

# The Springfield Cambridge Record



*"For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,  
Which spreads out its roots by the river,  
And will not fear when heat comes;  
But its leaf will be green,  
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,  
Nor will cease from yielding fruit." (Jeremiah 17:8)*

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## **A Word from our Minister: A weight (wait) of expectations**

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." (Charles Dickens: A Tale of Two Cities)*

That famous quote came to mind as I was reflecting upon the times in which we are living. With a coronation having just taken place, we are now living in the Carolean era - during the reign of King Charles. Or for those of us in the Church of Scotland, we might say we are living in the times of Presbytery Mission Planning! In these current times, where do you find yourself - in the best of times, or the worst of times? And what are our expectations in the midst of those times? Are we hopeful or are we in the winter of despair.

Expectations can be confusing. We can apply them to ourselves (I will write my magazine article two weeks before the copy date). Or they can be imposed on us by others (the Magazine Editor will only print materials submitted by the due date!) As I listened to what Julie said at our Service on 07/05/23 about the weight of the crown( 5 bags of sugar or 10lbs) placed upon King Charles it made me think more about expectations. The new King had waited a long time - a lifetime effectively to bear the weight of that crown on his head. As that weight settled upon him, it bore many expectations - his own, those of his family and friends, those of his subjects and members of the Commonwealth, and those of his opponents. What a weight.

When I first met the King he was only a Prince, and my impression of him was that he was a man just like me. I found him to be warm, humorous, trying to do his best. And yet he is unlike me - he lives in a Royal household, I live in a Manse. However from our conversations I know that he has in his own life known the best of times and the worst of times. Just like you and me, I suppose. But my overwhelming sense

was that he was trying to do the best, to be the best version of himself, for himself, and for others. I am reminded that in Colossians 3:20 we read, "Whatever you are doing put your whole heart into it." Isn't that what we are all called to do - to offer the best of ourselves in the service of others. In that way we glorify God, the one who calls us into his royal household as his beloved children.

**Rev. Ian Taylor.**



On **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. April, 2023**, **Edson** joined us at our **Morning Service at 11am**. This was his final Sunday with us. For the present he is working full time at Baillieston Mure Memorial Church linked with Baillieston St. Andrew's Church. After the summer it may be the case that the Presbytery of Glasgow will redeploy him elsewhere until the Presbytery Mission Planning process is completed and congregations are once again allowed to call Ministers.

During this Service the determination, commitment, fortitude and faith of Edson and his family was celebrated. The congregation was thanked for all that they have done to support Edson and the family during this period of Familiarisation. As a token of the congregation's appreciation of Edson and his ministry among us, a cheque for £1000 was presented to Edson raised by contributions from the community at SCC.

We look forward in the future to being able to join Edson when he is inducted into his own Scottish Charge.



## **CAMPSIE PARISH CHURCH - INTERIM MODERATOR**

As many of you are aware the Presbytery of Glasgow appointed me as Interim Moderator on 15/12/22 for a period of two months to cover during the illhealth absence of a colleague. This period was extended, but despite the continuing absence of my colleague, I was relieved of my duties and responsibilities on 04/05/23 and replaced by another colleague. I am hopeful that it may be a little while before I am asked to undertake such a task again but given the challenges facing the Kirk just now, I am reluctant to say, "never say never again!"

To give you a flavour of the challenges facing our Presbytery, here are some concerning statistics:

Charges	116
Vacant Charges	39
Ministers in charges	64
Minister Interim Moderators	34
Ministers Absent	6
Ministers unwilling to serve as Interim Moderator	3
Ministers as Committee Convener	15
Ministers available	6

**Rev. Ian Taylor.**

### **A Word from our Assistant Minister: Thanks for Giving Yourself to Us**

The last service at Springfield Cambridge Church on the 23rd of April was a great experience. In my reflection, I remember I said we need people in whom we can see the presence of the living Christ, and we need people to whom we can show the presence of Christ.

My family and I arrived in Scotland in December 2021, and since then, God has shown us his presence through the life of Rev. Ian Taylor, Julie Hearty, and all members

of the Springfield Cambridge Church. You all revealed Christ to us in words and action.

Now, I use this space to say thank you all. Thanks for the *words* of encouragement, friendship, and fraternity we received from you. Also, thank you for your generous *actions*. When we arrived, you gave us all we needed to furnish the flat and be settled here. When I left Springfield Cambridge Church, again, you made a wonderful donation to us. We are very thankful.

Yes, we received money from you when we arrived and when I departed. However, I can say that our relationship is not based on the goods we received from you, for we received much more than money, we received your kindness, respect, and love and these things are priceless. Thanks for giving yourselves to us. From now on, you all have a sacred space in our hearts. May God bless you all. See you on the road.

**Rev. Edson Duque de Castro.**

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

"One for sorrow, two for joy, three for a girl, four for a boy, five for silver, six for gold, seven for a secret never to be told" The well-known nursery rhyme, where the number of Magpies seen at any one time supposedly determines whether you have good luck or bad luck. Well, I have two in my garden, currently destroying my grass, nothing joyful about that? Bad luck, or so I thought! *Hominem unius libri timeo*, meaning "Beware the man of a single book".

In 1958, the communist Chinese government declared war on the nation's sparrows, for they were eating up all the country's precious seed grain. A massive campaign was launched to keep the birds constantly in flight and die of exhaustion. In the fields and cities drums were ceaselessly pounded, pots and pans were beaten,

fireworks set off and before too long the little birds began to fall from the sky in great numbers. China was victorious in its war and soon the numbers of these birds reached extinction. However, within two years, it was noted that the rice harvest had decreased. In the absence of sparrows, the insects they had fed upon had multiplied and attacked crops. To revive the sparrow population, the government was forced to import 250,000 birds from the Soviet Union. Perhaps there were too many sparrows. But a single solution was not a solution at all.

It turns out those two magpies, are doing my Leatherjacket infested lawn a favour by eating these plant pests. Perhaps they are bringing more joy to my garden than I first thought.

Let's beware of being the man of a single book. Reading from the same news source, hearing only from likeminded people, listening less, and jumping to conclusions more. Let's always check what is in our hand, if it seems more like a drum to pound or a pot to bang, set it down. And pick up the fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control, those are the signs which remind us God is truly present (Galatians 5:22-23).

Blessed are we, the ones who have discovered that others might not look at things the way we do and maybe they have a point. Just maybe.

**Julie Hearty**

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>. June, 2023 at 11am.** There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.





This will be held in Room 2 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. June 2023 at 7pm when the list for key/alarm fob holders will also be updated.

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## Young Musician of the Year



On a Sunday Morning before the Service begins the Minister normally has a prayer with the Praise Team/Choir - imagine our surprise on entering the Choir Room to discover them being led by a young musician:



Clearly Lucy Craig is following her parents' musical notes (Alan and Anna Craig!)

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## LOOKING BACK

On the 3rd. of May, 2023 a funeral Service was held at Daldowie Crematorium for Mrs. Elizabeth Paterson, a church member and singer in our Praise Team and in the Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus. A technical hiccup meant that a planned Retiring Collection for the Beatson Cancer Charity on the day did not happen. However, if anyone would like to donate, they can do so now via the attached link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ElizabethPaterson23>



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### The Girls' Brigade

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. May 2023, the Company held their Annual Display in the Springfield Hall. A fun, memorable evening was enjoyed by all present - girls, staff, parents/carers, and visitors alike. Following the activities and presentation of badges and awards to the girls, presentations were made to the 'Brown sisters', Katie Byrne & Fiona Russell recognising 40 years of service as Commissioned Officers, although each has actually served or 42 & 43 years respectively. Fiona Smillie was also recognised for her 20 years of service as an Officer, and Brenda Diamond for 25 years.

The evening was bitter sweet in that the 'Brown sisters', Katie and Fiona have decided that it is time to step down from active service in the Girls' Brigade - Katie as Company Captain, and Fiona as an officer. Their considerable service was acknowledged, and they were presented with gifts in appreciation of all that they have done for past, present and future members of the GB, fellow staff, and parents/carers.



Over the summer recess, future staffing of the Company will be determined and an update will follow in the new session.



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By the time you are reading this, **the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland** which was held in the Assembly Hall, the Mound, Edinburgh from **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**. – **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. May, 2023 will have ended.** This year's meeting was something of hybrid nature - some Commissioners attended in person (Lynne Robertson and Rev. Ian Taylor), whilst others attended 'on-line.'

## Baptism

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. May, 2023 Evie Robyn SANCROFT**



**Evie pictured with Jamieson (Jamie), her elder brother.**

## Wedding

*Gracious God, we praise you for the gift of love - that most precious of gifts which endures beyond all others, bearing all things, believing all things, and hoping all things.*

*We thank you for the joy that comes from two lives truly being shared, from two people becoming one, each complementing and enriching the other, each helping love to grow. Amen.*





**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. April, 2023**

**Emily L. Roberts & Jacob D. Williams**



**(l to r, David, Nathan, Mr. Jacob & Mrs. Emily Williams, Sandra Williams)**

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>. April, 2023**

Mrs. Moyra MONTGOMERY, Birdston Care Home

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. April, 2023**

Mrs. Dorothy M.CAMPBELL, Brora Road

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. April, 2023**

Mrs. Helen (Ellen) DANKS, Ronaldsay Street

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. May, 2023**

Mrs. Elizabeth Paterson, Bocclair Road

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. May, 2023**

Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) M. McEwan, Millbrae Care Home, (formerly Cargill Square)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. May ,2023**

Mrs. Maureen J. McMillan, Burnawn Place

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. May, 2023**

Miss Sheila M. Gibson, Mingavie Manor Care Home (formerly Wester Cleddens Road)

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. May, 2023**

Mr. Ian Gill, Stobhill Care Home (formerly Campsie Grove)

## 268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade

### Anchor Boys

The Anchor Boy session has now finished for the summer break. Over the last couple of months, the section has been busy preparing for our Parents' Night which we had on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> May. This was our first full parents' night for over 3 years. It was great to see so many parents, friends, and our invited guests in the hall. The audience got to see some of the games that our boys play every Friday night including Dodgeball, skittle football, bear in the honeypot, sides, parachute game, team games and Rock Paper Scissors. Our Primary 3 boys took part in a world cup penalty shoot-out competition. This was our Primary 3 boys' last night at Anchor Boys and they have now been promoted to our Junior Section where we wish them all the best. Julie also taught all the boys and parents to sing along to a Lego movie song.

Alan McMillan was our inspecting officer at our parents' night, and he presented the boys with their achievement badges and gave out our best team trophies. This year the Argentina team won our year long points challenge with a total of 1103 points which was amazing.

We also announced the winner of our best boy competition which is always a hard one for the staff to pick one boy. The Marion Fleming Trophy for best boy was awarded to Arran Lunan who is the youngest winner of this award. Our previous winner, Deacon, came down from Junior Section to present Arran with his award.

On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> May we had our Witches & Wizards afternoon. We teamed up with the Girls' Brigade Explorers for this event. All the boys & girls were enrolled into the Witches & Wizards school. They met the four live owls that had been brought along, they were allocated their school, wands, learned to cast spells, make potions & scare away bullies. This was all rounded off with some pizza, drinks & crisps. I think all the boys & girls had a great time.

April saw us hold our coffee morning in aid of our own funds. It was great to see so many people in the hall for the coffee morning catching up/chatting over a cup of tea/coffee & a cake. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We raised a total of £600 which is brilliant.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Anchor Boys throughout our session, it is much appreciated. Thank you to the Anchor Boy staff who all work hard week in week out and thank you to all our boys.

Anchor Boys will restart in September after the summer break.

**Alan Kerr: Officer in Charge**

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## **Junior Section**

We finished for the session on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Boys' parents came along for a short time to see the boys getting their awards and prizes for attendance and also the winning team for the monthly team game challenge. Well done to the Blue Jays!! In late April the boys took part in the Boys' Brigade International Team Games competition and we got the result on 12<sup>th</sup> May!! Out of 176 entries the 268 Glasgow Junior Section were 55<sup>th</sup> - so proud of the boys and this achievement and as a well done we are off to McDonalds.

We have 2 Boys being promoted to the Company Section, Adam Carmichael and Ethan Thorn. We wish them both every happiness in their next part of their journey in the Boys' Brigade.

A huge thank you to Margaret, Mel and Harry for their help and input into giving the boys a varied, informative and fun programme. Also, once again an enormous thank you to Jim and Fiona for setting up the hall for us - it is really appreciated so much.

**Mary Armour**

## **268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade Company Section**

After a successful end to the 'normal' part of the session. We ran our annual summer programme for the first time in 3 years! The Boys went to the Time Capsule, Innoflate in Cumbernauld, a hill walk up the Whangie in the rain and then finished off the year with some archery and shooting at Auchengillan. The Boys all had a great time trying something new every week and this was funded by our reunion dinner and a donation from an ex-member's family so thank you to all for their generosity over the past few months. We hope to run a bigger event in June for the Boys as well before starting all over again in September.

I'd like to thank all the Boys, staff and parents for their support in returning to almost normal this year, with the prospect of a full session returning next year, there's plenty to look forward to.

**John Armour**

**Captain**



## 65<sup>th</sup> Company Girls' Brigade

It is with a tinge of sadness that I write my last article for the company as Captain but with great pride at what the girls of the company have achieved.

The girls have worked hard this year completing all their badge work and preparing tirelessly for the first proper display we have held in over 3 years due to Covid restrictions.

And a great night it was with the girls showing their skills from the Explorers' cheer leading, the Juniors' drama sketches and parachute routine, the Brigaders' drill and dramatic performance to Pirates of the Caribbean. Not forgetting the Explorers and Brigaders marching together and finishing with the full companies' act from Matilda.

Then came the part of the night that the girls so look forward -to the prize giving. All the girls received their badges and gifts with the special awards as follows.

Best all round Explorer - Daisy

Juniors Achievement Award - Maya and Anshitha

Best Squad - 1 led by Thea

Best All round Junior - Alyssa

Brigader Centenary Award - Katie

Best All Round Brigader - Ellie

Cuthbert Cup for Commitment to the Company - Kaitlyn

Kaitlyn also received her Brigaders' Brooch, the second highest award in the Girls' Brigade and I wish her well as she starts working towards her Queen's Award. It was not only the girls that received awards. There were 4 long service awards presented to leaders, Fiona S received her 20 year service award, Brenda her 25 year award and Fiona R and myself received our 40 year award albeit Fiona's was a little late.

Our session comes to a close on Tuesday the 16th of May and finishes with a party. However, we have a busy weekend ahead with the Explorers joining the Anchor Boys for a themed afternoon at the church on Saturday with wands and live owls. The Juniors and Brigaders are heading to the bowling alley and McDonald's on Sunday.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the leaders who give of their time throughout the session not only on a Tuesday night and have supported me as Captain for the last 8 years. Fiona R and I wish the leaders and girls every success in the future as we take our leave. It has been a pleasure.

Signing off for the last time as Captain Katie.

**Katie Byrne.**

## **Treasurer's Report**

This being the final magazine of the session I would just like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very pleasant summer. Hopefully by the time you read this article some long hot and sunny days will have arrived!

Thanks to all the regular "givers" for your offerings. Whether you give by weekly envelopes or bankers order, your contributions are much appreciated and mean that we can meet our regular ongoing expenses. Even over the summer months our average outgoings will still be nearly £10,000 per month without taking into account any one-off expenditure items that may crop up.

The General Fund has a Deficit for the year of £5,353 as at 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We expect to receive settlement shortly of the Quarter 1 2023 General Fund tax claim from HMRC along with settlement of a small amount outstanding from 2022. All Income and Outgoings for 2023 to date are broadly in line with the budget set out as the beginning of the year.

I am pleased to advise that as a Congregation we have again been granted full exemption from paying any water charges for the tax year 2023/2024. Any Registered Charity whose annual income is less than £200,000 can apply for exemption under the scheme introduced by the Scottish Government.

We have also recently received much appreciated donations from the following: -

£1,000 donation from The Guild to the Fabric Fund

£500 donation from the Badminton Club to the General Fund

The Church and Manse Insurance has recently been renewed at an annual premium of £3,680.

**Jim Kerr, Treasurer.**

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## FUND RAISING GROUP

A total of £732.10 including Gift Aid was raised at the Taylor Fashion Event. We had an excellent turnout on the evening and Brian Taylor's presentation of the items available to purchase was very witty and had us "rolling in the aisles". Following this we all had a good rummage around the clothes rails and purchased our bargains. On arrival for the event, ticket holders enjoyed a refreshment along with biscuits and chocolates in the Cameron Hall, where there was also an opportunity to purchase a "Lucky Bag", if wished, for a small donation. Everyone seemed delighted with their choice.



Our next Fund Raising Event leading up to a summer break for the Group is to offer a "Summer Hamper" filled with goodies to help us enjoy the "hopefully" good weather. Even if some of the items might not be used by yourselves, you can share them around with family and friends if you win. Donation tickets will be available on Sundays, from 4 - 18 June in the Hall of Fellowship for a donation of £1 each. The winning slip will be drawn after morning worship on the 18th June.



**Margery Gough.**

# SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE CHURCH FUND RAISING GROUP

# SUMMER HAMPER



**Entries can be made on Sundays from 4 - 18 June, 2023  
which the Draw will take place.**

**AND .....**

# THE SMARTIES SUMMER CHALLENGE



Change your  into  !!

Pick up a tube of Smarties  
from the Fund Raising Team  
in the Hall of Fellowship

on Sundays 11 or 18 June, 2023

and once you have enjoyed the contents, refill the tube over the  
Summer months with 20p coins before returning the tube by 11  
September.

Let's see how much we can raise!

## **FUTURE MAGAZINE DEADLINE DATES**

<b>COPY DATE</b>	<b>PUBLICATION DATE</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
14/05/23	28/05/23	04/06/23
20/08/23	03/09/23	01/10/23

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