

The Springfield Cambridge Record



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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FROM THE MINISTER:

On Sunday 11th. January, 2026 we read in Church the story of Jesus' baptism (St. Matthew 3:13-17), on the first Sunday after Epiphany. I have always found it a little odd, that so soon after the Christmas birth story we jump forwards to Jesus' adult life in a little more than the Twelve Days of Christmas. Matthew's telling of Jesus' baptism is often seen as an announcement to everyone about who Jesus is: *"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."* But it is more than a public address. Jesus' baptism is also his own calling to remember who he is.

Just before Christmas I was back at the Church I was myself baptised in to attend at friend's funeral. Sitting in the back row, a man I dimly recognised spoke to me and said, *"Hello, you're Donald's younger brother, aren't you?"* "Yes," I replied. I still haven't worked out who the man was, but he clearly remembered me, and my big brother! Sometimes it is hard for *us* to remember who we are. Who am I now? Am I who, at my core, I had hoped I would be? Am I who *God* wanted me to be?

A colleague in his youth, every Saturday night before he left home to go and pick up his girlfriend, would be met by his father on the way out the door, with a steely look in his eye. He would then always say to his son, *"Child, remember who you are."* Jim understood the notion of who you were meant something - not just about money, education, or class but about character. What you did, how you behaved, reflected on you and your family name. Jim had a responsibility to bear his family name with honour.

"Remember who you are." This is not just for our sake, but for the world around us. In Jesus' baptism, his identity is announced publicly if he is to begin his work. And it is essential that he himself lays claim to his identity - that he takes up his calling to restore the world. In this New Year amid all the uncertainties facing our world, it is crucial that *we* recognise who Jesus is. The public proclamation at Jesus' baptism and the intimate repetition with his disciples are not just for Jesus' sake, but ours. Because over time his followers will be required to ask ourselves who we believe Jesus is. Like the first disciples, we will be pressed to ask ourselves who we are and what purpose our lives have.

Who are we really? Will we hear our calling to do what we can to *"fulfil all righteousness"* ...*"to be a light to the nations"* and *"bring out the prisoners from the dungeon"*? In the end, will we remember who we are?

Rev. Ian Taylor.

From the Student Minister:

Firstly, in case I haven't had the chance to say it in person, Happy New Year!

It hasn't been long since I wrote the previous magazine article and as a result there isn't very much to update you on. Worshipping with you over Christmas was a wonderful experience. The Christmas services always brighten the dark and cold mornings and evenings at this time of year and it was lovely to see so many of you there.

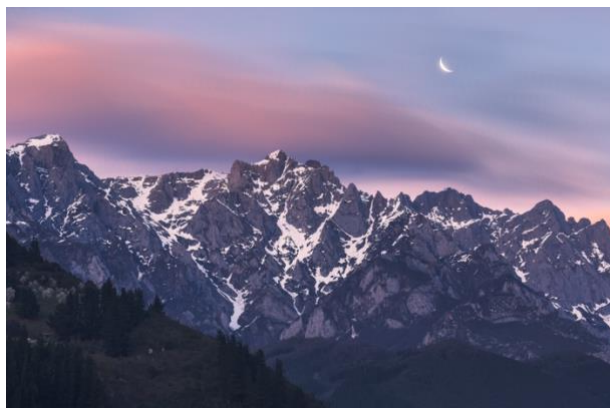
I was delighted to attend a midweek service last Wednesday; it was lovely to have that opportunity to worship with you and to chat over a cup of tea. Over the coming weeks I am very much looking forward to visiting the Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade. Now that we are moving into January, I will be resuming my University studies at Glasgow University and will be taking some services at Springfield Cambridge between now and the end of March. I will also be working closely with Ian gaining all the experiences I can while I am placed with you.

There will be a week towards the end of February where I and the other ministry candidates in Glasgow and Edinburgh will be traveling to Geneva and Zurich to study some historical parts of the reformation there. I am looking forward to this trip and look forward to updating you all once I return. This trip takes place from Monday to Friday, so I won't be missing any services, although that week I won't be able to attend any groups.

I am thoroughly looking forward to seeing and experiencing what the remaining 3 months of my time at Springfield Cambridge holds, and I look forward to working with some of you over that time.

Kind regards

Euan.



LOOKING BACK



On Sunday 7th. December, 2025 we were pleased to receive your Jars of Grace (and donations). The congregation raised £784.12 for our Annual Appeal for UNICEF. THANK YOU.



On the same day, our Annual GIFT SUNDAY the congregation donated Tesco Gift Cards valued at £290 and cash donations of £474.85 for the Foodbank at Bishopbriggs Free Church and St. Rollox Church for their work with asylum seekers. Once again thank you for your extraordinary generosity.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Lodging House Mission at our Christmas Eve Service through the Retiring Collection which amounted to £357.64

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday 16th. December, 2025
Cleddens Road

Mr. Eric W. Leeper, Wester

Forthcoming Services and Events for Your Calendar

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.



On **Sunday 1st. February, 2026** the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated at 11am. Please remember to bring your card invitation to Communion 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 Trustees (the Kirk Session) will meet on **Sunday 22nd. February, 2026** after Morning Worship to receive and hopefully approve the **Annual Accounts for 2025**.



**Thank
You**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Taylor and members of the Congregation for their prayers, concerns, calls and good wishes during my recent admission to hospital. Thank you to Margery, Christine and Eric for 'holding the fort' and to Ellen who was 'thrown in at the deep end', for ably coping with the Church office. I would also like to thank Joyce Macmillan for her visit with magazines and delicious fruit loaf - just a pity I was away for one of my many scans that afternoon. All of this was much appreciated.

Isobel Lawson

Thank You from Hazel Wilson

I would just like to thank Rev. IAN TAYLOR for his visits and kind words and the Praise Team and my church family for the lovely flowers, cards and good wishes on my road to recovery after my fall. This was very much appreciated. Thank you so much.

Love, Hazel Wilson



Treasurer's Report

This being the first magazine of 2026 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 2025. I realise that times continue to be very difficult for a lot of people 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 deficit of £4,979 for 2025 which is in line with the budgeted figure at the start of the year. During the year we were impacted by higher energy costs and other costs being considerably higher than 2024.

Thank you to everyone who has reviewed their offerings recently. A number of members have also been able to move over to Gift Aid recently which means that they now give tax efficiently and this boosts our income by another 25%. Offerings have held up remarkably well during the last year with Gift Aid offerings remaining our biggest source of income and despite many members dropping out of the Gift Aid bracket we managed to retain the same level of income through the new givers and also existing givers increasing their contributions.

Our Income from Outside Agencies remain strong and this is key 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, Badminton Club and the 65th Glasgow Girls' Brigade Company 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. Other income that we receive during the year for the Fabric Fund includes income from the sale of books, the web shop and also recycle for profit. All of these income streams are important and make a difference.

With regard to expenditure, we have met our Giving to Grow payment of £70,721 for the year along with our Presbytery Dues of £3,945.

Our Giving to Grow contribution for 2026 is £74,946 with our Presbytery Dues being £4,196. Thank you once again for your continuing financial support and Best Wishes for 2026.

Jim Kerr,

Treasurer

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Letter Received from the Lodging House Mission



Jim Kerr
Springfield Cambridge Church
49 Springfield Road
Bishopbriggs
G64 1PN

29 December 2025

Dear Jim

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the congregation at Springfield Cambridge Church for their generous donation of £357.64 given at the Christmas Eve Service for the LHM.

Your generosity meant a great deal to us and to those we support. For many of our service users, Christmas can be a particularly difficult time of year and knowing that others have taken the time to think of them brings comfort, dignity, and hope.

Thanks to the kindness and support of people like yourselves, we were able to provide a warm and welcoming space over Christmas, serving **87 lunches on Christmas Day and 84 lunches on Boxing Day**. Alongside practical gifts, this helped remind our service users that they are cared for, valued, and not forgotten.

Your support played an important part in helping us create a compassionate and dignified Christmas at the LHM, and we are truly grateful. With our heartfelt thanks.

Kind regards

June Macleod

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Manager

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Lodging House Mission

A huge thank you to our congregation for purchasing Christmas cards in support of the LHM appeal. We raised a total of £672.50 with a further £45.70 in donations. This amount was hand-delivered to and gratefully received by LHM.



Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Joan, Helen and Alison

65th Company Girls' Brigade

Girls' Brigade started back on 6th January after the Christmas holidays.



Our Christmas craft evening in December went really well. We iced and decorated cakes, made spiral Christmas tree decorations then made Christmas cards based on the girls' handprints.

The November fundraiser to guess the birthday of a soft toy was won by one of the Explorers.

The girls all enjoyed the film night the following week with their pyjamas, blankets, teddies and pillows! The film was accompanied by popcorn, juice and sweets.

We are now planning our next session, the Annual Display in May and the trip for the end of our GB year.

Fiona Smillie, Leader

268th Glasgow Boys' Brigade



Anchor Boys

The Anchor boys had a Lego night on Friday 21st Nov. Let's Go Construct visited us with lots of Lego for the boys to play with. The boys enjoyed playing and building their own designs which included a house, aeroplane and even a hot tub. The boys were then split into teams to build the tallest Lego tower. The boys all had a great night and even got to take some Lego home with them.

Our boys were also busy in November colouring in Christmas cards for the Mavis Bank Care Home. The boys managed to colour in 60 cards, one for every resident, which was then placed into a Christmas box with some sweets. These were handed into Mavis Bank where the care home manager Kate was very impressed by the boys' colouring in. Kate thanked our boys very much for thinking of the residents at Christmas time.

We held our Christmas party on Friday 5th December. The boys played lots of traditional party games including pass the parcel, musical chairs and musical statues. The boys also enjoyed some drinks and crisps. Santa took time out of his busy schedule to visit the boys and brought a gift for each boy. Thank you to Santa for visiting our boys.

Our parents donated 18 bags of food, in lieu of our Christmas party being free of charge, for the Trussell Trust which was given to the church as part of their donations. Thank you to all our parents for their kind donations.

We started back after the festive period on Friday 9th January. This will be a busy session with us taking the boys to see Aladdin at the Evangelical Church on Saturday 31st January. Cool Creatures are visiting on the Friday 6th February then it's our fundraising Big Family Quiz 2026 on the 13th February. All our friends within the church are welcome to come along with a team and take part in the quiz.

Plus, we will be having our usual monthly points competition night over the next few months along with our monthly tuck shop.

Alan Kerr (Officer in Charge) Email : anchorboys268@aol.com



Junior Section

December seems a long time ago but we enjoyed two events. The first was a joint visit with the Company Section to Gravity at Braehead. Lots of trampolining and the boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We finished off the evening with a trip to McDonalds. Glad they did it that way round! The following week was a joint Christmas party with a lot of new activities e.g. wrapping up a boy as a Christmas present. Lots of fun.

We have started back for another session and learnt about some traditions surrounding New Year. We are also finding more about the parables that Jesus shared and we started with the Prodigal son.

We are looking forward to having Euan, the student minister, visiting us at the beginning of February.

Wishing the church family a healthy and happy 2026.

Mary Armour

Acting Officer in Charge



268th Glasgow Company Section

Another busy couple of months for the Company Section with National Competitions and Christmas activities.

Our Chess A team unfortunately lost out to last year's Scottish champions 1st Lenzie so plenty to learn from there! Our FIFA A team narrowly lost out to 4th Port Glasgow with a couple of penalty shoot outs going the wrong way. However, our FIFA B team made it through to round 3 narrowly beating 125th Glasgow in Robroyston so a third-round tie awaits at home to 2nd Gourrock. The result of this will be in the next magazine!

We had an excellent Christmas night out with the Junior Section to Gravit8 at Braehead, and a Christmas party to round off a really busy first half of the session.

We now have plenty to look forward to this term with hopefully some visitors to speak to the Boys too!

Finally, our reunion dinner will be on Saturday 28th March with details sent out to ex-members in the next few weeks. If you know of any ex-member who would be interested in coming along, please let them know and pass details on to Donald Armour.

John Armour

Captain.



17Kg. of food and £40 in donations were delivered to the Food Bank in early January from the congregation. All donations of cupboard staples especially tinned vegetables, meat, fish custard and rice pudding are always on the list as desirable but all donations are gratefully received.

Please note we cannot accept perishable food items such as potatoes, vegetables or fruit due to their short shelf life.

Grateful thanks to all our contributors. Your support is appreciated.

Thank you, Joyce & Joan.



THE GUILD

The Guild brought the session to a close by enjoyable Christmas Lunch in Cadder Freestone Social Club on 15th December. Irene Pollock donated a lovely Christmas goodies basket to be won and this was well supported by our members raising £197 for Guild Funds. The lucky winner was May Kennedy who had just celebrated her 95th birthday so everyone was pleased for her. Here are the ladies taking part in our tradition of ending our afternoon by enthusiastically singing some Christmas Carols.



Our new session began by our first visitor being unable to attend to lead us in some Chair Yoga due to a health issue and we wish her a speedy recovery. We replaced this with a Photo slide show of the Convener's visit to the Keukenhof Gardens, a Quiz with some Cheese & Wine. The ladies seemed to enjoy the alternative programme.

In February we will welcome The Partick Pluckers, a Ukulele Band on 9th and Fiona McDougall from The Iona Community on 23rd. Our Hostess Tea is on 9th March and our AGM on 23rd March will bring this session to a close.

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**

FUNDRAISING NEWS



ADVENT HAMPER WINNER

Throughout the month of November the group offered the congregation the opportunity to win our Advent Hamper. The winning ticket was drawn on 30th November and belonged to Catherine Smillie. Her dad, Jim, collected the hamper on her behalf. The hamper was filled with 25 gifts (one to open each day of Advent and one for Christmas Day). Catherine was over the moon with her win and planned to share out some of the gifts. Thanks to all who bought tickets, the group are pleased to announce that the hamper raised £134 for Church funds.

THANK YOU

The group is grateful to all who supported our fundraising efforts in 2025 and thanks to you we have raised over £3,200 to support Church funds this year.

Our events raised the following amounts:

11/4/25 - Quiz and Fish Supper Night - £561.00
7/6/25 - Sparkling Afternoon Tea - £712.50
7/6/25 - Summer Hamper - £133.50
4/10/25 - Smartie Challenge - £1550.26
26/10/25 - Quiz and Sweetie Jar - £115.10
30/11/25 - Advent Hamper - £134.00



Church Fundraising



2026 FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Fundraising Group appreciate your continued support and are looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events in 2026.

Quiz and Fish Supper - Friday 6th March
Gala Day - Saturday 13th June

Joyce Gray on Behalf of the Fundraising Group

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus & Orchestra

2025 Christmas Concert

I am very pleased to advise that the total so far for the bucket collection after our Christmas Concert is a staggering £11,173.60. This is already our highest ever collection on the night.

Still to be added to the figure are Gift Aid, donations from envelopes that have been given to us since the concert and donations which were made by bank machine.

We can't thank our audience enough for their extremely generous donations.

We will present our cheque for the total proceeds from the concert to Benjamin Morgan from CHAS at our Presentation Dinner at the Eagle Lodge on Wednesday 4th February.

Sheila Dunbar

Secretary





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June 2026	17/5/26	31/5/26	
September 2026	16/8/26	30/8/26	4/10/26
December 2026	15/11/26	29/11/26	7/2/27



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