

# **The Springfield Cambridge Record**



“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18

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## A Word from our Minister: Circles and Roots



One of my Christmas gifts was a book called "*The Perfect Golden Circle* by Benjamin Myers" an author whose beautiful prose I am familiar with. The book tells the story of two men who over the course of a burning hot summer in 1989 under the cover of darkness form crop circles in elaborate and mysterious patterns in the English countryside. This captivating novel reflects on the futility of war, the destruction of our countryside and the power of beauty to heal trauma and fight power.

At the beginning of a New Year I am conscious of how much of our lives revolves around circles. The circle of life. The circle of time. The circle of faith. In "*The Perfect Golden Circle*" the main characters (Calvert and Redbone) in creating their circles, must in some sense, deconstruct the field in which they will create their works of art. By treading across the fields with rope, planks, and feet, they flatten the crops (though not permanently damaging them) to create scenes like the one above. In deconstructing they construct. As I survey the landscape around me in our brave new world of 2023 it feels to me as though there is a lot of deconstruction going on just now. Economic and financial pressures, food and energy poverty, continuing violence and war in Ukraine, workers in the UK asserting their European right to strike. So much deconstruction. And so I find myself searching for evidence of construction and growth. Where is God at work in all of this uncertainty?



Perhaps we need to let the wild things grow. We let go of a faith that is neat rows of wheat, a faith that keeps us in a tidy loop. Maybe then we can see life growing under the concrete we've so carefully poured. We can see faith in the questions as much as in the answers, and we might begin to map and trace a different circle of roots to a different tree - a different space of joy that grows beyond the fences and barriers we erect and doesn't ask us to cut off our doubt or fear, or someone else's picture of God.

Under every crack there is something that's growing, something that's been planted in us. Once cracks are there, the old will fall away, the scales will peel away. But maybe we will discover that something is growing even in these uncertain times. Something is growing - a latticework of roots, of histories, of communities of faith believing that God is here and is more than what my words or your imagination can capture.

The promise of God as proclaimed by the Prophet Isaiah (42:1-4) reminds us,

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching."

So in this New Year I urge to hold fast in faith and remember that God is with us.

## **Interim Moderator – Campsie Parish Church**

At its December 2022 meeting the Presbytery of Glasgow noted my discharge as Interim Moderator at Springburn Parish Church on 14/11/22 upon the return of the Minister to Parish duties. I enjoyed a period of almost one month from such additional duties and responsibilities. However on 15/12/22 I was appointed by Presbytery to serve as Interim Moderator at Campsie Parish Church in Lennoxtown for an initial period until 14/02/23 again to cover due to the ill-health of a colleague. This it would seem is likely to be a continuing pattern in ministry in the midst of the serious reductions resulting from the Presbytery Planning process. Indeed, in November last, Presbytery was advised that of the 123 congregations within our bounds, there were 83 Inducted Ministers (of whom 33 were serving additionally as Interim Moderators), 41 charges with an Interim Moderator, and 7 Ministers on Leave of Absence. This is a sobering situation and I am grateful for your continuing support, understanding and forbearance.

**Rev. Ian Taylor.**

### **A Word from our Assistant Minister:**

#### **New Year - New Challenges and New Opportunities**

There is a great poem well known in Brazil called, *"The time-sliced."*

*"The person who had the idea to cut the time in slices, which was given the name of year, was a great fellow.*

*It industrialized hope, by making it run on the edge of exhaustion. Twelve months are enough to make any human being feel tired and give up. Then comes the miracle of renewal and everything begins again, with a new number comes a new hope to believe that from now on everything will be different."*



We are starting a new year on our calendar and for some of us, it will be a continuation of the previous year and with-it good news. For those of us who desire to make changes, the beginning of a new year is a good moment to take the first step towards new possibilities or new experiences. After all, we cannot do the same things all the time and hope for different results.

As far as I am concerned, it is definitely a new year, one that represents new challenges and new possibilities. As you know, since December 4th, I have been working two days a week plus Sundays, with Baillieston Mure Memorial Church and Baillieston St Andrew's Church. It has not been without its challenges, travelling there every week without a car, not having my family with me in worship for the first time in 20 years and coping with the specific demands of both churches. However, I gladly accept all these challenges as part of my journey with Christ here in Scotland.

But, I am thankful to say that this new year gives me the possibility to explore new opportunities, particularly putting into practice all I have learned at Springfield Cambridge Church. I must tell you, those experiences have proved invaluable to me, my time with the Boys' and Girls' Brigade, The Guild, Choir, Services, and Pastoral visits, have all set me on my way. The churches have welcomed me so well, reflecting the hospitality of my Springfield Cambridge Parish Church family and I look forward to building new relationships. I don't know how long I will serve there but I believe I am at the right place at the right time and for that I thank God.

In my life, I have come to understand that a person living with contentment is someone able to extract content from every situation he or she is experiencing. I can say I am a content person at this moment, and I am glad to share my experience with you all.

In addition to my work in Baillieston, I am working two days a week here at Springfield Cambridge Church and as agreed with Rev. Ian, in February I intend to start a six-week course called Jesus Way of Living. The idea is to meet a group of people once a week for studying, praying, eating, sharing experiences, and laughing around the table.

I have been doing this in Brazil for a long time, indeed around 400 people have already done this course and all of them encouraged me to go on. The whole programme is longer than 6 weeks, but we will do just 6 weeks as a pilot project. If taking part in it, I encourage you to give me feedback and express if you have the desire to go further with it, as Rev Ian and I will discuss this possibility in due time. One important point, there are only 10 spaces, my hope is for some of you to join me on this wonderful short journey.

**Rev. Edson Duque de Castro.**

## **A Word from our Probationer:**

I love a to do list. New year always begins with a crisp, blank notebook, this year being no exception. Although my first insert for 2023, is not filled with my usual list of things to do but instead holds my hopeful list for the year ahead. It's a long list.

It begins with my hopes for this year with you all at Springfield Cambridge Parish Church, my hope to discern where God is calling me and my longing to find the place where my family will settle, and Benjamin will begin Primary 1. That's just some of my personal hopes, then my list continues for family and friends, and when I turn on the BBC news, the list goes on and on and on. At the end of my long list it reads, to remain hopeful. I hope to have hope, for Paul says, "hope is the sure and steadfast anchor to the soul".

There is a painting in The Tate in London, by George Fredrick Watts, titled Hope. It reflects that hope is not a sentiment but a choice. In the painting is a woman, sitting on top of a globe playing a Lute, where all the strings are broken bar one. And she plays that one string with gusto. What a hopeful image that is.

In between Christmas and New Year, I had the joy of listening to Benjamin's attempt at playing his Christmas present, a guitar. You can imagine the enthusiastic noise! As I watched him joyfully strum the strings, I wondered, perhaps this is the sound of hope.

An image that I will carry with me to my Graduation ceremony, to held by Glasgow Presbytery at Cambuslang Parish Church on the 2nd of February, 7pm, an evening you are most welcome to attend.

The new year has begun and however you enter it, play your one string with gusto, for hope never disappoints.

**Julie Hearty.**



## Funerals

*God of grace and peace, in your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us new birth into a living hope. Strengthen us now to live in the power of the resurrection and keep us united with our loved one from whom in death we are not divided. For you live and reign for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

Mrs. Mary Ferguson, Fourhills Care Home

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

Miss Shona McMichael, Leglen Wood Road

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022**

Mr. Allan J.B. Pollock, Dalkeith Avenue

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

Mr. Robert (Bert) W. Dallas, Thrums Gardens

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

Mrs. Elizabeth Baird, Mavisbank Care Home

## LOOKING BACK



The Christmas Card Team would like to thank all members of the congregation who purchased Christmas cards and those who donated monies during 2022. A total of £514 was raised (sales £456, donations £58) which assists with the cost of meals etc. This was very much appreciated.

Thank you,

**Joan, Moyra, Betty and Alison.**



## **Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission**

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you and the members of Springfield Cambridge Church for the generous donation of £212.12 given at Christmas in support of our Winter appeal. This donation will greatly assist us in our work with people experiencing homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow.

As always at LHM, we seek to make a positive difference to the lives of those we support. We were open on Christmas Day and served 60 guests a 3 course Christmas lunch and Santa handed out gifts. Our nutritious food is often the gateway to engagement and relationship building. For our guests who visit LHM over the festive period it is also a place they received a warm welcome and are treated as a part of the family, reducing isolation, loneliness and providing temporary shelter.

The Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre is operating from their base in Glasgow City Mission, Crimea Street this year - ensuring there is shelter for everyone across the city on the coldest of months from December to end of March.

We know none of our work would be possible if it were not for the support and prayers of individuals such as yourself, so please accept our heartfelt thanks. 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**

## Eating Disorders

BEAT also acknowledged your support by purchasing home produce from Christine Copeland:



## Thank you Christine

Dear Christine,

Thank you for making a donation of £70.00 to support Beat today. **Your gift will help people with eating disorders get the support they need when they need it most.**

This has never been more important than it is today, as coronavirus lockdowns and restrictions impact people's lives across the country.

We are concerned that for the 1.25 million people in the UK affected by eating disorders, there is a **serious risk that restrictions will increase feelings of isolation and anxiety**. For many this could lead to the worsening of people's symptoms and in some cases, relapse.

So, with your support, we are working tirelessly to help people find their way through these tough times and empowering them to take positive steps forward towards recovery. By making a gift today you are helping make this possible.

**We know people need us now more than ever** - demand for our Helpline services has soared by a staggering 114% since the pandemic began – so we've extended our opening hours, introduced new support services and added additional online support groups.

As we face the tough months ahead together, we will continue to do all we can to support people with eating disorders.

**We couldn't do this without supporters like you.** Thank you for standing with us.

As one supporter told us:



*The work you do is incredible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart - you came to my rescue when I truly needed it*

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With warm wishes,

**Philip Roethenbaugh**

Director of Marketing and Income Generation

P.S. If you or someone you love is struggling with an eating disorder in these challenging times, we are here for you. Our [coronavirus hub](#) is full of advice and information, and our online support group '[The Sanctuary](#)' is available everyday for peer support. [Contact us for support](#) today.



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## **GIFT SUNDAY - Tesco Vouchers - St. Rollox**

Again the congregation generously supported this annual seasonal appeal and we were able to donate £835 to St. Rollox. 29 x £5 (£145) & 17 x £10= (£170) TESCO vouchers as well as cash donations of £520 (this included a donation of £100 from one of our Toddler groups) which gave us a grand **TOTAL = £835.**

St. Rollox acknowledged this gift most effusively.

## LOOKING FORWARD

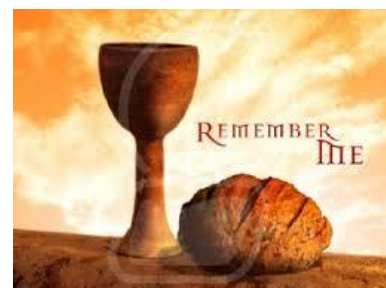
On **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. January, 2023** the Sunday School will be serving Rolls and Sausage after Church in the Cameron Hall.



On **THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023** at 7pm there will be a Graduate Candidates Service to mark the progress of Julie (and other students) in Ministry.

This will take place in **Cambuslang Parish Church, 1, Arnott Way, Cambuslang, Glasgow G72 7JQ.**

On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. February, 2023**, the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated at 11am. There will be a **Retiring Collection** in aid of the **Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.**



On **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. February, 2023**, the Trustees (all members of the Congregational Board and Kirk Session) will meet in the Sanctuary after Worship to receive and hopefully approve the Annual accounts for 2022.



## **268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade**

### **Anchor Boys**

Happy New Year to all our parents, boys, supporters & church members.

Anchor Boys have restarted after the festive break on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. We are looking forward to a busy session. This session sees us hosting two fund raisers in aid of our own funds, our first fundraisers since the pandemic. We will be having our Big Family Quiz Night on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February which is open to everyone to come along. A table costs £20 with a maximum of 6 adults & 6 children per team. If you would like to book a table, then please contact me.

Looking back to the end of 2022 in November we had a visit from Let's o construct which was a Lego night. All our boys enjoyed taking part in building their own Lego structures as well as taking part in a team challenge of building the tallest and most secure Lego tower that could withstand an earthquake.

We had our Christmas party in December with the boys taking part in some traditional party games, Pass the Parcel & Musical chairs. The boys enjoyed some juice & crisps. We also had a visit from Santa himself who brought a gift bag for every boy. The boys had a great time at the party and were all so well behaved.

We have also taken part in Glasgow Battalions Christmas Colouring Competition with all the other anchor boy sections in Glasgow taking part.... fingers crossed we are lucky. The boys all worked very hard at colouring in a Christmas themed picture celebrating the birth of Jesus.

### **Alan Kerr: Officer in Charge**

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**Photographs from the Anchor Boys' Christmas Party**



## 268 Reunion Dinner

This year's Dinner takes place on Friday 24 March at Cadder Freestone Social Club. Details are being distributed to those who have attended in the past or are on the mailing list as well as publicised on the Facebook page.

Should you wish full details please speak to me at church any Sunday or pass on email details at your convenience.

**Donald Armour**

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## BB Notebooks

Note Books remain available in the Hall of Fellowship at a price of £5. Ideal for all manner of jottings, notes or idle musings.





## **Springfield Cambridge Guild**

During the month of November 2022, we had a lady - Sheila McNicol who told us of her personal journey after she was diagnosed with Cancer. As she said, there was probably no one at our meeting that evening, who did not know someone who had a similar life changing diagnosis.

Her talk was informative and humorous in its content.

For the first time in three years, we were able to have a visit from our Kirk Elders.

Our next speaker talked about Medical Murders - of some doctors who had decided to use their medical skills to dispose of their wives!

But on a lighter vein, the ladies of the Guild met once again in Cadder Freestone for our Christmas lunch. After and during our meal, everyone could enjoy the social chit chat and later take part in a quiz, which was great fun.

Please do consider coming along and joining us, this could be your New Year Resolution!

**Sheena McMillan.**

*Photographs of The Guild Christmas Lunch follow on next page.*



## Treasurer's Update

This being the first magazine of 2023 I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and please accept my sincere thanks for all your offerings and financial contributions during 2022. I realise that times are very difficult for a lot of people at the moment with the rising cost of living and to this end I can assure that that your offerings are very much appreciated.

I have attached a sheet showing the summary Unaudited General Fund figures for 2022 that details a deficit of £1,866 for the year. This is a quite remarkable figure given that we had budgeted on a 5 figure deficit on the General Fund for 2022 at the start of last year. Offerings have held up remarkably well during the last year with tax efficient Gift Aid offerings remaining our biggest source of income and despite many members dropping out of the Gift Aid bracket we managed to almost retain the same level of income through new givers and also existing givers increasing their contributions. Our Income from Outside Agencies remain strong and this is major in being able to meet the day-to-day running costs of the church buildings. I would also like to place on record my thanks to The Guild, 65<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Girls' Brigade Company, 268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade Company and Badminton Club for their donations to Church funds during the year.

With regard to expenditure, we have met our Ministries and Mission payment of £82,395 for the year along with our Presbytery Dues of £4,422. During the year we made loan payments totally £10,000 to reduce the loan with the General Trustee that we took out in 2021 (for £30,000) for the new heating/boiler system. The amount outstanding on the loan is now £10,000 with the new loan repayment due of £3,000 being due on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. I am hopeful that we may be able to clear the outstanding loan balance by the end of this year.

Lastly for this month I can advise from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 that The Church of Scotland has replaced the existing Ministries and Mission contribution with a new scheme called "Giving to Grow". The new scheme works on a very similar basis to the previous scheme and is based on a congregation's assessable income but with a lot more transparency that allows congregations to track exactly what is assessed.

Our contribution to the new scheme in 2023 is based on our 2021 Accounts assessable income of £123,235 and is £69,721. I have detailed this below in the 3 separate areas:-

- 1) Cost of a Minister of Word and Sacrament -£47,555
  - 2) Ministry Elsewhere- 35% of Assessable Income less £95,110 = £9,843
  - 3) Shared Activities- 10% of £123,235= £12,323
- TOTAL- £69,721

More information on the Giving to Grow scheme is available through the Church of Scotland website.

Thank you once again.

**Jim Kerr, Treasurer.**



# Springfield Cambridge Church (Scottish Charity Number SC005642)

## Unaudited Account figures for the year ended 31st December 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>				
<b>Offerings</b>				
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	13,222		11,876	
Gift Aid Donations	84,497		87,000	
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	25,681		17,555	
Open Plate	4,225		1,554	
	127,625	127,625	117,985	117,985
<b>Other Ordinary General Income (Including Church Org and Outside Agencies)</b>		19,460		20,660
<b>Extraordinary General Income</b>		nil		nil
<b>Total Ordinary General Income</b>		147,085		138,645
<b>Total General Fund Expenditure (see below)</b>		148,951		141,195
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		(1,866)		(2,550)
General Fund Balance as at 1st January		5,467		555
<b>Transfers to/from Other Funds</b>		-554		7,462
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS AT 31 DEC</b>		3,047		5,467
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE</b>				
National Ministry and Mission & Wider Work		86,817		83,068
Local Staffing Costs		37,891		29,591
Buildings Costs		21,456		21,495
Other Local Costs		3,341		7,041
<b>TOTAL</b>		149,505		141,195
<b>BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS</b>				
General Fund		3,047		5,467
Fabric Fund		45,308		46,560
Boiler/Heating System Fund		(10,000)		(16,241)
Development Fund		8,436		8,436
Manse Fund		3,644		3,090
Organ Fund		932		932
Book of Remembrance Fund		70		70
General Trustee Loan Fund		10,000		20,000
Bequest Fund		680		680
		62,117		68,994

## FUND RAISING GROUP

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Fund Raising Group are hosting a Quiz and Fish Supper Night on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets will be available in the Hall of Fellowship from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January. This is always a very popular event so make sure you get your tickets early.

## ***PAMPER HAMPER***

*Look out for a chance to win the "Pamper Hamper" as a gift for yourself or a friend. Donation of £1 per entry.*



*The Hamper will be on display beside the Entry Sheet in the Hall of Fellowship from Sunday 29 January. The winner will be announced late-February.*

Margery Gough.



*SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE CHURCH  
FUND RAISING GROUP*

*are holding a  
QUIZ AND FISH SUPPER NIGHT*

*on  
SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023*

*at  
7.30 PM*

*in  
THE SPRINGFIELD HALL  
TICKETS - DONATION OF £10*

*Available on Sundays from 29<sup>th</sup> January  
in the Hall of Fellowship*

*This is an Adults-only night*

**BYOB**





## **SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS & ORCHESTRA**

What a joy it was to return to normal rehearsals in October and to the Royal Concert Hall on Wednesday 21 December 2022, after three years when we couldn't stage our annual Christmas Concert because of Covid regulations.

Unfortunately, after all their hard work at rehearsals, some of our singers were not able to join us on stage because they were suffering from flu and coughing viruses that were going around at the time. These viruses also took their toll on many of our patrons who were unable to attend.

Feedback from the event has been excellent, with some saying that it was our best concert ever.

Unfortunately, we don't yet know exactly how much has been raised for CHAS as gift aid has not yet been added to donations and there are still some outstanding invoices to be paid, but early indications are that we will be presenting a considerable cheque to Mairead Macleod from CHAS at our dinner at the Eagle Lodge on Wednesday 1st February.

**Sheila Dunbar.**

**Secretary**



## FUTURE MAGAZINE DEADLINE DATES

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