

# The Springfield Cambridge Record



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. [Romans 15:13 \(NIV\)](#)*

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## A Word from our Minister:

### Chain reactions

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Glasgow on 12/09/23, my nomination as the Business Committee Convener was confirmed. The reaction to this news has been fascinating to me. But before I turn to that, let me explain what this new role will involve for me. Currently the Business Committee is responsible for:

- ordering the business of Presbytery;
- giving space for Committees and Teams to understand what each other is working on and whether there is potential overlap or potential for working collaboratively on a matter;
- arranging away days for Conveners and Vice-Conveners to consider together issues that affect Presbytery as a whole;
- exercising oversight of Presbytery finance, working with the Treasurer to prepare the annual budget, and;
- preparing and approving Presbytery's annual accounts.

For me, this will mean a few extra meetings each month and a more regular attendance at all meetings of Presbytery. But back to reactions to this new role. When I shared this news with some of our office-bearers the news was received with mixed emotions. Some were concerned for my workload. Others were more pragmatic. I explained that all Ministers at their Ordination/Induction are required to sign a Formula accepting their obligations as Ministers, having previously publicly taken a number of vows, one of which is to promise: "to be subject in the Lord to this Presbytery and to the General Assembly of this Church, and to **take your due part in the administration of its affairs.**" So in accepting this new role, I am fulfilling a vow I took a long number of years ago. But I have also accepted this position as the Presbytery believes I have something to offer and contribute to its work at this time. What this does do for me and our congregation is ensure that I will not be asked to serve as an Interim Moderator, which in the current climate would be a more onerous and lengthier task. Another individual asked Julie, if this meant I would be given a pay rise, and have some of my other duties and responsibilities delegated to someone else! The answer to those questions is of course NO. A colleague on the day of the meeting, sent me a text to congratulate me, and another member of Presbytery greeted me on my arrival and asked how I felt about my 'peerage'. Then finally after Presbytery had

approved my appointment a colleague tapped me on my shoulder, congratulated me and shook my hand.

At this point, as ever, I thought to myself, "What have I let myself in for?" Time alone will tell, but I shall be relying on your prayers and support as I take up these new and additional responsibilities.

**Rev. Ian Taylor.**

### **Assistant Minister**

Having satisfactorily completed her 15 month probationary placement with us on 31/10/23, Mrs Julie Hearty, has from 01/11/23 extended her time with us, in the first instance for a period of 6 months. During this period she will work as an Assistant Minister with us, in a different contractual basis, and thankfully with greater financial remuneration. During this time she will work with our Church Monday -Wednesday and on a Sunday. On Thursdays she will work with '121' and their Training Team supporting students and in particular Probationers currently on placement. During this period Julie will still be able to look for a charge of her own resulting in her Ordination, but this gives her a degree of security in these uncertain times because of the Mission Planning process the Kirk is engaged in.

### **ADVENT: WAITING FOR PEACE**

When Mary was told that she would bear the Son of God, and he would be called the "*Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace.*" I cannot begin to imagine what thoughts filled her mind and what emotions stirred in her heart. As you read this article, hopefully on its publication on the first Sunday of Advent, my heart, like yours I am sure will have been greatly troubled by the scenes of the unfolding violence in Israel/Palestine and Gaza city in particular. If ever there was a need for peace, it would seem to be now. So how shall we wait for the return of the Prince of Peace in this season?

In November, 1943, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote a letter from his prison cell at Tegel, during a time of war:

"Celebrating Advent means being able to wait.  
Waiting is an art that our impatient age has forgotten.



Those who do not know how it feels to anxiously struggle  
with the deepest questions of life, of their life,  
and to patiently look forward with anticipation  
until the truth is revealed,  
cannot even dream of the splendour of the moment  
in which clarity is illuminated for them.

And for those who do want to win the friendship  
and love of another person -  
who do not expectantly open up their soul  
to the soul of the other person,  
until friendship and love come,  
until they make their entrance -  
for such people the deepest blessing of the one life  
of two intertwined souls will remain forever hidden.

Whoever does not know  
the austere blessedness of waiting -  
that is, of hopefully doing without -  
will never experience  
the full blessing of fulfilment.

For the greatest,  
most profound,  
tenderest things in the world,  
we must wait.

It happens here not in a storm  
but according to the divine laws  
of sprouting, growing  
and becoming.

Night, put out whatever is burning;  
grant me total forgetfulness;  
be charitable to me.

Night, do your gentle work;  
in you I put my trust.  
But the night is wise and mighty,  
wiser than I and mightier than the day.

What no earthly power can do -  
where thoughts and feelings,  
defiance and tears must fail -  
that is what night pours over me  
in rich abundance.

We are silent in the early hours of each day,  
because God is supposed to have the first word,  
and we are silent before going to sleep,  
because to God belongs the last word.

We are silent solely for the sake of the word,  
not in order to show dishonour to the word  
but in order to honour and receive it properly.

Silence ultimately means nothing  
but waiting for God's word  
and coming away blessed by God's word.

Life in a prison cell may be compared to Advent:  
one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other -  
things that are really of no consequence -  
the door is shut, and can only be opened *from the outside*."

Come Prince of Peace, come to a broken world in need of healing, justice, mercy  
and peace from the outside in.

**Rev. Ian Taylor.**

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

"Mum, can I get a pet for Christmas?"

I nervously ask, "What pet would you like?"

"A goldfish"

"Let's write a letter to Santa", was my relieved reply!

The countdown to Christmas has officially begun in my house, "not yet Benjamin".

Likewise, for me, following successful completion of my 15-month probationary placement, the countdown to Ordination has begun, "not yet Julie".

Waiting is good for us, remember that this December when the queues in M&S are giving you heartburn! Many of God's good blessings come on the heels of waiting. We must all sit with the words, "not yet" but we are in good company for God's people have always had to wait.

Think about Abraham and Sarah, God's promise to Abraham that his wife would bear a son and that he would be the father of many nations wasn't fulfilled until Abraham was 100 years old and his wife was over 90. Or what of the people of God in Egypt? They were slaves for centuries before God raised up a deliverer, and even once they were delivered God made them wander in the wilderness for 40 years before entering the Promised Land. Finally, imagine the deafening silence that set in at the end of the book of Malachi. After an excruciating rollercoaster ride through the Old Testament, its 460 years before we finally hear the amazing words in Luke 3:2, "The word of God came to John, son of Zechariah in the wilderness". No prophet had spoken to the people for nearly 5 centuries when Jesus Christ finally arrives on the scene.

Waiting was built into the blessing. It gave the people time to prepare, time to grow in trust and time for their hearts to be emptied of other things to make room for the coming gift.

God was not to be caricatured as a giant Santa Claus bestowing gifts upon people the moment they asked for them or wanted them. If the people of God were to truly grasp some of the big-ness of what God was doing in their day, waiting was God's way.

Advent is a gift, for it is the Christian's way of making room for the important piece of life that the world is so eager to get rid of, waiting.

So, this Advent, 5-year-old Benjamin is teaching me how to live in "not yet" as I wait to be inducted and ordained into my first charge, as I wait to wear a clerical collar and be named Reverend Julie Hearty. In the meantime, I wait in the assurance that I am a beloved child of God, and I am blessed to wait with you all at Springfield Cambridge Parish Church.

Together this advent we wait. We wait for God to fulfil his promise again. In this liminal time, we ask God to enlarge our hearts and allow us to comprehend the tremendous gift that He has given us in Jesus. Waiting is good for us, let us prepare. Let us be ready for the sweetness that has come and that is coming again.

**Julie Hearty.**





## Holy Baptism



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

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. November, 2023

**Rory William CROOK**



## 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 31<sup>st</sup>. August, 2023**

Mrs. Jean C. Sutherland, Northgate Care Home (formerly Lee Crescent)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. September, 2023**

Mrs. Margaret (Mags) A. Hill, Forgan Gardens

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. September, 2023**

Mrs. Margaret R. Myles, Westerton Care Home (formerly Beaufort Gardens)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. September 2023**

Mrs. Marion (Marie) M. Rumsby, Birdston Care Home

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. October, 2023**

Mrs. Sheila M. Buchanan, Fintry Crescent

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. October, 2023**

Mrs. Jane (Sheena) M.T. MacFadyen, Springfield Road

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. November, 2023**

Mrs. Thomasina (Ina) M.Y. Burns, Wheatley Loan

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. November, 2023**

Mrs. Mary Davie, Crowhill Road

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. November, 2023**

Mrs. Janet M. MacPherson, Kenmure Drive

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. November, 2023**

Mr. Frederick G. Convoy, Callieburn Court

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>. November, 2023**

Mrs. Catherine (Rena) F. Rae, Kenmure Drive

## LOOKING BACK

On **Saturday evening the 18<sup>th</sup>. of November, 2023 at 7.30 pm.**, we were delighted to **welcome the Scottish Clarinet Choir** under the direction of John Cushing (former Principal Clarinet player with the RSNO) for their first concert in our Church. They had also invited the Glasgow Schools Clarinet Choir to perform a couple of pieces. With an interval of 20 minutes for light refreshments in the Cameron Hall, and a concert costing only £5, and concluding at 9.15pm, this was a fantastic evening of light entertainment. Should they return again, this is a definite date for your diary and an event not to be missed!



On **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. November, 2023**, three members of our Kirk Session were presented with Long Service Certificates in recognition of their continuing service as Elders for 30 years:



(Pictured l to r: Rev. Ian Taylor, Maureen Brown, Stewart F. Campbell, Isobel C. Lawson, Mrs. Julie Hearty.) Maureen, Stewart and Isobel were all ordained and admitted as Elders of the Church of Scotland on 28/11/93.

## LOOKING AHEAD



### Vestry Hour



Should anyone wish to see a Minister, Ian or Julie will be available most Wednesday mornings from 10- 11 am (unless otherwise intimated on our website or Social media). Should you wish to see a Minister at another time, please contact Ian on ☎0141 772 1540(✉ ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk) or Julie on ☎07771 661875 (JHearty@churchofscotland.org.uk) and another arrangement can be made.

### **Mid -Week Services - Cambridge Chapel 11.10 am.**

The Wednesday morning Service will be held in the Cambridge Chapel. The Cambridge Chapel will also be open Monday - Friday from 10 am - 12 noon for anyone who wishes to find a quiet place to read the Bible, pray or reflect during the course of the week.





On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. December, 2023**, we will light the **first** of our Advent Candles on our Advent Wreath, and the Christmas decorations will be in place in the Church.



The **City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra** holds their **Annual Christmas Concert** in the Church on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. December 2023** at 7.30pm. Tickets **£10/£6** available at the door.



The **Second Sunday in Advent Service** will be at 11am on **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.



This will also be our **GIFT SUNDAY**. You are invited to make a monetary donation (of £5, or max £10) or donate a Tesco Gift Card for £5 or £10 if you are able. These monetary donations/gift cards will replace the gifts we would previously have brought to Church and will be used by the congregation of St. Rollox as they support asylum seekers and the work of the local Foodbank at Colston Wellpark Church.



**UNICEF Jars of Grace.** Even in these increasingly cashless times, many of you I know collect your coppers throughout the year and bring them to Church in Advent to support UNICEF. These will be gratefully received on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. December, 2023. If you no longer find yourself with any loose change then you make a donation to a Retiring Collection in the Hall of Fellowship that day. **With our thanks for your consideration and generosity.**



On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. December, 2023 there will be an afternoon Service at 2.30pm in Callieburn Court.





In the early evening of **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. December, 2023** **East Dunbartonshire Schools String Orchestra** return to the Church for their annual concert at **6pm**. This will last an hour and the congregation is encouraged to come and support this fun event. This event is free, but donations may be made on entry. Light festive refreshments will be served afterwards in the Cameron Hall.



On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. December, 2023(Advent 3)** the **Sunday School Nativity Service** will be at **11am**.

Our Service on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. December, 2023(Advent 4)** at **11am** will get us ready for Christmas. This will be followed by a **Christmas Eve Evening Service** at **7.30pm**, followed by Tea/Coffee and mince pies.

On **Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup>. December, 2023)** a **Service** will be available online via our website and YouTube channel at **10.30 am**.



Our **Service** on **Hogmanay, 31<sup>st</sup>. December, 2023** will be at **11am** in Church as usual.



**Thank you** to everyone for all their prayers and kind wishes when we were both unwell recently. Thank you also for the beautiful flowers given to us. It was lovely to know everyone was thinking of us!

From **John & Irene Clinton**

**Gina Robertson** would like to thank the minister and congregation for recently singing Happy Birthday for her 90th birthday.

Much appreciated, **Gina**.

**Golden Wedding Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Roy & Phyllis Stewart who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023.





**Congratulations to Bill Findlay** who was recently recognised for his service to the local community.

**Bishopbriggs Community Council** in association with **Bishopbriggs Library** paid tribute to local legend **Bill Findlay** on 28<sup>th</sup> October for a lifetime of local volunteering.

On the 50th anniversary of Community Councils in Scotland, BCC members, along with local councillors and library staff, gathered to pay tribute to Bill for his life-long input to volunteering in Bishopbriggs. Bill has served our community in many ways - as a Community Councillor, a BB leader, church elder, Sunday school teacher, local author, historian, Alzheimer's volunteer, storyteller to the children of inmates of Lowmoss Prison and much more! Bill has zest for life..... He has also achieved fame as an actor, including roles in River City, Taggart, Rebus, Still Game and Limmy. BCC thank Bill for his enormous contribution to Bishopbriggs.

Bishopbriggs Library were delighted to host the event. They are grateful to Bill for his contribution to local history and the many talks he has given over the years, as well as being a valued patron of the library.



## **FLOWER COMMITTEE APPEAL**



The existing members of the Flower Committee met with Rev Ian Taylor recently to discuss the future.

Following the suspension of flowers in the church during the Pandemic, last year we started to put fresh flowers in the church on the first Sunday of the month with artificial ones the other Sundays. This has worked to a point but does not provide enough flowers to distribute to bereavements, illness, etc. We would like to increase this to two Sundays, e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for a trial period from January 2024 if we have enough help.

Unfortunately, over the last year several of the former committee have had to resign for various reasons. We miss them all and extend thanks for their commitment, particularly Convener Mrs Anne Harvey who served devotedly for many, many years.

This is a plea from the remaining members for HELP - if we are to continue this valuable service to our congregation and community - WE NEED MORE PEOPLE. YOUNGER MEMBERS IF POSSIBLE. We need at least 6 TO 8 new members to help the existing teams cover every month. A team of two buys the flowers, arranges the four vases on a Friday and then delivers the bunches after the service on the Sunday. Each team covers one month. (Two Sundays).

If anyone feels that they could not manage that, could they perhaps offer to deliver a bunch some Sundays.

IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

We would be grateful to receive donations to the Flower Fund at any time now. We did get some over the last year thank you but didn't actively encourage it when we were only purchasing fewer flowers.

**PLEASE GIVE OUR APPEAL SOME THOUGHT - THANK YOU.**

**MAUREEN M BROWN - TREASURER**

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## 268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade

### Anchor Boys

We currently have 31 boys on the role at Anchor boys with attendance on a Friday night being in the high 20s. We welcomed 12 new boys on the first night back after our summer break which is the most new boys we have had in about 7 or 8 years.

Our boys have been split into their groups for the year, with all our team names being named after the boys' favourite sweets. We have picked our 4 team leaders. Well done to Zach, Lewis, Cole and Kyle- you will do an amazing job. Our group points competition is up and running as well.

All the boys have been taking part in a varied programme since our return after the summer break. The boys have been taking part in crafts, team games, colouring in and lots of big games.

We had our Halloween on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. All the boys' costumes were amazing. We picked our 3 winners which was really difficult to choose. The boys took part in lots of games, dooking for apples, Strawberry lace game, made Egyptian mummies from 4 of our boys and we also had lots of food & drink.

This year also marks the Boys' Brigades' 140th Anniversary. The Boys' Brigade nationally has been running lots of different events to celebrate our birthday. The Anchor Boys' challenge was to do something "140" related. Our P3 boys were challenged to sit in 140 seats in our church in 140 seconds all while holding up a 140 sign. I am pleased to say the boys met the challenge. There is a video of this on our Boys' Brigade Facebook page.

10 of our primary 3 boys visited our Junior section to get a taster session of what they can expect when they get promoted in May 2024. The boys took part in games, making flowers, marching while singing to "It's a long way to Tipperary" and "Mel says game".

We are having our Lego night on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> November. We have a company, "Let's Go Construct" coming in to run this night for us. We ran this night last year and the boys really enjoyed it.





## **Junior Section**

The Junior Section have been working hard towards their awards through crafts, games and lots of fun! We have had a visit from Julie, our Assistant minister who gave the boys a lot to think about. We have also had a visit from the St Andrews' first aid team who taught the boys the recovery position, CPR and some bandage work. The boys loved the night and we thank the team for giving us this night. We had a glo night with hunting for glo sticks in the dark and making our own Catherine Wheels with more glo sticks. Pictures are on the 268 Company fb page.

We are going to the pantomime organised by Glasgow Battalion on Saturday 25th November along with some of our Anchor Boys.

Preparation is underway for a summer camp in May/June 2024 with the 212th Company based at Cadder church. We are going to Whithaugh Centre in the borders. Fingers crossed for the excellent weather we had in 2023!

We attended the Dedication service on Sunday 5th November and the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November and thank both Ian and Julie for an inspiring service on both Sundays. We also took part in the wreath laying at the war memorial in Auchinairn.

We had a visit from 10 P3 boys from the Anchor Boys to give them a "taste" of the Junior Section. Our P6's enjoyed a night with the Company Section. We take this opportunity to thank the church, the office staff and Jim and Fiona for all their help every week. Also thank you to the officers and helpers who make it all happen every week.

We wish the congregation a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.

**Mary Armour.**

## **Company Section**

Since our last update, it has been a busy time for the Section with various competitions starting at National Level. We started off in the FIFA competition against the 205<sup>th</sup> Glasgow where we sadly lost 6-3 with lots of close games! Masterteam was up next with an excellent quiz but we came 6<sup>th</sup> on the night in a

close competition. We have chess next away to 1<sup>st</sup> Cumbernauld and then table tennis into December so hopefully better results there!

In our weekly programme, we have looked at experiencing a world without various essentials in life, fairness and celebrating the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boys' Brigade. The Boys have been excellent engaging with all this material as well as the usual sports of table tennis, basketball and football.

We also took part in the dedication service and Remembrance Parade with the Boys setting an excellent example to the younger sections on both mornings.

We look forward to our Christmas activities, our party with the Junior Section and then the Christmas night out on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

We are also looking forward to our first camp for many years, joining up with the 212<sup>th</sup> Glasgow for a weekend camp next summer.

Finally, we wish everyone in the congregation a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

**John Armour.**

**Captain**

### **65<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Girls' Brigade**

The girls and leaders have had a great session so far and our numbers are gradually increasing in all sections. We are continuing with the theme of Celebrations for our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had a very successful Family Fun Night with balloons and a cake in October followed by a session of cake decorating the next week.

We have had a few visitors to the Company, including Julie, our Assistant Minister, our Church Elders and a yoga teacher!

Our Brigaders were joined for an evening in October by the Brigaders of 64<sup>th</sup> and 92<sup>nd</sup> Companies, followed by a joint visit to 92<sup>nd</sup> at Cadder in November. It's great to see so many Brigaders together!

Some of our girls attended the joint Dedication Service with the BB and the Remembrance Service in our church. Wreaths were laid at Auchinairn and Bishopbriggs' memorials.

Our session finishes on 12th December with a Christmas party and we have booked a pantomime visit early in January.

**Fiona Smillie, Leader.**





## Springfield Cambridge Guild

North Glasgow Guilds Together Group won the National Convener's Challenge for 2022-23 which was to submit a photo of your own hanging basket and the winning entry was from one of our members, Margaret Learmonth. Morag Barron, the Convener of N.G.G.Tog. Group (on the left) came along to our meeting recently to show us and Margaret Learmonth (right) the trophy she accepted for the winning basket (see photo) at the Guild Annual Gathering.



We had a great start to our Afternoon meetings with a sing along to Streetwise on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We Guild ladies love to sing and there were many well-known tunes enthusiastically sung by all.

The ladies were asked to support the appeal by the Lodging House Mission to knit squares for a blanket and they did so with great enthusiasm so much so that we were grateful to receive enough squares to make 2 blankets with more left over to make at least another half blanket.



The Lodging House Mission representatives from the Guild wish to thank all the knitters, crocheters and sewers for their wonderful support for this venture. Below are photos of the blankets to be donated and some of the ladies displaying our work. The blankets will be on display at a service in the Lodging House on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. All welcome. Parking available in Morrisons supermarket next door.





The committee would like to thank those members and friends of the congregation who came along to support our Coffee Morning on 18<sup>th</sup> November. We are happy to report that the sum of £923.30 was raised with further £150 from the Pamper Basket giving a total of £1073.30. The winner of the Pamper Basket was Margaret Kinloch and the second prize went to Kirsty Law.

In December we will celebrate with a Christmas Afternoon Tea in Cadder Coffee Shop.

The first meeting of the new session is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 at 2.00pm When our speaker will be Dr Glenda White. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to join us on alternate Mondays in the Springfield Hall.

**Joyce Macmillan**

**Convenor.**





### **Lodging House Mission Christmas Cards**

The team would like to thank everyone who purchased Christmas cards this year and for any donations made. The total of £800 was raised and handed into the LHM who were extremely grateful.

### **Treasurer's 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 much needed Outside Agencies Income which now totals approx. £2,000 per month.

We are expecting settlement shortly of our Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 General Fund tax claims for 2023 totalling £9,200 in respect of Gift Aid offerings with other tax claims due to be repaid by the year end.

We paid our final Giving to Grow payment for 2023 of £6,972 to the Church of Scotland on the 15th November 2023. We have also received notice from Church of Scotland that the amount due in 2024 from Springfield Cambridge Church for the "Giving to Grow" scheme is £71,093. This amount is payable in 10 instalments from February to November and equates to £7,109.30 per month.

At present we have a deficit on the General Fund for the year to date of £14,803 although this situation should improve over the next few weeks towards year end in line with the budgeted figures at the start of the year.

This being the final magazine of 2023 I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely Christmas season and Best Wishes for 2024.

**Jim Kerr**

**Received by Jim Kerr, Treasurer**

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

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you and the congregation of Springfield Cambridge Church for the generous Harvest donations of £482.70 paid into the bank, to assist us in our work with people who have lived experience of homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion and are guests of our centre at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow.

Be assured that these will help replenish our food store and enable us to continue to provide hot meals throughout the coming winter months. Our Day Centre offers shelter where people know they can receive a warm welcome, just as they are, and can always find companionship for the journey.

At LHM, we seek to share life, hope and meaning with people who find themselves on the margins. As the good news says, "Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks." (*Matthew 4: 4 GNT*). The provision of vital sustenance, by way of healthy and nutritious breakfasts and lunches, is often the beginning of a trusted relationship which allows our team to offer interventions and support to individuals, preventing and assisting in times of crisis.

We are very aware that we can only carry out the work we do at LHM thanks to the generosity of supporters such as yourselves. On behalf of everyone at LHM, please pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed and continues to support our work through prayer and awareness raising.

"So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we reap the harvest." (*Gal 5:9 GNT*)

Yours Sincerely

On behalf of LHM

**Deacon Claire Herbert**

**Chaplain LHM**



## **SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS**

Rehearsals for our 2023 Christmas Concert on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall are going very well and we are all very much looking forward to another successful evening raising money for CHAS.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the Bishopbriggs Ticket Office at Cadder South Hall between 10.00 and 12.00 on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

**Sheila Dunbar**

**Secretary**



## FUNDRAISING GROUP - SMARTIES SUMMER CHALLENGE

As part of our fundraising efforts, we encouraged the congregation to take home and enjoy a tube of smarties at the start of the summer and then fill the empty tube with coins over the summer.



Thanks to everyone who emptied, filled and returned a Smartie tube, the group are delighted to announce that £1,152.50 was raised for Church funds.

We hope you agree this has been a very worthwhile venture.

Special thanks go to Sandra McDougall, Margery Gough, Anne and Ian Stoneman, Jim Tonner and Robert Ditty who emptied the tubes and counted the many coins.



## UPCOMING EVENT - LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER



Look out for the opportunity to win our Luxury Christmas Hamper containing a range of Christmas food and refreshments as well as some lovely Christmas goodies to be enjoyed by you or your friends and family.

The Hamper will be on display beside the Entry Sheet in the Hall of Fellowship on Sundays 3 - 17 December and the draw will take place on 17 December with the winner being announced at the end of the service. A donation of £2 is suggested for each entry.



## FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING

A successful coffee morning was held on Saturday 16 September and thanks to the generous donations of home baking and books the Fundraising Group are delighted to say this event raised £889.25 for Church funds.

Thanks to all who helped, donated home baking or attended the event. Your continued support is much appreciated.



## FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR 2024 DIARY

Quiz and Fish Supper Evening - Saturday 2 March 2024

Taylor Fashions Evening - Friday 12 April 2024

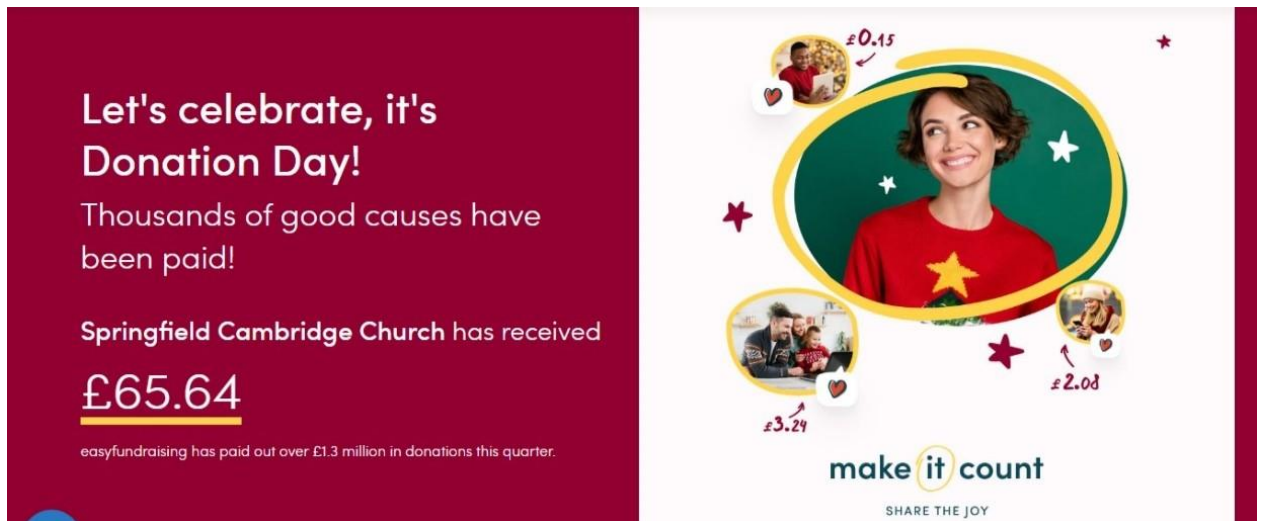


**Joyce Gray**

**On behalf of the Fundraising Group.**



## Are You an Online Shopper? - Easy Fundraising



We would like to thank our NEW supporters and our regular supporters for helping to raise **£65.64** for this past quarter.

This money is raised, by shopping online, **at no extra cost to yourself.**

If you shop online and would like to help us raise more, please signed up, it's easy and makes a huge difference to us.

Just click on the following link:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/springfieldcambridgechurch/?utm\\_medium=email-share&utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_campaign=dd-nov-23&utm\\_term=Q3231&utm\\_content=socialshare](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/springfieldcambridgechurch/?utm_medium=email-share&utm_source=Facebook&utm_campaign=dd-nov-23&utm_term=Q3231&utm_content=socialshare)

or scan the QR code:



Thank you for your continued support!

**Carol Scott**



## CAR PARKING

At the minister's request I have been trying to revive a rota for car park duties on a Sunday but unfortunately it has not been possible at this time to get enough volunteers to make it viable. It is now envisaged that there will only be someone on duty on Communion Sundays and other Sundays where it is anticipated that the car park might be busier than normal such as when there is a baptism taking place during the service.

Some common sense guidelines on using the car park:



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There are currently 8 disabled spaces as indicated on the plan above. Unfortunately, these are not enough to meet the need of the congregation and so it would be helpful if you could leave the remaining spaces along the church side wall and on the opposite side for those less able to walk.

If you know you will be later away after the service, perhaps because you like a good natter over a cup of tea, please consider parking next to the back wall of the car park, otherwise use rows 1 to 4 as indicated above. Park in row 1 first bonnet pointing towards the park as indicated by the arrows, then row 2 etc. Please do not park in rows 2 or 4 unless there is a car in front of you in the other row. Some additional parking is available next to the grass in front of row 1. If parking here, please park lengthways pointing back out of the car park per arrows.

Many thanks in advance for everyone's cooperation and understanding. **Jim Smillie.**



### **Food Train Glasgow -Volunteers Are Needed**

Food Train Glasgow provides a critical, lifeline service to vulnerable and housebound people across the city. Each year we make some 6,500 deliveries to people who have no access to mainstream shopping services.

Our customers are reliant on our service and in many cases the Food Train volunteers are the only people that they will see in a day, so they really do value their shopping delivery and a wee chat at the same time.

Volunteers are needed on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (or all 3 days!) for assistance with shopping or delivery. Shopping at Morrisons Newlands on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and at Asda Govan on Thursdays.

Travelling expenses are paid.

***No commitment is needed*** - you can only help when you can.

Both Derek Petrie and I volunteer as delivery drivers and we will be happy to tell you more about the enjoyment that we get in providing the vital Food Train service.

If you enjoy meeting people and making a positive difference to people's lives, then please come and join us.

This is directly in line with our Christian call to serve others.

"Hearts on Fire and Feet on the Move."

**Douglas Macallister.**

## APPEAL FOR HELP WITH VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOLS:

We recently received the following email:

**From:** Caro Kemp <[Caro.Kemp@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:Caro.Kemp@sustrans.org.uk)>

Hi Springfield Cambridge Church,

I work for the I Bike team of Sustrans Scotland, which works with schools. My colleague George Philips is delivering active travel activities (cycle training, scooter sessions, led walks etc) to children and young people in schools in the Bishopbriggs area.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help support these activities, and I thought people from your congregation might be interested? For obvious reasons it's not something people could start doing straight away as we would need to put them through a PVG check, and they would need to complete a Child Protection course online, although this wouldn't take long. We can then offer access to free training such as Cycle Ride Leader, Cycle Trainer, bicycle mechanics etc, if that's something people would be interested in.

Would it be possible to share info about the volunteering opportunities on your newsletter/ social media?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Caro

**Caro Kemp**

Project Officer | I Bike Volunteering | Sustrans Scotland

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## FUTURE MAGAZINE DEADLINE DATES

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January 2024	14/01/24	28/01/24	04/02/24
March 2024	03/03/24	26/03/23	Palm Sunday 24/03/24 Easter Day 31/03/24
June 2024	12/05/24	26/05/24	02/06/24
	20/08/23	03/09/23	01/10/23

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