



# THE ORCHARDHILL RECORD

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## Simply say "Thank You"

October means Harvest, and that means Thanksgiving time. During this month I will have taken our Harvest service with our harvest gifts split between Glasgow City Mission and the Lodging House Mission. This followed a week later with a visit to the P7s of Giffnock Primary School to talk about inclusion and the Harvest. The children will be taking the leading part in the school's Harvest service at Orchardhill on 11 October. This time the Harvest gifts will go to Glasgow City Mission.

Here is a beautiful description of this rich time of the year: "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are filled with flocks and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing." (Ps 65:11-13) What a beautiful picture of harvest, of blessing as the year begins to draw to a close!

The Psalms have a lot to say about Harvest and Thanksgiving. "May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us." (Ps 67:5-6)

You may not be in farming, but you will have 'sown' things this

year: you may be growing certain relationships or work projects. Now is the time to review them: if they are doing well, thank God for them. If they are doing badly, pray for them, and do something positive about it. Our last Congregational Board meeting was one in which we took stock of our property as well as our finances. We believe that we are making real progress in building relationships with our community and those who use our buildings, but for us to fully accomplish our vision for Orchardhill we need to ensure that our buildings are well maintained and we have the finances to resource our work. That means it is up to each member to review their giving. We are looking at a deficit for this year of £32,000, which translates to roughly an extra £3.00 per member per week. Some who can should give more to compensate for those who cannot afford anymore.

As we have said at the annual stated meeting, the Responsibility is Ours.

"Praise our God, O peoples," cries the Psalmist with joy. "He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping ... you brought us to a place of abundance." (Ps 66:8,9,12) If there is any 'abundance' in your life, have you thanked God for it?

God Bless,

**Chris**

## From Near and Far



2012 is getting older and so are we, but, as a country, we've had much to excite and warm our national heart, with the brave Thames Pageant and the thrills of the Olympic Games. Now we are almost into winter and, like other groups in Orchardhill life, are ready to enjoy and learn from our 2012-2013 syllabus.

We look forward to hearing speakers from foreign parts, Nepal, China and the overseas work of Scottish Love in Action, and nearer home something of life in Orkney. We'll hear about the work of Street Pastors. We'll have a speaker from CHICKS, an organisation planning holidays for disadvantaged children, and hear of intriguing Presbyterian links with Hollywood. As always, too, we'll have the pleasure of having David Fisher and his talented group, Octave, at our Guest Night, when other local Guild members join us.

Some of our members have expressed a preference for afternoon instead of evening meetings, having enjoyed the slightly less formal atmosphere on past occasions when we have met at 2.00 instead of 7.30. This session, therefore, we plan approximately half of our meetings to be on afternoons and the rest at 7.30pm.

We believe we have prepared a varied and informative programme and will welcome regular members as well as any who find a particular subject of interest.

There's always tea with home-baking, of course!

**Anna Blair**

### Guild Syllabus

The Guild meets on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Church Hall and Monday afternoons at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room.

1 October (7.30)	Major J McColl: The Ghurkhas and Nepal
15 October (2.00)	Rev J Martindale: Optical Confusion
29 October (7.30)	Rev C Vermeulen: Guild Theme, "A Faith to Proclaim"
12 November (7.30)	Orchardhill Group: Scottish Love in Action, Trip to India
19 November (7.30)	Mr R Nimmo: Great Wall of China
26 November (2.00)	Mr C Merriweather: A View from the Driving Seat
10 December (12.30)	Christmas Lunch, Redhurst Hotel
14 January (2.00)	Mrs J Blair: A Week in Orkney
28 January (2.00)	Mrs Y MacVicar: The Coach House Trust Community Project
11 February (2.00)	Mrs K MacPherson: Hollywood's Presbyterian Connections
18 February (2.00)	Street Pastors
11 March (7.30)	Guest Night: David Fisher and Octave
18 March (2.00)	Chicks: Disadvantaged Children's Holiday
25 March (7.30)	Allocations

# Welcome Rota

## October

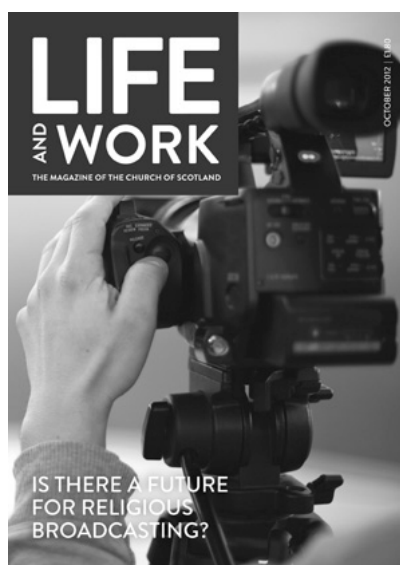


7	Alastair Borland 638 0958; Gordon Thomson 571 7153; Susan McQuilter 638 6936; Maureen Park 638 0273
14	Alastair Borland; Gordon Thomson; Pauline Young 562 9906; Evelyn McMurtrie 571 2512
21	Alex Mall 585 7169; Fiona Cameron 571 7656; Neil Mackenzie 638 0591; Evelyn McMurtrie
28	Alex Mall; Fiona Cameron; Neil Mackenzie; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375

## November

6	Ian Brown 639 4776; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722; Fiona Thomson 571 7153; Norma Hannah 638 7515
13	Ian Brown; Irene Kinniburgh; Fiona Thomson; Steve McAslan 589 4289
20	Ian Brown; Rachel Bell 639 8193; Gordon Ross 638 1207; Steve McAslan
27	Ian Brown; Rachel Bell; Gordon Ross; Audrey McLaws 638 3274

# LIFE AND WORK **Tabeetha Centenary**



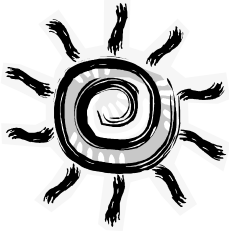
The Church of Scotland has been managing the Tabetha School in Jaffa, Israel, for a hundred years. That milestone is marked with an article, A Centenary of Hope, in the October issue of Life and Work, the Church of Scotland monthly magazine.

Other articles this month include:

- Cause for both optimism and concern for religion on TV and radio.
- A report from the National Youth Assembly.
- The Guild's spirited annual meeting.
- The need for churches to raise awareness of mental health.
- The start of a three-part series on Jesus' welcome, considering an invitation which changes everything.

Reader Survey and Prize Draw - have your say on Life and Work, and win a hamper from Loch Fyne Oysters.

## Sunshine Bags



The Guild ladies will be at both doors of the church before the service on Sunday mornings throughout October to receive your Sunshine Bags.

Perhaps you have been inspired by the presentation given at the end of August in church showing the trip by some of our members to Tuni to work

alongside the children being cared for in one of the homes-cum-schools in Andhra Pradesh. Maybe you feel you would like to give some more money to SLA to help fund this work. The Guild will be happy to receive any money with or without a sunshine bag to forward to SLA.

**Jeanette Birnie**

## The Guild Fund-raiser

As The Guild's fund-raising event, Dr Maureen Park will give an illustrated talk on the Scottish Colourists and Glasgow Boys on Friday 16 November at 7.30pm in the Church. We hope for generous support from the congregation and friends from outwith Orchardhill. Tickets cost £5.00. As always, half the money will go to Orchardhill and the other half to Guild projects and Christian charities.

We are pleased to have been able to fund the purchase of 10 Go-Pak tables for church use for £730.51 and thank everyone who supported Guild events in the past to make this donation possible.

The Guild's session begins on Monday

1 October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, when Mr J. McColl will give an illustrated talk on the Ghurkhas and Nepal.

On Monday 15 October at 2pm in the Fellowship Room Rev J Martindale will intrigue us with a talk entitled Optical Confusion, which, he assures us, includes a Gospel message.

The Rev Chris Vermeulen will speak to us on the Guild theme, A Faith to Proclaim, on Monday 29 October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

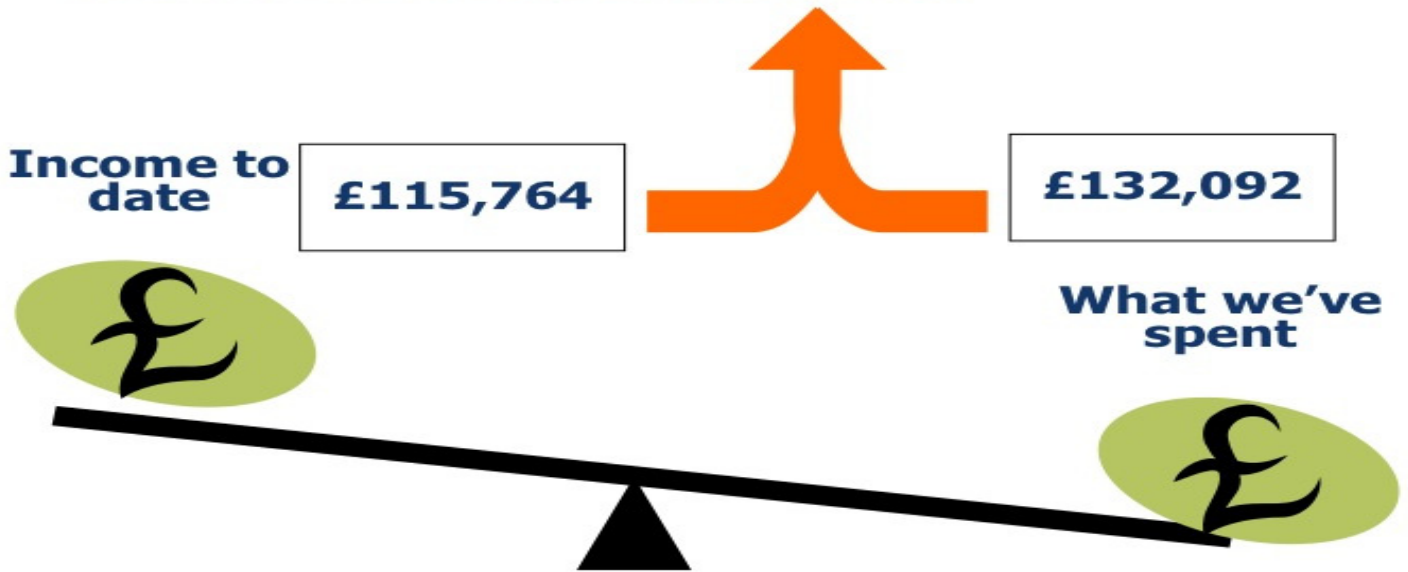
We look forward to welcoming everyone interested in these talks.

Guild members please note that the capitation fee remains at £8.

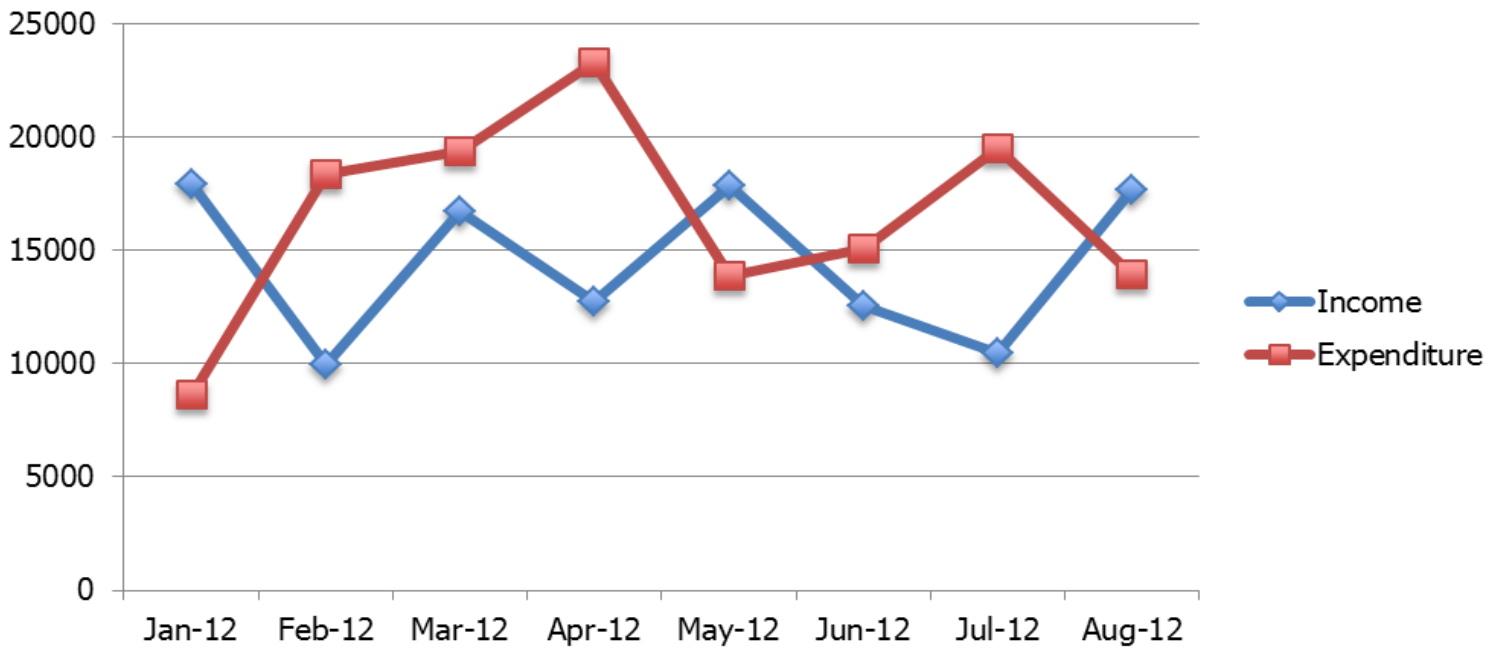


# Financial update – September 2012

**Current shortfall £16,328**



## Income v Expenditure Jan - Aug 2012



As we celebrate the good things that God has provided in our Harvest Thanksgiving service, perhaps this might be a good time to consider what we return to Him in our weekly giving. If you haven't reviewed your committed giving then I would encourage you to do so now. If you need more information on Gift Aid or standing orders then please contact Lindsay Barr (Treasurer) or Jeanette Birnie (Gift Aid Convener).

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*I'm Carol-Anne Buchan, new secretary at Orchardhill Church. I am married and live in Newton Mearns. I have worked in various administration posts for the last 19 years and hope to bring lots of knowledge and experience to this position. I applied to be church secretary as I am looking for a new challenge, having spent the majority of my working life within the Water Industry.*

*I'm looking forward to getting to know and working with everyone, and if I can assist anyone with any administration issues, please feel free to contact me.*

## 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.

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.





## Message from Margaret

Dear Members of the Kirk Session, Congregational Board, and Congregation

I write to say thank you for the exceedingly generous cheque that Chris presented to me on Sunday 2 September on my retirement as Church Secretary. Also for the beautiful bouquet of roses and lilies.

I have several ideas on how to spend it, one of which is to commission a piece of jewellery to be designed and made specifically for myself to remember the Church by.

Over the past 25 years there have been many changes since I started. I started with a manual typewriter and then progressed to an electric one. I have enjoyed the work, the challenges presented, the learning of new skills – not least how to work a computer.

Naturally everything was made much easier with your help, support, encouragement and friendship. It has been

a pleasure and a privilege to serve Orchardhill and God in this way. I know you will support our new secretary, Carol-Anne Buchan, in the same way.

Sincerely,

**Margaret Howard**

## Thank You, Margaret

Margaret Howard retired at the end of August after 25 years as Orchardhill's church secretary. During that time she has seen many changes in the way churches are administered, starting with a typewriter and finishing with a computer. Over these years she has had to adapt to the changing demands and needs of the congregation, and it is only right that we record our thanks.

I know as a minister how valuable Margaret has been when it came to pastoral information, and her knowledge of our organisations is a huge resource. So thanks from me as well. This does not spell the end as Margaret will continue to play her part singing in the choir, as a member of our Ministry Task Group, and as a Boys' Brigade leader.

**Chris Vermeulen**

## News from Pakistan

*Susan Clark, our Mission Partner, had been in Pakistan for her first sojourn from 25 May to 16 August before she had to come home to deal with visa arrangements. She has returned to Pakistan. Here is a summary of her May-August visit.*

Bishop Samuel Azariah, Dioceses of Raiwind, and Alice Garrick, Director of Women's Development Service, made me very welcome when I arrived in Pakistan in May. Alice and I will work together.

I live in a flat in the dioceses compound. The flat is above the nursery department of St Peter's School. It is a mixed-gender English medium school, which takes children from nursery to secondary. This is a fee-paying school, as is the girls-only school, also in the compound. There is a third school, Dar-Al-Salam, for children and young people with additional support needs. A wall surrounds the compound, with security at every gate. Security is a big issue for all Christians.



*A view of the compound from my flat.*



*This is Treetops in the Hill Lodge Compound, where lessons take place in six small classrooms*

The Cathedral of Praying Hands is the church I attend. There are two services each Sunday: one in English, the other in Urdu. The services are Anglican. The Urdu service is busy with many young people. The English service is not well attended, but most are young people.



I attended language school in Murree during June and July.

The Women's Development Service has set ambitious aims and objectives for the coming three years. All the work is entirely dependant on getting funding all of which is external to the Church of Pakistan.

**The projects are:**

- Child Protection aims to provide basic education free to encourage parents to allow children to attend school as opposed to work or begging.
- Providing HIV/Aids information and health screening to vulnerable women
- Baath Health Centre aims to improve situation for people with a physical disability. Many beggars have physical disabilities either from birth or because of accidents.
- Earning Hands provides practical skill advice for women and enables them to support their families – this is the project I will have most involvement with.

**Some of the challenges:**

- Security
- Load-shedding – electricity goes off frequently
- Shopping – as a woman on my own, I have to be taken to shops
- Cooking – very difficult in the heat – I have lost a lot of weight
- Keeping fit as I cannot take exercise outside.

**Prayer requests:**

- For Christians to be able to practice their faith without persecution or hindrance
- For women to be able to live without abuse or exploitation
- For children to have access to education and be free of abuse.
- For Pakistan and its government and judiciary that they will govern in fairness and justice.
- For my work with women and their children
- For my continued language study.

Thank you, for continuing prayer and support. I greatly appreciate all the contact and interest.

God Bless You,

**Susan Clark**

**CHARITY CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT****at Orchardhill Church****7.30pm Saturday 27 October**

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CANCER SUPPORT**



The concert will feature a wide variety of beautiful music, old and new, from Europe and South America arranged for solo, duo and quartet classical guitar played by Harry Taylor and friends.

The aim is to raise funds for Orchardhill Church and Macmillan Cancer Support with a suggested £10 donation programme.

Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Refreshments will be served at the interval, and the concert is expected to finish by 9.30.

For more information please contact Susan Taylor on 0141 577 7065. Donations of baking will be gratefully received.



Stepping Stones has got off to a busy start this session, with Godly Play being included in our syllabus. We would be delighted if any children between the age of 1½ and primary 7 would like to come and join us on Sunday mornings. We certainly have a lot of fun with crafts, stories, singing and games.

## ***Orchardhill Record* – November Deadline**

Contributions for the November edition of the *Orchardhill Record* should be in the editorial team's hands no later than **Sunday 21 October**. 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.

## October

Tue 2 7.45pm Ministry Task Group

Sun 7 10.30am Harvest Sunday with Bridges Rev Chris Vermeulen

Wed 11 1.30pm Giffnock Primary School's Harvest Service

Sun 14 10.30am Family Worship Rev Chris Vermeulen

Sun 21 10.30am Family Worship

Tue 23 7.30pm Kirk Session

Thu 25 7.30pm Thinking Allowed lecture: Professor Charles Munn

Sun 28 10.30am Family Worship Rev Chris Vermeulen

## November

Sun 4 10.30am Family Worship Rev Chris Vermeulen

6.30pm Bereavement Service Rev Chris Vermeulen

Sun 11 10.30am Family Worship Rev Jim Whyte