrew midwives. And yet, there's a lot of conversation among scholars that suggests that these women were in fact Egyptian but attended the birth of Hebrew women. So, they were midwives **to** Hebrew women. I'm inclined to agree with this take – it makes sense to me that Pharaoh would want his own “people” to carry out this decree.

This means Shiphrah and Puah likely **attended both Hebrew and Egyptian births**. And midwives were often thought to be women who couldn't have children themselves, so they were often pushed to the edges of society. Shiphrah and Puah are thought to have possibly been Nubian midwives, from now Northern Sudan meaning that their relationships — throughout their vocational lives — spanned cultural and geographical lines.

A midwife's primary role is to usher in life, regardless of status, race or any other defining division — to assist, guide and protect life.

So, Pharaoh is quite strategic with his newest attempt to limit the growth of the Hebrews. He knows that these midwives are the touchpoint to life or death. And he says, “choose death”.

Thankfully these midwives seem to know another way to courage deep within their spirit. And I think they utilize this tiny conjunction word:

“and”. **“Wait! AND we fear God”**. We revere and love and trust our God.

This “AND” — this belief in God — seems to be a way of harnessing courage, and it seems as though it isn't only found in this one high-stakes moment with Pharaoh – but it's been built and developed over their lives.

These midwives are courageous! They are divinely defiant! They're heroically brave in their refusal to kill baby boys, they're clever in their explanation to Pharaoh of why baby boys keep being born, “these Hebrew

women are so strong and vigorous that they birth their babies before we can arrive!” This is courageous, and smart. That explanation isn’t just an excuse to buy them time – it’s a subversive move to uphold the strength and dignity of the Hebrew people to Pharaoh.

This is the part of the story we would remember — these 4 verses of Shiphrah and Puah — and it is super courageous. It is, after all, what sets the stage for the liberation of an entire people from Pharaoh.

But the **subtler courage** that lets them say “and... I fear God” — that type of courage that is developed over time, that isn’t as bold as these few recorded verses — is the version of courage I want in my own life, and what I want to explore more today.

These midwives do this! They live at the margins. And, in their vocation, take on a calling, an oath to “**in all ways serve life**”. And the courage they dip into is God’s, because they believe that He is truly with them. And they greet pain — the pain of childbirth, and the pain of injustice, and the pain of not being seen with these virtues of God.

I can wonder if we wrestle with this question in our lives — whether acutely or sub-consciously — does what I do matter? Does it touch real life? Does it bring forth anything new or courageous into the world?

These midwives seem to encourage us that “yes” - wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we talk to matters. If we do it with kindness, and generosity, and equity, backed by a God that is real, it all matters

This extract is part of the sermon which was delivered by Ivy Anthony at the “Why Christian” women’s conference on April 15, 2018., To download the sermon in whole go to https://19yi92y06cv48ysl1dm9z2w-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018_04_15_2nd-LANDR-Medium.mp3



So, God was kind to the midwives
and the people increased and became even more numerous.
And because the midwives feared God. He gave them families
of their own. *Exodus 1: 20-21*



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Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.,
1 Corinthians 16:13