

# The Springfield Cambridge Record



*1 Corinthians 6:14: "And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."*

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## A Word from our Minister:

### FROM THE MINISTER:

In the last magazine, the film *One Life*, had moved me to tears. Shortly afterwards I was reading something in my daily devotions which contained the line, "You place a reservoir within my heart that all my tears may come from a different place." That theme of tears was to continue throughout the month when I attended **"Health Matters to God."**

### Bishopbriggs Churches Together (BCT)

In June last year BCT organised an event, **"Health Matters to GOD"** which looked at issues relating to the challenges facing those in the health and care sectors to see what, if anything, our local churches could do to help. In early January, this year, another event was held, **"The Cost of Living Matters to GOD"** which looked at the principle of basic income, local Foodbank operations and debt advice provision by Christians Against Poverty (CAP) by Kirkintilloch Baptist Church. At this recent session we heard from Emma Wilson ([info@eastdunbartonshirefoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@eastdunbartonshirefoodbank.org.uk)), the Foodbank Inclusion Officer from East Dunbartonshire Council of how 5000 parcels were provided in 2023 from the 4 centres in Kirkintilloch, Milngavie, Lennoxton and Colston Wellpark. This operation involves 5 part time staff and 80 volunteers. The staff and volunteers listen and signpost people who come to our Foodbanks to other services such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, CAP and Welfare Rights organisations. During the period of 2023/24 there was a 14% increase in food packs (3days of food supplies) being issued to help 8234 adults and 4311 children. Most of the stock issued comes from local supermarkets, but increasingly the Foodbanks are having to buy in extra food to meet the demand. Listening to the speakers was shocking - this scandal exists on our doorstep. I found myself moved to tears by some of the stories that were shared with us. Of those who attend the Foodbank at Colston Wellpark, 50% of those seeking help come from our own Parish, mostly from Auchinairn. At the end of the evening, we were asked what we could do as individuals and as churches.

**So my question to you is, can you help?** The Foodbank at Colston Wellpark needs additional volunteers, donations, and people who would also be prepared to be trained by CAP to help those who rely on Foodbank support to move from this

dreadful situation in a more positive one of self-sufficiency. **So, what am I asking you to do?**

**Can you:**

- **Volunteer at the Foodbank to help distribute parcels;**
- **Continue to donate goods when you do your shopping at your local supermarket by placing items in their donations trolleys/ or drop off directly at Colston Wellpark goods or cash donations.**
- **Sign the GUARANTEE OUR ESSENTIALS petition run by The Trussell Trust (<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-involved/campaigns/guarantee-our-essentials/>);**
- **Pray for those reliant upon Foodbanks.**
- **Train with CAP as a volunteer to help the referral process as Colston Wellpark?**

If you would like to know more or if you can help in any way please speak to Ian or Julie. **THANK YOU.**

### **Billy Graham Evangelistic Association UK (BGEA) June 6 2024 6pm OVO Hydro**

Some of us may remember the Billy Graham event held on 4<sup>th</sup>. June 1991 at Celtic Park. Others may remember the earlier event held in 1955 at the Kelvin Hall. In June this year Billy Graham's son, Franklin will return to Glasgow and host an event at the OVO Hydro. This opportunity will allow us to introduce Our Friends, Neighbours, Family to JESUS CHRIST. Will you join by getting involved:

- **Join the 3:16 Prayer Team;**
- **Attend a Christian Life and Witness Course;**
- **Participate in I Am Andrew Sunday;**
- **Invite loved one - or serve as a group coordinator and bring your friends - to the God Loves You Tour event above?**

**"For God so Loved..." John 3:16**

More information can also be found at: [GODLOVESYOUTOUR.ORG.UK](http://GODLOVESYOUTOUR.ORG.UK).

If you would like to know more speak to Ian or Julie.

**In drawing your attention to these two items**, you may be wondering why I am doing this? As you will be aware the Church of Scotland is currently engaging in a

significant reduction programme of personnel and buildings called Presbytery Mission Planning. The effect of this will lead to fewer Ministers and other personnel and buildings throughout Scotland. Church as we know it is changing and the future is uncertain, although our faith in the constancy of God is undiminished. Congregations who will survive into the future will be subjectively assessed by criteria based on what are known as the Five Marks of Mission.

**The Five Marks of Mission are:**

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers;
3. To respond to human need by loving service;
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation;
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Ventures such as those above and our engagement with issues like them will be seen as evidence of our engagement with the Five Marks of Mission. In thinking about these marks, I wonder if you have heard of the 80/20 rule in Church life? Only about 20% of the people are going to do more than just come to worship. They do everything for the other 80%. This rule originated in 1895 when an Italian economist named Vilfredo Pareto recognised that 80% of the land was owned by 20% of the people. This led other social scientists to notice similar patterns across the society, and the Pareto principle, or 80/20 rule, was born. However, in Church practice this principle presents a few problems. **Firstly**, Jesus didn't take 24 of his disciples and begin his ministry and mission with 20%, he worked with all 12 of them. A church with 20% doing the work may be typical but it is not representative of the early Church found in Acts 2. The church then was more communal, and everyone was expected to help as they could. **Secondly**, this leads to burn out for members - if only 20% are doing all the work, then their capacity is often time limited. **Thirdly**, one person takes on all the work, and then the work becomes trapped in what we love in the church, a small committee. This limits rather than empowers.

How amid all the changes and challenges confronting us can we frame our actions not on the work of a few but as something the entire church is helping with? Perhaps we coordinate the work and invite those from our wider community to join us. People

can then feel less like those carrying the responsibility and more like leaders involved in the work with others collectively. When the task is ended people are more likely to begin again. It is life-giving to feel as though you are contributing to the whole. It is exhausting to feel that something will not happen without you.

Is it time to stop being satisfied with 80/20 rule. We should be thinking 100% - everyone in - and shaping our ministry to match that.

So, in closing I ask you to consider carefully and prayerfully if you can help in any way with the 80/20 rule here at Springfield Cambridge.

**Rev. Ian Taylor.**

### **Assistant Minister**

At the end of April 2024, Julie's time with us will draw to a close as she moves into a new contract with the Church of Scotland. On Sundays 24/3, 31/3, 7/4, 14/4/24 there will be an opportunity to donate to a collection for a gift for Julie to mark her service with us and to allow us to express our thanks for all that she has brought to our life, worship and witness at Springfield Cambridge. A box will be placed in the Hall of Fellowship for those who are able and wish to contribute. After worship on 28/4 there will be a presentation to Julie and tea/coffee and cakes will be served in the Cameron Hall for those who wish to speak to Julie before she takes her leave.

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

As I prepare to leave you all, to take up my responsibilities as Locum Minister at Lenzie Old Parish Church, the words of Judy Garland "There's no place like home" feel more real to me. At some point we all leave home. It is something we do throughout our lives. Sometimes we can't wait to leave. We're ready to go. Other times we would rather not leave. Sometimes we choose to leave. Other times the circumstances of life push us out the door. Regardless of how or why it happens, leaving home is a part of life. For children it might be the first day of school, young adults moving out of their parents' home to start University or go to work. The significant changes of life are forms of leaving home too: a marriage, a divorce, the birth of a child, the death of a loved one. Moving to a new town, retirement, the loss of health all involve leaving home.

For me, leaving home, invites change and opens me to new discoveries about myself. It challenges my understandings of where I find significance, meaning, and security. Ultimately, though, leaving home is the continuation of my spiritual journey and growth. And as you know, leaving home causing us all to be more vulnerable to and in need of God.

But, leaving home is the way of God's people. Adam and Eve left the garden. Noah left his dry land home. Moses and the Israelites left their homes in Egypt. And in the gospel of St Mark, Jesus leaves home. As Mark tells it, "Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee to the Jordan River' He left his home and stood with John in the Jordan, the border between home and the wilderness. For baptism happens in the river, but the baptismal life begins in the wilderness. This is our story too. We leave home and experience wilderness to discover that our most authentic identity is as a beloved child of God and our only real home is with God.

So, as I prepare to leave, I am grateful for all you have shared with me, thankful for your patience in helping me grow and for reminding me that I am beloved child of God. And in the days ahead when I need to be reminded, like Judy Garland, I will close my eyes, click my heels together and say, "There's no place like home".

Every Blessing,

**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 25<sup>th</sup>. January, 2024

Mr. Arthur R. Hemphill, Monkton Brae

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

Mrs. Aileen Scott, Sandra Road

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. February, 2024

Miss Janice A. Harley, Briarwood Court

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>. March, 2024

Mr. John Livingstone, Woodhill Road

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>. March, 2024

Mr. George Steven, Brechin Road

## LOOKING BACK



## LODGING HOUSE MISSION

### Congregational Contact change

Moyra Ewing has decided to step down as our link to the LHM. We thank Moyra for fulfilling this task and are delighted to announce that Joan Lindsay has kindly offered to take over as our contact with The Lodging House Mission. Further details of a new initiative to support the LHM will be found later in the magazine.

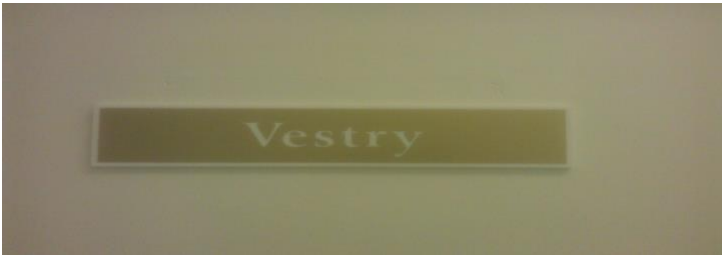




## LOOKING AHEAD



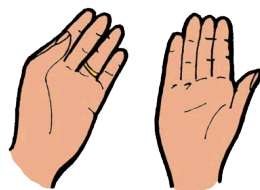
## Vestry Hour



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](mailto:minister@springfieldcambridge.org.uk)) or Julie on ☎07771 661875 (✉[assistantminister@springfieldcambridge.org.uk](mailto: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 course of the week.





## Easter Egg appeal.

Members of the congregation are invited to donate an Easter Egg labelled "A gift of Hope" to share the Christian message with individuals in temporary accommodation and hostels to support the work of the Lodging House Mission. These should be left in the Hall of Fellowship on Sundays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, March 2024.



On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. March, 2024 at 3pm** Lodge Cadder Freestone will join us for their Annual Divine Service.



On **Sundays 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. March, 2024** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



## 2024 HOLY WEEK and Easter Services



<b>Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. March</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Springfield Cambridge Church</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. March</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Cadder Church</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>. March</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Kenmure Church</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. March.</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>St. Matthew's Church</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. March</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>St. James the Less (including Holy Communion)</b>
<b>Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. March.</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Woodhill Evangelical Church</b>



**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. March, 2024** our 11am Easter Day Service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion



## British Summer Time 2024

The clocks go forward this year on **Easter Sunday (31/03/24)** so remember to adjust your clocks.



On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. April, 2024 there will be an afternoon Service at 2.30pm in Callieburn Court.



On Tuesday 26/3/24 East Dunbartonshire Schools Choir will return to the Church for a short concert in the church at 6.30p.m., tickets priced £5 adults, children £3.



Christian Aid Week is 12-18 May 2024



On Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. June 2024 the City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra will hold their Summer Concert in the Church at 7.30p.m., tickets Adults £10, Concessions £8, Children under 12 FREE.



On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. August 2024 Euan Russell will perform again in the Church at 6.45-10pm in aid of SAMH. Tickets will be on sale from the end of May and the beginning of June 2024.

## 268 Glasgow Boys' Brigade

### Anchor Boys



Anchor boys now have 40 boys on the role with 37 regular attenders on a Friday. We have had a number of new boys join since our restart after New Year.

We held our big family quiz night on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> February. We had 14 teams with over 120 people taking part. The winning team was Junior's Jokers who won the prize of a family hamper. The winning team in turn have donated the hamper to the Beatson who are going to raffle it for Mother's Day. Our quiz night raised over £725 (inclusive of gift aid) for our funds. Thank you to everyone who supported our quiz night.

Cool Creatures paid us a visit on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> February. Calum brought along 5 animals for the boys to learn about and have the opportunity to hold them. Calum brought with him an armadillo, a bearded dragon lizard, a tenrec (a cousin of the elephant family), two snakes and a tortoise. The boys all had lots of fun with these Cool Creatures.

We are now starting to rehearse items for our Awards night which is on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. We also have a circus afternoon arranged for our end of session event on the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

All our boys are working towards earning their achievement badges. Our team points competition is ongoing, with the winning team announced at our awards night.

We will be holding our coffee morning on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> April. It would be appreciated if anyone would like to donate some baking for this event. Everyone is welcome to come along on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 10 a.m. till noon and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee along with some cakes.

**Alan Kerr: Officer in Charge**

**Email: [anchorboys268@aol.com](mailto:anchorboys268@aol.com)**





## Junior Section

At the Junior Section the boys are practising hard for the International Team Games. They will be doing their entry on Thursday 21st March. They will do their very best and the practising is going well.

The boys are doing a sponsored games night on Thursday 14th March (we did think of a sponsored silence but perhaps that is a step too far!). If you know any of the Boys, please sponsor them. Funds raised will be shared between the end of session trip and the summer camp.

A date for your diary - **Saturday 27th April 2024** we will be having a Beetle Drive. Tickets will be on sale middle of April, Tickets £3 for adults £1 for children.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

**Mary Armour.**

**Acting Officer in Charge**

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



We have had a busy few weeks in Girls' Brigade. At the end of January we held a Scottish Evening to celebrate Burns Night. We tasted Scottish food, drank Irn Bru and tried some Scottish Country Dancing.

Catherine Taylor visited us for a night of singing and games. The girls really enjoyed it all! We then had a visit from a theatre company for an evening of drama and dance. The girls learned a routine we will use in our annual display in May.

Our fundraiser in February took the form of a Beetle Drive for the girls and their families. This was very successful and great fun.

Our church elders, Carol and Michelle, spent an evening with the girls and leaders to find out what we have been doing in the company.

Girls' Brigade Glasgow held their annual divisional competitions and our company won first place in the P6/7 collage competition, to our great delight! Well done to the girls who took part.

In March we plan to take girls to the Girls' Brigade Gathering of companies in the division. This year it will be held in Carntyne and Cranhill Parish Church and includes games, crafts, worship and a Fischy Music concert. It's good to meet up with the girls and leaders from other companies.

A sponsored walk by the canal is planned for the end of the month to raise money for our company and a charity we have chosen.

**Fiona Smillie, Leader.**



## **Springfield Cambridge Guild**

The first meeting of this year started with a very informative talk from David Graham on the subject of "Which Wally". This was as you might have surmised, was about the beautiful and ornately tiled tenement closes and house entries in the Glasgow area.



Our next speaker was Michaela Foster Marsh, who came from one of our Project partners this year "Starchild". She told us of the book she had written and the Foundation set up in memory of her adopted brother Frankie. His parents came from Uganda and the work of the Foundation will take place in that country to help vulnerable and disabled children.

Please note that we have now resumed our Monday evening meetings for the spring session.

Later in this session we will hold our Hostess Tea on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**, tickets are now available priced £5.00.

**Sheena McMillan**

### **Treasurer's Report**

We made our first Payment of £7,251.20 in respect of our Giving to Grow contribution for 2024 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and our annual total of £72,512 is payable on 10 equal instalments from February to November

We also sent our first payment in respect our Presbytery dues for 2024 of £787.60 on 15<sup>th</sup> February with the remainder due in 9 equal monthly instalments until November 2024. Total Amount is £7,876.

Our next loan repayment of £3,428 (capital and interest) is also due on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 in respect of the loan taken out with the General Trustees for the new heating system/boiler in 2021. At this time, we also intend to pay off the remainder of the outstanding balance of the loan. Total amount outstanding is £4,000.

All other Income & Expenditure for the year to date has been in line with expected figures.

Thank you as always for your continued offerings.

**Jim Kerr, Treasurer.**

## SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS & ORCHESTRA

### 2023 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A cheque for £26,100, representing the proceeds from our annual Christmas concert, was presented to Ben Morgan from CHAS at our dinner at the Eagle Lodge on Wednesday 07 February.

This takes the grand total donated to CHAS since our concerts started to £465,728.

We are delighted with the amount raised and thank all our sponsors, advertisers and patrons for their continued support.

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

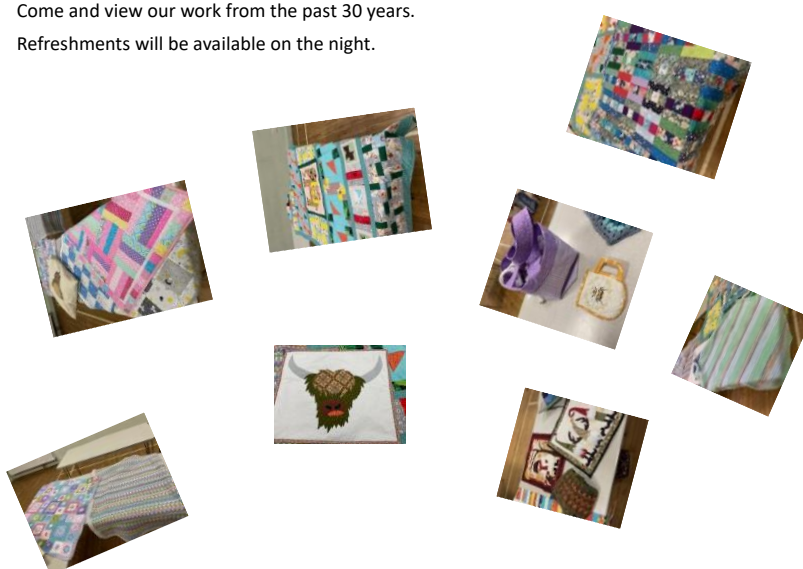
Our next Christmas Concert will take place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.**

**Sheila Dunbar, Secretary.**

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Bishopbriggs Patchers Club  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Evening  
Springfield Cambridge Church  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
(7.15pm – 8.45pm),

Come and view our work from the past 30 years.  
Refreshments will be available on the night.



Everyone Welcome

## FUND RAISING GROUP

### QUIZ AND FISH SUPPER EVENING

Another very successful Quiz evening was held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the Fund Raising Group are pleased to announce that a total of £576.75 (including gift aid) was raised. The Group would like to thank everyone who attended and all those who helped on the night for their support. A special thanks is given to our excellent Quizmaster David Currie for all his hard work in compiling and presenting the Quiz and to his wife Gladys for helping on the night. Thanks also to Gianni's for supplying the fish suppers which went down a treat.

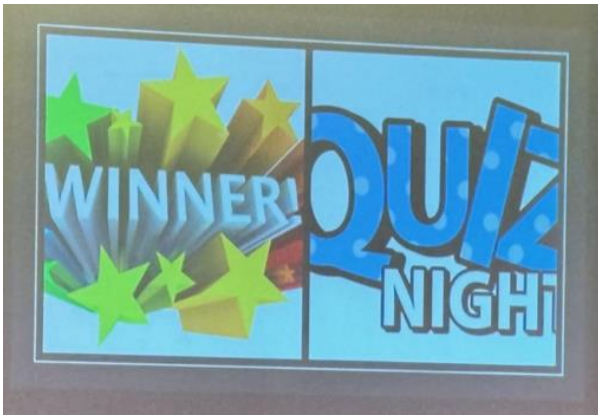


Our brains were tested to the limit and the prizes were keenly contested by the 11 teams involved. Prizes were awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest scoring teams and a consolation prize was also awarded. Hopefully, you can see from the selection of pictures that a good night was had by all.

The Fundraising Group are appreciative of your continued support for this event and would welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have for improvement for next year's Quiz and Fish Supper evening.

Suggestions can be emailed to: [Ann.Brannan@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk](mailto:Ann.Brannan@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk)





## **FORTHCOMING EVENT:**

### **Taylor Fashions Evening - Friday 12 April 2024**

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

**Joyce Gray**  
**On behalf of the Fundraising Group**



## Food Train Glasgow – Come and Join Us!



**Food Train Glasgow** provides a critical, lifeline service to vulnerable and housebound people across the city. Each year we make some 6,500 food 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.

Can you give your time, either regularly or occasionally on a Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday (or all 3 days!) for assistance with shopping or delivery?

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

Please speak to either Derek Petrie or myself and we will be happy to tell you more about this critical voluntary work.

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

**Douglas Macallister**

A Poem for Reflection:

Sing

I sing for today,  
For tomorrow  
And all the nights that surely follow.  
I sing for those  
Who sang for me,  
Lifting my heart and setting it free.  
I sing for the birds and the sky,  
For the hours spent watching the world go by.  
I sing of love,  
Of grief, of pain.  
For those I will not meet again.  
I sing for friends still to come,  
For fun and joy before the day is done.  
I sing because I am free  
To be whoever I want to be.



Gillian Robertson

FUTURE MAGAZINE DEADLINE DATES

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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

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