



CERES, KEMBACK & SPRINGFIELD CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Minister's Message

In Sean O'Casey's play, "Juno and the Paycock" one of the characters wryly comments, "The whole world is in a state of chassiz!" (chaos) Well, as I write, those words might seem a sad but true commentary on our world – Brexit, (is this going to become the new word for chaos?) rising knife crime, terrorist attacks, rejection of the stranger along with the world-wide building of walls, whether literal or metaphorical... Apart from the man-made mess, we have seen natural disaster bringing chaos to the poorest of the poor...

AND YET – we believe in the Easter Gospel – the Gospel that speaks of the screaming and hateful chaos of Friday giving way to the new morning of Easter... Because we believe in the Resurrection of Christ, we believe in resurrection – even, and especially, in places where it seems impossible.

Amidst the mess of the world, man-made or otherwise, "God's Resurrection People" are at work –through organisations like Mary's Meals, Blythswood, Christian Aid, Tearfund - and in churches across the world, including CKS. (I hope that our new Springfield Community Church will be very much a symbol of resurrection in our midst!).

As God's agents, as Easter people, we are to share in God's work of resurrection – of healing of reconciliation, of re-making – right where we are. There is chaos, mess, brokenness all around us – but the God of Easter brings new life into being – through ordinary and very flawed people like us! Where in church, family or community is God calling you to be an agent of resurrection? American theologian Walter Breuggemann suggests that we turn Easter from a noun into a verb: "Easter us, Lord...!".

That's a fine and Biblical prayer, for church, for family, community and world. Easter us Lord!

Have a blessed Easter.
Jim Campbell

Springfield Church Refurbishment – we're nearly there

There has been much talk, planning, seeking all sorts of approvals to allow the refurbishment of Springfield Church to take place. The building work is drawing to an end; new gas-fired central heating has been installed, furniture ordered, and the audio-visual system is in place. Springfield Church has always been a wonderful bright space but with the completion of the work there is a lovely open space capable of being configured for worship, concerts, children's sessions and so much more. The Springfield Community Church now has lovely toilets, a super galley kitchen and on a bright day it just lifts your spirits to be in this bright, warm, friendly space.

Not only has the inside of the church been refurbished but the roof and other externals have been given a good check-out and repairs carried out where appropriate.



The photo, which was taken a few weeks ago, shows the construction of the new galley kitchen.

The process is underway to recruit a Church/Hall Manager to manage the building and to encourage community use of the space. It is hoped that all will be in place in May, and a series of events will be held to celebrate the re-opening of the building.

All that remains is for people both from the Church and the community to come along and see the refurbished space and enjoy it and use it.

Sarah Wood

CKS Youth Group

The Youth Group meets every Friday in term time, from 7.00 – 9.00pm in Ceres Session House. There is a change this session in that the older members meet every other Friday, giving time for a new younger group to come along on the other Fridays to get used to the Club.

The table tennis continues to be popular as do the toasties/pancakes etc, and this session we have some new board games. The Club is also attached to Youth 1st and benefits from visits from their specialist leaders.

As always we would welcome more Volunteer Leaders to work alongside our Youth Leader, Eugene Adams. For more information on becoming a Volunteer Leader do get in touch so that we can meet you and discuss the commitment – also PVG procedures, of course, need to be completed.

Anne Hughes Hallett

Monday Soup Lunches

Since October, we have been serving our popular Soup Lunches in the Village Café, thanks to the Café Management Committee. We have been pleased to welcome our regulars as well as visitors to the village. Soup lunches continue with the exception of Easter Monday. We have raised a considerable amount for Church Funds but, in addition, are supporting the Village Café by donating a monthly ‘rent’.

Unfortunately we have lost quite a number of helpers and soup-makers – all for very good reasons. We need more assistance and if you could give a few hours once a term or agree to make a pot of soup occasionally we would be very grateful. Otherwise we are faced with the possibility of discontinuing our Soup Lunches. This would be very regrettable as we have been going successfully since 2011 and serve a need in the village on Mondays.

Please contact either of us,

Trish Duff and Anne Hoggan

News from Cupar Food Bank

Fiona Findlay, the Foodbank Manager since it was set up, has moved on to pastures new and has been replaced by Joe Preece. Until very recently, Joe was in charge of the Cupar TA Centre, having been in the Army for many years. We wish Joe well in his new role.

Since 1st April 2018, 833 adults and 325 children have been supported by the Foodbank. At Christmas time, approximately 150 hampers were also dispatched to needy families.

Referrals continue to be made by Citizens Advice Cupar (144), Homes for Good Cupar (134) and Fife Voluntary Action (69). One of the main reasons for people approaching the Foodbank for support is changes to the Benefit System, in particular the introduction of Universal Credit, which can result in delays of up to 5 weeks before money is made available to the beneficiary. This obviously puts considerable strain on the financial resources of people in need.

The Foodbank continues to be well supported by local individuals as well as Schools and Churches in the area. In addition, there are collection points at Tesco Cupar (well supported on a weekly basis by shoppers), Tesco St Andrews, the Co-op, local banks, SNP Office and other collection points within the town. The Foodbank is generally well stocked with food supplies at the moment but with a steady demand the basics such as drinking chocolate, tinned fruit and meat, puddings, juices, sugar and, strangely, men's toiletries are regularly in short supply.

Bill Nicol

Dundee Refugee Support

We are now supporting Dundee Refugee Support which is an organisation within the 'Dundee the Caring City' project. We will be taking donations through to Dundee on the first Wednesday of each month.

At the moment, essential supplies are being collected for a huge camp in Serbia. We can take donations of clothing, camping equipment, bedding, mobility aids and much more. Please check the notice boards for details. Because Dundee Refugee Support works in conjunction with several other projects, nothing is wasted. If an item is unsuitable for refugees then it could be given to one of several groups using the collection centre. These include groups working with homeless people, a recovery music group, Play on Wheels, Starter Packs and an upholstery upcycling group.

If you would like to volunteer please get in touch. There is always plenty to do. Please contact Myra Todd 01334 828284 or Elspeth Salter 01334 828624 for further information or to arrange for collection. Thank you.

Myra Todd and Elspeth Salter

Used Stamps

Many thanks to all who have dropped used stamps into the box at Ceres Church. A bundle was recently delivered to CrossReach.

Books

The books in Ceres Church continue to add a little each month to CKS Church Funds. Many thanks to both contributors and buyers.

Kemback Hall

Bowls and Blether: Weekly on Fridays, 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

Keep Fit: Weekly on Thursday evenings, 7:15pm to 8:15pm.

CKS Guild: Last Monday of the month, 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Check your cheques please!

Over the years, our rather lengthy Church name has, for ease and simplicity, become shortened to CKS Parish Church for general usage. Unfortunately, the banks aren't as keen on simplicity and have informed us that all cheques must be made out using the full Church title or they will be rejected.

So, if you are writing a cheque to the Church, please make it out to: "**Ceres, Kemback and Springfield Church**". Many thanks for your help.

Anne Lumsden and Fiona Gray

Bereavements

8 th November 2018:	Graeme Anderson (Our senior elder)
28 th November 2018:	Mildred Wheeler
10 th December 2018:	Harriet (Hetty) Mackay
31 st December 2018:	Elizabeth (Betty) Auckland
12 th February 2019:	Janet (Jenny) King
26 th February 2019:	Norman Robertson
4 th March 2019:	John (Jack) Kirkaldy
15 th March 2019:	Indie Hope Bain

CKS Church Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 25th May 2019
10:00am to 12 noon



at Ceres Church car park and in the Church Session Hall.
Plants, teas and stalls.



Donations of plants and home baking very welcome.

What's on through the Week

Soup Lunch	12 noon – 1:30pm	Every Monday, Village Café, Main St, Ceres.
CKS Guild	12 noon – 1:00pm, followed by soup	Last Monday of the month, Kemback Hall.
House Group	10:00am – 11:00am	Every Tuesday, Ella's house, Main St, Ceres.
Prayer Group	10:30am – 11:30am	Every Wednesday, Kemback Church.
Sanctuary	12 noon – 1:00pm, followed by soup 6:30pm – 7:30pm, followed by tea & coffee	Last Wednesday of each month, Ceres Church.
Drop-in Café	10:30am – 12 noon	Every Wednesday, Springfield Church.
Youth Group	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Every Friday, Ceres Session House.
Messy Church	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Third Sunday of the month, Springfield Church.

Schedule of Sunday Services 2019

The schedule of Sunday Church services can be found on our website at:

<http://www.ckschurch.org/SERVICES.html>

Easter Services

Sunday 14 April Palm Sunday	8:30am for 9:00am	The Gathering, Ceres Church.
	11:00am	Springfield Church (including ordination of Margaret Matthews as an Elder).
Thursday 18 April Maundy Thursday	6:30pm	Maundy Communion, Springfield Church Hall, around the table.
Friday 19 April Good Friday	12 noon – 3:00pm	Reflections, Kemback Church: “The Things He Carried: A Journey to the Cross”. Music, readings and silence.
	6:30pm	Good Friday evening reflections, Ceres Church.
Sunday 21 April Easter Sunday	8:00am	Easter worship on Hill of Tarvit.
	10:00am	The Gathering, Ceres Church (coffee and hot cross buns).
	11:30am	Easter Sunday worship, Kemback Church.
	3:00pm	Easter Egg hunt at the Manse. (Please avoid parking in Gladney unless you have mobility issues. There is disabled parking in the Manse grounds.)