

The Springfield Cambridge Record



*‘When you reap the harvest of your land,
do not reap to the very edges of your field
or gather the gleanings of your harvest.*

Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you.

I am the LORD your God.’

Leviticus 23:22

September 2023

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A Word from our Minister

The June meeting of the Presbytery of Glasgow at which our Mission Plan was FINALLY approved was not without some tense moments. Feeling and emotions were high and tension was palpable at times. I was conscious that whilst it is wise to cool down excitement and speak your mind, that is not always easy to do. That reminded me of something I once read, "When people submerge their true feelings in order to preserve harmony, they undermine integrity of a relationship. They buy peace on the surface, but underneath there are hurt feelings, troubling questions, and hidden hostilities just waiting to erupt. It's a costly price to pay for a cheap peace, and it inevitably leads to inauthentic relationships... No one says anything 'unsafe'. They never discuss misunderstandings, reveal hurt feelings, air frustrations or ask difficult questions... Offences occur, but nobody talks about them. Doubts about the other's integrity creep in, but they're never dealt with. In time such relationships deteriorate." Denying our true feelings is not advisable, but calmness can achieve reconciliation more easily than raised voices or recriminations.

Cuthbert (the Bishop of Lindisfarne in the 7th century) had difficulty in teaching the Rules of Christian community life to some of the Christian community there. At meetings he was often worn down by bitter insults, but would put an end to the arguments simply by rising and walking out, calm and unruffled. Next day he would give the same admonitions, as though there had been no unpleasantness the previous day. In this way he won the love and obedience of the community.

How do you respond when someone says something uncomfortable to you? Do you overcome your natural human instinct to reject it? Do you listen and seek the truth in the other person's concerns? Or do you get angry? Do you slip into denial, retaliation or rationalisation?

Well, do you?

Rev. Ian Taylor.

Mrs. Julie Hearty, B.D. (Probationer)

On 26/7/23 Julie successfully completed her final training review, and I am delighted to advise you that her probationary period has been sustained. This means that she is able now to apply for a Vacant Charge of her own. In the interim she remains with us until the end of October, and possibly beyond then depending on how things develop. In the meantime, we warmly congratulate Julie on this significant milestone. We never doubted this would be the result of all her hard work.

Rev. Ian Taylor.

A Word from our Probationer:

"Congratulations!

Today is your day.

You're off to great places!

You're off and away".

An extract from **"Oh, the places you'll go"** written by children's author, Dr Suess. Words shared with me 26 years ago when I set off for university, words I have more recently shared with Benjamin, as he sets off for Primary One and words which speak to me as I enter the next stage of Ministry. There is an old African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child", as I reflect on the past 5 years of raising Benjamin, this proverb rings true for me. With the love and support of our families and friends he is now ready, off on his way! It feels similar for me, it has been with the love and support of you, the congregation of Springfield Cambridge Parish Church, which has enabled me to successfully complete probation and get ready for the next step, for "it takes a village to raise a Minister". It is with a full and thankful heart I begin to look ahead and say the words of a prayer written by Rev Roddy Hamilton; a prayer which I read at the beginning of discernment and rings true for me this day.

Among The Many Hopes

*Among the many hopes
and through the many dreams
may I discern
the one that fits with me:
that shape you made me,
that person you honed,
those experiences held,
those questions I ask.*

*Take these, this distinctive combination
of my unique individuality
and vulnerable faith,
and find my space
shared with,
and given for
others in your body,
the Body of Christ.*

*May I desire less what I shall be,
and discern more of who I need to be
for your kingdom,
in community,
with all your people.
And with faith still more uncertain
than sure,
may I dare to step into the adventure,
apprehensive of where I might be going
and trust the mix of grace and gift
with which you have created me,
and may I give thanks
for whatever will be
in your name
and for your purpose.
Amen.*

**Jesus said, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 18:18-20) Oh,
the places you'll Go!**

Julie Hearty

LOOKING BACK



Christian Aid Week 2023

This year we participated in a variety of events with Cadder and Kenmure churches including: a Fun Walk which left from Cadder North Hall; a Praise & Prayer Evening at Kenmure Church; a Christian Aid Quiz in the Springfield Cambridge Hall; finishing with a Christian Aid picnic at Allan Glens with a Service of "Praise in the Park" - organised by Cadder's Nurture Team. Some of those who gathered on 21/05/23 are pictured below:



General Assembly 2023

I wonder if I am the only one who remembers the days when the General Assembly was reported on every night in the then equivalent of Reporting Scotland with Jamieson Clark? This year there was one brief mention on the Friday night saying that the Church of Scotland was planning to close lots of churches. While church closure is on the cards let me tell you that I came away from Assembly feeling very positive. The Church of Scotland is very much alive and in fact in some places it is growing. I wasn't able to attend in person but participated on Zoom.

Another of my memories from days gone by is of the adjutant leading the Purse Bearer and Lord High Commissioner by going up the steps of the Quad backwards! I am happy and relieved to report that this no longer happens.

Assembly opened on Saturday 20th May and Sally Foster Fulton was installed as the Moderator for this year. The Presbytery Clerk had said that the worship at Assembly could be very moving - I didn't believe just how moving - from the opening with Townend's version of the 23rd Psalm on Saturday to the singing of Ye Gates Lift Up Your Heads on High at Communion on the Monday to say nothing of Tuesday morning when it was 10,000 Reasons with the Principal Clerk swaying away with the best of them! It reinforced to me that at the heart of this meeting was God and His Church.

One of the highlights for me was on Tuesday was when we were addressed by the Chief Rabbi and the Jewish Christian Glossary was tabled. This was a joint piece of work with the Jewish Community and the Kirk and goes some way to building bridges following the rift caused by the Inheritance of Abraham. This Glossary is the result of work between Rabbis and Ministers of the Kirk and is a fascinating document. Tuesday afternoon was a marathon session lasting nearly nine hours when an amendment to deliverance was proposed. Eventually it was decided to refer it to the Theological Forum to reflect upon and report back next year. It was good to hear that a group of Youth Reps got together to form a group called Young Adults Guild. This group of 18-30 year olds are currently meeting online supported by the Guild and in a way replaces the Young Women's Group which folded years ago. The other thing for congregations to note is that the Pulpit Supply fee has gone up from £60 to £100 which will also impact on Locums. Now I know what my late father-in-law meant when he spoke of Ministers awarding themselves a pay rise for I did just that and then felt guilty!

Two deaf ministers of the deaf attended sitting at the front with their hearing dogs who got on splendidly! But at one point somebody stood on one of their tails and it yelped to the point where the Moderator wanted to go down to comfort it! And on the subject of ministers of the deaf, Grant Barclay brought news of Richard Durno's death to the Assembly for Richard should have been a Commissioner this year.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being a Commissioner and would commend it to all. Everybody not just Elders should try to listen to some of the debates on the live stream. And the best bit to come out of Assembly for me is that the Church is alive and well and very much living.

Lynne Robertson

Pictured below at the Assembly, our very own Julie Hearty



Halls Letting

In June the Congregational Board agreed to review the scale of our hall let charges mindful of the rising costs faced by the Church for heating, lighting, cleaning etc. The new charges come into effect on 01/09/23 and are as follows:

REGULAR Let - Hall £26(previously £24), **Room £16** (previously £14)

IRREGULAR Let (one-off) - Hall £30(previously £25), **Room £20** (previously £15.)

Staff Fees for Weddings/Funerals remain as follows: Organist £80, Church Officer £50, Deputy Church Officer £40 **TOTAL £170.**

Presbytery mission planning

The Presbytery Plan for the foreseeable future has now been approved and the next phase of this is one of implementation. This is already proving to be a complicated and probably a protracted phase, however the plan allows for two Ministers in Bishopbriggs. Cadder and Springfield Cambridge will be working with Kenmure church to work out how we function together and meet our common missionary goals as required by the plan.

Following another successful evening of excellent musical entertainment on 20/05/23 from **Euan Russell and friends**, a **staggering sum of £3410** was **raised** for this mental health charity. Many of you will be pleased to hear that Euan plans to return for another concert in the Church next May!

Our local performer is pictured below presenting the cheque:



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The City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra raised the church rafters on 09/06/23 at their summer concert. A fabulous evening of familiar and new brass tunes was enjoyed with an interval break of home baking and refreshments. Their leader Martin Thomson always ensures a varied programme with witty explanations for those who are less musically knowledgeable. Look out for a return visit before Christmas.



Golden Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Anne & John Surgenor who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Baptism

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

Sunday 28th May 2023, Lottie Lavelle.



And Sunday 2nd July 2023, Mrs. Charlene Strang.

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 3rd. June 2023 Amy J. Lee & Grant A. MacFarlane.



Funerals

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

Amen.

Monday 5th. June

Mrs. Sara (Sally) Gordon, Westerton Care Home

Monday 5th. June

Mrs. Nina Pollock, Birdston Care Home

Saturday 17th. June

Mr. Garry Danks, Ronaldsay Street

Friday 23rd. June

Mr. Andrew Thomson, Stirling Drive

Tuesday 18th. July

Mrs. Christina Jagoe, Buchanan House

Wednesday 19th. July

Mrs. Christina (Christine) B. Olsen, Dunkeld Gardens

Thursday 20th. July

Miss Jean Leitch, Princes Place

Monday 7th. August

Mr. William J. McLoughlin, Kirkintilloch Road

Monday 14th. August

Mrs. Margaret Hail, Wester Cleddens Road

Saturday 19th. August

Mr. Peter Dickson, Abbotsford

Thank you

Natalie, John and Caitlin would like to thank members of Springfield Cambridge for their prayers and messages of support following the death of Nina Pollock, a much-loved mum and Gran. Your kindness is much appreciated. **Natalie Storey**

Morag and the rest of the family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and attended Peter's funeral. We would especially thank Ian and Julie for their visits. Ian, you made the funeral just for him. We were delighted with the response for Marie Curie which totalled £720. Thank you all. **Morag Dickson**

LOOKING FORWARD



UNITARY CONSTITUTION

Following our application to the Presbytery of Glasgow and the Principal Clerk's Office in Edinburgh to change from the Model Constitution to the Unitary Constitution, the relevant paperwork has now been received by us. Consequently, the final meeting of the Congregational Board will be held on Tuesday 5th. September, 2023. Following this the Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 19th. September, 2023 at which point it will assume responsibility for all church matters spiritual **and** temporal in nature. Further information will follow as we make this transition and reshape how we work as office bearers to serve the church.

On Friday 1st. September, 2023, The Earnside Singers (featuring singers including Alan & Anna Craig, Euan Russell, Beth & Catherine Taylor) will be performing a concert at The Savings Bank, 67 Bridge Street, G5 9JB. **Tickets priced £15 from Alan or Anna Craig.**

On Saturday 9th. September, 2023 we are participating in East Dunbartonshire Council's OPEN DOORS and the Church will be open **from 1-4pm for anyone who would like a tour of the parts of the building you don't see in person on a Sunday morning or on-line.**



On Sunday 10th. September, 2023 our Choir and Praise Team resume their fuller involvement in leading our Praise and our Service that Sunday will include an element of Dedication in recognition of their significant role in our musical life as a congregation.

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Sunday 17th. September, 2023 will be our **Service of Dedication for the Guild and Harvest Thanksgiving Service.**



Following the Service, the Sunday School will serve rolls and sausage in the Cameron Hall.



The Church will be decorated to reflect Harvest and donations this year will support the work of the Lodging House Mission and the local Foodbank at Colston Wellpark Church. Donations may be in the form of items selected from the list below or monetary donations. **These can be brought on Harvest Sunday** or dropped off at Church on Saturday 16/09/23 between 10.30am - 12 noon.

Items sought:

Cereal

Corn Flakes Weetabix Rice Crispies Sugar Puffs Frosties

Jars/Pastes

Tomato paste Pasta bake sauce Curry sauce/paste

Tinned Fruit

Peaches Pears Pineapple Mandarins Rice pudding Custard

Other

Full fat UHT milk Coffee Biscuits Crisps Dried peas Lentils Broth mix Sugar Jam

Tinned Meat/Fish

Tuna/salmon Corned beef Ham

Other tinned food

Baked beans Spaghetti in sauce

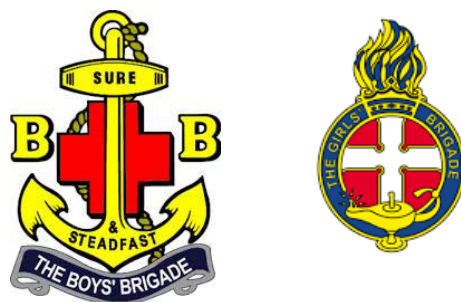


On Sunday 1st. October, 2023, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at 11am.

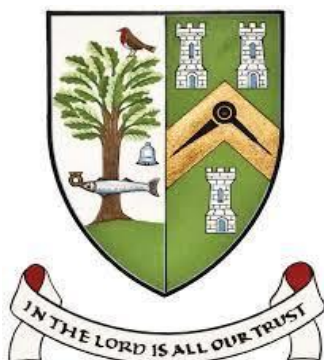


There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.

The Boys' & Girls' Brigade Dedication Service will be held on Sunday 5th. November, 2023 at 11am.



The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow will have their Annual Divine Service on Sunday 5th. November, 2023 at 3pm.



Our Remembrance Sunday Service on 12/11/23 will begin at **10.45am**. Further information concerning Remembrance events will be intimated during worship in Church and appear on our social media channels nearer the time.



LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Just a wee advance notice that the team will again be selling Christmas Cards in aid of The Lodging House Mission. Starting each Sunday from 22nd of October in the Hall of Fellowship before and after the Service. Please give your support.

Thank you,
Moyra Ewing



The Guild



Our Guild will resume once more on Monday 4th September, when we look forward to welcoming members old and new!! Our theme this year is "New wineskins - New Wine." So, we hope that we will be able to welcome in new members to boost our numbers this session! The new wine hopefully being NEW MEMBERS. We will have an interesting and varied Programme on offer and invite everyone to come along!

Our format for our meetings for this year has changed, in that we will meet on a Monday evening from September until the end of October. We will then change to Afternoon meetings starting at 2pm, for November, January and February. We will revert to evenings again for March and April.

Our first Speaker on Monday 4th September is our own Julie Hearty on her theme of "Take me back to the good old days".

GUILD WEEK -Tuesday 12th September, we hope to have an afternoon when we can learn about our Project Partners, while enjoying some cheese and wine! (and or soft drinks). Please come along and enjoy this event.

For further information please speak to any members of the Committee.

WE look forward to seeing YOU this session!

Sheena McMillan

SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on **Friday 22nd December 2023 at 7.30pm.**

Tickets priced £12.00, £16.00 and £22.00 will be available from The Bishopbriggs Box Office, at Cadder Church South Hall, Kirkintilloch Road, Bishopbriggs, on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10.00 and 12.00 with effect from **Wednesday 06 September.**

Sheila Dunbar

Secretary



SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS

JUNIOR CHORUS



We are starting with a taster session on Sunday 22nd October, from 12.30-1.30pm in the choir room. Come along and join the fun. Boys and Girls aged 7 – 14 are all welcome to come and see what it's like to sing! No audition required and no fee. All music will be provided on the day.

Join in a fun session of vocal games and Christmas music, under the direction of Catherine Taylor, our Junior Chorus leader and get an idea what it's like to be part of this great choir.

If you would like your young singer to attend this event please register by either:

1. emailing Catherine at catherinejtaylor@btinternet.com
2. texting Catherine on 07511629272

Please provide your child's name, a parent or carer's name, an email contact and a mobile contact.

268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade

Junior Section

We had an excellent weekend camp with the 212nd Glasgow in June of this year, the weather was excellent and the Boys (and staff!) all had a great time. They tried paddleboarding, canoeing and laser tag as well as fun on the beach. It was so successful, plans are already in place for next session.

Last session, the Boys took part in the Junior Section International Team Games and they were 22nd out of 253 sections. As a reward, we went to Hollywood Bowl at the start of the summer holidays. Hopefully top 10 next year!

Our session starts on 31st August with an enrolment night, all Boys of Primary 4 to 6 are welcome, with normal activities returning on 7th September.

Mary Armour

Acting Officer in Charge



268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade Company Section

Only one event of note over the summer with Callum Ross, one of our Queen's Men from last year completed year 1 of his KGV I Leadership training. This is a week-long residential course at Carronvale House, Scottish HQ for the Boys' Brigade. He completed various modules and activities towards working with young people in the Boys' Brigade and developing his own leadership skills. He will now work with the

Company as a Leader for the year and will return to Carronvale next summer where he will gain an award equivalent to an Advanced Higher. Well done, Callum!

After a restful summer, we are returning on 31st August with our enrolment night, all Boys of Primary 7 to S6 are welcome.

John Armour

Captain



65th Company Girls' Brigade

We started this session on Tuesday, 29th August, after our summer break. This is a special year as we celebrate 70 years since the formation of the 65th Glasgow Company. We have a fun programme planned and will be celebrating throughout the year. Any girls of school age are welcome to join us.

This year, all sections meet in the Springfield Hall at the following times:

Explorers (P1-3) 6.30-7.45

Juniors (P4-7) 6.30-7.45

Brigaders (S1-6) 7.00-8.30

Although the girls are meeting in the same hall, they will work towards their badges within their own section, and we will come together for games and some activities.

Brenda Diamond 07815736177

For further information, contact ~~Laura Weightman (Leader) on 07340 302013~~ or email gb65thglasgow@hotmail.co.uk

Fiona Smillie, Leader

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all the regular "givers" who have continued with their offerings so generously over the summer months. All contributions are much appreciated in these very difficult times whether it is by standing order, cheque, PayPal or offering plate on a Sunday morning.

A small number of members continue to send cheques to me on a regular basis in respect of their offerings whether Gift Aid or Freewill Offering. I am more than happy to arrange uplift of any offerings for members who are unable to attend Sunday Worship or post a cheque to me. Please just get in touch with me on 772-6015 and I will be delighted to assist.

The attached statement for the year to 18/8/2023 shows a deficit for the year to date of £13,751. This is slightly less than the deficit we would anticipate at this time of year, so we remain on track to hit our budgeted surplus figure for the year. We are awaiting settlement of our Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2023 Tax Claims from HMRC along with our Gift Aid Small Claims Tax rebate for tax year 22/23. Our Income from Outside Agencies Income continues to grow and we are most grateful for these funds which greatly assists with meeting our day-to-day expenses. We still have £20,916 outstanding on our Giving to Grow contributions for 2022 and this sum will be paid to the Church of Scotland by November.

As I've mentioned previously, I fully appreciate that these are extremely tough times for everyone at the moment with the ongoing increase in the cost of living, but please be assured that your offerings are much appreciated and allow us to continue the work of the church.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jim Kerr, Treasurer.

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General Fund Figures					
	19/8/2023		BUDGETED 2023		
	£	£	£	£	
GENERAL FUND INCOME					
Offerings					
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	7,766		13,222		
Gift Aid Donations	51,008		84,000		
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	nil *		19,000		
Open Plate	4,216		4,500		
		62,990		120,722	
Other Ordinary General Income (Including Church Org and Outside Agencies)		18,539		20,650	
Extraordinary General Income		nil		nil	
Total Ordinary General Income		81,529		141,372	
Total General Fund Expenditure (see below)		95,280		139,336	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(13,751)		2,036	
<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE</u>					
National Ministry and Mission & Wider Work		52,748		73,665	
Local Staffing Costs		23,277		39,841	
Buildings Costs		16,180		21,500	
Other Local Costs		3,075		4,330	
TOTAL		95,280		139,336	
<u>BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS</u>		<u>AS AT 18/8/2023</u>		<u>AS AT 31/12/2022</u>	
General Fund	-	10,704		3,047	
Fabric Fund		45,706		45,308	
Boiler/Heating Sys Fund		(10,000)		(10,000)	
General Trustees Loan Fund		7,000		10,000	
Development Fund		8,436		8,436	
Manse Fund		3,937		3,644	
Organ Fund		932		932	
Sunday School Fund		921		831	
Book of Remembrance Fund		70		70	
Bequest Fund		680		680	
		46,978		62,948	
* Tax Recoveries of £9K in respect of Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 claims 2023 will be settled shortly					

SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE CHURCH FUND RAISING GROUP

SUMMER HAMPER

The total raised for Church funds by our Summer Hamper was £120, and the very worthy winner was Mrs Fiona Smillie who is pictured below. Thanks to all who participated. For those who were unsuccessful, look out for the next hamper at Christmas.



THE SMARTIES SUMMER CHALLENGE



We hope that after you enjoyed the contents of your tube of Smarties in June you've been popping the odd 20p or £1 coin into the empty tube over the Summer. It's now time to return your Smartie tube to us to see how much our funds have managed to expand.

A box will be available beside the Collection Plates in the Hall of Fellowship on Sundays 27th August, 3rd and 10th September to return your contributions however large or small. Keeeeep filling until then!

Let's see how much we can raise!

COFFEE MORNING



Our forthcoming venture is a **Coffee Morning** which will take place on **Saturday 16th September** in the **Cameron Hall** from **10 am to 12 noon**. Tickets, **£5 for Adults, Children Free**; will be on sale from Group Members in the **Hall of Fellowship** on **Sundays 27th August, 3rd and 10th September**. There will also be **books and home baking** for sale at the event. We ask for your support again, and if you could possibly help by donating items of home baking, there is a list at the ticket table in the Hall of Fellowship for you to leave your details.

Margery Gough on behalf of the Fundraising Group



FUTURE MAGAZINE DEADLINE DATES

EDITION	COPY SUBMISSION	PUBLICATION	HOLY COMMUNION
September 2023	20/08/23	03/09/23	01/10/23
December 2023	19/11/23	03/12/23	
January 2024	14/01/24	28/01/24	04/02/24
March 2024	03/03/24	17/03/24	Palm Sunday 24/03/24 Easter Day 31/03/24
June 2024	12/05/24	26/05/24	02/06/24
