



# The Springfield Cambridge Record



## Spring 2020

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all. *Acts 4:33*

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## Letter from our Minister (Part 1)

As I write this article, we are in the midst of great uncertainty with the Corona virus outbreak (Covid 19). With a lack of clarity on our future movements and imposed 'self-isolation' of our community, the Editor and I have taken the decision that this Magazine will be an online version only. Consequently, much of what you will find here will be provisional in nature, as things are changing rapidly as we seek to respond appropriately to our surrounding environment. In the '**Looking Forward**' section of *The Record* all future events referenced are provisional and may be subject to change or cancelation.



**DURING THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGES FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING CHURCH OPENING TIMES AND EVENTS. OR IF YOU PREFER PLEASE PICK UP THE PHONE ☎ 0141 772 1540 (Manse) 0141 772 1596 (Church).**



In the Christmas 2019 Edition of 'The Record' I wrote about Daniel the boy who came off his bicycle on Balmuildy Road. You may recall that a workman came out of a house two doors down the street to transport the bicycle back to its owner's home. Imagine my surprise then when I was arranging the funeral of Willie Minto when his son Andrew knew all about this incident.

You see the workman had been in his dad's house and he was the one who had provided the bike's transport home. After the event, Daniel's mum had dropped a card through Willie's door, for the workman, to express her thanks. The Minto family duly relayed this on to Mr Stephen Finlay, the man in question, a local tradesman.

And so, in so many ways, that story I shared with you continues. Like a ripple from a pool, it continues to spread goodness outwards. Presently we are witnessing the spread of an invisible infectious virus. That is naturally worrying for all of us. But in true British bulldog spirit, I hope we will try to keep calm and carry on, whilst taking all reasonable precautions and following mandatory advice. But I also hope we will draw comfort from our faith which reminds us that the ever-constant unchangeable God is with us now and forevermore. And random acts of kindness are still happening even in the midst of this epidemic. A growing number of people from across our community have approached me with practical offers of assistance for the most vulnerable in our community, and those who may be most affected by enforced 'social isolation.'

As events evolve, we will do our best to adapt, change and respond to the needs of our community in the Name of Christ.

*Rev Ian Taylor*

## **Letter from our Minister (Part 2)**

Often when parishioners are having a hard time, I will end by saying something like, *"Hang in there, keep the faith and breathe!"*

Now I am wondering if in these unusual and uncertain times I should simply be saying, *"Take a deep breath and pray."*

That's what I say to myself often these days. It is not a time to panic, but it is a time to be prudent and prepared. We are in uncharted water. Leadership in faith communities, educational institutions, hospitals, government and our local community face difficult choices about how to address the complex challenges that the corona virus brings. Please pray for wisdom and courage.

Our anxiety rises with the spread of the corona virus and we worry. We are concerned about the impact of this disease on healthcare workers, vulnerable adults, the physically fragile and the livelihoods of people. Our world feels uncertain and it grows smaller, lonelier as we follow health protocols, practice social distancing, engage in self-isolation and exercise necessary quarantine measures. I also want to acknowledge that we all have things we are grieving, large and small, life-altering or inconvenient. It all feels uncertain and unsettling.

*Take a deep breath and pray.*

In these uncertain times, we can, at this moment, recognise how connected we are to one another - a body of many members. Do you recall the Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 12:26 when he says, "If one member suffers, we all suffer together..."? This realisation shapes our actions in ways that foster goodness and compassion to expand our caring networks. Another realisation is our faith community isn't found in a building but grounded in the love of God found in Jesus Christ. So, even though we can't gather in person, we will discover new ways to worship and minister together.

To that end, we held our first on-line service of worship on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. We can't worship together in person but we can worship in Spirit from our own homes. Information about future services will be placed on our website

([www.springfieldcambridge.org.uk](http://www.springfieldcambridge.org.uk)). You can expect a short service of worship with prayer, Scripture readings and a message. I look forward to worshipping with you, and yes, there may be some funny, perhaps awkward moments, as we learn how to worship in this new way. I hope we will be able to add music and additional elements to our online worship experience in the coming weeks. With the help of the Kirk Session, I hope to set up small caring groups. These groups will stay in phone contact to share words of care and encouragement and let me know about concerns or needs. We also are starting conversations about safe ways to deliver needed groceries or medicine to church members or neighbours.

The circumstances around this pandemic are ever evolving. We have not been through anything like this before. We will need your help along the way. Please - the way forward will take all of us.

Since I can't physically be with you on Sundays, in your home, nursing homes or hospitals. I will try and communicate with you more frequently through email messages, newsletters, our website and other social media platforms - keeping Springfield Cambridge's community connected.

Based on the current recommendations of the Church Offices at 121 George Street, Edinburgh, the Church building is closed. Again, we will endeavour to keep you informed as and when this embargo is lifted.

Worship Services are suspended until further notice. Limitations relating to Weddings and Funerals are now being applied.

Payment for all staff and steps for their health and safety will continue.

Our Church membership is encouraged to continue to support Springfield Cambridge with their giving and offerings by mail or ideally standing order.

So, please take a deep breath with me and pray and act as though you bear the love of Christ into the world for others — because you do.

*Rev Ian Taylor*



## **LOOKING BACK**



*Belated congratulations to Peter and Morag Dickson who celebrated their GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2020*



In September of last year, office-bearers and members of the congregation attended a series of three meetings with our Parish Grouping friends from Cadder and Kenmure Churches, led by Robbie Morrison, a Mission and Discipleship Facilitator. The purpose of these meetings was to look towards our common shared purposes and to create a vision for the future in Bishopbriggs given the Church of Scotland's desire for 'radical change.' The final Session on 21st. September had those present spread across eight tables. Following on from the previous weeks' exercise where people were asked to give their Church a 'score' on how well they felt they were doing on each of the five characteristics which mark a



healthy church, groups were then asked to identify steps for building up both the strongest and weakest characteristic. The results from the health check can be seen below.

*This is our Response:*

### **Group 1**

**Strongest Characteristic: Local**

**Action Points:**

1. Visit youth groups out with the Church
2. Visit groups that use the Church and other groups within the community

**Weaker Characteristic: Faith Sharing**

**Action Points:**

1. Very closely linked to the above, with great emphasis on faith
2. Promote our small Chapel for thought, reflection and quiet time, through advertising in local paper, Face book, etc.

### **Group 2**

**Strongest Characteristic: Local**

**Action Points:**

1. Encounters with people using the Church (building relationships)
2. Event – connecting with the community

**Weaker Characteristic: Faith Sharing/Discipleship**

**Action Points:**

1. Don't be afraid to say you go to Church!
2. Create opportunities for us to share faith stories with one another (What God is doing in our lives – will help us then share with others outside Church.)

It is our intention to pass the reports to our Parish Grouping Steering Group and a specific Sub-Committee to get them to look closely at the outcomes of our Future Focus Meetings and to have further discussions in how to bring the actions forward.

**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.*

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	Mrs Isabell Donaldson, Mavisbank Nursing Home
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	Mr John Hunter, Logan Drive, Cumbernauld
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	Mrs Eliza (Elsie) M. Ferguson, Fern Avenue
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	Mr Ernest M. Nash, Shiel Road
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	Mr William Minto, Balmuirdy Road
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February, 2020	Mrs Alexa M. Duff, Kentigern Terrace
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	Mrs Jane (Jean) M. Martin, Kenmure Avenue
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	Mrs Margaret King, Callieburn Court
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	Mr David Williams, Myrie Gardens

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Holy Week:** *Tentative plans have been drawn up as follows:-*



Palm Sunday	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Springfield Cambridge Church
Monday	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Cadder Church
Tuesday	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	St. Matthew's Church
Wednesday	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Woodhill Evangelical Church
Maundy Thursday	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	St. James the Less Church
Good Friday	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Walk of Witness from Kenmure Church @ 10:30 a.m.	
Good Friday	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Bishopbriggs Community Church
Easter Sunday	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Early morning service with Lennoxtown churches	

On **Easter Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2020** our 11am Service will include the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**



## HMP Low Moss



On **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**, we have been invited again to return to HMP Low Moss by Rev Martin Forrest to lead a Service at 9.30am. Further details to follow.

## Treasurer's Report

By the time this article goes to press the first quarter of 2020 will over! Income and Expenditure for the period January – March is tracking the budgeted figures for the year and we will shortly receive settlement of our Quarter 4 2019 General Fund Tax claim for £4,710 and our outstanding Fabric Fund Tax claim for £3,050.

The main items of expenditure in March were our Central payment to the Church of Scotland of £8,484, partial payment of £1,527 in respect of our Glasgow Presbytery dues for 2020 and our monthly salary payments to our staff totalling approximately £2,000.

*Jim Kerr, Treasurer*

## Shop on-line for Springfield Cambridge Church

### Did you know that whenever you buy anything online

- from your weekly shop to your annual holiday
- you could be collecting free donations for Springfield Cambridge Church?

**It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...**

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/springfieldcambridgechurch/> and join for free.

**Thank you for your support**





Last issue we heard from Clare Herbert, Chaplain at LHM. For this issue we hear from Christine Mackintosh, who would like

to thank all members of the congregation who purchased Christmas Cards and donated monies during 2019. A total of £932 was raised from the sale of Christmas Cards. Cash donated during the year was £635. In addition - £386 was given through the Retiral Collection after the service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. All of which greatly helps with the cost of providing meals and in the purchase of equipment for their educational services. Our church members support is very much appreciated and Christine also thanks those who assisted her throughout the year.



Update.,A message posted on the LHM Facebook page tells us, *“It is with deepest regret that we have to announce the temporary closure of our day centre and night shelter in a bid to help contain the spread of Corona virus. It was an extremely difficult decision to make but the well being of our service users, volunteers and staff is of paramount importance. We will be monitoring the situation closely and hope to re-open as soon as we can. **Please remember us in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.**”*

## The Guild



As I write this article we are about to go into a very strict “lockdown” against the Coronavirus where hygiene rules and very limited social contact may mean that we are unable to distribute the magazines! So, mindful of our theme, “One Journey, Many Roads” with this year’s element being “Companions on the Road” and the basis of our devotions. I am sure we will find ways of helping those less able than ourselves to travel the road we are now on. Telephone calls and e-mails will come into great use as human contact!

The rest of the Programme - two Meetings and the Outing - is, of course, cancelled. Although we may be able to organise an Outing in the Autumn. However, as the last meeting was the Hostess Tea, which was such a happy and enjoyable occasion, it was a good evening to finish our Session. Ellen Robertson, our Convener, and our wonderful Committee members created a bright and welcoming atmosphere which set the scene for a delightful evening of good company, a delicious supper, and a lovely musical entertainment provided by the Arietta Choir.



So, when we left each other on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of March it was with the sound of music in our ears, and a happy glow of fellowship in our hearts. Let's keep that spirit going, ladies!

Prior to that evening we spent a very informative meeting when Roberta Young talked to us about the RNLI. She is an excellent speaker and showed a film which showed the boiling waves and black lowering skies in which the volunteer crewmen so often effect their rescues. This is a very worthy cause which we were personally pleased to help.

The fortnight before that, when our speaker was Dr Nigel Lawrie, we were highly entertained by the stories he told about an imaginary dinner. He, of course, was the host, and he introduced us to the five people - not all living now - he would invite. I think we should try this ourselves. It would be fun.

The last picture I have is, of course, of Margaret Smith. We are all so glad her broken wrist is mended, certainly for Margaret's sake, but also selfishly for ourselves! She does a sterling job so faithfully to help us with our worship of praise. Thank you very much, Margaret.



The Convener and Membership of the Guild wish everyone a safe Summer with the hope that the autumn will see the Coronavirus leave our shores.

*Thank you* The family of the late Elsie Ferguson would like to thank all their friends and church family for all their condolences, cards and flowers; also, for the great comfort over the years from Rev Ian Taylor and also latterly from Rev Dr Sonia Blakesley. Their presence was a great comfort to us.

*Hazel, Muriel, Sheila & Stewart (Ferguson)*

Hazel and Norrie Wilson would like to take the chance to thank everyone at church, our very special friends, for cards and flowers during Hazel's time in hospital – and for the many visits from Ian and Sonia., Both were a great spiritual comfort.

*Hazel & Norrie Wilson*

## FUND RAISING COMMITTEE



### CANCELLATION OF QUIZ AND FISH SUPPER EVENING

In light of the current government advice on Coronavirus (Covid-19) and following review of the latest Church of Scotland Guidelines, after discussion with Rev Taylor, we have regrettably decided to postpone the Quiz and Fish Supper Night on 20 March 2020.

We would suggest that people just keep their tickets until a suitable alternative date can be arranged, whereupon, if people can't come on the new date, they can get a refund on their tickets. Of course, anyone who wishes their ticket money to be refunded just now can rightly do so, and we can make arrangements for this.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - "A TASTE OF SUMMER" - 30<sup>th</sup> MAY



The Fund Raising Group's next event will be an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Cameron Hall. Tickets for the Afternoon Tea are £8 for adults and £4 for children and will go on sale in the Hall of Fellowship in early May. We look forward to welcoming you to our afternoon tea where you will enjoy an

afternoon of fun and fellowship with your friends as well as delicious home baking, tea, coffee .... and perhaps a glass (or two) of Prosecco!



The Fund Raising Group held a Winter Bulb and Plant Sale in the Hall of Fellowship on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020. We are delighted to report that we raised the fantastic sum of £229 towards church funds.

We would like to thank all those who participated in the event, with special thanks to our Horticultural Expert, Mr Robert Ditty, who nurtured the plants for us. We are very grateful to Robert for the time and care he has given to this venture.



## Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus and Orchestra Christmas Concert December 2019

*“Good evening everyone*

I’ve just returned from our annual Presentation Dinner where a cheque for the magnificent total of **£33,218** was presented to Rachel Gedge from CHAS. This brings the grand total for the 18 concerts to **£369,690**.

I’m getting this email out as quickly as I can while everything is still fresh in my mind.

After a very nice meal, Steven Clark presented Alan with the proceeds of our brown envelope collection and Alan spoke very eloquently about the history of the SCFC Christmas Concerts and the choice of CHAS as the charity we support.

He expressed his thanks to all for making the 2019 concert so successful and mentioned the “Hallelujah Chorus” in particular. Yes, there were some wrong notes and we were occasionally ahead of the beat, but our performance made the hairs on the back of his neck tingle.

He also advised of his plans for us for 2020.

Our 2020 Christmas Concert will be on **Monday 21 December** in the Royal Concert Hall.

He has entered us into a new Choir Festival, showcasing Glasgow choirs, which is to be held on the afternoon of **Saturday 16 May**, probably in Queens Park Arena, in the Bandstand. It is hoped that this will become an annual international celebration of choirs. Apparently, we will be the headline act at the top of the bill. It is likely that SCFC will also present a concert by ourselves in the evening of the same day.

It was originally intended that rehearsals for this event would start in March – however, with the prevailing Corona virus situation, further details will now follow in due course.

As many of you will know Alan and Anna are being married this year and he has humbly asked us if we will sing at the ceremony, which is being held in the Barony Hall on **Friday 24 July**. Further details re this will also follow in due course.



After a short interval, the social part of the evening began and we were entertained by our host for the evening, Ron Williamson, the Box Office Ladies, Steven Clark, Chris Mills, Sam Lapping, Maggie Milton, Brian Jilks and Euan Russell. We were also treated to a display of Alan's skills as an accompanist.

Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening.

Kind regards *Sheila*  
*Sheila Dunbar, Secretary*



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# Flower Calendar

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Thank you again to all faithful donors who keep this ministry alive.  
Through it we bring pleasure and encouragement to many.  
God bless and keep you well

*Anne Harvey* (on behalf of the Flower Committee)

