



# THE RECORD

## Our Commonwealth Games Team



*Baton-Bearer Isabella Hood with (left to right) Kat Moir, David Howard, Lisel Tait, Helen Fletcher, Liz Alexander, Kirsty Davidson, Lindsay Barr, Rachael Thomson*

Eight Orchardhill members were thrilled to have been selected as Clyde-Siders for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. They had volunteered in various roles from results technology to press and spectator services. In addition, our Church Officer, Isabella Hood, carried the baton in the Queen's Baton Relay as it passed through Giffnock on 16 July.

Isabella was nominated to carry the Baton in recognition of how she goes above and beyond the call of duty in welcoming the 40+ community organisations that use the church premises each week. The congregation were delighted to see her honoured in this well-deserved way.

# SoundWaves' New Session

SoundWaves will start up again on Tuesday 2 September from 6.15 to 8.00pm in the Church Hall. This is a music group for boys and girls P3 to S1 to come along and enjoy fun with music. See our website for more information: [www.orchardhill.org.uk/whats-on/children/soundwaves/](http://www.orchardhill.org.uk/whats-on/children/soundwaves/). We look forward to seeing our existing members back again.

Boys or girls interesting in joining should contact Alexis Wallace (585 7986 or [soundwaves2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:soundwaves2012@hotmail.co.uk)).



*Picture from SoundWaves' Pirates show in the Memorial Halls in March this year.*

# Stepping Stones' Restart

Stepping Stones' new term starts on 17 August. There will be a few changes due to smaller numbers, and we hope the children will enjoy the adjustments. The planning has started already, and we can reveal that there will be some really interesting and exciting mornings. We know the youngsters like to be challenged!

Remember your child can bring a friend at any time. Please encourage them to invite someone to come along.

Have you any OLD KEYS? Can anyone provide Stepping Stones with old black keys? We would like to use them to introduce our lessons during the first term in August. If you can help then please contact Anne Barr (638 1216).

# Letter from Our Pastoral Locum

Dear Friends

I am certainly enjoying my time recently begun with you as your “pastoral locum”. Most of my time is being spent with the older members of our Orchardhill church family when I have been impressed by the genuine concern they have for the wellbeing of our congregation. Even where some are unable to gather with us on a Sunday morning their interest and prayers are of tremendous value to us all in these and future days. I am encouraged by the faithful positive attitude shown by a good number as they face up to poor health which is accompanied at time with pain and loneliness.

Although I come among you as pretty much a stranger I am by no means a stranger to your fine building during the past 15 years. That’s because I am part of an “outside” group which meets in the Session Room (and makes us of the kitchen) each month at a fairly early hour on a Monday morning!

During a number of periods as a locum in recent years I have been accompanied by John Phillips in sharing in the preaching, and I am very grateful that he is able and willing to take the majority of the services while we are with you in Orchardhill.

Finally, I invite you all to pass to me names of members of any age who might welcome a pastoral visit.

Therefore, as we face the future together ever seeking to look to and trust in our faithful and unchanging God who is Lord of all, as Brian Doerksen put it in these lines which you may have sung:

*Faithful One, so unchanging;  
Ageless One, You’re my rock of peace;  
Lord of all, I depend on You,  
I call out to You again and again,  
I call out to You again and again.  
You are my rock in times of trouble,  
You lift me up when I fall down;  
All through the storm Your love is the anchor –  
My hope is in You alone.*

**Tom C Houston**



# Octave's September Concerts



Octave is a group of eight singers hand-picked by David Fisher. Many of you will have heard the group at Orchardhill as they performed a concert in March this year as a church fund-raiser and in 2012 supporting the Scottish Love in Action mission trip. Octave are currently preparing for their own annual fund-raising concerts in September. The group will present an entirely new programme of ensembles, solos and duets of well-known tunes, from Broadway musicals to classical and perhaps a few surprises. As those that have seen Octave will know, there truly is something for everyone.

The GLO 4<sup>th</sup> concerts will be held on Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 September at 7.30pm in Motherwell's GLO Auditorium. Tickets, priced £11, are available from David or Shona Fisher by contacting 01357 523149 or [shona.fisher2@mail.com](mailto:shona.fisher2@mail.com). Please book early: last year some people were left disappointed when an evening sold out.

The group are completely voluntary so after the deduction of running costs the proceeds from their concerts are donated to charity. In last three years the group were delighted to give £1000 each to British Heart Foundation, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre (based at Wishaw General Hospital) and Diabetes UK Scotland. In this year the group are supporting the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice based in Glasgow and hope to be able to be present this worthy cause with a substantial donation later in the year. Your support would be much appreciated.

## David Reid Memorial Trophy

Westerwood Golf Club, Cumbernauld, has put together an attractive package for Orchardhill's annual competition for the David Reid Memorial Trophy on Saturday 23 August. Generous additional prizes will complement the trophy. £40.00 per person will cover these plus tea/coffee and bacon rolls, a round of golf, and a two-course meal in the clubhouse afterwards.

Please call Ian Cartlidge on 571 7839 to book your place.

# Anchor Boys and Junior Section



After another successful session the Anchor Boys and Junior Section of the 86<sup>th</sup> Boys' Brigade received awards for their efforts throughout the year at the parents evening in May. The Junior section displayed their marching skills and performed a Bible drama of Samson and Delilah. The Anchor Boys sang a song and showed the parents how to play one of their favourite games. To finish off the evening we got the parents involved in a team building game involving skis!

We wish Jack McGinty and Ralph Hemsley the best of luck in their move to the Company section. The officers, helpers and boys are looking forward to the new session starting in August and hope to see lots of new faces.

## Orchard Café's Summer Opening

The Orchard Café will be open on Tuesday 5 August and every morning till Friday from 10.00 till noon. We will be serving coffee, tea, juice and home-baking. All welcome!

The Café will restart on 2 September and continue every Tuesday and Thursday from then on.

# Collection Rota

## AUGUST

3	Gordon Ross 638 1207; Jeanette Birnie 638 0457; Alastair Borland 638 0958
10	Gordon Ross; Jeanette Birnie; Gillian Brogan 639 6269
17	Willie Hendry 577 5903; Caroline Stuart 560 3335; Norma Hannah 638 7515
24	Willie Hendry; Caroline Stuart; Norma Hannah
31	David Evans 571 7846; Valerie Clarke 638 6148; Bill McMurtrie 571 2512; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375

## SEPTEMBER

7	David Evans; Valerie Clarke; Bill McMurtrie; Ronald Carswell 638 6639
14	Steve McAslan 589 4289; Allan Rennie 882 9703; Peter Worthington 638 4316; Ronald Carswell
21	Steve McAslan; Allan Rennie; Peter Worthington; Colin Williamson 571 9119
28	Jim Kerr 638 2747; Joyce Winning 571 7854; Neil Mackenzie 638 0591; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114

## OCTOBER

5	Jim Kerr; Joyce Winning; Susan McQuilter 638 6936; Pauline Young 562 9906
12	Gillian Brogan 639 6269; Maureen Park 638 0273; Susan McQuilter; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722
19	Alex Mall 585 7169; Fiona Thomson 571 7153; Ann Pope 616 4809; Irene Kinniburgh
26	Alex Mall; Fiona Thomson; Ann Pope; Evelyn McMurtrie 571 2512

## September's Orchardhill Record Deadline

Sunday 17 August is the deadline for the September edition of the *Orchardhill Record*.

Contributions should be sent by email to [record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk) before 1.00pm 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.

The editor acknowledges every contribution. Please contact him before the deadline if he has not confirmed that he has received your contribution.

# Communion Roll

## Death

On 28 June 2014 Mr Hugh McKinnell, Whitecraigs Nursing Home, Stewarton Road, Deaconsbank G46 7UZ (district 5)

## Disjunction

Mrs Adrienne Caldwell, 59 Robslee Road, Thornliebank G46 7ER (district 33)

# Centenary of First World War

A series of articles in August's edition of Life and Work, the Church of Scotland magazine, commemorates the centenary of the start of the First World War.

R D Kernohan examines attitudes to the war within Scottish churches, and Very Rev Professor Iain Torrance, a former Moderator of the General Assembly, introduces resources marking the centenary. Another article poses the question on how the war should be remembered.

Also in the magazine, as Scotland stands on the brink of its biggest political decision in a generation, the conveners of the Church of Scotland's key committees offer their own prayers on the Independence Referendum.

Other articles include:

- The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan recounts how he helped protect more than 2000 civilians when fighting broke out in his infant country last year.
- Consideration is given to the ethical dilemmas posed by the emerging foodbank culture.
- Another former Moderator of our General Assembly, Very Rev Dr James Simpson, encourages us to journey with Jesus.

# Orchardhill Calendar

## AUGUST

Sunday	3	10.30am	Family Worship	
Monday-Friday	4-8	10.00am-noon	Huntly Hound in Huntly Park	
		7.30pm	CHIPs' Café in Memorial Halls	
Tuesday-Friday	5-8	10.00am-noon	Orchard Café open	
Sunday	10	10.00am	Summer Mission Service in Huntly Park	
		11.15am	Family Worship	
Sunday	17	10.30am	Family Worship	
Sunday	24	10.30am	Family Worship	
Sunday	31	10.30am	Family Worship	

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday	7	10.30am	Family Worship	
Sunday	14	10.30am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Tuesday	16	7.30pm	Kirk Session	

## Christ in the Harvest

Merrylea Parish Church is hosting a service entitled Christ in the Harvest on Saturday 4 October at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Barry Barnett, a Messianic Jew from the organisation Jews for Jesus. Coincidentally, that Saturday is Yom Kippur in the Jewish calendar.

There is no charge this event, but an opportunity to support the Jews for Jesus organisation will be given. The service will be followed by tea and coffee.