

The Springfield Cambridge Record



"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

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FROM THE MINISTER: An Advent Hope

"These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." *Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7*

Looking around our world just now with wars continuing to rage in too many places, fast changing weather conditions, and increasing violence on our streets and transport links, it would be easy to be overwhelmed by doom and gloom. And it seems just now that many people are just plain 'angry.' Indeed, I heard a colleague quoted as saying. *"Yes, some of my folk are pretty 'hair on fire' right now... though interestingly, they're not the ones most directly affected by what's going on."*

In pursuing that thought, my colleague went on to say, *"When you are going through hell, keep going."* People who are trying to survive, she mused, don't often have the mental bandwidth to let themselves pause and wallow in how awful things really are. *"Folks who are more 'hair on fire' seem to have the luxury of watching things from a (somewhat) safer distance,"* she went on.

If Jeremiah's hair is on fire, it's in a different sense than my colleague is describing. Jeremiah isn't panicking; he's incandescent with holy resolve. It's the 6th century BC, the capital city of Jerusalem has fallen, and the people have been forced into exile in Babylon. What does this mean for the people of Israel? What are they to do in this new, foreign place? His answer is clear and surprising: *"seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."*

Jeremiah exhorts the people to get busy living, right where they are. In other words, we receive what life offer us, even if we never would have chosen it, and build on it in some peace-building way. This is a hopeful message. Rabbi Jonathan Sack surely had Jeremiah in mind when he drew his own distinction between

optimism and hope: *"Optimism is a passive virtue, hope an active one. It needs no courage to be an optimist, but it takes a great deal of courage to hope. The Hebrew Bible is not an optimistic book. It is, however, one of the great literatures of hope."*

Sometimes hope can feel like a lofty ideal. And yet it is relentlessly practical - Jeremiah tells us to *build, plant, marry, live*. And then in his next breath to *"seek the welfare of others, because in so doing, you will find your own welfare."*

Such words are truly prophetic and very apt as we move into the season of Advent, one of whose principal themes is of HOPE. So as 2025 draws to a close, with so much hair on fire, I'm also hearing Jeremiah's call as having an emotional benefit. There's no time for doom-scrolling when you are measuring plasterboard. It's harder to succumb to despair when you're focused on pulling weeds.

So our work continues as Christians: to love others and to alleviate suffering. Jeremiah invites us to live as people of shalom, because he remains a God of shalom - for individuals, communities and our world.

Rev. Ian Taylor.



From the Student Minister:



Hello all,

It has been a whirlwind of the 2 months since I joined you as a student minister. Over that time I've been made to feel very welcome. I have visited a number of groups (Although there are still many to visit!) and have attended a Wednesday morning service and have been warmly welcomed by them all. I

can honestly say I've enjoyed every second of my first placement so far.

Since the beginning of October I've visited the Guild, attended a coffee morning, popped in to see the Girls Brigade, had a tour of the library, visited the church office, attended a vestry hour and a Wednesday morning service and had an immeasurable number of cups of tea!

I have enjoyed the opportunity to lead some elements of worship and your kind comments afterwards have been a source of inspiration. So, thank you all for your kind words (and words of advice).

If I have not visited a church group, I will be with you until the end of March, so I still have plenty of time to visit many other groups. I have my tickets booked for the Festival Chorus concert and I am thoroughly looking forward to attending what promises to be an outstanding concert.

Each week I meet with Ian and I have learned so much from him in the first couple of months. It has been a privilege to work with him and I'm sure I will learn a lot from him in the time I have left in my placement. I also want to thank each of you too as your words of wisdom, advice and encouragement have been very much appreciated since I started at Springfield Cambridge. The warm welcome I receive every time I set foot in the church has been wonderful.

I am thoroughly looking forward to working with you over the next few months together and learning as much as I can from you all.

Kind regards

Euan.

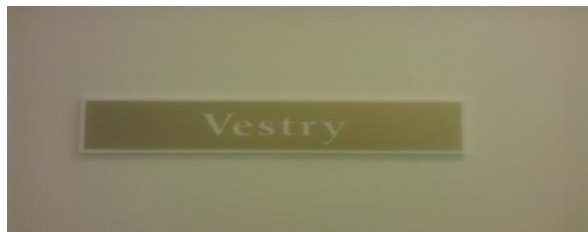
LOOKING BACK



Thank you to everyone who returned their empty summer Smarties tubes, devoid of sweets but full of coins!



A staggering £1305.93 was raised in cash with a further amount of £244.33 in Gift Aid, making a **GRAND TOTAL** of £1550.26.



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 course of the week.



Forthcoming Services and Events for Your Calendar



Sunday 30th. November, 2025 is the first Sunday in Advent. Our Service will be at 11 a.m. as usual.



The City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra holds their Annual Christmas Concert in the Church on Friday 5th. December, 2025 at 7.30pm. Tickets £10/£8 available at the door (Primary School children aged 12 and under free.)



Refreshments at the interval will be served in the Cameron Hall, and this will not be a late finishing night (approx 9.30pm).



Sunday 7th. December, 2025 is the second Sunday in Advent. Service at 11 a.m.

On Sunday 7th. December, 2025 we will be pleased to receive any Jars of Grace (or donations) the congregation has been collecting for our Annual Appeal for UNICEF as you arrive at Church.



This will also be our Annual GIFT SUNDAY. The congregation can donate Tesco Gift Cards (£5 or £10) or cash donations, which will allow us to pass these to the local Foodbank at Bishopbriggs Free Church and to St. Rollox Church for their work with asylum seekers.

On the evening of **Sunday 7th. December, 2025** **East Dunbartonshire Schools String Orchestra & Chorus** returns to the Church for their annual Christmas concert at **6pm**. This will last an hour and the congregation is encouraged to come and support this fun event. Entry is a bargain at only £2. Light festive refreshments will be served afterwards in the Cameron Hall.

Sunday 14th. December, 2025 is the **third Sunday in Advent**.



This will be our **Nativity Sunday Service** at **11am** and members of the congregation, who wish, may come dressed as a shepherd or an angel and bring a bed-time toy (but the Service will be finished by noon!)

Sunday 21st. December, 2025 is the **fourth Sunday in Advent** - **11 a.m. Service**.



On **Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th. December, 2025** our **Service** will be at **7.30pm**. This **Family Service** will **NOT** be **Live streamed** and will be preceded by **Carol singing** from **7.10pm**. **Tea and Coffee** will be served afterwards in the **Cameron Hall** with the **Service** concluding about **8.10pm**.

A **Retiring Collection** will be held in aid of **The Lodging House Mission**.

On Christmas Day, Thursday 25th. December, 2025, our Service will be at 10.30am. Tea, coffee and light festive treats will be available in the Cambridge Chapel after this short Family Service.



The Sunday after Christmas, December 28th, 2025 our Service will be at 11 a.m. as normal.

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 6th. September, 2025
Murray & Kenneth (Kenny) A. Robertson

Jacqueline (Jackie) M.



Funerals

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

Monday 8th. September, 2025

Mrs. Greta Paterson, Kirkintilloch Road

Tuesday 16th. September, 2025

Mrs. Adela (Dela) W. Walker, Stirling Drive

Wednesday 24th. September, 2025

Ms. Mary (May) K. Walker, Stirling Drive

Tuesday 7th. October, 2025

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges, Stobhill Care Home

Tuesday 14th. October, 2025

Mrs. Martha (Mattie) Gartshore, Saughs Gate

Thursday 6th November, 2025

Mrs. Mary M. Turnbull, Miller Drive

Thursday 6th. November, 2025

Mrs. Christine H. Millar, Lilyburn Care Home



I would like to thank members of the congregation for their prayers, kind thoughts, flowers and messages following the death of my husband John. Your support for myself and our daughter was greatly appreciated.

We raised a fantastic £665 for Marie Curie Hospice at John's funeral- thanks to all who donated.

Natalie Storey

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone in Springfield Cambridge Church for your support following the passing of my dearest wife Dela. Your kind words, prayers and memories of Dela have been a wonderful comfort to both me and my family.



Best wishes,

Mike Walker

Flower Fund

A belated thank you to all who contributed to the Harvest Thanksgiving, in provisions, cash and time; to the Flower committee for decorating the Sanctuary and those who delivered the donations.

The Flower committee would be delighted if there were one or two more people in the congregation who would like to join them and help keep this work of fellowship and comfort to those who are sick, bereaved or housebound amongst our congregation.

There are two people in each team. You would only be required to purchase the flowers and arrange them on a Friday and deliver them on a Sunday after church twice in a month. Once a year. Please give this your consideration.

Two new members joined us in November.

Grateful thanks to all who have donated money to the Flower fund on a regular basis, we could not do it without your help.

Current Rota for Next Few Months:

December 7th - Ella Osborne

Flowers - December 21st/Jan 4th - Poinsettias donated by Ella

January 18th - Maureen Brown & Irene Harley - Flowers

March 1st & 15th - Mary Johnstone & Fiona Russell - Flowers

April 5th & 19th - Catherine Taylor & Marion Rae- Flowers

Thanks also to the non-committee members who help with deliveries on occasions.
Thanks also to Fiona Russell who arranges the artificial flowers on the in-between Sundays and other floral displays.

Maureen M Brown - Convener.

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 or offering plate on a Sunday morning.

We are expecting settlement shortly of our Quarter 3 2025 General Fund tax claim for circa £3,800 from HMRC.

I would like to thank in particular all our members who give tax efficiently where possible meaning we can boost their offerings by 25% for the benefit of Springfield Cambridge

I am pleased to report that we have paid our Giving to Grow contribution of £72,512 in full to the Church of Scotland along with our Presbytery Dues for 2025.

At present we have a deficit on the General Fund for the year to date of just over £10,000 although this situation should improve over the next few weeks with outstanding tax recoveries being received along with our year end income notably from our outside agencies.

This being the final magazine of 2025 I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely Christmas season and Best Wishes for 2026.

Jim Kerr

Treasurer.

SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS & ORCHESTRA 2025

CHRISTMAS CONCERT- Monday 22nd December

Rehearsals for our concert are going really well and we are hoping to achieve a sellout at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Tickets, priced at £16.00, £20.00 and £25.00, with no booking fee, are available from the chorus booking office at Cadder South Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.00 to 12.00.

Return bus tickets are also available at £6.00 each. Buses leave from and return to Springfield Cambridge Church.



Sheila Dunbar,

Secretary.

Lodging House Mission

A huge thank you to our congregation for your incredible generosity with our harvest food collection for the LHM Appeal. Your donations of produce from our Harvest Thanksgiving Service were delivered to the LHM and they were overwhelmed by your kindness.



We also gratefully received £303. 64 which was donated at the Harvest Service.

Thank you for your support.

On behalf of the LHM we would like to thank the congregation for their continued support in buying the Christmas card and donations. The total raised will be announced at a later date.

Joan and Helen

65th Company Girls' Brigade



We continue to be busy on a Tuesday evening. We have had more help this session, so the Brigaders have been meeting separately from the Juniors and Explorers, in room 2. We have a strong Brigaders' section but could do with more younger girls in the Company.

The Brigaders have been baking and cooking as part of their badgework, resulting in delicious aromas from the kitchen! The Juniors have been tasting food and they enjoyed icing biscuits.

The Juniors have been starting to learn to sew, making some cute little felt animals.

We always include Bible stories, verses and prayers. The Brigaders have been looking at women in the Bible and how the Bible relates to today's world.

Catherine Taylor visited in September for an evening of song and games. The girls thoroughly enjoy these sessions.

We also had a visit from Euan, our student minister, so he could meet the girls before the joint Dedication Service with the Boys' Brigade. Those who attended the service found it great fun - especially planting seeds and completing puzzles.

We had parties for both Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night, with all the sections coming together for these evenings. The girls dressed up for the first party and we played traditional games and had snacks, apple dooking with forks, and doughnuts to eat hung from a string! The second event included fireworks and hot dogs!

During the Remembrance Sunday Service, two of our girls laid wreaths in church. We had representation at Auchinairn and Bishopbriggs Cross at the services held afterwards. Two girls laid the wreath at the war memorial in Auchinairn and at the Cross the Colours were paraded and a wreath laid.

The Explorer and Junior sections had a return visit to the church library where Sheila, our librarian, read the story of Zacchaeus to the Explorers.

We manage to fit in a few games too on a Tuesday evening and always have fun!

We now look forward to a visit from our Elders, making crafts for Christmas and a pyjama party with a Christmas film.

Fiona Smillie, Leader



268th Glasgow Boys' Brigade

Anchor Boys



Anchor Boys restarted back in September. Currently we have 37 boys on the role and 32 boys attending most Friday night.

Our boys have been enjoying a wide and varied programme. Our four new groups have been made up for the year with each group named after a Minecraft theme: Creeper, Henry, Garritt and Enderman. Our group points competition is well under way with points being earned for winning games and points deducted for bad behaviour of breaking the rules.

Our four team leader have been appointed, one for each group. Congratulations to Aaron Allen, Arran Lunan, Harry MacIntyre and Nico Li. Due to the high number of boys this year we decided to appoint assistant team leaders for the first time ever. Well done to Harris McMorran, Josh Stewart, Harry Donaghey, Teddy Chisholm and Max Chisholm.

We have a Lego night planned for Friday 21st November and our Christmas Party is Friday 5th December.

Alan Kerr (Officer in Charge)

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Junior Section

Where does the time go? One minute we are starting a new session and here we are getting ready planning for Christmas activities!

At the moment we have 7 boys in the Junior Section and they are having a varied programme of craft, games and using the Boys' Brigade programmes. We also join up with the Company Section for a joint team games competition.

Computer games are the team names - some of the suggestions I had never heard of!!

The boys attended the two church services, the Dedication service and the Remembrance Service. 5 boys from the Company also laid a wreath at the Auchinairn War Memorial.

We are looking forward to Christmas where we will be on a trip on the 4th Dec and then a party on the 11th Dec. Before that we will be on a Nativity adventure and learning about the journey leading up to Christmas.

Mary Armour

Acting Officer in Charge

268 Glasgow Company Section

It has been a very busy start for the Company Section this year with National Competitions, special guests on a Thursday and nights out, it has been non-stop! An increase to 11 Boys has allowed us to do even more this year.

We have started with our usual programme on a Thursday, of games, badge work and bible class, with Let's Go Construct visiting for a STEM night in September. We also had our October night at the bowling too.

In National Competitions there has been more success this year with our FIFA A Team beating 1st Vale of Leven 9-0 in the first round and the B Team being 45th Glasgow 6-3. Both have second round action in the coming weeks so there will be an update in the next magazine! For the first time in many years, we fielded a team in the National 5-a-sides, finishing with 1 win out of 5 but plenty experience for the future. Our chess A team progressed to round 2 thanks to a bye but the B team unluckily missed out to 45th Glasgow. Finally, our Masterteam was out on Saturday 8th November, with a bit more studying for next year required.

Our Boys have been excellent at both parades this year, especially thanks to them for representing the Company at both Auchinairn and the Cross to lay wreaths and Noah and Adam brilliantly parading the colours and leading the parade at the Cross.

We have lots to look forward to with round 2 in the FIFA and chess along with Christmas activities at the start of December.

Finally, there are a small number of 90th anniversary water bottles still available. These are ideal for last minute stocking fillers. In addition, a number of A5 size notebooks are also available. These items will be available for a small number of Sundays over the next few weeks. Don't miss out because once they're gone, they're gone.

John Armour

Captain.





THE GUILD

The Guild held a successful Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th October when we raised £1410 of which £421 is for the Guild Projects from the Martha Table. This total was much improved by the sale of numerous lovely Christmas crafts kindly donated by Cathy Mack and we are very grateful to her. We would also like to thank all who donated to, assisted or supported us by their attendance. Our Pamper basket was won by Carol Milliken and the second prize went to Fiona Smillie. Here they are with their prizes.



Our session will end with our Christmas Lunch in Cadder Freestone Social Club on Monday 15th December.

We resume on January 12th 2026 with Chair Yoga followed on 26th January by Tatjana Tarnovski speaking about the Palace of Kachanivka.

All are welcome to attend any of our meetings you may find of interest and new members will be warmly welcomed at any time.

Joyce Macmillan

Convener

GLASGOW CLOSE KNIT



Throughout 2025, countless people have been celebrating Glasgow 850 in a city-wide communal activity of knitting and crocheting patchwork blankets for *Glasgow Close Knit*. Including the ladies of Springfield Cambridge Guild and friends who have donated 5 blankets. This is the latest one to be completed.



The hundreds of blankets and thousands of squares that have been donated were brought together for an exhibition in the former Wellington Church in September. To date more than 600 blankets have been donated. They represent the work of many hands and speak of the generous creativity of Glasgow's citizens. *Glasgow Close Knit* is a communal expression of care for the most vulnerable individuals across the City of Glasgow who live in need of security and warmth. The blankets will be distributed through the Lodging House Mission to people experiencing homelessness across the city.

The Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery, Rev Janet Mathieson, said: "Glasgow Close Knit takes inspiration from a Bible verse which speaks of 'being close knit together in love'. As Glasgow celebrates the 850th anniversary of the city becoming a Bishop's Burgh, I felt it was important to acknowledge and build on Glasgow's heritage as a caring and compassionate place in which people cared for each other, especially those in most need.

Unsung heroine

This congregation has several unsung heroes and heroines but I would like to specially mention one such person in this article. For more years that anyone can remember **May Kennedy** has been quietly knitting around one hundred children's hats each year for donation to the Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox appeal. She has donated a further 90 hats this year. Here is a photo of this year's endeavours.



May will celebrate her 95th birthday on 12th December and we congratulate her on her special day and commend her for her commitment to this charitable work.



In the month of October 49kg of food donations and £70 in monetary donations were delivered to the Foodbank from the congregation. We are grateful for the support given to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Items in short supply at the Foodbank are tins of meat, custard, vegetables, shampoo and period pads but all nonperishable items will be gratefully received.

As we approach the Christmas season, please donate something to this appeal to alleviate this need in our community if you are able.

Thank you

Joyce & Joan

FUNDRAISING NEWS

SMARTIES SUMMER CHALLENGE

Once again the Fundraising Group invited the congregation to take part in our Summer Smartie Challenge. We are grateful to all those who took home a tube of smarties to enjoy over the summer. Thanks to everyone who emptied, filled and returned their Smartie tube. The Group are delighted to announce that this venture raised a fantastic £1550.26 for Church funds. Special thanks go to Sandra McDougall and Anne and Ian Stoneman who emptied the tubes and counted the many coins.



GUESS THE NUMBER OF SWEETIES

Thanks to all who guessed the number of sweeties in the jar. **Ann Surgenor** was our lucky winner with a guess of 135. The actual number of sweeties in the jar was 134 so a close guess indeed.



ADVENT HAMPER

The Group are pleased to offer the congregation the opportunity to win our Christmas Advent Hamper. As last year's offering was so well received, we have again filled a hamper with 25 gifts (one to open each day of Advent and one for Christmas Day). A £2 donation is suggested for each entry with the winning ticket being drawn on Sunday 30 November.



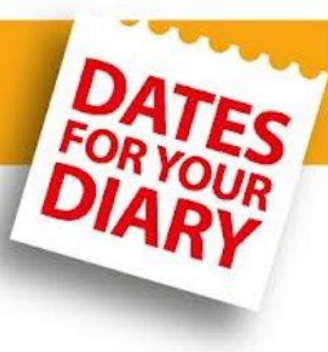
2026 FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Fundraising Group appreciate your continued support and are looking forward to seeing you all in 2026

Maggie's line Dancing - Saturday 24th January

Quiz and Fish Supper - Friday 6th March

Gala Day - Saturday 13th June





LINE DANCING EVENING - SATURDAY 24 JANUARY 2026

Following on from our successful evening last year Maggie from Maggie's Line Dancing will return to host an evening of dancing and music on Saturday 24 January. What better way to warm up on a chilly winter night.

Whether you're a seasoned dancer or just looking to try something new, we've got you covered. With Maggie leading the way, beginners and pros alike are welcome so dust off your cowboy boots and join us for a night of dancing, laughter, and great music. If dancing isn't your thing, why not come along anyway to enjoy a social night with friends.

Tickets priced £10 (BYOB) will be available on Sundays 11 and 18 January.

AUTUMN QUIZ

Well done to all who completed the Autumn quiz sheet and congratulations to our prize winner **David Hogg**. Together the quiz and sweetie jar raised £115.20 for Church funds and our thanks go to all who participated. For those still wondering - here are the answers:

FUNDRAISING AUTUMN QUIZ - ANSWERS

1. What is the fear of Halloween called? **Samhainophobia**
2. Who wrote Frankenstein in 1818? **Mary Shelley**
3. Where did the tradition of carving vegetables into candlelit faces first originate? **Ireland**
4. What plant family are apples members of? **Rosaceae (Rose)**
5. Which military conflict did Guy Fawkes participate in prior to the gunpowder plot? **The Eighty Years War**
6. What ancient Celtic festival, celebrating the end of Summer is considered the precursor to Halloween? **Samhain**
7. Halloween is celebrated the night before which day? **All Saints Day (1 November)**
8. Which festival, celebrated in September or October, gives thanks for the year's harvest? **Harvest festival (Erntedankfest) (Sukkot)**
9. Which month does the Autumn Equinox occur in the Southern Hemisphere? **March**

10. Which pigment is primarily responsible for the red colouration in autumn leaves? **Anthocyanin**
11. What is the name of the full moon closest to the autumn equinox? **Harvest Moon**
12. In which town is the movie "Beetlejuice" set? **Fictional - Winter River, Connecticut Actual - East Corinth, Vermont**
13. Why do deciduous trees shed their leaves in autumn? **To conserve water / energy**
14. Who is the only golfer to have captained a Ryder Cup team but never participated in matches as a player? **J.H. Taylor**
15. The first documented use of fireworks in the United Kingdom was for the wedding of which king? **King Henry VII**
16. What was the last name of the brothers Robert and Thomas who were prominent members of the Gunpowder Plot? **Wintour (also spelt Winter)**
17. What Halloween hit song was once banned by the BBC? **The Monster Mash**
18. Who wrote the poem "To Autumn"? **John Keats**
19. Scotland won the Dunhill Cup in 1985 (when it was a team event) which three Scottish players were on the winning team? **Colin Montgomerie, Sam Torrance, Andrew Coltart**
20. How many bones are in a human skeleton? **206**
21. When was the Auld Alliance Treaty signed? **23 October 1295**
22. When is St Andrew's Day celebrated in Ukraine? **13 December**
23. In Greek mythology which event signalled the beginning of Autumn? **When Persephone (goddess of spring) was taken to the Underworld to be with Hades**
24. What word, derived from the ancient Greek word for whispering, describes the sound of Autumn leaves rustling in the wind? **Psithurism**
25. Who released an album called All the Leaves Are Brown (The Golden Era Collection)? **Mamas and Papas**
26. Who wrote the hymn "We plough the fields and scatter? **Matthias Claudius**
27. What year was "Blame it on the weatherman" number one for the band B*witched? **1999**
28. What did naturalists Chris Atkins and Michael Taylor discover in 2006? **World's tallest tree (Hyperion)**
29. What country would you travel to to experience Oktoberfest? **Germany**
30. What is the name for a species of tree that doesn't lose its leaves during Autumn? **Evergreen**
31. Green Day wanted to be woken when which month ends? **September**
32. What was the name of the hedgehog which Beatrix Potter wrote about? **Mrs Tiggy Winkle**
33. Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong sung about Autumn in which US city? **New York**
34. Which city's museums and galleries keep their doors open until the early hours of the morning during 'White Night' in early October? **Paris**
35. Who wrote the poem In Flanders Fields? **John McCrae**
36. What Autumn date did Earth, Wind & Fire recall? **21 September**

37. St Andrews Day is Celebrated on 30 November. What are the surnames of the famous Andrews below? **Murray, Ridgley, Marr, Robertson, Williams, Carnegie, Garfield, Stewart**



38. In which town is this St Andrew's Cathedral located? **Amalfi**



39. Name the TV show. **Bewitched**



40. Which family of trees do both these leaves belong to? **Oak**



41. Travis Gienger (USA) holds the Guinness World record for the heaviest pumpkin. How much did it weigh? **2,749 pounds (1,246.9 kilograms)**

Joyce Gray on Behalf of the Fundraising Group



CHURCH LIBRARY - BOOK REVIEW



If you are a keen reader can I encourage you to make a visit to our Church Library upstairs in the Session Room. I had previously assumed that this would consist of a small selection of religious books, but when I had reason to be in the Session Room I had a good look around and discovered that this was not the case.

There is a great selection of books available, including a Children's Section, which cover a wide variety of topics. It was here that I came across '**Becoming**' by **Michelle Obama**, a book I had always meant to read and never got around to it, so I filled in the slip and took the book home with me.

This is a fascinating book which takes the reader through the life of the young Michelle Robinson, raised in a working class area of south Chicago. Her parents had strong moral standards about how their family's lives should be lived, and always encouraged Michelle and her brother Craig to be confident, outspoken and strive for the best they could achieve, in spite of the racial difficulties that they faced in their progress at this time in America's history. She progressed on to Princeton University, eventually achieving the position as a Corporate Lawyer. It was here that she crossed paths with a law student called Barack Obama, and as they say, the rest is history.

The book charts the progress through their married life, and involvement in politics and other worthwhile causes, leading to her role as First Lady, all the while her decisions being steered by her strong childhood upbringing. It ends with her leaving the White House with Barack for the last time in January 2017 "with their ideals and composure intact" to attend the Inauguration Ceremony of Donald Trump, facing up to a new beginning and phase in her life.

I found this book to be an enjoyable read, and at the moment have just started reading her follow-up '**The Light We Carry**' in which she writes about the habits and principles she has developed to successfully adapt to changes in her life and overcoming the various obstacles she has had to meet.

Margery Gough

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Please continue to donate your **INK JET** cartridges to support this cause, in aid of our Church Funds. You will find the collection box in the Hall of Fellowship.

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Unfortunately, we are no longer able to support the recycling of broken or unwanted spectacles. Please do not leave these in the cloakroom cupboard going forward.

However, I can confirm that Specsavers at Bishopbriggs Cross has a recycling box in store that you can drop them into. They only accept the spectacles, not the cases.

Thank you.



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Thank you to all our supporters of this cause.

Carol Scott.

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