

SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE CHURCH

St Kentigern (Mungo) (520-612) brought Christianity to Glasgow. Glasgow Cathedral was consecrated in 1136. The Cathedral established a daughter Church at Cadder which became Protestant following the Reformation in 1560.

In 1843 the Disruption took place when a significant number of ministers and congregations left the Church of Scotland to form the Free Church. Some Cadder members left and met for a while at a Free Church congregation in a barn at Bearyards farm, Bishopbriggs, where the water tower now stands.

In 1859 a Glasgow Church set up a mission in an Auchinairn hall, where a doctors' surgery now stands. In 1863 the congregation thus formed decided to build a Church of their own, in Springfield Road, Bishopbriggs, on a site procured through the



good offices of a member, James Cleland. The Church was granted full Church status in 1865. The Church was known as Cadder Free Church.

In 1900, union took place between the Free Church and the United Presbyterian Church. The Church in Springfield Road became Springfield United Free Church. Some members did not approve. They continued to be Free Church members and formed a congregation. They built a Church at the foot of Auchinairn Road.

Union between the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church took place in 1929. The Church in Springfield Road became Springfield Church of Scotland. Worship and witness continued. In 1948 the Cameron hall replaced the older hall. The population of Bishopbriggs was greatly increasing. Many more adults and young people were attending Church and youth organisations so the Henry French Halls were built in 1965. In 1968 the union of Cambridge Street Church and Springfield Church created what is now Springfield Cambridge Church.

The foundation stone for the new Church was laid in 1971, thanks to funds from Cambridge Street Church, and in 1972 the congregation began to worship in the new sanctuary.

Cadder Church



Water Tower



Free Church



Springfield Cambridge Church

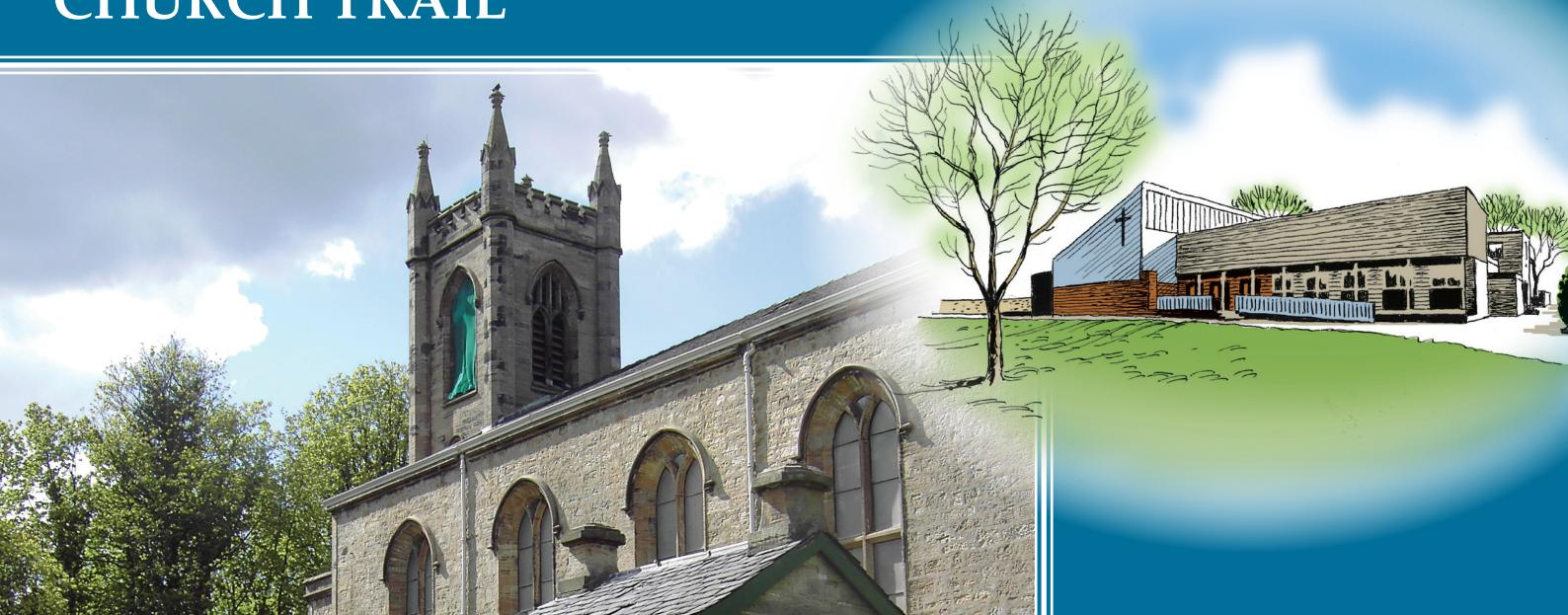


Springfield Hall



Doctors' Surgery

THE SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE CHURCH TRAIL



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Start at Cadder Church, cross the canal and continue up Cadder Road then turn right, into Kirkintilloch Road. Continue until almost at Bishopbriggs town centre. Pass Cadder South Hall, cross over into South Crosshill Road at the traffic lights, then left into Bocclair Road and continue up the hill to the Water Tower. It stands on the site of Bearyards farm where the Free Church congregation first met. It is also the site of a public hanging.

Retrace your steps to the traffic lights. Don't cross Kirkintilloch Road but turn left and follow the path down past the library which was once a school. There are several interesting artefacts in the yard and a memorial commemorating a pit disaster.

Continue past St. Matthew's Church. At this point you cross the Callie burn (Bishopbriggs Burn). Bishopbriggs takes its name from the bridge which a Bishop of Glasgow had built across the burn.

Continue to Bishopbriggs Cross and proceed up Crowhill Road. Small crosses on the right hand side of the railway bridge indicate the spot where a policeman was murdered by a poacher.

Just past the top of Crowhill Road there is a monument to Thomas Muir, on the right. Continue to the foot of the road and turn right into Auchinairn Road to visit the Free Church.

Retrace your steps and continue up the left hand side of Auchinairn Road, past Clelland Avenue, then observe the doctors surgery where the mission hall once stood.

Turn left into Beech Road. Down Beech Road, left into Callieburn Road, past Kentigern Terrace. Turn right at Springfield Road. Turn left down the lane, passing the original Church, Cameron Hall and Henry French Halls. Turn right at the car park and walk along to enter into Springfield Cambridge Church.

Springfield Cambridge Church is open between 10am and 12 noon each weekday morning.

Worship takes place each Sunday at 11am and on a Wednesday morning in the Cambridge Chapel at 11.10am

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