

The Springfield Cambridge Record



*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe
in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Romans 10:9

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FROM THE MINISTER:

Writing as I do, in the season of Lent, a time traditionally in the Church for penitence and reflection, surveying the unfolding worrying world events around us, I find myself not wanting to read or hear the latest news, lest I read and weep.

I am taken back to Co-vid times when I first came across the concept of VUCA. This idea sets out the notion that we are living in times that are increasingly Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous. The world stage just now it seems is back there again.

This was brought home when reading the new novel by Rachel Joyce, *THE HOMEMADE GOD*, when she says on p.176,77 *"There are moments when the present comes to you as out of nowhere: the past falls away and the future doesn't seem to be in the mix yet, so you are left in a new place that is like nowhere at all."*

In this new place we find ourselves in the world, my faith draws me back to the common good that I find rooted in Christ. Cultivating a shared vision of the common good is a deeply local task. The key to human flourishing is not located beyond the stars (if only we could build ideological spaceships to capture it). Communities thrive when we turn our gaze horizontally toward our neighbours and the world around us, when we believe that contained in every person is an endless galaxy of beliefs and experiences, of joys and sorrows, of fears and comforts. Before we can love our neighbours, we must desire to know them. We must allow ourselves to be drawn into the vast expanse of their infinity just as they are drawn into ours. This work not only changes what we believe about our neighbours, it also transforms how we relate to them. They are no longer enemies to fight; they are people to love. They are no longer social media handles or digital avatars; they are complex humans who are motivated by their deep values and their felt vulnerabilities.

It would be far easier to remain aloof and simply read about our "neighbours" in books and surveys or make assumptions about them based on their doorsigns. However, our shared flourishing is impossible unless we choose to enter into a common life where we are formed by and toward one another. Cultivating a truly common good requires entering into humble proximity where our beliefs and assumptions about one another are challenged by the lived experiences of our neighbours.

There is a relational reciprocity here of giving and receiving, of acting and being acted upon. This reminds us that we are always dependent on our environment, never above or beyond its formative power. We are enmeshed in tangled webs of interdependence where we are at once being formed and forming others.

Recognizing this humbles us.

So as we move through Lent once more - a time of penitence, reflection, rejection, suffering, crucifixion and resurrection I find the fact that Jesus, God's only Son, was born as one of us, to save us and our world to be deeply moving.

Rather than standing outside the waves and ripples of cause and effect, Jesus enters the rotations of a world that he set in motion. Christ exists as both creator and creation, divinity and human. Christ does not come to us in a cloud of glory or place himself on an earthly throne. Instead, Jesus humbles himself into Mary's womb and is birthed into the world he created at the beginning of time. He places himself in John's arms and is plunged into the Jordan River. He empties himself in taking human likeness and walks with his creation even to the point of death (Phil. 2:7-8). God so intimately enters this world that the world is transformed by God's touch, and God, in return, is moved by the world.

Christ chooses to become dependent upon creation—upon oxygen in his lungs and food in his stomach, upon friendships to nourish his soul and human feet to carry forth the gospel into the world. Christ is wrapped up with creation so intimately that he weeps and mourns at the death of his friend Lazarus. He grows tired and weary after a long day. Righteous fury boils within him when he sees houses of worship used for profit or human beings maligned and abused. Jesus also laughs and entertains his friends. He dances and sings at a wedding feast after turning water into the sweetest wine. He places his human body between people in need and those ready to throw stones. He takes time to sit with the children and the least, teaching that the kingdom of God belongs to them. God humbles himself to be with us - and does so at the greatest cost to himself.

I wonder what it would mean for us and our world just now if we could love our neighbours (no matter how close or distant we are from them globally) in humility, recognising the countless ways we belong to one another and are moulded by the people around us. That would be a radical act of love - a profound act of humility which would follow the example of God in Christ.

Rev. Ian Taylor.

From the Student Minister:

First, I want to start by thanking you all for making my first placement such a pleasure. It has been a wonderful first placement and I have learned so much from each one of you.

Since I last wrote an article, I have been on a study trip to Geneva and Zurich in Switzerland. Each year the Church of Scotland sends some of its Ministry Candidates on a study trip in February and this year it was Switzerland. Our study there was for 2 purposes, firstly was to study the Reformation looking at Calvin, Knox and Zwingli. We visited the Church of Scotland in Geneva which worships in a space that Calvin would have lectured in during his time there and where Knox would have heard Calvin speak about the reformed church and would have formed his views and theology that he then brought back to Scotland. This was a fascinating experience to be in this space, hear of its history and speak with some people who regularly worship there.

We also attended the Museum of the reformation in Geneva which gave fascinating insights into what politically was going on at this time. This also allowed us time to reflect on the journey of the reformed church both there and the journey of our own Church of Scotland and its common history with other churches around the world and in Scotland. We also had a walking tour around the other reformed churches in Geneva and again were able to meet with people who attended these churches.

We spent a day in Geneva attending the World Council of Churches learning about their projects and meeting with some of its directors and leads on these projects. This was an excellent experience seeing the Church of Scotland's context within this organisation. It was also encouraging to see how so many reformed churches come together to discuss issues which affect all of us and the practices which allow us all to work together and discuss some of the big theological issues with respect for each other's traditions.

Then in Zurich we spent most of our time looking at church innovation, how they are approaching the issues of declining numbers and how they are re-engaging people in 'Church'. First, we visited a co-working space set up in a church office for people who are working on small businesses in the field of social enterprise. This has led to some interesting projects that we heard about. We then were given the option to

visit different We then were given the option to visit different projects. I chose to visit 2, one for engaging people aged 18-35, and the second is a dementia project run by the church in Zurich.

The project for engaging 18-35-year-olds was set up in a business centre, again focusing on a place for people to come and work individually or together, but also a place where there are no expectations. People can come and have a coffee or just sit as they see fit. There is a station for giving blessings to each other, and they have regular evening events which are well attended. They are used for theological discussion as appropriate, or for socialising events, but everything is clearly marked as being run by the church.

The Dementia project is a place for families to be together with family members suffering from dementia, or indeed a place where people with dementia can go and interact with other people in similar situations. They have visits to external organisations, and hold weekly worship services, one for people with dementia and one for family members caring for loved ones to give them a chance to worship on their own. They run support groups for relatives and offer spiritual counselling services as well as clubs for people with dementia for them to socialise and come together in practical activities.

In its entirety this was a very fruitful trip which allowed us all to reflect on our own context within the church of Scotland and within a wider reformed church context. We were also able to reflect on innovation within churches and what that might look like for us back in Scotland.

Upon returning I have visited the GB and have arranged to visit the BB and Worship team practice. The GB were so welcoming, and it was wonderful to hear about what they've been learning about. I was very impressed at their knowledge of the Old Testament. They were so keen to tell me about the values of women in the bible and how they can see their own values reflected in that. When I was there, they were creating posters of their personal values they've seen reflected in the bible such as empathy, kindness and forgiveness. They were also starting to prepare for their display coming up and it was wonderful to see what they are looking to prepare. I wish them all the very best for the future and best of luck with their display, I'm sure it will be wonderful.

It has been a pleasure interacting with everyone and hearing their stories of Springfield Cambridge. There is so much going on at Springfield Cambridge parish

church, it has been really encouraging to see a church flourishing and being so active in their community.

Let me finish by saying, a huge thank you to all of you, and of course to Ian for mentoring me throughout my first placement. I am excited to see where this journey takes me, but I will always remember my brief time at Springfield Cambridge church and the people that made it so special.

Kind regards and God Bless,

Euan.

LOOKING BACK



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 13th. January, 2026

William (Craig) Hamilton, Katrine Avenue

Tuesday 27th. January, 2026

David McCallum, Brechin Road

Wednesday 28th. January, 2026

Joseph (Stephen) Sinagoga, Glamis Gardens

Friday 6th. February, 2026

Mrs. Elizabeth (Libby) McGlashan Ogilvie,
Highgate Care Home

Thursday 12th. February, 2026

Mrs. Elizabeth (Betsy) Dow, Ashfield

Monday 16th. February, 2026

Mrs. Margaret Kerr, Mavisbank Care Home



On **Sunday 15th. February, 2026** we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, when **Lucy LAVELLE** , daughter of Clare and Gary LAVELLE, and younger sister to Hope, Holly and Lottie, and grand-daughter of Yvonne & Stephen Langan, was baptised.



Multi-media - Live Streaming

Occasionally if you have joined one of our Services 'live' or at a later time, you may have experienced some technical difficulties. These arise sometimes unexpectedly and are not always under our control. Such occurrences reminded me of something that was sent to us:

"FROM THE TECH TEAM

We have been inundated by letter from Mrs Trellis of Welsh St, Havenot. She wants to understand why churches these days need so much 'technical garbage' (her phrase) when we managed so well for so long without any of it.

Dear Mrs Trellis, and others who have shouted "*WE CAN'T HEAR YOU*", at a screen with the confidence of people who believe volume is a two-way system,

We, the Tech Team of St Faithful's, have been asked to reflect on our experiences of technology in church. This is a request we meet with joy, trembling, and a faint ringing in the ears that never quite goes away.

Let us begin with microphones.

The microphone is not a holy relic. It does not require kissing, tapping, blowing into, or asking "*Is this on?*" while it is very much on. Nor is it improved by being held at navel height, pointed at the chest, or swung gently like a censer in time with the sermon. The microphone works best when it is approximately one fist away from the mouth. This has been demonstrated repeatedly, verbally, diagrammatically, and once through interpretive dance.

Yet still, the mic is lowered for prayers (presumably out of reverence), raised suddenly for the word Amen (terrifying the livestream congregation), and occasionally placed directly in front of the nose, producing a sound best described as "the wind tunnel at Heathrow".

Headsets, meanwhile, are adjusted mid-sentence, removed during hymns, and sometimes switched off entirely "to save battery", despite the service having another 47 minutes to run.

Which brings us neatly to batteries.

If you take a microphone battery and place it in a charger, you must pause — just briefly — to see whether the red light has come on. This is not optional. The red light is not decorative. It is not a mood indicator. It is not "suggestive". It is, in fact, the only sign that the battery is charging.

Placing a battery into a charger and walking away in faith is not an act of trust in God. It is tempting providence.

Wires, too, deserve a mention.

Cables are not spaghetti. They do not benefit from being folded into tight, angry knots and forced into drawers. Nor should they be wound lovingly around the elbow and hand like a Christmas garland, no matter how satisfying that feels. Cables have a way they wish to be coiled. They have opinions. Ignore these opinions, and they will exact revenge during the Notices.

We are also aware that many well-educated, articulate, deeply capable parishioners become utterly disoriented when faced with a Tablet.

"*I've lost the church,*" they say, staring at a live stream of the choir, having apparently wandered into YouTube, Facebook, and possibly the Vatican en route.

"*The sound's gone,*" they add, while the mute icon glares at them with all the subtlety of a road sign.

We sympathise. We really do. But shouting at the Tablet does not help. Nor does repeatedly pressing the home button and then expressing surprise at the weather forecast.

Finally, a word about "helpful" volunteers.

We are grateful for you. Truly. But if a Tech Team member is actively adjusting something, please do not assist by also adjusting it — usually in the opposite direction — while saying, "*I'm sure it's this.*" It is never this.

And yet.

Despite all this — the feedback, the flat batteries, the tangled leads, the mysteriously vanished livestream — we persist. Because when technology works, even briefly, even imperfectly, something rather lovely happens.

Someone housebound joins in worship.
A grandchild sees their gran read a lesson.
A grandpa watches his grandson lead prayers.
A sermon reaches beyond the building.
A hymn travels further than the nave.

Technology, for all its quirks, is not the enemy of the Kingdom. It is simply another set of loaves and fishes — easily dropped, frequently misunderstood, but capable, in the right hands, of feeding more than we expect.

Now please excuse us. Someone has just turned off the sound "to be helpful". "

Parish Grouping News

On **Thursday 26th. February, 2026** the Presbytery of Glasgow met in Kenmure Church for a special Service to link the two congregations of Cadder and Kenmure to create a new charge in Bishopbriggs. What this means is that where before each of these congregations had a Minister, they will now share a Minister between them. The Manse of Cadder has been designated as the Manse of the new linked Charge, and Kenmure will either rent out their current Manse or sell it. The new Minister will conduct a service at Cadder at 10am and then at Kenmure at 11.30am each Sunday. Prior to this change, Cadder and Kenmure Churches were our partners in our Parish Grouping. This change will mean that a new Basis of Grouping will need to be drafted and approved by each of the three Kirk Sessions before being presented to the congregations for their approval. Once this is done the congregations of Cadder and Kenmure will be able to form a Nominating Committee with some representation from our own congregation to begin the process of calling a new Minister to the Charge.



LOOKING FORWARD



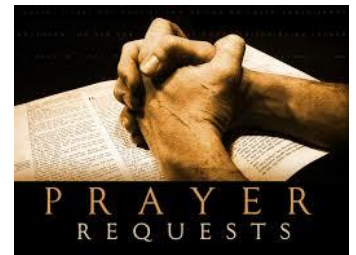
Vestry Hour

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 course of the week.



Sunday 29th. March, 2026 is Palm Sunday, and British Summer time begins (the clocks will have gone forward by one hour.)



At our **11am Service on Palm Sunday, 29th. March, 2026** Euan Gibb, our Student Minister will complete his 25-week placement with us (we will say farewell to Euan on the preceding Sunday.) At that same Morning Service, **Jim Tonner** who has been our Church Officer since November 1986 will retire after 40 years with us. Jim will join us that day and tea, coffee and cake will be served afterwards in the Cameron Hall and there will be an opportunity for folks to express their thanks to Jim personally. Euan Russell will succeed Jim as our new Church Officer.

The Lodging House Mission



are once again inviting the congregation to donate Easter eggs, which can be left in the Hall of Fellowship until Palm Sunday (March 29th.) or taken directly to the LHM as below:

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Appeal. It features a central white circle with a green garland border decorated with white daisies and colorful Easter eggs (blue, red, yellow, pink, orange). A brown bunny head is visible on the right side of the garland. The background is a soft green gradient. At the bottom, there is a green grassy field with more colorful Easter eggs.

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Easter Egg Appeal

Join our mission initiative to share the message of life, hope and meaning

DONATE EASTER EGGS WITH A LABEL "A GIFT OF HOPE" TO BE SHARED WITH OUR GUESTS

DROP OFF 2-4PM, WEEKDAYS AT: LHM, 35 EAST CAMPBELL STREET, GLASGOW, G1 5DT
APPEAL RUNS THROUGHOUT LENT

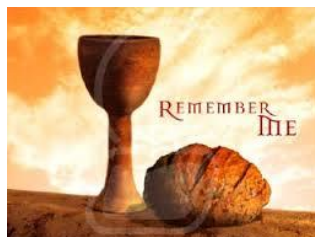
2026 HOLY WEEK and Easter Services



Palm Sunday 29 th March	7pm	Springfield Cambridge Church
Monday 30 th March		Cadder Church
	7pm	
Tuesday 31 st March	7pm	Kenmure Church
Wednesday 1 st April	7pm	St. Matthew's Church (Stations of the Cross)
Thursday 2 nd April	7pm	St. James the Less (including Holy Communion)
Good Friday 3 rd April	7pm	Woodhill Evangelical Church



On **Easter Sunday, 5th April, 2026** our **Service** will include the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**.





By popular demand the Sunday School will be providing **rolls and sausage** after Church on **Sunday 26th. April, 2026** in the Cameron Hall.

And again, by popular demand **homemade marmalade** will be on sale that day in the Cameron Hall.



Christian Aid Week runs this year from **10th. - 16th. May, 2026**. Further information will follow about forthcoming events.



SAVE THE DATE

Springfield Cambridge

Summer Fayre

Saturday 13th. June, 2026 12- 4pm

Tickets £5 (including refreshments)



65th Company Girls' Brigade

The girls have completed most of their badgework for this year but we are still busy on a Tuesday evening.

The Juniors and Explorers held a Scottish evening for Burns Night, trying Tunnock's tea cakes, crisps, tablet and Irn Bru.

In February, the P7 Juniors spent an evening in the Brigaders section as they will move up after the summer holidays. The remaining Juniors made (and ate!) pancakes as Shrove Tuesday was coming up.

This year, for our 'service' part of the badge, the girls are making Easter cards to give to residents in a care home.

Euan, our student Minister, spent an evening with us and the girls listened to his opening message and prayer.

The Brigaders have been concentrating this year on values and feelings and looking at how the Bible is relevant to teenagers today.

All the girls love to play games, especially using the parachute. 'Port and starboard', 'ladders' and 'my seat' are some of the favourites.



We are now practising for the Annual Display for parents and friends in May and have a day out planned to finish the year.

Fiona Smillie,

Leader



268th Glasgow Boys' Brigade

Anchor Boys



We took 24 boys to Woodhill Evangelical Church on Saturday the 31st January to see the panto, Aladdin. All the boys enjoyed a fantastic show put on by the Gallus Outlaws Theatre Company.

We held our annual big family quiz night on Friday the 13th February. Twelve teams took part in the quiz with the eventual winning team being the "Sticky Bandits". Well done to our winning team, who won a huge family hamper. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. So far we have raised £570 for own funds.

Our next fund raiser will be our coffee morning on Saturday the 25th April 10.00a.m. - 12.00 noon. Please come along and support this event which is also in aid of our own funds.

We are now entering our last few months of the session with our awards night being held on Friday 15th May. Our boys will be starting to rehearse some items for their parents to enjoy that night. We also have our end of session event planned for Saturday the 16th May when Sports Squad will be running an afternoon for our boys.

Alan Kerr

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

268th Glasgow Company Section

A busy couple of months as always for the Company Section, working through our programme materials and adding in some of our own ideas!

We had our Best Chippy in Bishopbriggs competition with Gianni's coming out on top! We purchased an Earth Ball, going back to some old 268 favourite games of Indiana Jones and Train Tracks as well as good old fashioned dodge ball.

Some competition news with our team winning the Company 5s for Glasgow Battalion by 2 goals scored after level points and goal difference, a fantastic achievement given our young team.

We look ahead to our Top Team challenge and Summer Programme with plenty of outings planned.

Final call for our Reunion Dinner on 28th March at Bishopbriggs Golf Club, a good night is promised with BB Fellowship and stories.

John Armour

Captain.





THE GUILD

The Partick Pluckers were unable to attend on 9th February, but we were fortunate that Steven Clark from the Praise Team came and entertained us with his folk songs and chat which was greatly enjoyed by all. Fiona McDougall spoke to us about The Iona Community on 23rd February. Our Hostess Tea was on 9th March when we were joined by our guests Rev. Ian Taylor, our Church Officers Jim Tonner and Fiona Russell and Cathy Mack who donates all the lovely crafts to our Martha Table.

Here are some of the ladies enjoying their afternoon of fellowship, entertainment and of course the Afternoon Tea.





As Jim Tonner is retiring after almost 40 years with us, we took the opportunity to present him with a small token from the ladies of the Guild to mark the occasion and wish him well in his retirement. He will be missed by all of us in the Guild.

Our AGM on 23rd March will bring this session to a close.

The New Guild Session will start in September and we would be very pleased to welcome new members to our fellowship.

Joyce Macmillan, Convener.

Treasurer's Report

We made our first payment of £7,494.60 in respect of our *Giving to Grow* contribution for 2026 on 15th February and our annual total of £74,946 is payable in 10 equal instalments from February to November.



We will make our first payment in respect of our Presbytery dues for 2026 of £1,399 on 31st March with the remainder due on 30th June. The total amount due is £4,197.

We are also expecting settlement of our outstanding tax claim from 2025 for £3,500 in the next few weeks.

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

Thank you as always for your continued offerings.

Jim Kerr,

Treasurer

Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus & Orchestra

2025 Christmas Concert Proceeds



At our annual Presentation Dinner at the Eagle Lodge in Bishopbriggs on Wednesday 04 February, a cheque for the magnificent sum of £40,203 was presented to Benjamin Morgan from CHAS. This is nearly £4,000 more than last year and includes our highest ever bucket collection -an amazing £13,703.

The running total from our Christmas Concerts now stands at £542,224.

We thank everyone who gave donations, purchased tickets, bought advertising space, and gave so very generously to the bucket collection, making our 2025 Christmas Concert the most successful yet.

Sheila Dunbar

Secretary

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Church Summer Fayre -

Saturday 13 June 2026 12 noon- 4 pm



The Fundraising Group are delighted to confirm that the Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 13th June 2026, from 12 noon until 4 pm. This promises to be a wonderful afternoon of fun, fellowship and community spirit, and we would love everyone in our church family to be involved.

Hopefully the Fayre will reflect the life of our whole church, and to achieve this, we have invited all church groups and community organisations associated with the church to come together to help make the day vibrant and welcoming.

How You Can Help

There are many ways to get involved, and every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

Baking Contributions

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, traybakes and other sweet treats for our stalls. Home baking is always popular and adds that special personal touch to the day.



Gift Bags

We are asking for help in preparing gift bags to be sold at the Fayre. Contents should be valued at £1 or more, and we need bags for both adults and children.

These are always a highlight and a fun way for people to support the event and to clear a space in their cupboards by donating unwanted gifts.

Hidden Talents



Do you sing, play an instrument, perform magic, tell jokes, dance, or have another hidden talent? We would love to showcase the talent within our congregation during the entertainment section. Please consider putting your name forward, it's a wonderful opportunity to share your talents and bring joy to others

Helping on the Day

We are also looking for volunteers to:

- Help in the coffee shop,
- Staff various stalls and stands
- Direct traffic in the car park
- Welcome visitors and provide directions

A friendly face and willing hands will help ensure the day runs smoothly and that all our visitors feel warmly welcomed.

Get in Touch

If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact the Church Office or if you are a member of a church group, speak to your group leader or to a member of the Fundraising Team.

We encourage everyone to help promote the Fayre to colleagues, friends and family. The more we spread the word, the greater the opportunity for fellowship, outreach and fundraising. Posters and flyers will soon be available to promote our event.

We will keep you fully updated on the arrangements for the day and aim to share regular updates on the programme as it develops.

Ann Brannan

On behalf of the Fundraising Group.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Line Dancing

On Saturday, 24 January, the Fundraising Group held a fun Line dancing evening with Maggie from Maggie's Line Dancing Class leading the way.

The wintry weather was soon forgotten as Maggie put us through our paces. The hall was filled with music and laughter as we two-stepped, shuffled and chassed our way through the evening.



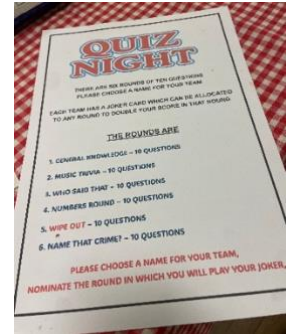
The event raised £387.50 (including gift aid) for Church funds and our thanks go to all those who came along and supported either by dancing or just enjoying a social evening with friends. As always, our thanks go to all who helped to set up the hall.



Quiz and Fish Supper Evening – Friday 6 March

The fundraising group held another highly successful Quiz and Fish Supper Evening on Friday 6 March which raised £485.40 including Gift Aid for Church funds.

There was a great atmosphere in the hall as our brains were tested with questions ranging from general knowledge to music trivia with a good dose of nostalgia thrown in.



The "Name the Crime" round involved identifying theme music from well know crime shows over the decades and it was good to see the teams humming along to some long-forgotten tunes.



The fish suppers were well received at half time and after some tea and coffee we were ready for the final rounds.

To get us started after interval we had a game of Knockout bingo and the lucky winner of a £20 gift voucher, kindly supplied by Gianni Fish & Chip shop, was Sheena McMillan.

Thanks are extended to our Quizmaster, David Currie and his wife Gladys and to Gianni's for supplying the excellent fish suppers. As always, we appreciate the continued support of Jim, Fiona and Euan for helping with the hall setup and AV equipment.



After some friendly competition between the nine teams taking part the winners of the quiz were Team GGBB lead by the Armour family.



Thanks to all who attended and helped make for an enjoyable night.

Joyce Gray on behalf of the Fundraising Group

Book review

I was delighted to find out that you have a church library, so many churches don't have one anymore, so it was wonderful to find one so well stocked. I would encourage to you go and have a look as there are some very interesting books both fiction and non-fiction, religious and non-religious. While I haven't had a lot of time to browse the shelves of the library, one title that jumped out at me, and that I have been hoping to read was 'The Abbey' by Chris Culver. Who can resist a thrilling murder mystery?

This book has an excellent mix of suspense, action, some twists and excellent characters. While the story line isn't totally unpredictable it is a hooking story line that had me turning page after page wanting to read just a little bit more. This is the first book in a series of seven and I am looking forward to getting to read the next books in the series.

This book absolutely comes with warnings; there are details of a graphic nature and the narrative deals with some themes which some may find difficult.

This book starts with our main character Ash Rashid; he is a detective and is soon told of a family member being murdered. His investigation takes him on a perilous journey where he makes some unsettling discoveries. Ash's religion plays a role in his work and is a driving force behind some of his decisions. He has a drive for justice, and this shows in his actions and how his story develops.

Throughout this book there are revelations that make Ash's job increasingly difficult, information that puts his own life in danger and he is forced to ask himself questions about his work, his family and his colleagues. Although I won't give the ending away, it all comes to a head in thrilling fashion.

I would highly recommend this book if you like murder mysteries, thrillers or a strong story line. However, there are so many titles in the library and as someone who loves to spend their spare time reading, I would love to have spent more time perusing the shelves and experiencing all the wonderfully varied books you have in the church library.

Euan Gibb

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