

The Springfield Cambridge Record



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

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FROM THE MINISTER:

Visiting in Glasgow Royal Infirmary the other day, I was advised to put on a mask, an apron and a pair of gloves before going in to visit a patient. This was to prevent the risk of infection. It has been quite some time since I have had to do that, and I was thinking about how my greeting of the patient would be affected by my new attire.

Greetings are important for us as humans. Sometimes we might greet another with a word, a smile, a nod, a wink, a kiss, a handshake, and as Rev. Edson Duque de Castro was keen to share with us, a hug!

Any of these may be appropriate depending on the individual, occasion and circumstance. As I greeted the hospital patient, I was aware of the distance between us as we shook hands because of the barrier of the nitrile gloves I was wearing. Somehow it wasn't quite the same. Nevertheless, we had a good visit, but as I left what I really wanted to do was give him a hug and say, *"It will be ok, you will get better and you will get out of this solitary room."* Thankfully he did and he is now home.

Later the same day I was visiting in another hospital and this time met the patient and some family members all at the same time. Greetings were on this visit quite different, and I got chatting to the patient's partner about different forms of greeting. They kindly shared this poem with me, which I now share with you.

HUGS



There's something in a single hug that always warms the heart.
It welcomes us back home and makes it easier to part.
A hug's a way to share the joy and sad times we go through,
Or just a way for friends to say, "we like you 'cause you're you!"

Hugs are meant for everyone for whom you really care,
Your Gran and Grandpa, your neighbour too, or even a cuddly bear.
A hug is an amazing thing, it's just the perfect way,
To show the love we're feeling, but can't find the words to say

It's funny how a little hug makes everyone feel good,
In every place and language, it's always understood,
And hugs don't need new equipment, special batteries or parts,
Just simply open up your arms, and open up your hearts. (Anon)

That different form of greeting - the hug, has set me thinking about a specific greeting we share as Christians. The Peace. I can still recall many years ago celebrating Holy Communion with you for the first time, and afterwards an Elder asked me why I had not included the passing of The Peace within our Communion Service. I hadn't done so because I was aware that not all Scottish Presbyterian congregations are comfortable with this action. The next time we celebrated, and ever since, I have included The Peace. As we say to one another, "*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,*" and shake hands, embrace or even hug one another, we are displaying a prominent sign of reconciliation among Christians. It is so much more than a simple greeting. So I say to you all, however we greet one another, whether that be with a word, a smile, a nod, a wink, a kiss, a handshake, or a hug, may the Peace of Christ be among us.

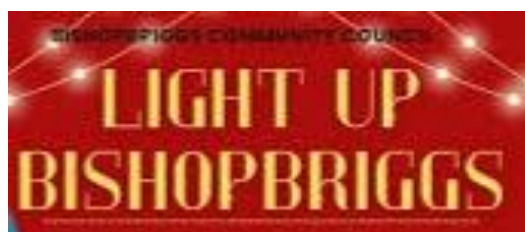
Rev. Ian Taylor.



BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**SAVE THE DATE! THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2025: LIGHT UP
BISHOPBRIGGS**



A vacancy has arisen for the post of Secretary of Bishopbriggs Community Council. This is a voluntary position, but there will be a nominal provision for expenses. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the Chair by e-mail: bishopbriggscclanning@gmail.com

Halls Letting Charges 2025/26

In June the Kirk Session agreed to review the scale of our hall let charges mindful of the rising costs faced by the Church for heating, lighting, cleaning and staff costs etc. The Kirk Session believe that these charges still represent good value for our facilities. The new charges come into effect on 01/09/24 and are as follows:

REGULAR Let - Hall £30(previously £28), **Room £19** (previously £18)

IRREGULAR Let (one-off) - Hall £37(previously £35), **Room £27** (previously £25.)

Staff Fees for Weddings/Funerals remain as follows: Organist £100, Church Officer £50, Deputy Church Officer £40 **TOTAL £190**

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



Praise Team Dedication 07/09/25



On Sunday September 7th. the Praise Team resume their schedule of Introits and Anthems during our Sunday Services after the summer break. We will have a brief act of rededication that Sunday.

The Guild Dedication & our Harvest Service will be on 21/9/25.



This year your harvest gifts and cash donations will be split between the Lodging House Mission and the local Foodbank at Bishopbriggs Free Church. Donations can be dropped on Saturday 20th. September, 2025 between 10.30am -12 noon or brought to Church on Harvest Sunday.



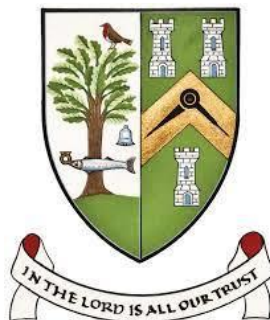
Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 5/10/25 at 11am. Please remember to bring your invitation to Communion card with you, if you have received one. If you did not receive one or have forgotten it on the day, please just give your details to the duty team member as you come into the Hall of Fellowship. There will be a **Retiring Collection in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.**



The Boys' & Girls' Brigade Dedication Service will be held on Sunday 26/10/25.



The Annual Divine Service of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow will be held on Sunday 02/11/25 at 3pm.



Remembrance Sunday will be on Sunday 9/11/25 with an earlier start for our Service at 10.45am.

There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of the Early Haig Fund. This will be followed by a Service at Auchinairn Early Years Centre @ 12.40pm with a Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial - Auchinairn Road at 1pm.



On Remembrance Day - Tuesday 11th November 2025 we will assemble at the War Memorial - Auchinairn Road before a Service from 11-11.05am.



LOOKING BACK

On **Sunday 8 June, 2025**, we celebrated the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, when **Luca HEPBURN** was baptised. Pictured below.



On **Sunday 3rd. August, 2025**, we celebrated the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, when **Everly Rose CLARK** was baptised. Pictured below.



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 23rd. August, 2025

Lauren M.B. Boyle & Scott S. St. John



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.

Friday 13th. June, 2025

Mrs. Doris Tonner, Crow Road

Monday 16th. June, 2025

Mr. Neil Watson, Norfolk Crescent

Monday 30th. June, 2025

Mr. John Storey, Abbotsford

Friday 18th July, 2025

Mrs. Joyce Smith, Woodhill Road

Thursday 7th. August, 2025

Mrs. Sarah (Sadie) J.M. Gorrie, Mailing Avenue

Thursday 14th. August, 2025

Mrs. Moira Aitken, Springfield Road



To Ian and all my friends at Springfield Cambridge:

My family and I would like to thank you for your prayers and the lovely flowers sent to us on the tragic loss of our beautiful daughter and sister, Janet. All very much appreciated.

I would like to send special thanks to Ian for his kind visit and prayers which I found deeply comforting.

Thank you all so much,

Johnnie Moore



I would like to thank the Congregation for their prayers during my recent illness. Thank you too, for the visit from the minister and the lovely flowers delivered to me by Joyce Macmillan, along with a delicious fruit loaf. All of this was very much appreciated.

Helen Summers

Thank you from Hilda Gray

I would like to thank all the friends I have made at Springfield Cambridge Church for their friendship over the last 50 years. Not one of them will be forgotten! I have now moved back to Northern Ireland and will soon be moving into a bungalow close to my daughter in Newtownards, County Down. Best wishes to you all.



Hilda Gray

Thank You

I would like to thank Rev Ian Taylor for his pastoral care and members of the congregation for their prayers, support and good wishes following my recent medical procedure. Also to the Flower Committee for the Church flowers I received which were very much appreciated.



Moyra Ewing



Robin and I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone for their kind messages of Congratulations on our Diamond Wedding Anniversary and for the beautiful flowers.

We had a lovely time Celebrating with all our family and friends.

Thank you once again.

Carol & Robin Milliken



Thank you

Donald, John and I would like to thank the church for the flowers and get well messages received after Donald's illness . The kind thoughts and messages were very much appreciated.

Mary, Donald and John Armour



LOOKING FORWARD

Vestry Hour



Should anyone wish to see the Minister, Ian will be available most Wednesday mornings from 10- 11 am (unless otherwise intimated on our website or Social media). Should you wish to see Ian at another time, please contact him on ☎0141 772 1540(✉ minister@springfieldcambridge.org.uk).

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.



CHURCH OFFERINGS ON A SUNDAY MORNING

I'm sure most of you will know that the Bank of Scotland Branch in Bishopbriggs is due to close its doors for the final time in just over 6 months. This has massive implications for ourselves as we presently use the night safe facility there to bank our Sunday morning offerings with no like-for-like alternative being available locally.

Therefore, going forward the preferred option for members presently giving by cash using Gift Aid or FWO envelopes would be to change onto Standing Order. This can be set-up for various frequencies including weekly, monthly, quarterly or even annually. The amount can of course be varied at any time by giver and can be cancelled.

Another option would be to give by cheque at a frequency that suits you. The advantage of the giving by cheque to SC is that we can lodge these remotely to the church bank account via an online facility and it also gives you the flexibility to vary the amounts of the cheque as you wish. Offering envelopes would still be made available to you if required to put the cheques in if you were to choose this option.

Finally, we also have the card machine available on a Sunday morning if you would prefer to give in this way although for each transaction there is a small charge levied by the card issuers. For instance, on each £5 given Springfield Cambridge would receive approx £4.90.

Please feel free to make contact with myself or the Gift Aid convenor David Lockhart regarding the above and what it means for you and Springfield Cambridge.

Jim Kerr (Church Treasurer)

**SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS & ORCHESTRA 2025
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Our 2025 Christmas Concert will take place in the Royal Concert Hall on **Monday 22nd December**.

The Bishopbriggs box office at Cadder South Hall will open on Wednesday 3rd September from 10.00 till 12.00. It will then be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.00 till 12.00.

Tickets are priced at £15.00, £20.00 and £25.00.

Tickets for the buses which run to and from the Concert Hall are priced at £6.00.

Sheila Dunbar,

Secretary.





Laura Lennon who is the Compassionate Care Coordinator at Carers Link in Milngavie has contacted the Church with a new initiative they are launching. Their new project is called: No One Dies Alone (NODA) and she has contacted us to ask for your help

in reaching those who may be interested in supporting them as volunteer NODA Companions.

NODA is the first project launched by Compassionate East Dunbartonshire and is run in partnership with HSCP, Laura at Carers Link and her colleague Ronnie Whiteside at Ceartas Advocacy in Kirkintilloch.

NODA Companions will be asked to support isolated individuals within East Dunbartonshire's care homes who are in their (approximate) final 3 days of life and would otherwise be facing that difficult time alone. The presence of a NODA Companion would aim to maintain a calm and quiet bedside presence, taking pressure off busy health workers and unpaid carers requiring respite. Each volunteer would be asked to sign up to a 2 or 3 hour shift when notified that someone needs our support and they will be given training and ongoing support to help them do this.

Through developing this project Ronnie and Laura have heard moving examples of the need for a program like NODA. Times when health workers wished they could have stayed with their patients longer, of families that really wanted to be there but just live too far away to make it back in time, and of unpaid carers desperately in need of a break to continue supporting their loved one. They know from their own organisations that there are so many caring individuals and groups within East Dunbartonshire, and they are hopeful that by reaching out to communities like ours they can connect with those people willing to give their valuable time to our project.

They would love the chance to tell you more about what being a NODA Companion involves, and perhaps they could send you some of their promotional materials to share with our community too. Their contact details can be found below.

Laura Lennon | Compassionate Care Coordinator

Carers Link (preferred pronouns her/she)

My normal working pattern is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

✉ Laura@carerslink.org.uk

✉ rwhiteside@ceartas.org.uk

Lodging House Mission

Many thanks to the members of the Church for the hand knitted squares and beautiful finished blanket which we handed into the Lodging House Mission staff.



The Lodging House Mission is incredibly grateful for the support that you have given to the Glasgow Presbytery 850th Anniversary Knit Together.

A great response from the congregation which is very much appreciated.

Thank you

Joan and Helen



65th Company Girls' Brigade

The summer break passed very quickly as usual! Girls' Brigade started back on Tuesday, 19th August. We meet in Springfield Hall from 6.30-7.45pm for all girls of primary school age and 6.30-8.30pm for secondary school girls.



Our Annual Display for parents and friends was held on Tuesday, 20th May, followed the next week by an evening at McDonald's, then 10 pin bowling to finish off the session. Everyone enjoyed their meals and team and individual prizes were given for the best bowlers!

The Display is the highlight of the GB year. Each section showed off items they had learned such as drama, marching and dance routines. The girls received the badges they had earned and special awards, presented by Sheila Bryce, our Church Librarian, were given as follows:

Explorers

Best Explorers - Ivy and Thasvika

Juniors

Best squad - Florence's squad

Achievement award - Amelia

Best Juniors - Adya and Florence



Brigaders

Best squad - Ellie's squad

Bible award - Nana

Achievement award - Alyssa

Cuthbert Cup - Katie



We now look forward to a new year of fun and learning. Any school age girls are welcome to join us.

Fiona Smillie, Leader

268th Glasgow Boys' Brigade

Junior Section

The boys who attended the residential weekend in the Cairngorm Christian Centre in June had a fun packed weekend. We once again accepted the kind invitation from the 212th Company



Activities were varied with some problem solving, archery, some water fun and a visit to the Highland Wildlife Park. Who knew that we would see polar bears!!

We start back on Thursday 4th September at 7pm with an enrolment night on Thursday 28th September again at 7pm. Boys in P4 to P6 will be made very welcome.

We said goodbye to Margaret Gibbons who has finally retired!! She has been a valued member of staff for over 25 years. She will be missed by the boys and staff. Thank you from all at the 268.

Also, Gaynor Lockhart has also decided to 'retire ' but will be able to help out at times. Gaynor has also been a fantastic leader in the Junior Section.

Mary Armour

Acting Officer in Charge

268 Glasgow Company Section

We start back on Thursday 28th August for our enrolment night with our session starting properly the week after on September 5th. We have lots of plans for an exciting session ahead as we welcome our new Primary 7s to Company Section.

A big thank you to everyone in the congregation who supported us during our 90th Anniversary celebrations and thank you to Rev Taylor for all his support through that important time.

Finally, a fantastic total of just over £400 was achieved from sales of our anniversary items. So, many thanks to those in the church family who were kind enough to buy mugs, bottles or badges. In addition, a further £175 of badges were purchased on Ebay from as far away as Singapore.

John Armour

Captain

The Guild

The opening meeting of the Guild is on Monday 8th September at 2.00pm and we meet fortnightly in the afternoon. Our first speaker will be Rev. Ian Taylor with a talk entitled The Minister's Manse Musings. Our 3-year strategy is - Let us Build a House. And the theme for the current year is Living Stones.



At our meeting on 22nd September, we will be entertained by the Anderson Singers. On 6th October we will be hosting a speaker from our Project this year - Operation Hope which supports persecuted Christians in Upper Egypt.

We have a varied programme of speakers and entertainers planned and we hope to welcome back all our current members and invite members of the congregation to attend any of our meetings they may find of interest.

Dates for your Diary

Guild Dedication Service - Sunday 21st September 2025

Guild Coffee Morning - Saturday 25th October 2025

Joyce Macmillan, Convener.



The organisers of the Foodbank are grateful for the regular donations from the congregation which are delivered to their warehouse by members of the Guild every two weeks. Over the summer months 68kg of food was donated to the foodbank together with £110 in monetary donations. Thank

you to all who regularly contribute to this appeal.

In the year 2024 12,599 food parcels were distributed from the Foodbank in the areas of Bishopbriggs, Kirkintilloch & Lennoxtown which are served by the Food bank warehouse. Each parcel contains enough non-perishable food to last approximately 3 or 4 days per adult or child and this is augmented by fresh fruit and vegetables and bakery items donated by local businesses. Since the beginning of 2025 1,370 child food parcels and 2,573 adult food parcels have been distributed. As you can see there is a great need of food support even in an area such as ours.

If you would like to contribute there is a cupboard in the cloakroom off the Hall of Fellowship where donations can be left and there is a list on it of items which are currently in short supply at the foodbank (this may change from month to month) however all donations will be gratefully received. Items such as tins of fruit, rice pudding, custard, sweetcorn, carrots, peas, tomatoes, meat for heating up as opposed to cold meat, packets of long grain rice and pasta are regular requests together with toiletries such as shampoo and sanitary pads but all donations are gratefully accepted.

Thank You, Joyce & Joan

Treasurer's Report

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

A number of members have reviewed their offerings over the summer months and I would ask that anyone who has not reviewed their offerings in the last couple of years to take the time and do this as we approach the winter months.

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 11/8/2025 shows a deficit for the year to date of £5,770. This is in line with the budgeted figures and we would expect this deficit figure to be reduced over the next few months.

We have recently received settlement of General Fund Tax Claims from HMRC totalling £11,200 with more to come in over the next few months. 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 £28,288 outstanding on our Giving to Grow contributions for 2025 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

General Fund Figures

	YEAR TO 8/8/2025		BUDGETED 2025	
	£	£	£	£
GENERAL FUND INCOME				
Offerings				
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	5,255		11,500	
Gift Aid Donations	50,064		80,000	
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid Donations	11,200		18,000	
Open Plate	3,241		7,000	
	69,760	69,760		116,500
Other Ordinary General Income (Including Church Org and Outside Agencies)		19,837		20,525
Extraordinary General Income		nil		nil
Total Ordinary General Income		89,597		137,025
Total General Fund Expenditure (see below)		95,367		142,096
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>(5,770)</u>		<u>(5,071)</u>
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE				
Giving to Grow/Pres Dues		46,377		74,666
Local Staffing Costs		25,758		43,750
Buildings Costs		20,382		20,488
Other Local Costs		2,850		3,192
TOTAL		<u>95,367</u>		<u>142,096</u>
BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS		AS AT 8/8/2025		AS AT 31/12/2024
General Fund		- 8,233		-2,463
Fabric Fund		45,997		45,725
Development Fund		8,436		8,436
Manse Fund		5,080		4,817
Organ Fund		932		932
Book of Remembrance Fund		70		70
		52,282		57,517

* Tax Recoveries of £9K in respect of Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 claims 2023 will be settled shortly

Fundraising Group News

Sparkling Afternoon Tea - Saturday 7 June

Our Summer fundraising got off to a great start with our Sparkling Afternoon tea being well attended. We were delighted that the event raised £712.50 (including Gift Aid) towards Church funds. As always, the group were grateful for the donations of home baking which were generously made to help make the event such a success. It was lovely to have the hall busy and hear the chatter and laughter throughout the afternoon.



Summer Hamper

Our Summer Hamper raised a total of £133.50 and was won by a delighted Joan Lindsay. The hamper was packed with summer goodies and hopefully Joan was able to make good use of them over the summer months. Thanks to all who donated or bought a ticket.



Smartie Tube Challenge



Thanks to members of the Congregation who have already emptied, filled and returned their Smartie tubes. We hope you enjoyed the Smarties and if you haven't already done so could you please return your tube before the end of September. Remember to fill in your gift aid slip (if appropriate).

The Fund Raising Group will meet in September to plan events for the coming session. As always, any feedback or suggestions for fundraising activities are welcome. If you have any suggestions for fundraising events or ways of improving the events we offer please speak to a member of the group or email Ann Brannan at Ann.Brannan@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk Thanks again for your continued support.

Joyce Gray on Behalf of the Fundraising Group

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Inkjet Cartridges Recycling

Do you know we recycle inkjet cartridges?

In the past, thanks to James Robertson's work organising this, the church has received a total sum of £812.95, since 2018. Thank you, James, for your past work.

I have agreed to continue with this collection and would appreciate your support.

A collection box has been placed, next to the “Stamp Collection box” in the Hall of Fellowship. On the Right-Hand shelf as you enter the Church, in the Hall of Fellowship. This box is for used inkjet cartridges only, e.g. HP, Canon, Epson etc. Unfortunately, we do not accept Toner/Laser ink cartridges.

I look forward to collecting your cartridges in aid of our Church funds.



Are you an online shopper?

Our Church has received a total amount of £1335.61 since we signed up to this scheme. During the first quarter of the year up to May 2025, we were paid £35.36. This is money is received from Easyfundraising at no extra cost to yourself. Thank you to our donors for your ongoing support.

If you have not yet signed up to support this cause, you can do this by clicking this link: [Springfield Cambridge Easyfundraising](#)

or scan the **QR code**



Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal

Stamp Project 2025-2026

Thank you to all of our contributors for continually donating your used stamps.

These stamps are taken to Glasgow Presbytery Office and given to Keith Scott.

This new appeal is in **Support of the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza**. You can read more information about this by clicking the link:

[Stamp Appeal 2025-26](#)

However, I am still throwing quite a few stamps out as there is not enough border around them.

Can I please ask if you could leave at least a **1cm border** around the stamp.

See the photos below.

The Church of Scotland
STAMP APPEAL 2025-2026

Collect your stamps to support the work of the Al Ahli Hospital in Northern Gaza.

The hospital is the only Christian hospital in the Gaza Strip and Gaza's only cancer hospital. It serves in time of calm during the occupation and despite all, and through all the bombing since Oct 2023, the hospital has continued to serve the population in whatever way they can with the small resources they have and with staff working hours under difficult conditions.

The hospital is run by our partner church, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:
Post your stamps to Stamp Appeal 2025, Keith Scott, Dene Hard, Garelochhead, Helensburgh, G84 0EL.
For other options and more information visit: www.churchofscotland.org.uk/stamps

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Acceptable



Not acceptable



Thank you again, for all your support in donating to these causes.

Carol Scott

FUTURE MAGAZINE DEADLINE DATES

EDITION	COPY SUBMISSION	PUBLICATION	HOLY COMMUNION
September 2025	17/08/25	31/08/25	05/10/25
December 2025	6/11/25	30/11/25	01/02/26
January 2026	11/1/26	25/1/26	01/2/26
March 2026	8/3/26	22/3/26	Palm Sunday 29/3/26
June 2026	17/5/26	31/5/26	Easter Sunday 5/4/26 7/6/26
September 2026	16/8/26	30/8/26	4/10/26
December 2026	15/11/26	29/11/26	7/2/27



By scanning the QR code above you will be taken through a PAYAZ menu to gift money to the Church including the possibility for your donation to attract gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer.

Try it and see if you are able, it is quick, easy and painless!