



# THE ORCHARDHILL RECORD



**Huntly Hound** had another very successful week this year in August, with 141 children registered and more than 20 team leaders. The theme was “Light the Flame with Huntly”: the stories were Moses and the burning bush, David and Goliath, Moses crossing the Red Sea, Jesus healing the blind man, and Samson.

The children took part in games, crafts and stories. They won points for their teams by bringing friends, wearing team colours, playing the games, answering questions about the stories and lots more. We had “Huntly’s Got Talent”, where the teams all performed the story of Moses crossing the Red Sea and received more points. We also had the usual banner, mascot, and colouring competitions. The Orange team were the overall winners.

Huntly Hound came every day, and we had a special visit from Harvey Heart (from the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice) on Monday and Friday. Thanks to everyone who donated to the Hospice.

We were in the Memorial Halls all week as work was unfortunately being carried out on the pavilion at Huntly Park, but we still managed to have a fantastic week. A big thank you to all who came along and helped and gave their support to make the week a success.

- More photos on pages 2 and 3



# Huntly Hound







## LIFE AND WORK **Healing Relationships**

The Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev Albert Bogle, writes in this month's edition of Life and Work about the importance of healing relationships.

Other features in the Church of Scotland magazine include:

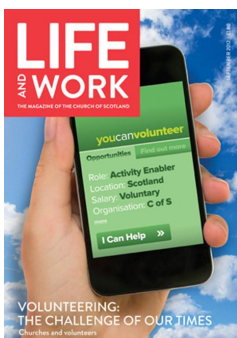
**Believing in People:** John Lee, Policy and Public Affairs Advisor at Volunteer Development Scotland, offers his perspective on working with

volunteers.

**Friends of Paul:** A new series reflects on a small number of men encountered by Paul but mentioned only once in the New Testament.

**Love Never Fails:** The work of Helen Zhao, Deputy Director of the Amity Foundation in China.

**The People's Poet:** The work of Scottish Christian poet, El Gruer.



# A Positive Attitude Can Build A Congregation

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Did you know that having a positive attitude not only affects you but also those you are with? Sadly the reverse also is true. As we begin the new session at Orchardhill I want to challenge us all to be more positive about what each of us can bring in service of God's Kingdom.

Think about it: if we all have a positive attitude you feel good about yourself and the future of your church. Our self-esteem and self-confidence will become infectious. I am not suggesting that we are false in our positive attitude, but I am saying that there is a lot to be positive about. Look at Summer Mission week with the young people or the testimony of those who went to Tuni in India on the mission trip or just look at our new Thinking Allowed series. These are only the tip of iceberg.

If you are positive and focused on the good things at Orchardhill, your attitude will attract other people. People are drawn to a happy congregation made up of positive people. These happy, positive people tend to have more friends and their congregations tend to be healthier. Think of those words of the chorus that says: "They will know that you are Christians by your love."

Think about it. Would you rather spend time or hang around a church comprising people who are always negative? Or would you prefer to hang around a church that is happy and positive?

I know which one I prefer. Give

thanks for the child that laughs or cries when we are gathered in prayer. Give thanks for our Church Officer, Isabella: don't take her for granted. Give thanks for those who are leading us in praise, even if it is not always to your taste. Give thanks for the Choir, SoundWaves and CrossWords. Give thanks for Stepping Stones, Bridges, Fusion and YF. Give thanks for the Orchard Café. Give thanks for all the uniformed organisations. Give thanks for the Guild. This is not meant to be a comprehensive list: so I suggest you continue. Sometimes we can take things and, more importantly, each other for granted. Maybe a word of encouragement is needed.

On the other hand, when you spend time with people who are negative or always complaining, it will leave you feeling sad, depressed, and emotionally drained.

For instance, I had a friend who was always negative and complaining. There was always something wrong or someone was mean to her child or treated her child poorly. It was always the "poor me" syndrome. No matter what, it seemed to her that everyone was being unfair or mistreating her or her family. After listening to the same things over and over again, not only was I tired of listening to it, I felt emotionally drained. Every time I spent time with her, I felt sad, depressed, tired, and emotionally drained.

Believe it or not, a church is no different.

I know what I want for Orchardhill. Let's move forward with an infectious outlook to the future and appreciate each other more.

God Bless,

**Chris**



## Christian Aid



The local group of Giffnock churches raised £6284 for Christian Aid in the past year, which will contribute to alleviate problems all over the world. To illustrate a few – combating malaria in Zambia; justice in India; HIV orphans in Africa; helping the poorest and most vulnerable with water and sanitation in Iraq; and 19 million people in need of food aid in West Africa.

Most of the funds that we raised were by door-to-door collection (over

£5500). So this is a vital part of our effort to provide help to those in dire need.

Orchardhill collectors raised over £2000, and our thanks to them all. Some of the churches in the Giffnock group are finding it more difficult to do door-to-door collecting because of the age group of the congregation. So we are blessed that we have people willing and able to give their time and efforts to Christian Aid.



All sections of the 86<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Company of the Boys' Brigade have begun the new session. A lot of thought has gone into preparing a challenging and varied programme based on the fairly new award scheme. This year we hope to increase our numbers, and we invite any boy who might be interested to come along and join in the fun.

**The Anchor Boys** are for those in Primary 1, 2 or 3. They meet on Friday evenings in the Memorial Halls (a temporary move) from 6.30 to 7.30. Their programme includes crafts, games, competitions, and lots of fun.

**The Junior section** (boys in Primary 4, 5 or 6) also meet in the Memorial Halls on Friday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30. Their programme is a five-sided mixture of Body, Mind, Community,

Creativity, and Spiritual along with games and fun.

**The Company Section** (boys in Primary 7 or at Secondary School) meet on Friday evening from 7.30 to 9.30. Again we have a wide variety of programmes which should prove interesting and challenging for any boy. This year we have eight boys working towards their Queen's Badge Award, the highest award in the Brigade.

As most of you are probably aware, our Captain, Stephen Bennett, is recovering from illness, and we do not expect him to be fully fit until the end of the year. The Company would be very pleased to hear from anyone who could assist with a class or just being another pair of eyes on a Friday evening. Please contact Margaret Howard (Lt) (571 7854) or Neil Hutchison (Lt) (633 5172).





## Orchardhill Junior Badminton Club



The Orchardhill Junior Badminton Club season has started, meeting in the Memorial Halls every Saturday from 10am until noon. All standards of play are catered for, and any boy or girl aged between 10 and 15 is welcome to join. The name of any child younger than 10 can be added to the waiting list by telephoning Anne Barr (638 1216).

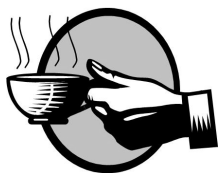
As well as regular Saturday mornings we hold a variety of events throughout the year: coaching, visit to a sports centre, senior/junior mornings, crazy tournament, the Tricia Murray mixed doubles competition, friendly matches against other clubs, and a singles competition, and we finish the year with the local churches' Thornlee Tournament.

The boys' club singles was won by

Andrew Hood and the girls' event by Ruth Fletcher. The runners-up were Callum MacLeod and Julie Lynch. In the top photograph on page 7 are (left to right) Andrew Hood, Ruth Fletcher, Andrew Aithie (winner of the Mary Russell Rosebowl), Julie Lynch and Callum MacLeod.

The other photo on page 7 shows participants in the 2012 Tricia Murray Mixed Doubles Tournament. It was a great morning with lots of good games and close matches. Bob and Lila Murray (left back row) presented the trophies, and Will Taylor (right back row), a founding member of the Junior Club, also came to watch. The winners were Andrew Hood and Rachel Hogarth, and the runners-up were Andrew Aithie and Ruth Flockhart.

## Orchard Café

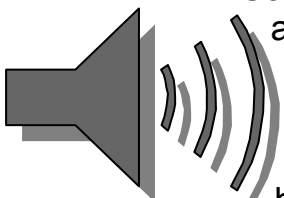


Sheila Oxburgh and the team are looking forward to welcoming old and new customers to the Orchard Café. We meet in the Session and Fellowship Rooms from 10am – till 1pm on Tuesdays and noon on Thursdays.

Tuesday is soup day: so if you fancy a bowl of homemade soup and crusty

bread then this is where you need to be! All the scones, cakes and biscuits are made within the congregation, and we appreciate very much the commitment of these bakers. Because of their generosity and the donations from customers we were able to send over £3000 to needy charities last session.

## SoundWaves



SoundWaves' new session has begun and will continue in the church hall from 6.15 to 7.45 every Tuesday evening.

In the lead up to Christmas we will be introducing new starts to the basics and working on developing the older children. We look forward to

seeing all the children back at SoundWaves, and we will keep you updated on the programme of events.

If anyone has questions please call Alexis Wallace, SoundWaves secretary (585 7986) or Fergus Cook, SoundWaves' elder (644 1354).



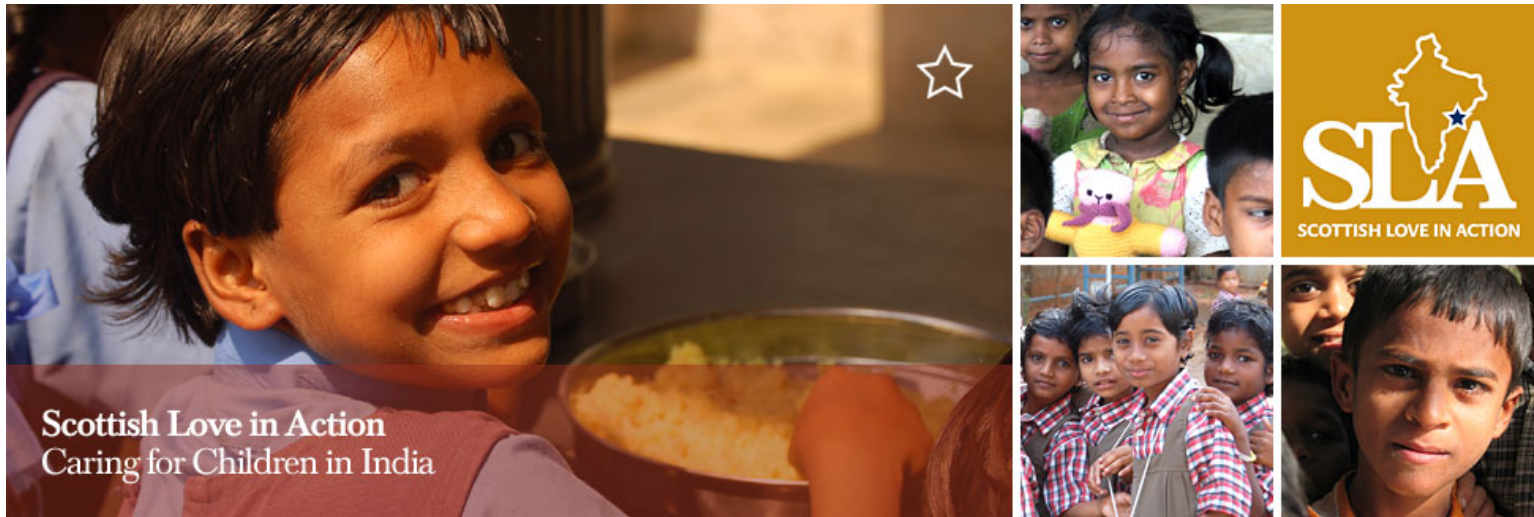






*All smiles at Scottish Love in Action's Light of Love Home in Tuni – older girls from the home currently going to college (top photo) and younger pupils.*





Scottish Love in Action  
Caring for Children in India

## Indian Mission Trip

For a fortnight during the summer, Callum, Alison and Isla Hunter, Andrea and Megan Caldwell, Morag and Craig Osborne, Roseanne Henderson, and Katrina Moir were lucky enough to experience the joy of Scottish Love in Action's Light of Love Home in Tuni, India. What we found there was truly inspiring. Children with nothing giving everything; children of nothing becoming everything. These children work hard and play hard, they love each other like one big family, and they let the light of Jesus shine through in their smiles.

During our time there we worked through a basic computer-skills course and watched as the children embraced the new technology and strived for success. We were also fortunate enough to take three classes for two days each. This allowed us to spend more one-on-one time with the children as we played games, learned about the Solar System, the Bay of Bengal and the jungle, and tackled craft projects. This

also allowed us time to paint three murals in the classrooms, focusing on the areas we were studying.

Our time in India was precious, as is each and every one of the children there. The love they have to give is amazing, and to receive that love means more than words can explain. Those children will remain in our thoughts and prayers for a long time to come.

Without the support of the congregation, our friends and our families, none of this would have been possible. Thank you to everyone who helped us. Please know that your generous donations were the last piece in a jigsaw of funding for the computer lab and adjoining classroom block. The teachers and students were equally impressed, and for the children especially, the IT skills they will develop will help them enormously in the future. All of you made that possible.

For anyone interested in hearing more about the trip or SLA in general, please do not hesitate to ask one of the team: we're all keen to talk.

**Katrina Moir**





# THINKING ALLOWED

**Thursday 25 October 2012: 7.30 for 8pm**

**VENUE: ORCHARDHILL**

**Speaker: Professor Charles W. Munn**

**Lecture: "A Right Relationship with Money - are you in it?"**



Tax havens, living standards, the widening gap between rich and poor, interest rates and credit unions all call us to a right relationship with money and ensuring that this good economic practice is embedded in social relationships. There is a danger of following the markets and the need to control the "invisible hand" of the markets lest the vulnerable and poor will always be at the end of the line.

Professor Charles W Munn was chairman of the Church of Scotland Special Commission on the Purposes of Economic Activity 2010-2012. The report outlines four priorities for government, society and the church that should be at the heart of economic considerations:

- Reducing inequality
- Ensuring sustainability
- Promoting mutuality
- Ending global poverty

Charles Munn also writes business history and recently completed a history of the Airdrie Savings Bank. He is currently writing a history of the Alliance Trust PLC. He is a lay member of the board of the Chartered Insurance Institute and of the European Financial Planning Association. He serves as a public interest member of the Investigations Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

From 1988 to 2007 he was chief executive of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland and served for a time as president of the European Bank Training Network. Before that he was a university lecturer for 13 years and a bank clerk in Glasgow for three years.

He has served as a member of the board of the Scottish Qualifications Authority and of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. He was also chairman of the board of the Call Centre Association. He is an honorary professor at the Universities of Glasgow, Stirling and Dundee where he gives occasional lectures on business ethics.

He is an elder in Dalgety Parish Church in Fife and was a member of the Kirk's Special Commission on Ethics in Investment and Banking 1986-88.

A glass of wine or soft drink will be served before the lecture from 7.30pm.

## Harvest Thanksgiving



It certainly seems to come round more quickly every year, but we are already looking towards Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 7 October. Orchardhill has given tremendous support to both Lodging House Mission and City Mission in the past, and our contributions will be divided between them once again this year. The items particularly sought are:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Juice
- Breakfast cereal
- Sugar

- Biscuits
- Canned goods (meat, vegetables, soup or fruit drinks)
- Dry soup mixes (broth mix, lentils etc)

The congregation may be interested to know that John Hamilton, the project leader at LHM for a number of years, left at the end of June to take up another post. Interim arrangements for running LHM are in place, and the Mission Board are now moving to appoint a successor to ensure that the very valuable work of LHM continues and that its impact is not diminished in any way.

**Archie Hunter**

## Church Flowers



Several folk have asked recently about donating money towards the flowers which are in the church every Sunday. After worship the flowers are sent out to people in our congregation whom we wish to remember for a variety of reasons, whether happy or sad, and to whom, as a congregation, we want to send our love.

We would like to give everyone the chance to donate all or part of the cost of the flowers each week to perhaps remember or celebrate a special date in their lives. There is a new

Flower Calendar on the table in the church beside the door to the left of the chancel. Put your name and phone number or, if you prefer, just write "Anon" against the date of your choice and your donation in the wooden box. The flowers cost about £25 each week.

If you don't want to pick a special Sunday, please put a donation in the box at any time as this a lovely way to help the church financially.

It is not always possible to buy specific flowers at every time of the year, but if you have a special request or a definite "no-no", please contact Joyce Winning, the flower convenor (571 7617).



# Orchardhill Diary



## September

Sun	2	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Chris Vermeulen
Sun	9	10.30am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Rev Chris Vermeulen
Sun	16	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Chris Vermeulen
Tue	18	7.30pm	Congregational Board followed by Kirk Session in Church Hall	
Sun	23	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Chris Vermeulen
Sun	30	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Chris Vermeulen

## October

Tues	2	7.45pm	Ministry Task Group in the Lounge	
Sun	7	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Rev Chris Vermeulen
Sun	14	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Chris Vermeulen

## September

## Welcome Rota

2	Bill McMurtrie 571 2512; Valerie Clark 638 6148; David Evans 571 7846; Rachel Bell 639 8193
9	Ian Anderson 638 0689; Allan Rennie 882 9703; David Evans; Steve McAslan 589 4289
16	Ian Anderson; Allan Rennie; Ann Pope 616 4809; Steve McAslan
23	Ian Anderson; Jim Kerr 638 2747; Ann Pope; Peter Worthington 638 4316
30	Ian Anderson; Jim Kerr; Susan McQuilter 638 6936; Peter Worthington

## October

7	Alastair Borland 638 0958; Gordon Thomson 571 7153; Susan McQuilter; Maureen Park 638 0273
14	Alastair Borland; Gordon Thomson; Pauline Young 562 9906; Evelyn McMurtrie 571 2512
21	Alex Mall 585 7169; Fiona Cameron 571 7656; Neil Mackenzie 638 0591; Evelyn McMurtrie
28	Alex Mall; Fiona Cameron; Neil Mackenzie; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375

# COMMUNION ROLL

## Disjunctions

Mr W Peter Watson and Mrs Isobel Watson, 11 Rowand Drive, Giffnock (district 47)

## Death

On 28 July 2012 Mrs May Anwyl-Jones, Eastwood Court, Eastwoodmains Road (district 20)

# CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

## Baptism

On Sunday 5 August 2012 Rory James Weir McGibbon, son of Craig and Joanne McGibbon, 3 Knowes Road, Newton Mearns

## Marriage

On 9 June 2012 Fiona McLaws, 14 Glenville Avenue, Giffnock, to Karl Bell

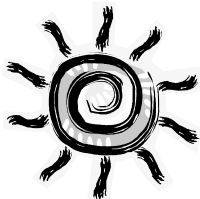
## Changes of Address

Mrs Betty Fulton from 19 Park Road, Giffnock G46 7PG (district 47) to Room 13, Burnfield Care Home, 32 Burnfield Road, Giffnock G46 7PZ (district 47)

Miss A B (Nan) Gardner from Flat 19, 1 Waterford Road, Giffnock G46 7PJ (district 29) to Room 14, Burnfield Care Home, 32 Burnfield Road, Giffnock G46 7PZ (district 30)



## Sunshine Bags



I hope you have been having a good summer despite our rather dismal weather, meeting up with old friends from far and wide, visiting places of interest at home and abroad. We have had a lot to give thanks for, the travel of the Olympic Torch throughout the land, the Olympics themselves with the higher than expected medal count, and the wonderful contribution to the smooth running of the Games by the huge number of volunteers. All of these are

reasons to put some money in your Sunshine Bag. As the bags will not be collect until October you have one more month to top up your bag. As in previous years, all the money raised will go to Scottish Love in Action to help support the work being done in two homes-cum-schools, with nearly 600 children, mainly Dalits (the Untouchables) and the majority orphans in Andhra Pradesh in India.

**Jeanette Birnie**

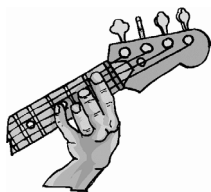
## David Reid Memorial Trophy



Andy Gall, last year's winner, has arranged an excellent deal for the David Reid Memorial Trophy golf outing at Glencorse Golf Club in Midlothian for Saturday 29 September. Tea/coffee and bacon

rolls plus golf and high tea will cost just £40. We plan to leave around 8.45am from the Orchardhill car park for what we hope will be a wonderful day. Please contact Andy (237 7208) or Ian Cartlidge (571 7839).

## Classical Guitar Concert



A fund-raising concert in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and Orchardhill Church will be held in Orchardhill on Saturday 27 October at 7.30pm. The varied programme,

including solo, duo and quartet guitar music from around the world, will be performed by Harry Taylor and friends. Note the date in your diary, please: more details in October.

## Orchardhill Record – October Deadline

Contributions for the October edition of the *Orchardhill Record* should be in the editorial team's hands no later than **Sunday 23 September**. Contributions should be either sent by email to [record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk) before 1.00pm that day or left in the relevant slot in the rack in the church corridor no later than 10.30am.

We prefer contributions to be sent by email, and we cannot accept any handwritten or typed item that does not identify the source.

Please submit all contributions as soon as possible. Do not wait until the deadline date.

The editor acknowledges every contribution: so please contact him before the deadline if he does not advise that he has received your contribution.



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Aim to inspire young people and old alike to reconsider or consider for the first time the relevance of a lifestyle that includes a faith in Jesus

Does that inspire you? Chips' aim over 28 years and longer, if you add what existed in Orchardhill before the first summer mission in 1984, is to consider the relevance of a lifestyle with faith in Jesus. This year our theme was linked to the Olympics, and while athletes were achieving new world records the organisers and government were hoping for a legacy of a fitter generation actively taking up sport and, depending upon whom you listen to, it seems to work.

Chips aimed to inspire with a variety of speakers – Dr Gary McFarlane OBE and Jean Couper (both former Orchardhill members), Alan Cameron (Emma Cameron Foundation, Stepping Stones' charity), and Rev Catherine Beattie, the Giffnock South minister. The speakers were taking us through what it means to consider whether to compete, race, win, persevere and be sporting as a Christian.

As for meeting our aims, I think we did, but it will depend on how you measure success. The numbers at Chips were slightly down this year. (Some may have chosen to go to London instead!) The average attendance remained 30/40 plus.

As for measuring whether relevance existed, that is trickier. Some things have remained the same over the years, and the consistency of support demonstrates that people both young and old get a boost from coming to Chips. Sadly the stage remains poorly decorated despite our boldest efforts and this year we even had lights supplied from our former assistant minister, Rev Gray Fletcher, who incidentally has taken holidays each year to participate at Huntly and Chips, morning and evening. Jennifer Evans painted and designed our banners with Olympic Rings, which demonstrates only one aspect of talent that exists in our young people.

It is worth taking breath at just what happened this week – at the enthusiasm of young people, at the speakers who often at some personal cost took time to explore the relevance of faith and were willing to share their own views.

Is there a relevance of a lifestyle that includes a faith in Jesus? Chips may not have the answers but it's a question that inspires hope. Chips means Christ Has Incredible Powers. It is testament to that statement that Chips exists today.

**Patrick Byrne**



# Chips Cafe

# BBQ



September 2012

