



# The Springfield Cambridge Record

*"Come boldly to the  
throne of grace, that we  
may obtain mercy and  
find grace to help in  
time of need."*

- HEBREWS 4:16 -

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## ***Letter from our Minister***

I wonder who among us foresaw us enduring almost 12 months of interrupted life habits? I certainly did not expect to be approaching March 2021 with nearly a year of 'online' services under my belt, so to speak. The changes we have experienced, the losses we have known, the new skills we have developed and the new traditions that have been established probably mean, when Covid-19 recedes, few of us will be quite the same.

I want to offer a simple word of hope for now. In 1 Corinthians 13:12, the apostle Paul writes, "*At present we see only puzzling reflections in a mirror, but one day we shall see face to face. My knowledge now is partial; then it will be whole, like God's knowledge of me. There are three things that last for ever: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of the three is love.*" That passage is the one assigned in my daily devotional readings for the morning I find myself writing this article. A timely reminder for me. It is easy to become drowned in the detail of our despair: and it is precisely then that we must turn our focus away to the larger picture, which is hidden from us. We trust, and we believe now that we will see then. We believe now that God is still working, and that we will understand one day.

Be Thou my breastplate,  
my sword for the fight;  
be Thou my armour,  
and be Thou my might,  
Thou my soul's shelter,  
and Thou my high tower;  
raise Thou me heavenwards,  
O Power of my power.

## **News from our Minister – bits and bobs...**

I am delighted to be writing this article which we have been able to produce and mail directly to all our households in the congregation. Since our 'first lockdown' we have been curtailed in our usual communications, but the Kirk Session was keen to try and reconnect with you, especially with those who are unable to be 'online'.

As I write to you (15/01/21) we are unable to have worship together in our sanctuary but are continuing with 'live streaming' via our Website and YouTube channel, and later on a Sunday via Facebook. After the Service, DVDs are distributed to those who do not have internet access and wish to watch the Service that way.

Further information is provided on our Website and Facebook pages. Alternatively please contact your District Elder for further help, or phone me at the Manse.

For those of you who are able, we have reproduced a QR code which you can scan on your mobile phone or tablet which will take you directly to our media platform pages. This QR code has been placed on the back cover.

Covid-19 has brought many challenges for all of us. As a congregation we have tried to maintain contact with our membership within the constraints of a changing situation. We are very keen to broaden our reach to you at this time when regular communication is more difficult. To that end, if you have an email address and current mobile number which you have not already shared with us, I invite you to send these details to me ([ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk)) or the Session Clerk, Jim [Scott](#). This will help with our future communications, especially in these changeable times. If you don't know if you have already given us these details, please send them anyway. Thanks for your help with this task.

The current closure of the Church buildings has meant that our Church Officer and Depute Church Officer, Jim and Fiona, remain on flexible furlough with reduced duties. With assistance from the Government Furlough Scheme and an agreement of the Congregational Board and Kirk Session, our staff members have not been financially disadvantaged at this time. Our Musical Director, Alan Craig has continued to work weekly in a flexible and creative manner. The premises are regularly checked to comply with insurance conditions.

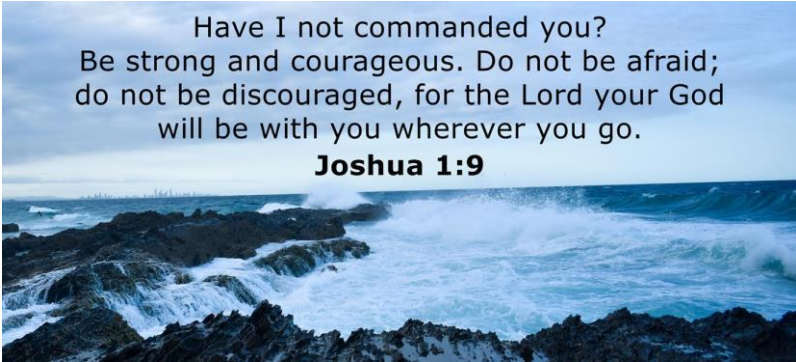
During these past months, we have tried to maintain some familiar elements of our Church life – sometimes worshipping together in person and sometimes only virtually. I am grateful to the Duty Team of volunteers who helped with the process of Church reopening, helping with ushering and cleaning duties. This has all been supported by a huge commitment of time, energy and creative flair from our technical Team – Neil Copeland and Emma Donald, not to mention our weekly Readers, Office Staff (working from home) and those musicians and singers who have appeared on our screens from time to time. Elders and members of the congregation have supported members of our Church family in ways too many to mention, and the Guild telephone tree system has been a lifeline for many. **So, to you all I say THANK YOU and keep up the fantastic work.**

Throughout the past months we have been nursing our ailing central heating boiler for the Church premises but have now had the Church's Energy Consultant examine the system. We are moving towards replacing the boiler and elements of our heating system at the earliest opportunity. We plan to do this if possible during the current lockdown when the halls are not being used, as the issue is quite critical. The job is expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete and initial estimates calculate the cost to be around £40,000-£60,000.

Once more details are to hand, we intend to launch a Fabric Appeal to enlist your help with this. As it stands just now, even with current funds, and possible grants, we could not meet the cost, so it is likely we will try to secure a loan from the General Trustees at 121. Elsewhere in the magazine the Treasurer will set out our finances. Returning a deficit of the level we did in 2020 was actually quite an achievement - having lost almost £25,000 of rental income has had a major impact on our cash flow. However, the continued generosity of our members has ensured that we are in better shape than we first anticipated. **So, I record our sincere thanks for your continuing financial support and generosity.**

Finally, I remain the Interim Moderator at Kirkintilloch St. Mary's. This has been quite a challenge to steer a congregation with a huge deficit back into financial stability, secure an unrestricted tenure, sell a Manse, purchase a new Manse which is currently being built and is expected to be ready in April. Vacancy business is now progressing albeit in a very different direction from my previous experience because of Covid-19, but I am hopeful that we will move towards a satisfactory conclusion by May of this year. By then I will have completed two years in this role!

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Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid;  
do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God  
will be with you wherever you go.

**Joshua 1:9**

## Another Word from our Minister

As a Minister I interact with people on a regular basis, and am often given a window into the lives of other people. I see and hear of their highs and lows. This past year has brought pressures that few of us have ever experienced and what people have faced and how they have coped has been extremely variable. I have attended a number of workshops which the Church has provided for her Ministers and others, to help us better support those whom we serve. From a series of those I wanted to share a few things I have learned over this past year which I hope may be helpful to you.

Covid-19 has for some people been a time when they have felt under pressure and experienced stress. And sometimes, people of faith will say things like, *"God never lets us be pushed beyond our ability to cope!"* That may be true for some but not others. It is important to distinguish between pressure and stress. **Pressure** has been likened to a spring that 'springs back'. **Stress** is when cracks begin to show - like a ruler that snaps into pieces. For most of us it is a process, or to use that well worn phrase, a roller coaster. We can have good days - bad days - worrying days - a time for action. There will be disagreements. There will be tension in situations and among individuals and groups over control and delegation. What we can **CONTROL** is about what we can say YES to. How we respond to people. What we **CAN'T CONTROL** becomes about **DELEGATION**. Who can we delegate to in these times? Who can come into our homes? What are the current Covid-19 rules?

In ourselves or individuals we can notice changes. **Anxiety** is marked by things like panic attacks, migraines, palpitations. **Depression** may be marked by weight gain/loss, disturbed sleep, poor concentration.

We need to remember that we are in a process just now. We can have good days - bad days - worrying days - a time for action. But getting better is also a process. A time for action may lead us to see our GP, phone a friend, to examine our personal resources, to try and stay healthy.

A useful website: <https://www.mindandsoulfoundation.org/> contains a range of resources you may wish to explore if this article has struck a chord for you or for someone you know. One of the Directors of this organisation is an Elder in the Church of Scotland.

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### **SPECIAL APPEALS during Covid-19**

Despite all the financial pressures on individuals and our congregation during the past year we have raised the staggering amounts for the following external agencies:

*Earl Haig Fund £56*

*Lodging House Mission - Harvest Appeal & Christmas Eve £1109*

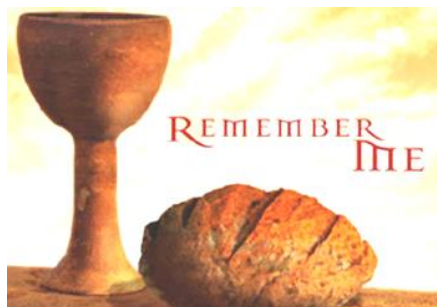
*UNICEF Jars of Grace £751*

*Fresh Start - Women's Aid £535*

*St. Rollox £545*

*CHAS - Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus  
online Christmas Concert £20,300*

***A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS***



**On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**  
we will celebrate the  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
as part of our online  
**Worship Service.**

This is a week later than would normally be the case to allow you to receive this magazine notification. This will give you time to prepare your own elements of bread and wine at home should you wish to join virtually with your fellow members that Sunday.



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



Holly LAVELLE  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

## 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 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	Mrs Margaret Campbell, Lee Crescent
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020	Mr Robert Kilpatrick, Sunart Road
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020	Mrs Margaret M. Bowman, Myrtle Square
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020	Mrs Isabella (Isabel) B. Taylor, Mailing Avenue
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	Mrs Elaine D. MacKenzie, Elizabeth Avenue
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	Mrs Jessie Thom, Whitefield Lodge
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	Mr Thomas (Tommy) Pryde, Thrums Avenue
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2020	Mrs Mary Dallas, Everard Quadrant
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2020	Mrs Mary (Win) Mallen, Springfield Court
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020	Mrs Irene E. McCartney, Dalkeith Avenue

## **Treasurers Report**

I Trust that you are well and surviving “Lockdown 3” as I write this article. It has certainly been unprecedented times the last 10 months and it's fair to say that this also been the case financially for Springfield Cambridge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your offerings and donations since last March. The response has been fantastic and is much appreciated especially at a time when the financial situation for many is very uncertain. Some of the statistics are quite staggering and I have noted some highlights below: -

**Over 210 cheques have been posted/dropped off/picked up and given to me for credit to the church account.**

**PayPal was set up as an additional method of giving back in April 2020 and so far over £2,700 has been given to the church via PayPal although the preferred method of giving remains by Standing Order as PayPal take a nominal charge of 3% for each transaction.**

**26 people have moved from “Envelope Giving” to Standing Order with a number of eligible members moving over to Gift Aid from the Freewill Offering Scheme.**

**15 Gift Aid donors have increased the monthly amount that they give by Standing Order which is larger increase over the year than what would normally be the case.**

**Gift Aid Standing Order Total amounts have increased from £3,430 per month back in March 2020 to £5,100 per month in December 2020.**

**Non-Gift Aid Standing Orders have also increased from £80 per month in March 2020 to £420 per month in December 2020.**

**Lodging House Mission Harvest Appeal- £921**

A sheet showing the summary General Fund Statement for 2020 will be included in the next issue of our church magazine. In summary, the statement shows a deficit of £9,299 for the year. Offerings have held up remarkably well during “lockdown” and indeed we ahead of budget on our Gift Aid offerings for the year. The main items of income that have dropped substantially are Open Plate Income and also our income that we receive from the many outside agencies that use the premises. Outside Agency Income has dropped from £24,271 in 2019 to £10,120 in 2020.

With regard to expenditure, we have met our Ministries and Mission payment of £84,846 for the year along with our Presbytery Dues of £4,579. We have also taken full advantage of the Government Furlough Scheme where appropriate for our Church Officer and Deputy Church Officer and this has enabled us to ensure that both of them have been paid in full since last March.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if I can be of any assistance at all including picking up envelopes/cheques etc and any general queries with regard to your church offerings. I can be contacted on **0141 772 6015** and will be delighted to speak to you.

*Jim Kerr, Treasurer*

## Fresh Start

Thank you to everyone that donated to the appeal for Fresh Start. Women's Aid have had to support more families than normal during this pandemic. Your generous donations have allowed us in these difficult months to continue to help families as they leave refuge.

*Brenda Diamond*

## SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS and ORCHESTRA

Our virtual concert, "A Christmas Montage", on Monday 21 December 2020 has raised the magnificent amount of **£20,300** for Children's Hospices Across Scotland, CHAS. This includes Gift Aid and a donation from one of our main sponsors. We are extremely grateful to all who have supported us and helped us to realise this fantastic sum.

Our next Christmas Concert is due to take place on **Wednesday 22 December 2021**. Hopefully the Covid 19 virus restrictions will be lifted in time for us to start rehearsals in October.

*Sheila Dunbar*

## Shop on-line for Springfield Cambridge Church

**Did you know that whenever you buy anything online**

- from your weekly shop to your annual holiday
- you could be collecting free donations for Springfield Cambridge Church?

**It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...**

Head to **https://**

**www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/  
springfieldcambridgechurch/**

and join for free.

**Thank you for your support**



Online  
Shopping



## **268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade**

We are pleased to report that the Company managed to get back to face to face meetings for 6 weeks in October until the end of the November. With enhanced procedures and a change in timings everyone adapted well to the new circumstances and it was excellent to see all our Boys again. Programmes for each section were altered to these ever-changing regulations and allowed us to try some new activities. Enthusiasm certainly was not dampened with the alternative activities on offer! We hope to be back to the Church to meet again soon.

Two of our Senior Boys, Greg Lockhart and Callum Ross gained their President's Badge last year which is an excellent achievement, and we will recognise this achievement in the Church as soon as we are able to. Both Boys are now working towards their Queen's Badge, so we hope restrictions will soon ease to allow them to progress with this work.

There are some changes in our Junior Section ahead with Gaynor Lockhart stepping down as Officer in Charge at Christmas. Amanda McAra and Euan Russell are also stepping down as Officers in the Company and on behalf of all the Boys and staff, I would like to thank all of them for their efforts over the years and we will also be recognising their work with the Company at the earliest opportunity. Fiona McDougall, a former Officer in our Anchor Boys and other sections in the local area is taking over as OIC and we welcome her back to the 268.

Finally, I would like to thank Ian, Kirk Session and all the Church staff for allowing us to get back to meeting in the building before Christmas. There will no doubt be tough times ahead for the Company but we pray that all our Boys, their families and the Church as a whole has a better 2021 and we can return to some normality as soon as we can.

*John Armour, Company Captain*

## ***Greetings from the Guild***

Our last meeting of the Guild was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 and little did we know what was ahead of us. It was our hostess tea with entertainment provided by the Ariana Choir and was very much enjoyed. Fortunately, it was our second big fund raiser of the session and so although we were

unable to have our AGM, by circulating the accounts to our members, we were able to donate a total of £2135 to charities including £1200 to the Church Fabric Fund. Obviously this session has not provided us with the same opportunity to demonstrate our “Faith in Action” but as usual in the summer May Kennedy made jam and with the added donations we have £265 in the Guild Project Fund. Another of our members, Carol Milliken, made masks and so was able to donate £250 plus gift aid to local charities. We’ve also had about 40 woolly bonnets donated to the Lodging House Mission which in this weather I am sure have been greatly appreciated. Although not specifically a Guild activity there have also been bonnets knitted for donation to the Prem Baby Unit.

How have we kept in touch? Our main means of communication has been by regular phone calls by a small group of volunteers so that we have been able to maintain contact with all the members. A newsletter was delivered to everyone either by volunteers or by email in September. In April 2020 the Guild Head Office started to produce a weekly e-newsletter and continue to update their Facebook page. There was a virtual Annual Gathering on the Church of Scotland website and on You Tube and we obtained a DVD for those without access to internet. The Christmas Carol Service was also cancelled but a compilation of previous services was available on internet. A “Lockdown” newsletter was published in December and an email copy of this was requested and subsequently sent to all our email members but we obtained paper copies for the others which were delivered by volunteers. This also provided the opportunity to let everyone know about the Church of Scotland Listening Project and was useful as they are looking particularly for the views of older people. We now have 5 members aged 90+ and one more special birthday to come in March - Congratulations to the new nonagenarians. However when we meet again it would be great if we could be joined by some young ones and remember the Guild is open to both men and women. The requirements are that you enjoy worship, friendship, fellowship and a good blether.

*Ellen Robertson, Convenor*

*"Thank you to the Guild for the cards, good wishes and offers of help during my recovery period. I am very grateful for your kindness and support and I am now almost back on my feet. Ellen"*

## Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you and your congregation at Springfield Cambridge Church for the generous donation of £188.15, transferred to our bank, to assist us in our work with homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded persons at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow. These are unusual times as Covid-19 causes our service to adapt.

In line with 2021 Government '*stay at home*' guidance, our day centre remains closed to the public, in order to prevent social gathering. Our volunteers will remain at home during this time. A limited number of our staff team will be working hard to continue to meet our mission commitments and support those who are experiencing homelessness, who may be vulnerable or are experiencing isolation at this time. Through local and National Government temporary accommodation is available during this '*stay at home*' order for all who require it.

We will, therefore, continue to make available emergency food parcels, essential toiletries packs and supply emergency clothing through our partner agencies, who are delivering these to those most in need in: hostels, hotels and Bed and Breakfast accommodation in the city. We will continue to supply lunch and other provisions as required to the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre and our Chaplaincy phone line (07864 705 668) remains available for support, prayer and bereavement conversations. We know none of this would be possible if it were not for the support and prayers of congregations such as yourselves, so please accept our heartfelt thanks and as we look forward to 2021, we would appreciate your continued support in the year that lies ahead. *May God bless you as you have blessed the least of these brothers and sisters of Christ. (Matthew 25:40)*

Yours Sincerely

*Deacon Claire Herbert* Chaplain LHM

## Sunday School

Although we have not been meeting we have had a weekly online presence and each week there have been stories and activities to participate in posted for the children and anyone else who wishes.

I was keen we should continue to have Sunday School activities available during this time of uncertainty for our young people. Any aspect of normal we could maintain is especially important.

The challenges of producing Sunday School online will be familiar to many who are now working from home. I have found this challenging myself but have enjoyed the mental exercise.

I have to say thank you to Ian who has supported and encouraged me providing much needed editorial assistance.

A number of our children have participated from drawings and baking, to growing sunflowers.

At what would have been the end of the Summer session instead of prizes each child received a Stay-at-Home Sunday School sew on patch which we look forward to seeing them wear when we are back together.



I have called you by  
your  
name you are mine.

(Isa 43 vs)



Those on the cradle roll have also received cards and letters from us to keep them in touch with their church family.

I feel very privileged to be able to keep in touch with so many of the children in this manner and would like to thank everyone for their support.

*Christine Copeland*

## *A Final Farewell.*

Hello from a rather wet and windy Paisley. I have survived the transition out of Probation, across the city of Glasgow, and am delighted to be the new Minister of St Mark's: Oldhall, in Ralston, on the outskirts of Paisley. It is not the rural linked charge, which I anticipated moving to, but I believe it is the Parish where God wants me to be.

I am working hard – especially at learning names, and building relationships, getting to know my Elders and as many members as I can. I have learnt it is no use trying to learn names shaking hands in the church vestibule, but a little personal chat in a meeting, or over a cuppa after church makes it more likely that I will retain the names for more than 5 minutes! I am amazed already at the number of people who tell me of their links to my home-town of Moffat or to Bishopbriggs.

It is a busy church, with over 400 people on the roll and between 120-150 in church each Sunday (up to 200 for Communion Sundays). It is made up of people of mixed ages; like many Church of Scotland congregations the majority are over 70, but there is a significant number of young people aged 6 months to thirty, and a group of committed people in the 'middle age' bracket.

I have one service on a Sunday morning and like you, a mid-week Wednesday service. There are 2 Bible Study groups and a weekly Prayer meeting. We have a Sunday School, (and a separate teenage group who meet Sunday mornings and evenings), a Guild, 2 sets of Rainbows and Brownies, a Guide company, and a Boys' Brigade Company across all ages, and the Scouts, although not directly linked to the church, joined us for Thinking Day/Founders Day and will return on Remembrance Sunday.

Visiting is an important part of my work, although it will be curtailed by the Coronavirus. Visiting in the hospital (the Royal Alexandra Hospital), local care homes and in people's own homes; and I have recently taken over my predecessor's additional duties as Chaplain to the Accord Hospice, which is close by. Ralston Primary School is near at hand, and along with the Church Youth Worker I will take monthly assemblies, and the school come to church for the end of term services.

I've been through a rapid series of 'Firsts' – First Sunday, First Kirk Session meeting, First Funeral, First Communion Service, First Presbytery meeting. (I'm in the Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley, but soon-to-be the Clyde Presbytery when we join with Dumbarton Presbytery).

Thank you to everyone who has supported me on this journey. Your prayers and good wishes and your genuine interest have been a great encouragement to me.

Thank you to those who came over for my Ordination and Induction. It was a real joy to see so many friends there, and I appreciate the effort it took travelling across Glasgow at that time of night. The generous gift you gave me has been put to good use, buying a lovely new desk for my study (I spent the last three years working at an old kitchen table!), a series of pictures for the manse, and I plan to use some for garden furniture when the weather improves.

I am, like Joshua, in possession of the new land God has led me to. I pray God will continue to guide me in my work here. And I will always remember my time in Bishopbriggs fondly. If ever you are across this way on a Sunday morning you will find a warm welcome in St Mark's.

Every blessing for Easter,

May you know the joy of the resurrected Christ in your lives.

*Sonía*

Rev Dr Sonia Blakesley

*Editor's Note. As you will surmise from the inclusion of the line "Every blessing for Easter", I received this excellent and heartening missive back in April 2020. Amongst the editorial lessons I have learnt over (many) years, includes "never waste good material". So, I held on to the copy and it gives me great pleasure to include the article in this issue of our church magazine. Patience is indeed its own reward!*

*James Robertson, Editor*

## *Flower Calendar*

"The Lord is my Shepherd" Psalm 23

It is a very different time we are living through just now. I know that we are all hoping and praying that it will be sooner rather than later that we will be able to meet together.

One of the ministries which has been missed this past year has been that of the Flower ministry. Flowers play such a large part in our Church life, but with all of the restrictions, they had to be put aside this year. Some day we will be able to be back sending flowers again to those who need some comfort or encouragement. We live in hope.

May you and your loved ones keep safe and well.

God be with you

*Anne Harvey*, Convenor

### **SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE CHURCH BISHOPBRIGGS**

#### **(WHAT'S IN A NAME)**

In addition to being a worship church, Springfield Cambridge is also a Fellowship and Friendship Church. To enter the Sanctuary, where worship takes place, one has to pass through a Hall of Fellowship. It is there that members of the congregation first meet and greet one another on a Sunday morning. They also exchange information as to what events are taking place.

Highlight of the morning is Worship. The Sanctuary, which is bright and spacious, is adorned with wall hangings with spiritual connotation. Worship is led by the Minister and accompanied by a Praise Team under the leadership of organist and Musical Director. Following opening devotions, a children's item takes place. The children and young people then go to Sunday School in the SPRINGFIELD hall, or one of the rooms in the FRENCH halls.

After the service, members of the congregation gather in the CAMERON hall for tea, coffee and friendship. But where do all those names, and others, come from?

Following the Disruption in 1843, a number of Cadder church members left the Church of Scotland. In 1865 a church was built in Springfield Road, Bishopbriggs. It was named CADDER Free Church, but was frequently called The BISHOPBRIGGS Church. Yet another change of name took place following a reunion in 1900 when the church in Springfield Road became Springfield United Free Church.

1929 saw the union between the United Free Church of Scotland and the Church of Scotland. This resulted in the church in Springfield Road becoming SPRINGFIELD church.

On to 1944 when a new minister arrived, Rev. John Cameron. Mr Cameron attached great importance to the young people and he arranged for a new hall to be built, primarily for their use. It is still there to this day and is known as the CAMERON hall. It was Mr Cameron who referred to the Springfield church as 'the wee GRAY church'. In those days it was the custom to name the first child baptised after the minister. Sure enough, first parents to have a child baptised, a Mr and Mrs Sime, agreed to call their son, John Cameron Sime.

Mr Cameron and his family emigrated and was succeeded at Springfield by Rev. H.J. French in 1952. He was popular with young and old alike, and soon the church was so busy on a Sunday morning that two morning services had to be run. It was so congested that some of the children had to sit on the pulpit steps and occasionally in the pulpit itself. Like his predecessor Mr French saw the need to extend facilities, and a new suite of halls were built. Sad to say Mr French died at an early age. In his memory the suite of halls were called the FRENCH memorial halls.

Rev. David Hebenton followed Mr French. Still membership continued to grow. Mr Hebenton saw the need for modernisation and realised that there would be more space in the church if the large pipe-organ (The kist-o-whistles) was to be removed. This was done, with just a hint of regret, and a new organ obtained which is in use to this very day. Mr Hebenton (who also read the Saturday evening sports on BBC radio), demitted the charge to become a teacher and the possibility of building a new church was again considered.

The then Presbytery Clerk made a proposal. A church in Cambridge Street, Glasgow, had become the subject of a compulsory purchase order by Glasgow Corporation and its congregation was being dispersed. The said congregation would be willing to hand over the money realised for the purpose of building a new church in Bishopbriggs provided that the church would accept their minister and preserve their church name in some way. All was agreed. CAMBRIDGE SPRINGFIELD church came in to being and was finally dedicated on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1972. Part of the build, a small chapel, was named the CAMBRIDGE chapel.

The CAMBRIDGE Chapel houses several plaques and other items of interest. One is a cross, presented to the church by members of St. James the Less Episcopal Church which met in that place prior to their own church being built.

At the time of writing, Springfield Cambridge is having to cope with Covid 19. Church attendance is limited, and members have to take turns at attending. However, the church the church has embraced all available technology to enable many members, and non-members also, to observe the Sunday morning from their own home.

Yes, Springfield Cambridge is quite a church. It has a past, a present, and those who worship there believe that it also has a future.

*Bill Findlay*

# Springfield Cambridge Church



Next issue of The Record – date not known

But be assured, as soon as the prevailing  
pandemic restrictions ease  
(or even, dare we hope, are lifted)  
the Copy Date, Printer Date  
and the all-important Publication Date  
will be announced



Our weekly Worship Services remain online at 11am on a Sunday  
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