



THE RECORD

Who can tell?

Dear members and friends of Orchardhill,

When we are going through times of change or times of crisis we often try to see the meaning of what is happening. But it is very difficult to be sure. Tony de Mello, an Indian Jesuit priest and psychotherapist (1931-1987), told this story:

Once there was a man who lived in a village. He was poor, but he had a horse. One day a herd of wild horses came through the village, and when the herd left the poor man's horse took off with them.

The neighbours came and sympathised with him: 'What a terrible thing to happen. Your horse has gone.' The man said: 'Well, is it a bad thing or a good thing? Who can tell?'

A week later the man's horse returned to the village and brought with it another horse, which settled in the man's yard. The neighbours came and said: 'What a wonderful thing this is. Now you have two horses.'

'Ah,' said the man, 'but is it a good thing or a bad thing? Who can tell?'

The man's son set about breaking in the new horse. But it threw him, and the son broke his leg. And the neighbours came and said: 'Oh what a terrible thing has happened – the breaking of your son's leg.' And the man said: 'Ah. But is it a bad thing or a good thing? Who can tell?'

Later that month a warlord rode into the valley and forced all the young men of the village to march away with him as part of his army. But the young man with his broken leg was no use to the warlord, so he left him in the village.

And the neighbours came round and said: 'Oh what a good thing it is that your son was not taken with the others.' And the poor man said: 'Ah, but is it a good thing or a bad thing? Who can tell.....?'

It is wise and faithful to leave it in God's hands.

A blessing,

John Miller

Flower Arranging Retirement

The present longest serving and most talented of our flower arranging team has decided to “retire”! Jess Morrison has been one of our group for many years! A huge thank-you to Jess for all the beautiful arrangements she has produced over the years and her willingness to help out at any time, always with a smile. We will miss you greatly, Jess.

Over the last two years we have built up a mainly new team of arrangers, who, despite their initial reservations, are producing beautiful flowers for us all to appreciate on a Sunday morning and for members and friends to enjoy when the flowers are distributed after the service. But there is always room for more volunteers, and if you would like to join the Flower Group please contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we welcome donations to help cover the cost of Orchardhill’s weekly flowers. At any time, you can put any size of donation into the wooden box which is on the table at the left front of the sanctuary or if you would like to choose a particular Sunday to donate the cost of the flowers, perhaps in memory of a special person or time in your life. There is a diary where you can put your name against that date and put your donation in an envelope with your name into the wooden box. The flowers cost about £20-£25 depending on the time of year.

For further information please contact Joyce Winning on 0141 571 7617.

Sunshine Bags

Sunshine Bags can be returned on any Sunday in October when Guild members will be at the church door before the morning service.

The recent newsletter I received reported news of the work being done to measure the impact of Mary’s Meals. An independently verified report will appear later in the year, but the early results have been amazing. In a number of schools in Malawi, where local volunteers have been serving Mary’s Meals for the past several months, the enrolment has increased by 40% and attendance has risen to over 90%. This convinces us that the money we raise through our Sunshine Bags is being very effectively used to increase literacy in poor communities, and with that comes the opportunity to gain better paid employment to break through the relentless cycle of poverty.

Jeanette Birnie

Thinking Allowed in Orchardhill

Saturday 7 November (1.30 for 2.00pm)

Speaker: Dr Maureen Park, MA, AMA, PhD

Lecture: "What Lies Beneath: Interpreting Signs, Symbols and Imagery in Art"

Art can inform, guide, challenge and inspire us. This talk will explore not only the iconography of religious paintings and prints but a variety of works in which artists have expressed their own personal emotions through their choice and treatment of subjects.

Dr Park is Senior Lecturer in History of Art at the Centre for Open Studies, University of Glasgow.

Thursday 26 November (7.30 for 8.00pm)

Speaker: Mary Miller

Lecture: "More Questions than Answers"

Mary's lecture is a personal account of her experiences in Zimbabwe from 2007 to 2012. Initially, she went for three months to help with the development of governance and accounting systems in a rural district hospital. At that time the HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in Zimbabwe was 15.6%. A million children had been orphaned by the AIDS pandemic, and it was estimated that around 133,000 children were themselves living with HIV infection.

Mary went there having worked for more than 30 years in the Jeely Piece Club, a successful community organisation for children and families in Glasgow. Latterly Mary had trained as a play therapist and delivered services to children with emotional and behavioural problems in disadvantaged areas of Glasgow and East Renfrewshire.

These are only the events that Thinking Allowed has organised in Orchardhill before January. However, a full programme of events at Orchardhill and Cairns churches (with a foreword written by Rev John Miller) is available from Anne Anderson.

Flower Delivery

Receiving the flowers from the sanctuary after the Sunday service is much appreciated – whether the reason is a sad or a happy one. If you think that you could help with this worthwhile service please add your name to a vacant date on the list – the calendar is looking a little bare! Many thanks.

The Guild Syllabus

When the days shorten The Guild look forward to meeting once again to learn about God working in the world and to enjoy each other's company. Our syllabus is a little shorter than usual, but our friendliness and enthusiasm are in no way diminished. We look forward to welcoming everyone who would like to come to any meeting.

The Guild meets on Monday afternoons at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room. Meeting dates for 2015-2016:

- 12 October..... Country Parks in Scotland (Mrs Joy Blair)
- 26 October..... Dem Bones (Dr Morag Thow)
- 16 November..... Guild Theme: Go in Peace (Rev John Miller)
- 23 November..... Iona Community (Mr Duncan MacIntyre/Ms Caroline Smyth)
- 7 December Christmas Lunch
- 18 January Across the Indian Ocean (Mrs Pat Connell)
- 1 February Guild Project (Mission International on Haiti)
- 15 February Saints and Sinners I have known (Rev Bill Ferguson)
- 29 February Canine Partners
- 14 March Allocations and Riding for the Disabled (Lisa MacDonald)

Thanks from Lisa's Stars

Lisa's Stars would like to thank the ladies at Orchardhill and their friends for the lovely knitted items they donated. We have received a message from the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital: "Thank you once again for the lovely hats and blankets to keep our tiny ones cosy. You are all very kind and thoughtful. Best wishes to you all."

As the hospital is now fully stocked another delivery will not be made until the new year. However, Gillian Griffiths has a small supply of wool: if anyone would like some to start knitting over the winter months please contact Gillian on 0141 638 5997 or gillianmgriffiths@hotmail.com.

Outstanding Fund-raising



Isabella Hood thanks everyone who contributed to and attended the coffee morning in her home last month. Two days after the event she reported that £810 had been raised for the Macmillan Cancer Support. That was a truly outstanding amount, and as more than £200 had been donated by Gift Aid that would mean that even more could be counted into the final figure raised for the charity.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Sunday is a very important event in the calendar of the two missions which Orchardhill support. One of them, the Lodging House Mission, has prepared a list of items which would be most helpful to them. They would be grateful if our contributions were items on this list.

It hardly needs to be said that the missions are dependent on the donations they receive at Harvest time, and they are very appreciative of the attention we give to their requests.

List of requirements:

- Cereal..... Corn Flakes, Crunch Nut, Weetabix, Sugar Puffs, Frosties, Coco Pops, porridge.
- Tinned soup tomato, lentil, Scotch broth, vegetable, minestrone, chicken.
- Tinned meat/fish..... salmon, ham, corn beef, meatballs, stew, haggis, ravioli, macaroni, mince.
- Tinned vegetables..... tomatoes, carrots, peas, sweetcorn, potatoes, spaghetti.
- Tinned fruit peaches, pears, pineapples, mandarins, fruit cocktail, custard, rice.
- Other tea, coffee (not decaf), sugar, red sauce, brown sauce, vinegar, long-grain rice, broth mix, dried peas, lentils, fresh juice, biscuits (not oatcakes or cream crackers).

Welcome Rota

| Entrance | Sanctuary | Welcome Desk | Ushers |
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OCTOBER

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| 4 | Alex Mall | Irene Kinniburgh | Neil Mackenzie | Jim Blair & Gordon Thomson |
| 11 | Ian Anderson | Alex Mall | Nanette Davidson | Gordon Thomson |
| 18 | Nanette Davidson | Alex Mall | Jim Blair | Ian Anderson |
| 25 | Jim Blair | Ian Cartlidge | Ian Anderson | Nanette Davidson |

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Jo Weir | Ian Cartlidge | Jim Mackinnon | Jim Blair & Alex Mall |
| 8 | Jim Mackinnon | Ian Brown | Jo Weir | Isabel Vance |
| 15 | Isabel Vance | Ian Brown | Alex Mall | Jo Weir |
| 22 | Alex Mall | Ian Brown | Jo Weir | Jim MackInnon |
| 29 | Ian Anderson | Ian Brown | Jim Mackinnon | Isabel Vance |

Offering Rota

OCTOBER

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| 4 | Irene Kinniburgh; Joyce Winning; Susan McQuilter; Neil Mackenzie |
| 11 | Alex Mall 585 7169; Evelyn McMurtrie 571 2512; Fiona Cameron 571 7656 |
| 18 | Alex Mall; Evelyn McMurtrie; Fiona Cameron |
| 25 | Ian Cartlidge 571 7839; Maureen Park 638 0273; Norma Hannah 638 7515 |

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Ian Cartlidge; Maureen Park; Norma Hannah |
| 8 | Ian Brown 638 9754; Jim Blair 638 1901; Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375 |
| 15 | Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Dorothy Cartlidge; Dave Thomson 638 3289 |
| 22 | Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114; Dave Thomson |
| 29 | Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Norma Hannah 638 7515; Dave Thomson |

November Deadline

Sunday 11 October is the deadline for the November edition of the *Orchardhill Record*.

Contributions should be sent by email to 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. Using that email address ensures that every contribution goes to both members of the editorial team. We prefer contributions to be sent by email, and we cannot accept any handwritten or typed item that does not identify the source.

Any photograph or logo must not be embedded in the article. Please send photos and the like as separate attachments to allow flexibility in laying out pages. Nor can we accept pdf files.

The editor acknowledges every contribution, though from the email address above. Contact him before the deadline if he has not confirmed that he has received your contribution.

Life and Work Renewal

The order for Life and Work for next year is due to be sent to Edinburgh for renewal. However, please note that your annual subscription is NOT due for payment until January. The price for the magazine will remain at £2.20 per copy.

If you wish to change/cancel your order, please phone Jim or Aileen Blair on 0141 638 1901 by Sunday 15 November at the latest.

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Orchardhill Calendar

OCTOBER

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| Sun | 4 | 10.30am | Harvest Sunday and Sacrament of Baptism | Rev John Miller |
| Thu | 8 | 1.30pm | Giffnock Primary School: Inclusion Service | |
| Sun | 11 | 10.30am | Family Worship | Rev Alastair MacLachlan |
| Mon | 12 | 2.00pm | The Guild in Fellowship Room: Country Parks in Scotland (Mrs Joy Blair) | |
| Sun | 18 | 10.30am | Family Worship | Jayne Strang |
| Sun | 25 | 10.30am | Family Worship | Rev Blair Robertson |
| Mon | 26 | 2.00pm | The Guild in Fellowship Room: Dem Bones (Dr Morag Thow) | |

NOVEMBER

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| Sun | 1 | 10.30am | Family Worship | Rev John Miller |
| | | 6.30pm | Bereavement Service | |
| Wed | 4 | 11.30am | Lunchtime Communion | |
| Sat | 7 | 1.30 for 2.00pm | Thinking Allowed: Dr Maureen Park, MA, AMA, PhD | |
| Sun | 8 | 10.30am | Remembrance Service | Rev John Miller |

Message from the Editors

The *Orchardhill Record* is our congregation's only news medium which reaches every member of the congregation. However, most recent editions of the monthly newsletter have had no more than eight pages. A few years ago we had editions of 12 or even 16 pages.

Orchardhill must have more to report on than just enough to fill only eight pages. We are sure that many people and organisations in our congregation have stories to tell and events to report or comments to make.

So please send us your news and comments. After all, it's your newsletter. Please help to make it alive!