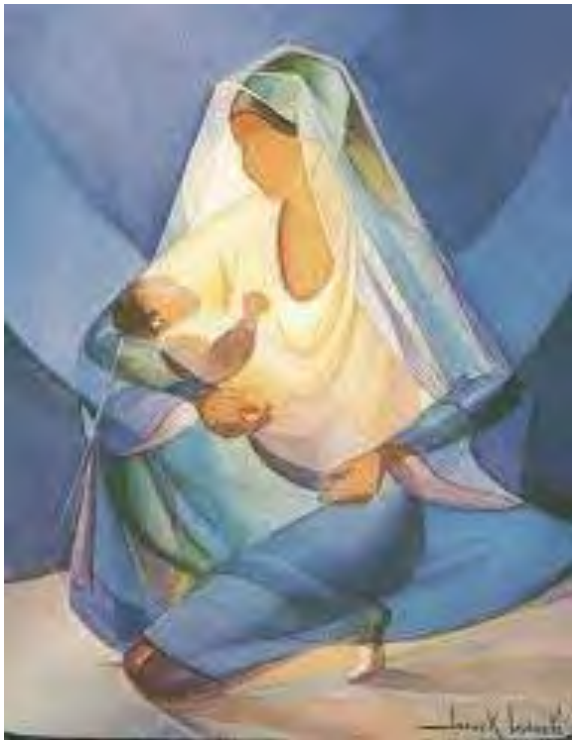




The Springfield Cambridge Record



But Mary treasured up all these things
and pondered them in her heart. *Luke 2:19*

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A word from our Minister: GRACE

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” (St. John 1:14)

As we fast approach Christmas, many of you will be well on with your preparations. Others may be less so. I am probably somewhere in between. I probably began slightly earlier this year with certain elements when I was asked to write a piece for the December Edition of Life and Work in mid-September! Traditionally at Christmas time we frequently turn to the Gospel according to St. John probably more than at any other time of the year. We will soon read again those words from the opening of St. John, often referred to as the prologue. They announce the birth and arrival of Jesus in a more 'theological' manner than the versions found in Matthew, Mark and Luke. I love to read, as many of you know. I like to read a range of reading materials. And I love to read that section of St. John each year. Those words “*full of grace and truth*” always catch me. They are for me hopeful words. And I think we are all in need of some hope as we go into another 'covid19 Christmas.' Often we look for even small signs of hope. Just the other day I was reading of one such sign. It was an announcement made by the New York Public Library (NYPL). And it was beautiful announcement for me, full of grace and truth. The library will no longer charge late fees on overdue items, and it will waive any past accrued fines. This may sound like a small thing, but I suspect its impact will be enormous.

NYPL is the largest library system in the USA and the fourth largest in the world. It is home to 53 million items spread throughout 92 locations. Before its recent decision, more than 400,000 New Yorkers were barred from accessing books because they owed more than \$15 in late fees. Many of them lived in poor neighbourhoods - those with the lowest income and the least capacity to pay fines, many of them children thereby deprived of basic learning tools. As a Scot, with knowledge of the work of Andrew Carnegie and his love of local libraries this story has touched me.

This act by NYPL is a gracious institutional move of an enormous library reaching out into an ungracious world. To unexpectedly erase late fees and trust patrons to return books sounds like the arithmetic of grace. And that's the thing about the five letter word *G R A C E* - it's undeserved, unexpected and often astonishing. Grace has a way of displacing what we have been taught: *Pay your dues or else. There's a charge for that. There's no such thing as a free lunch.*

A colleague was apt to say, *"grace happens when it finally dawns on you that, in Christ, your past isn't going to catch up on you. Is it any wonder I like St. John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."*

Rev Ian Taylor

Let me introduce you to Rev Edson Duque de Castro

In early December 2021 we will welcome Edson a Minister from the Brazilian Presbyterian Church along with his wife and two sons. For 15 months they will work with us in a period of 'familiarisation' as Edson learns about our Church and culture, before he hopes to minister in Scotland permanently. Edson was ordained in his Church in 1999 so already brings a lot of experience from San Paolo in Brazil. Edson in his spare time likes to spend time with his family, to run, go to the cinema, read poetry, camp and fish! We are just waiting on the finalisation of his Visa and notification of his pre-Christmas arrival date (subject to Covid19 travel arrangements.)



"The Record"

Covid 19 interrupted our normal publishing schedule of the Church Magazine. Sometimes our Magazine appeared on-line, sometimes abbreviated in content, and sometimes in print when restrictions allowed us to distribute the Magazine.



In light of this we have been reviewing the future of the Magazine. With economic (production costs) and environmental (use of paper) concerns we believe it is now the time to move to an 'on-line only version' of the Magazine which would appear on our website instead of in paper print fashion.

Therefore, we invite all our members to send an email to the Church Office **springfieldcamb@btconnect.com** advising us of their current email address as follows:

Subject Heading: Church Magazine

Contents Box:

Your Full Name – Address including Post Code -

Home and Mobile Phone Numbers – your e-mail address

This will allow us to send you an email advising you when the Magazine is on-line, or maybe even email it directly to you.



We are aware that not all our members will have an email address, and therefore we will produce a limited edition black and white print version for those members who return the request in person or via a postal return. A "completion" slip is included on the Inside Back Cover.

Session News

On 23rd. November, 2021 after 8 years as our Session Clerk, Jim Scott tendered his resignation, which the Kirk Session reluctantly accepted. During his tenure Jim has faithfully and diligently discharged his duties with a customary quiet demeanour. He shall be sorely missed in this role but we are delighted that Jim will continue to serve as a District Elder, and for a while look after the Church Roll, Safeguarding matters, to name but two of his additional duties. A presentation was made to Jim on Sunday the 28th of November



Thank You

Following my withdrawal from the role of Session Clerk and the presentation by the Rev Ian Taylor during the Sunday Service on the 28th of November 2021, I wish to convey my grateful thanks to the congregation of Springfield Cambridge Church for the generous gift of a restaurant gift voucher. I also wish to thank everyone for their good wishes.

Jim Scott

Church Magazine Editor – James Robertson

On 23rd November, 2021 after about 18 years as our Magazine Editor, James Robertson tendered his resignation, which the Kirk Session reluctantly accepted. James has worked his wonders over these years to produce a stimulating and visually attractive magazine, as well as great number of extras, not to mention our highly successful Fabric Appeal leaflets in recent years. We shall miss his gifts and skills and wish him well in his retirement from this role. James will continue to serve as a District Elder. A presentation will be made to James upon the publication of his 'final edition.'



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

Sunday 5th. December, 2021

Ayda Rose Malloch

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.

Thursday 9 th September, 2021	Mrs Janette Harkins, Sunart Gardens
Monday 18 th October, 2021	Mr Andrew (Drew) D. Fleming, Ash Grove
Monday 25 th October, 2021	Mrs Marjory J.R. Shade, Katrine Avenue
Tuesday 9 th November, 2021	Mr James (Jim) B. Shade, Katrine Avenue
Thursday 24 th November, 2021	Mr Alex Galbraith, Brora Road

Andrew (Drew) David FLEMING

15/03/40-07/10/21

A modern football is composed of 32 panels - 20 hexagons and 12 pentagons. Given Drew's love of the 'beautiful game' let me use the metaphor of a football to encapsulate Drew's life. Now whilst I could say 32 things about Drew, I will confine myself to a pentagon, a five sided shape, to draw out five aspects of his life.

Family. Born at Stirling Maternity Hospital, this *'son of the rock'* was the elder brother to Roy and George, and his early years of education at Banknock Primary School were followed by his secondary education at Kilsyth Academy. A medical condition precluded him from entering into a period of National Service in the forces, and upon passing the entrance examination he began his career with the Civil Service, initially in the Ministry of Labour and National Service in Waterloo Street, Glasgow. Whilst there he was the supervisor to a young woman, Marion McAllister, the only occasion Drew was ever in charge of the woman he took on first date to a Referees Dinner and who became his wife when they were married at Springfield Church on 21/09/66 by Rev. David Hebenton.

Drew and Marion were blessed with the arrival of David and Alison and welcomed their spouses Lesley and Peter and their children Rebecca, Luke, and Owen, Rhys to the expanding family circle. Drew's work took him to Aberdeen city for a while, and from 1967-73 the family lived in a bungalow in Bridge of Don. But in 1973 Marion got her wish to return to Bishopbriggs, settling into 7 Ash Grove. From 1975-79, Marion's father lived with them in an extension to their home. Family holidays were enjoyed in Scarborough, Blackpool and Wales, and later at a Tenerife timeshare as well as trips to Bahrain, the Netherlands and Norway to visit Alison and her family.

Career. Following his time in Waterloo Street, he was later to manage the Job Centres in Bath Street and Springburn, with a brief period of service in Dundee. But a move into the Career

Service in schools took him all over Scotland resulting in him becoming a Careers Service Inspector with offices in Glasgow and Edinburgh until his early retirement at the age of 60.

Football. Despite being ineligible for National Service from the age of 16 for the ensuing 65 years Drew became involved with the Scottish Football Association. In 1961 he became a Senior Linesman, and in 1965 he was to become a Category 1 referee, although he maintained he was promoted too early! He then returned to become a Category 3B referee - in the mid 1970's he was made a couple of appearances at International matches but in 1975 retired due to an injury. This was not the end of his connection to the SFA though - he was Referee Supervisor until he was 70 and for a decade (2010-2020) was a Development Advisor in the junior ranks encouraging many a young new trainee. Additionally for 10 years he was the escort for European Referees when they came to preside over Celtic matches in Glasgow.

Faith. Drew was a Sunday School Teacher in the Senior Sunday School, ordained an Elder on 23/03/1977 and a Presbytery Elder from 2011-2021. He supported Marion and her friend Ann Pickett in all that the Ways and Means Committee did to raise funds for the Church and made up many a quiz for the Fund Raising Committee and other groups who could rely on his mental acuity. In 1980 he was a helper at the 268 BB camp and along with Donald McPhee and George Graham performed to great critical acclaim as a comic trio, "*The Nairnies*." More recently he

enjoyed the weekly Wednesday company and fellowship of his fellow Widowers and Coffin Dodgers!

Measure. His civil nature, good humour, quick wit and gentle nature endeared him to all who met him, not to mention those who heard him speaking publicly - inevitably delivering a talk on either 'Careering Around Scotland,' or 'Refereeing.' The measure of the man Drew Fleming is in not how he died, but how he lived, and of how many were sorry when he passed away. His funeral Services and those watching online were testimony to that and to the fact that Drew has now heard the immortal words of his Eternal Saviour, *"Well done my good and faithful servant."*

Rev Ian Taylor 19/10/21

Weekly Freewill Offering (WFO) envelopes During

Covid 19 many members moved from using WFO envelopes to PayPal or Bank Transfers (Standing Orders) to make their donations, for which the Church was truly grateful. This also meant that any risk of counting cash was diminished for our office bearers. Some of you have continued to receive and use a new set of WFO envelopes. Where possible we are trying to reduce the use of these envelopes to cut costs and waste. If you would like any help in setting up a Bank Transfer/ Standing Order please contact the Treasurer Jim Kerr and he would be happy to assist you.

If during recent times you had moved from using WFO envelopes to a direct payment to the Church's bank but would again like a set of Gift Aid envelopes, then please contact David Lockhart.

If you are not a tax-payer and wish 'Non Gift-Aid' envelopes, then please contact Joyce Macmillan.



On **Sunday 19th December, 2021**
we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy baptism.

Christmas Service Arrangements

The Kirk Session, in light of guidance around Covid19 from The Principal Clerk and the Covid19 Group, has decided to hold the following Services. In so doing the Kirk Session is aware that this will once again not be a 'normal' Christmas but hopes these arrangements will allow those who worship with us in the building and our staff and office-bearers will be kept safe and able to enjoy the Christmas season with reduced risk.

On **Christmas Eve** (Friday 24th December, 2021) there will be a **Service at 6.30pm.** which will also be live streamed. There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the Lodging House Mission.

On **Boxing Day (Sunday 26th December, 2021)** our Service at 11am will include Lessons and Carols and will be live streamed.





Mission Plan Review Update

The Presbytery of Glasgow

November 2021



As you will know, the Presbytery Plan Review Group has been consulting with congregations across Glasgow on how we can best plan ahead to meet the requirements of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act.

We need to prepare for a future in which we will have 84 ministers in post, a considerable reduction on the present number.

In August we asked all congregations to complete a detailed survey in order to let us see the big picture of how churches are working right across the city. We followed this up in October with a series of online focus groups which gave congregations an opportunity to tell us about their concerns and their priorities. It is encouraging to see that overall 96% of churches took part in the consultation and we are very grateful of this.



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70th Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Eric and Margaret Leeper on the occasion of their significant anniversary – married in Mossparck Church on the 7th of December.1951

Treasurers Report

Thank you once again to all the regular "givers" for all their offerings over the last few months. All contributions are much appreciated whether it is by standing order, cheque, PayPal or offering plate. on a Sunday morning.

Our financial situation has been boosted recently with our Outside Agencies now using our premises again and from this we receive approximately £1,600 per month.

We are still awaiting settlement of numerous tax claims from HMRC in respect of Gift Aid offerings, but we expect these all to be settled shortly and the money to be in the church accounts by the year end.

We paid our final Ministries and Mission payment for 2021 of £7,828 to the Church of Scotland on the 15th November 2021. We have also received notice from Church of Scotland that the amount due from Springfield Cambridge Church in 2022 is £82,395. This amount is payable in 10 instalments from February to November and equates to £8,239.50 per month.

At present we have a deficit on the General Fund for the year to date of £12,897 although this should improve significantly over the next few weeks once the tax claims are settled by HMRC.

Finally, have a lovely Christmas season and Best Wishes for 2022.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer

268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade Company Section

It has been an excellent start to the session despite restrictions holding back some of our usual activities. We have 9 Boys on the roll with a consistent 8 attending each week. BB UK have been producing activity packs this year that we have been using. The Boys have tried blind football as part of the Paralympic night, a James Bond themed night and an I'm a Celebrity night over the nights so far. The Boys have been really enjoying the new programme packs and they've gone really well!

We managed to have most of our Boys on parade for Remembrance Sunday with them representing the Company at Auchinairn and the Cross after the Church Service. We also presented 3 President's Badges to Greg Lockhart and Callum Ross from last session and Aaron McKenna gaining his badge this session. All these Boys are now working towards their Queen's Badge over the coming months.

Thank you to all the Boys, their families and the staff for getting all the sections back this session and we look forward to returning after Christmas.

As advertised, 2019 was our last year delivering Christmas Cards and we thank the congregation for their support with this fundraising activity down the years. Our reunion dinner is planned for March 2022 and more details to follow.

We hope everyone has a restful and peaceful Christmas and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2022

.John Armour, Captain 268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade

268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade Junior Section

We have 8 boys on the roll at the moment and have fairly regular attendance. The boys, this session, have enjoyed the programmes that have been produced by the national Boys' Brigade. The 2 favourite ones were the chocolate themed night and the World War 2 where they learned about the Battle of Britain and also about a former Boys' Brigade boy from the 237th Glasgow Company who won the Victoria Cross at the age of 18 called John Hannah. A very brave young man.

Some of the boys took part in the church service on Remembrance Sunday and also at the War Memorial at Auchinairn. They were a credit to themselves and the Company.

We finished this session on Thursday 26th November with a joint "month before Christmas Party"! A great time was had by all especially 2 of the older boys who were decorated as Christmas trees by the rest of the boys – great fun.

We would love to have more boys coming along on a Thursday night between 7 and 8 p.m.

A big thank you to Jim and Fiona for preparing the hall for us. Another big thank you to Margaret Gibbons and Mel Brown for their fantastic contribution and help on a Thursday night. *Mary Armour*

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and join for free.

Thank you for your support



Flower Calendar

Give thanks to the God of Heaven. His love endures forever. Psalm 136

A new year is coming and we – the Flower Committee – are preparing to be back soon to serve others through the flowers. This ministry relies on the generosity of donations from members of the church family. This enables us to bring hope – through caring – to others in need – just to know someone cares. I hope and pray that the Christmas blessings will be with you and your loved ones this Christmas time and always.

Anne Harvey, Flower Convenor

The Guild

The Guild is about worship, friendship, fellowship and faith in action and so at our first meeting we celebrated getting back together with thanks to our telephone volunteers who had done such a magnificent job of keeping us in contact over the previous 18 months and so keeping the Guild alive. We were pleased to announce that although there were no meetings for the 2020-21 session we still raised over £600 for the guild projects. We also enjoyed the winner of the exotic soup competition, Moira Aitken, appearing in ‘the nationals’ with her photo in Life and Work and in announcing that Joyce Macmillan was the winner of the Glasgow North Guilds Together photographic competition in the National Convenor’s competition. But our Many Happy Returns went to our 5 members who had celebrated a 90th birthday during lockdown.

Sonia Blakesley made a return visit to tell us about the challenges and achievements she had in her first charge. She has certainly thrived and it was so good to hear of all the actions supporting her local community during such a tough time. Next was a representative from the Guild project “Home for Good” who provided stark statistics on the consequences for vulnerable children (and society) who did not have the benefits of a caring loving home for good. This Christian charity does invaluable work in encouraging and supporting those who are considering fostering or adoption and her compassion was inspirational

We then had a speaker from Trading Standards, part of the Community Support Team, who provided very helpful information to help us stay safe.

Following the meeting he sent in information about the new fire alarm requirements, so we hope to be well prepared for the legislation coming into effect in February. Then we were really pleased to welcome Tom Noon who showed terrific photographs and took us on a very enjoyable tour of Glasgow Cathedral. We learned a lot and he has more to tell so may well be asked to return.

By the time this is published we'll have been entertained by Euan Russell and been ladies who lunch as we celebrate Christmas. If you would like to come to any of our future meetings you would be very welcome.

Christmas blessings from the Guild

Ellen Robertson

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus

As we cannot present our annual Christmas Concert at the Concert Hall this year, there will be a Christmas event live-streamed on YouTube on **Wednesday 22 December** at 7.30pm.

The event can be accessed via the following link, which will not become live until 7.30pm on the night:

www.springfieldchorus.com

As always, this event will be supporting Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) and donations can be made by text from a mobile phone or via Just Giving. Alan will give details of these methods during the live stream

For those who are not technically minded, donations can also be made by cheque, payable to CHAS. We have a supply of CHAS envelopes for those who wish Gift Aid to be added to their cheque donations. Please let Karen Donald or Sheila Dunbar know if you would like one of these envelopes.

Last year our Christmas live-streamed event raised an amazing £22,346 for CHAS. It would be wonderful if we could match that or, even better, surpass it this year."

Sheila Dunbar

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Recycle for Profit

Yes, this church fundraising initiative is still running. The cupboards off the Hall of Fellowship were twice checked during lockdown and on both occasions a pleasing number of items were therein located. Which reflects the steadfast generosity of Springfield Cambridge folk.

Going forward. The Recycle for Profit initiative will continue – but on a very scaled back format. What still has a possibility of being sold on are three items: **HP ink cartridges, Canon ink cartridges and (occasionally) DVDs**. All that can happen to any other donated items is that they require to be taken up to Mavis Valley Landfill. Which is a rather tiresome chore. So – yes to HP, Canon and DVDs. No to anything else – we don't want upset young Greta over in Sweden!

A final word from James Robertson, Editor, The Record

A number of years back, I read an autobiography about Fridtjof Namsen, Norwegian polymath, arctic explorer and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. I have one remembered quote from the book, "I demolish my bridges behind me...then there is no choice but to move forward" A very uncompromising view on the need to look forward and accept change. This quote came to my mind two years ago when, after prayerful consideration, I knew it was time for me to move on as church magazine editor and to pass on the editorial baton. Then the pandemic lockdown intervened and I put my plans on hold. It seems apposite, then, to announce my resignation at a time when the decision has been made to move the magazine from paper to digital. When I was working in the print and publishing sector, I experienced the full impact of the new digital age. It was then that my bible reading provided perspective with readings from such as Philippians 3:13 and Luke 9 62 and I learned the benefits of accepting change and moving forward.

I have been pleased to serve as my church's magazine editor these past 18 years and I found it to be a fulfilling involvement. I would here give my most sincere collective thanks to all those who so unstintingly helped, assisted and supported me over the years.

I conclude with one last scripture quote from Isaiah 43 18-19 *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"*

The *Record* in 2022

The article included on page 4, headed “The Record” explains about the magazine moving from paper to digital. And explains the reasons for the change. The article concludes with the following guidance:

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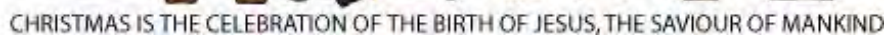
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