

The Springfield Cambridge Record



"The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him." -Lamentations 3:25

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From the Minister:

Part One: Inside Front Cover (IFC)

Following some upgrades to our office IT systems, you will see that we have standardised our email contact details. Please update your contact details using these new addresses (the old ones you had will work for a little while longer, before they are 'retired'.) In the office itself, we express our gratitude to Janette Gray who 'retired' in December 2023, having worked in the church office on Wednesday mornings since 2009.



We welcome Eric Cumming to the staff, and Eric will join Christine Smith in the office on a Wednesday morning.





Our sincere thanks go to John Clinton who stepped down last year as our Property Convener. John's advice, practical and technical skills will be sadly missed.

Thanks are also extended to Anne Harvey who stepped down as Flower Committee Convener after many a long year. Anne's ability to keep on top of significant life events in the lives of our members and wider parish have ensured a real ministry of flowers which has been deeply valued by all who have benefited from a visit and the delivery of the 'church flowers'.



And finally, thanks to Jill Round, Gordon Muir, Jim Tonner, Fiona Russell, for ensuring the Church was so beautifully decorated during the Christmas season, not forgetting the members of the Flower Committee for the Chancel poinsettias.

A Word from our Minister: Part Two – One Life

Entering another New Year, for many provokes a period of personal reflection. How was last year – was it a good one, or were you glad to see the back of it? How does this year, 2024, look for you? Will it be brighter or better than last year, or does the future look less than promising?

In early January, I went to the cinema to see the new film *ONE LIFE*, which recounts the true story of Nicholas Winton who saved 669 children from the Nazis. In the late 1930s, shortly before the outbreak of the second world war, the young British stockbroker visited Czechoslovakia, to see with his own eyes the humanitarian crisis and rising panic among the exiled Jewish community in the country. So shocked was he by what he witnessed that, with the help of his indomitable mother, Babette, he helped secure the rescue of 669 children, most of them Jewish, a feat for which later became known as “the British Schindler”.

It's a stirring story, and one it's impossible to watch without considering Britain's present-day reluctance when it comes to offering shelter to those most in need of it. Winton, who was eventually knighted for his actions, is undoubtedly a hero worth celebrating. The film cuts between two key periods in Winton's life. The first, during the late 1930s, follows him as a young idealist who takes holiday leave from his job in the City to travel to Prague. There he meets Doreen Warriner, a crisply efficient British economist turned humanitarian. A key member of the British Committee for Refugees from Czechoslovakia, Warriner is unflappable and inspiring, hair immaculate, heels clicking imperiously as she brazenly masterminds the covert movement of Jewish refugees under the noses of the Nazis.

In the later section, set in the 1980s, Nicholas Winton has retired and prodded by his wife, Grete, has started to clear out a lifetime's accumulation of box files from their comfortable home in Maidenhead, all of which are filled with details of various charitable endeavours. Among them is a battered briefcase containing the names and pictures of the children whose escapes from Prague he engineered. Winton is not the kind of man who would blow his own trumpet, but he realises that this is an archive of historical significance. After a couple of false starts he meets Elisabeth Maxwell, wife of the newspaper magnate Robert Maxwell, and the story of Winton's considerable contribution to the Kindertransport is taken up by the

media. This leads to an unexpected appearance on *That's Life* with scenes that rip out your heart. I was glad that it was dark in the cinema, for as I watched the film, my cheeks were bathed in tears.

In a book, chronicling the life of Nicholas Winton, we are introduced to his motto, which was, ***"If something is not impossible, then there must be a way to do it."*** He certainly lived by that it would seem for all of his 106 years of life!

Leaving the cinema that evening as I passed yet another 'rough sleeper' on our cold city street bedded down for the night on our pavements, and thinking of continuing crises in the Middle East, Ukraine and Yemen I was struck by how much our world and its people are crying out for compassion and some way to do the impossible amid all the challenges of our times. Having just celebrated the birth of Christ, we begin another year with the one, whose one life, we believe changed all in all. How can we see the world through his compassionate eyes, and with our one life, make a difference in the lives of others?

How can we consider the impossible and find a way with God's help to make the impossible, possible. In St. Matthew, Jesus reminds us that whilst we may well wonder how people may be saved, *"For men this is impossible; but everything is possible for God."* This gives me hope in the face of what seems like impossible situations around us just now. But we must play our part in that by praying and acting. We all have one life. Together let's find a way to make it count for Christ's sake.

Rev. Ian Taylor.

A Word from our Assistant Minister:

At the beginning of January, Claudia Winkleman accompanied me on my 5km, in the podcast she recounted a memory from her childhood. Every Saturday, from the age of eight, Claudia and her dad would visit an art gallery, there her dad had one rule. She was only allowed to look at one thing. She could examine, explore, and enjoy one thing for as long as she wished, one painting, one sculpture, one poem but couldn't look at any others.

What a genius idea I thought as I ran down Springfield Road. This wisdom from her dad ignited the young Winkleman's love of art, a passion, that led her to studying Art History at Cambridge University.

It was this idea of "one thing" which grabbed my attention. Reminding me of the Oscar Romero quote, *"We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that"*. This enables us to do something, and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

In the Psalms, David could have wanted many things, but he sought one thing, more than any earthly treasure (Psalm 27:4). The rich young ruler claimed to be righteous but refused to give Jesus the one thing he asked for (Mark 10:21). Martha was so focussed on doing good she missed out on the one thing (Luke 10:41-42). A man born blind is healed by Jesus, when interrogated by the religious leaders, he doesn't present a well-prepared speech, he simply tells of the one thing he knows, *"I was blind and now I see"*, (John 9:25).

Turns out, there is wisdom in "one thing".

As we begin 2024, let us consider what our one thing will be and begin, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest.

Julie Hearty.

Lent is my favourite part of the church calendar, and I wondered if some of us women wanted to get together to reflect on Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day! during this season of Lent. This is a study offered by Kate Bowler and her team at Everything Happens and is an honest and real reflection on what it means to follow Jesus through the ups and downs of our days. It also allows for discussion about life as it really is—not just the Instagram-worthy parts but the difficult and the painful too.

We will meet once a week for 6 weeks, depending on interest, this could be a morning or evening for around one hour. If you are interested or would like more information, please do let me know.

Blessings, Julie

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.

Thursday 30th November, 2023

Mr. Donald G. Gray, Monikie Gardens

Friday 1st December, 2023

Mr. Roger Summers, Mailing Avenue

Wednesday 6th December, 2023

Mrs. Sheila Sellar, Katrine Avenue

Thank you from Helen Summers

The Summers family would like to thank Rev. Ian Taylor and the members of the Congregation for their love and support given on the passing of Roger. They would also like to thank everyone who kindly donated to Alzheimer's for their generosity.

Thank you.

Helen Summers



Thank you from Hilda Gray and Family

Thank you to the Rev. Ian Taylor for the funeral service of the late Donald Gray and for his guidance and support throughout. Thanks also to all who sent cards, brought flowers and attended the memorial service. It all helped us get through the day. The total donated for the Beatson Cancer Charity was over £580.

LOOKING BACK



Our **GIFT SUNDAY** last year was once again supported by the congregation with extraordinary generosity. We were able to support St. Rollox Parish Church in their work with asylum seekers by giving them a donation of £283 and £280 Tesco vouchers, AND the local Foodbank at Colston Wellpark Church was given £283.



UNICEF Jars of Grace.

In an increasingly cashless age a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who helped us collect £914.60 plus Gift Aid of £107.11
Total £1021.71. (Last year's total for Jar of Grace was £766.86 including Gift Aid.)



LODGING HOUSE MISSION

At our Christmas Eve Service **£180.50** was received in a Retiring Collection, which was another boost to this local project which we support annually in various ways. From the sale of Christmas cards and donations **£800** was also raised.

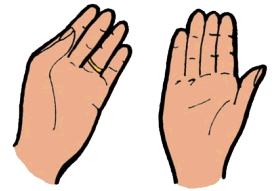
LOOKING AHEAD



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(✉minister@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) or Julie on ☎07771 661875 (✉assistantminister@springfieldcambridge.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 week.

On **Sunday 4th. February, 2024** the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11am. Please remember to bring your invitation to Communion card with you, if you have received one. If you did not receive one or have forgotten it on the day, please just give your details to the duty team member as you come into the Hall of Fellowship. There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.



On **Sunday 11th. February, 2024** there will be an afternoon Service at 2.30pm in Callieburn Court.



268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade

Anchor Boys



It was a busy end to 2023 for the Anchor Boys.

We had a Lego night with "Let's Go Construct" who visited with lots of Lego. The boys enjoyed free play with the Lego. The boys were then challenged to build a Lego tower that could support a tennis ball during an earthquake (a shake to the table). The boys all had a great night and got to take home their own Lego kit.

We finished off our session with our Christmas party. The boys took part in some traditional party games including pass the parcel and musical chairs. The boys also enjoyed juice, crisps and sweets. We also had a visit from Santa who gave all the boys their goody bags.

Anchor boys restarted on the 12th January with 3 new boys joining us taking our numbers to 35 which is brilliant.

This session will also be busy with boys working towards their achievement badge. We also have a visit from Cool Creatures booked in for February. We will be starting work for our parents' night in May.

We have two fundraisers planned for this session. The first of these will be our Big Family Quiz night on Friday the 9th February. The cost for a team is £20. The quiz will run from 7.00p.m. To 9.30p.m. All funds raised will go towards meeting our running costs. The quiz is open to everyone not just Anchor Boy parents/friends. If you would like a table for our quiz, please email anchorboys268@aol.com. Our second fundraiser will be our coffee morning on **Saturday 27th April**.



Alan Kerr: Officer in Charge

Email: anchorboys268@aol.com

Junior Section

Since the last issue of the church magazine the boys have enjoyed some Christmas activities. The Boys had an evening of Christmas crafts and they all went home with a bag of decorations. They also joined the Anchor Boys at the Battalion run panto held at Clincarthill Church. They watched the Hopscotch theatre group perform their version of Cinderella. Our final night was a joint Christmas party with the Company section. Lots of games although we are not sure that the Company Boys liked being made into Christmas trees!

Some activities that are coming up include a Battalion run 10 pin bowling morning. Beetle Drive on the 27th April 2024 and joint camp with the 212th Company at the end of May.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful 2024.

Mary Armour.

Acting Officer in Charge

Ex Members Dinner

This year's event will take place on Friday 22nd March. Due to circumstances outwith our control a new venue had to be found. Discussions took place with Bishopbriggs Golf Club and their welcoming attitude and encouraging support ensured arrangements were quickly agreed. It is good to know that such a strong

community attitude can still be found among the hustle and bustle of busy lives.

Our speaker for the evening is the recently appointed Co-Chair of The Boys Brigade Executive Committee, Very Rev. Dr. Martin Fair. This is the second time we have been fortunate enough to have a former Moderator as our Speaker and attendees will be interested to learn more about the Boys' Brigade of today at National level.

Information will be distributed in early February to those on the mailing list and via Facebook. A good attendance is looked for at this Evening of BB nostalgia or as Francie (aka Jack Milroy) might have put it "An evening of pure Neuralgia!"

Donald Armour.

65th Glasgow Girls' Brigade



This session started with a trip to the pantomime at

Kilmardinny House Art Centre. Two of our girls had leading roles and were brilliant!

We have a busy programme planned, including learning a routine for a keep fit competition, singing with Catherine Taylor and a drama session.

We hope to boost our funds at a Family Quiz Night for the girls' families, followed by a sponsored event in March.

After that we will be rehearsing for our Annual Display in May.

Fiona Smillie, Leader.

Springfield Cambridge Guild

The ladies of the Guild enjoyed a Christmas Afternoon Tea in Cadder Coffee Shop to finish off their session in December. Here they can be seen enjoying singing some favourite Christmas Carols.



Our next meeting will be on Monday February 5th when our speaker will be David Graham with a talk entitled Which Wally - The story of tiled closes. 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 Service



Photographs of the 149 knitted blankets plus scarves, gloves and other items knitted by Churches from all over Scotland on display at the Lodging House Mission Christmas Service.



The two and a half blankets knitted and sewn by The Guild at Springfield Cambridge Church and the many hats knitted by May Kennedy were included in the impressive display. Most of the blankets had already been sold.

The Christmas service itself was a very enjoyable and uplifting experience with much enthusiastic Carol singing.

Moyra Ewing

TREASURER'S ARTICLE

This being the first magazine of 2024 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 2023. 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 the past year that detail a small deficit of £392 for 2023 prior to the Quarter 4 General Fund Tax Claim being received which should push us into a small surplus on the General Fund for the year in line with the budgeted figures. 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 yet again to The Guild, 65th Glasgow Girls' Brigade Company, and Badminton Club for their donations to Church funds during the year. Your continuing financial support is much appreciated whilst at the same time trying to juggle your own finances at this time.

With regard to expenditure, we have met our Giving to Grow payment of £69,721 for the year along with our Presbytery Dues of £3,944. During the year we made loan payments totalling £6,000 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 £4,000 with the next loan repayment due of £3,000 being due on 31st March 2024. I am however hopeful that we will be in a position to repay the loan in full at that time.

Whilst 2023 has ended on a reasonably positive note for Springfield Cambridge our biggest challenge in 2024 will be meeting our increased Energy Costs for Gas and Electricity. We are members of the Church of Scotland Energy Agreement for both supplies but the existing agreements are both expiring at the moment. **It is highly likely that both our Energy costs for Gas and Electricity will increase by at least 100% due to the changes in the market which have taken place over the last 3-4 years.** The existing agreements which are now expiring were both negotiated pre-Covid with the prices at that time being very competitive. Both the Church of Scotland and Glasgow Presbytery are very aware of the situation and the resulting challenges that congregations face.

Thank you once again for your continuing financial support.

Jim Kerr

Springfield Cambridge Church (Scottish Charity Number SC005642)										
Unaudited Account figures for the year ended 31st December 2023										
	2023		2022							
	£	£	£	£						
GENERAL FUND INCOME										
Offerings										
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	12,497		13,222							
Gift Aid Donations	79,988		84,497							
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	13,332		25,681							
Open Plate	6,912		4,225							
		112,729	127,625	127,625						
Other Ordinary General Income (Including Church Org and Outside Agencies)		22,768		19,460						
Extraordinary General Income		nil		nil						
Total Ordinary General Income		135,497		147,085						
Total General Fund Expenditure (see below)		135,889		148,951						
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(392)		(1,866)						
General Fund Balance as at 1st January		3,047		5,467						
Transfers to/from Other Funds during year		-580		-554						
GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS AT 31 DEC		2,075		3,047						
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE										
Giving to Grow/ Presbytery Dues		73,665		86,817						
Local Staffing Costs		39,513		37,891						
Buildings Costs		19,947		21,456						
Other Local Costs		2,764		2,787						
TOTAL		135,889		148,951						
BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS										
General Fund		2,655		3,047						
Fabric Fund		44,980		45,308						
Boiler/Heating System Fund		(4,000)		(10,000)						
Development Fund		8,436		8,436						
Manse Fund		4,224		3,644						
Organ Fund		932		932						
Book of Remembrance Fund		70		70						
General Trustee Loan Fund		4,000		10,000						
Bequest Fund		680		680						
		61,977		62,117						

5 January 2024

Dear Treasurer,



I am writing today to say thank you so much for raising £940.90 to support UNICEF's vital work for children. Your kind Jar of Grace gift will help protect children in emergencies, providing immediate life-saving supplies and lasting support to help families rebuild their lives.

Please accept this letter as a receipt of your donation and pass on our acknowledgement and gratitude to all those who contributed.

Thanks to the commitment of all our dedicated supporters, UNICEF ensures more of the world's children are vaccinated, educated and protected than any other organisation. We have done more to influence laws and policies to help protect children than anyone else. In 190 countries and territories we are working to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. And we never give up.

Children are at the heart of everything we do, and it's because of supporters like you that we can reach children around the world with the lifesaving, essential support that they need. Thank you for helping us be there for the world's most vulnerable children.

If you would like to learn more about what your support is achieving, please visit our website at unicef.org.uk or contact our friendly Supporter Care Team by email at supportercare@unicef.org.uk or phone 0300 330 5580.

Thank you, once again, for your incredible support and for helping us to give children around the world the opportunity to survive and thrive.

Yours sincerely,

Vicky Johnson

Head of Supporter Care

The UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK).

SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

2023 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

I am delighted to advise that the bucket collection taken at our 2023 Christmas Concert, in aid of Children's Hospices Across Scotland, currently stands at £10,820.34 before the addition of Gift Aid. This is a fantastic amount, especially in the current financial climate.

Once again, we are extremely grateful to all our patrons for giving so generously on the night to such a worthwhile cause.

Funds raised from ticket sales, programme advertisements etc have still to be added and a cheque for the total raised will be presented to Ben Morgan from CHAS at our Presentation Dinner on Wednesday 7th February at the Eagle Lodge.



Sheila Dunbar
Secretary

FUNDRAISING NEWS- LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER



The fundraising group are delighted to announce that the winners of the Luxury Christmas Hampers were Janette Gray and Lynsey Rae (Marion Rae collected the hamper on behalf of her daughter Lynsey).

£269 was raised for Church funds and the group are grateful to all who entered the draw or made a donation.

FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz and Fish Supper Evening - Saturday 2 March 2024

Tickets will be available before and after worship on the following Sundays:
Sunday 11 February, Sunday 18th February, Sunday 25th February

Taylor Fashions Evening - Friday 12 April 2024

Tickets will be available in before and after worship on the following Sundays:
Sunday 24 March, Sunday 31st, March, Sunday 7th April

Joyce Gray

On behalf of the Fundraising Group

FUTURE MAGAZINE DEADLINE DATES

Edition	COPY DATE	PUBLICATION DATE	HOLY COMMUNION
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
September 2024	18/08/24	01/09/24	06/10/24
December 2024	17/11/24	01/12/24	02/02/25
