



THE RECORD

What name shall I say?

Dear members and friends of Orchardhill,

I am intrigued by the names parents give their children. Last week I asked a mother: "Did you have a special reason for calling her Angela?"

"When she was born she looked just like an angel."

I've known girls named Dawn, April, May, and June, and Autumn because of when they were born. As a parish minister I baptised as many as 50 babies in a year, and I do remember some names which caused a stir. Some people will remember a golden age of Rangers Football Club; they would have joined the laughter on the morning when a baby boy was baptised Colin Stein Murphy. I once baptised a little boy 'Nelson', as the first-born of every generation in his family had been named from the time of an ancestor who served with Admiral Lord Nelson at Trafalgar.

When Mary worked in a hospital in Africa some babies received surprising names - Praise, More Blessing, Courage, Pride, Hope, Mistake.

I was called John after my mother's late brother. Mary and I similarly named our children after dear departed members of the family. There will be a reason why you received the name by which you are now known. Do you know the reason? I think it will carry a story.

According to the Scottish School of Common Sense, a person's legal name is the name you are normally known by. By contrast with England, where to change your name you must go through a legal process known as making a Deed Poll, in Scotland you merely need to inform whoever it may concern that you now wish to be known by this different name.

At this season of Easter I recall a woman I met some years ago, a devout Christian believer. She had compiled a list of the names and titles by which Jesus is known in the Bible. She would sit quietly, contemplating them one by one. From Isaiah: Emmanuel, Wonderful, Counsellor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. From the New Testament: Rabbi, Son of God, Lamb of God, Son of Man. Son of David, Saviour, Christ, the Lord.

Each name added to her understanding of Easter.

A blessing.

John Miller



Soundwaves'

Robin Hood

Soundwaves' show this year was Robin Hood in the Memorial Halls on 18 and 19 March. It was a great success with over 100 people attending each night. Many people enjoyed the show so much on the Friday they returned on the Saturday to see it again. The children were very excited and produced a very good show.

All this could not take place without the cooperation of the organisations who willingly take their group out of the halls or swap places with us to allow the vital rehearsals to take place on stage. We are also grateful to Isabella who single-handedly set out the chairs for the Friday show and the badminton club who helped us setting out the chairs on the Saturday after their competition.

Soundwaves will now take a break until September, when we hope to encourage new children to join us and learn to read music, play instruments and enjoy learning the various songs we sing during the year. If you have a child or know of a child (primary 3 to secondary 1) who could benefit from this experience then contact us by email at soundwaves@orchardhill.org.uk or by phone to Alexis Wallace on 0141 585 7986.



Miss Mary Donald Gardner

(18 January 1928 - 26 February 2016)

On 4 March many friends gathered in Orchardhill for a memorial service for Mary Gardner. A life-long member of Orchardhill, Mary Gardner was born on 18 January 1928, the second in the family of Archibald and Mary Gardner of 21 Broomley Drive. At the age of three weeks she was baptised in Orchardhill Church. She grew up with her older brother, Archibald Ward Gardner, always known as Ward. Their father was a clothing manufacturer with a factory in Glasgow.

Mary's early school years were at Radleigh School in Clarkston. Her school reports show her ability in every subject: "She maintains her place at the top of the Class." The same pattern continued when she went to The Park School in the West End of Glasgow. In 1940 the Park School was evacuated to St Columba's School in Kilmacolm.

When the war ended Mary went to Glasgow University and attained the degree of Bachelor of Science. Her brother Ward moved to England and worked in industrial medicine. In 1951 Mary joined the staff of the bio-chemistry department in Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Before long she was a by-word for accuracy and efficiency. She worked in research and development, contributing to papers in professional journals. She also trained new staff coming into the department. A colleague recalled that Mary called these trainees her "Baby-Bio-Chemists". She could appear formidable, but she championed these trainees, and to many she was "an inspiration" in their early careers. Mary receives honourable mention in a book entitled "People who made Scottish Clinical Biochemistry".

On her retirement in 1988, after 37 years as biochemist to Glasgow Royal Infirmary, her colleagues gave her a bound copy of all the scientific papers to which she had contributed. She continued to enjoy holidays in the time-share house beside Loch Rannoch which she had bought with her cousin Stella. Mary kept in regular contact with her brother Ward's family, his sons David in the USA and Nigel and his wife Jackie and their son Jamie in Hampshire.

In retirement Mary took an evening course in archaeology and went on trips and tours to Celtic and pre-historic sites in Orkney and in Sweden. She loved music; she met for lunch with former colleagues; she played bridge each week. Mary used to knit toys for her great-nephew Jamie, and she knitted mascots for Orchardhill events. She was an award-winning fundraiser for Macmillan Nurses and knitted blankets for Scottish International Relief; she swam regularly.

Several times Mary took serious illness in her stride, and she maintained an independent life and enjoyed close friendships. She was in her usual seat in the church each week. Mary faced her final illness with calm courage, and her nephew Nigel and his family accompanied her closely in her last days. Mary was laid to rest in Craufurdland Woodland Burial site near Fenwick in a simple ceremony attended by her family and a life-long friend from Radleigh School days, Esmée McKay.

We remember Mary with admiration, gratitude and affection.

William Thomas Howie

(23 December 1930 - 14 February 2016)

With sorrow the Orchardhill Record reports the death of our long-standing member, William Thomas Howie, an Elder here for 40 years. He died in hospital on 14 February at the age of 85.

Willie was born on 23 December 1930 at 9 Heriot Street in Pollokshields, the first-born of his parents, David and Margaret Howie. He grew up with his younger sister Rena. Their father had his own business as a flour importer. At school, Albert Road Academy, Willie was school captain, rugby captain, and cricket captain. He went to Pollokshields Church and was in the 120th Glasgow Boys' Brigade.

He trained as an accountant, working in an office through the day and attending classes at night school. In his mid-20s he entered his National Service at RAF Acklington in Northumberland. He loved playing rugby: his position was as hooker, a role in some contrast to his genial sociable nature. He was still in the RAF when he first met Vivien Clements, a tax officer in the City Centre. After their first meeting Vivien said to her friend about Willie: "That's the boy I'll marry." In 1961 they were married in Vivien's home church, Croftfoot Parish Church.

They moved into their first house, newly built, in Whitton Drive. This was to be their home for all their married life. Their family life was enriched with the birth of Derek in 1965 and Stewart in 1972.

In his working life Willie spent some years with Dobbie McInnes (D-Mac Electronics). He became company secretary with DCL (the Distillers Company Limited) until being made redundant when he was in his 50s. For a time he worked with Lithgows' shipyard in Greenock, and later he was company accountant and secretary with Pirie's, the Paisley road-surfacing firm, until his retirement.

Willie became an Elder at Orchardhill in 1976 and served as Covenants Convener for many years. He also visited new members when they arrived, which people always appreciated because he had such a friendly disposition. He was always ready to do anything to help the church. He supported the starting of the Orchardhill Boys' Brigade. He was on the Property Committee for years and took part in the painting of the hall.

Willie maintained his sporting interests through the years, playing rugby well into his 30s. Then for many years he was a referee. He was Secretary of the West of Scotland Referees Society and was a spotter for good new referees. The rugby world knew him as Bill Howie, and even in his 80s he enjoyed the company of the GROGS (Glasgow Rugby Old Geezers Society), meeting monthly for lunch at GHA rugby club.

Immensely proud of the family, Willie was glad of his place in life as a father-in-law to Derek's wife, Valerie, and Stewart's wife, Jenn. And Willie loved being Grandpa to Derek and Valerie's Colin and Susan. A man of strong and articulated faith, Willie was at church the Sunday before he died, engaging with people as usual with his characteristic warmth and humour. We thank God for his life and for his place among us. He will be very much missed.

Mary's Meals – Sunshine Bags

This year again you have the opportunity to contribute to the work of Mary's Meals with the Guild's Sunshine Bags. Whenever the sun shines or something good happens in your life, put some money in the bag. It is wonderful how the money mounts up: £1506 sent to Mary's Meals for 2015.

Mary's Meals provide one good meal a day to children in a place of learning. With this, the children are encouraged to come to school, learn better because of good nutrition and thus are able to achieve an education to help raise them out of abject poverty. Mary's Meals are now feeding 1.1 million children in seven countries around the world. Carefully managed, making good use of local volunteers and parents, the average cost of feeding one child for a whole school year is £12.20.

In addition to their regular targets Mary's Meals also respond to emergencies: the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the 2011 Somalia famine, and the 2014-2015 Ebola crisis in West Africa. Moved by the suffering of Syrian refugees, forced to flee their homeland - as always it is the innocent children who suffer the most - Mary's Meals are now set to launch their first school feeding programme in the Middle East. The pilot will involve about 1000 children in a school in a town just north of Beirut in Lebanon. These Syrian children will be fed as well as their Lebanese classmates.

With 59 million children out of school every day around the world, surely we must support the charity in reaching as many as they are able?

Guild people will be at the front door of the church before the morning service on all the Sundays of April. The bags will be taken in during October. Please help Mary's Meals by taking a Sunshine Bag.

Jeanette Birnie

Thank You

Thank you to everyone at Orchardhill for the cards, flowers and support you have shown us at this difficult time. It has meant a lot to us as a family knowing we have such good friends.

Marion, Kirstie and Craig Watson

Just a Thought

As we go to the cradle only in order to find the baby, so we go to the Scriptures only to find Christ.

MARTIN LUTHER

Eastwoodhill Coffee Morning

The Friends of Eastwoodhill coffee morning will be held in Giffnock South Parish Church on Saturday, 9 April (10 am till noon). Please note the date in your diary and come along to help to raise funds to support the Eastwoodhill Care Home at Eastwood Toll.

Tickets (adult £2, child £1) are now available from Jeanette Birnie and Evelyn McMurtrie. They also have the popular Eastwoodhill Quiz (price £1).

The focus of our fundraising this year is on at least one specialised chair for Eastwoodhill at £1600 each (*photograph below*). The chair was demonstrated to the Friends group at a recent meeting, and we were very impressed by the benefit it would be to those of Eastwoodhill residents who are no longer able to walk as well as to their carers. It is much more comfortable than a wheel chair, gives much more support to the occupant, much more manoeuvrable too, and can be adjusted very easily to suit the particular requirements of each occupant. For those of you who know Eastwoodhill well, let me assure you that it does fit into the rather small lift in the House.

Please help us in our efforts.



Visiting Minsters

Orchardhill will welcome two visiting preachers over the next few weeks. Rev Graham Cartlidge will be in the pulpit on 10 April, and Rev Alastair MacLachlan will stand in for Rev John Miller on 22 May, the Sunday of the Church of Scotland's General Assembly.

Bill McMurtrie, Orchardhill's representative Elder in Glasgow Presbytery, will be a Commissioner to the General Assembly from 21 to 27 May.

Orchardhill Accounts

Orchardhill Parish Church's income in the year ended 31 December 2015 was £294,834. The 2014 income was £206,906.

Rentals from the church halls increased by almost 50% in 2015 to more than £30,240. Income also included £5360 from the highly success Orchardhill in Bloom day in May and nearly £7000 from renting the manse as well as one-off transfers totalling £55,321 from the Timothy Trust and John Smith Bequest Fund.

Expenditure in 2015 was £181,013 (against £173,073), which meant that net income was £113,821 (against £173,073).

The full accounts were approved by the Congregational Board meeting on 24 February and received by the Stated Annual Meeting on 20 March.

Presbytery's 13 Candidates

Over the past several years the number of candidates for the ministry in the Church of Scotland has been falling. However, that trend seems to have been arrested, if not reversed. This year 31 are going forward into ministry over the country, about two-fifths of them in Glasgow. No fewer than 13 candidates and probationers were presented by the Ministry Committee at the Glasgow Presbytery meeting on Tuesday 8 March.

Moreover, the committee had invited Rev Jonathan Fleming to address the meeting. Mr Fleming, minister at Erskine, is an enthusiast in his role as Vocations Champion not only for his home presbytery, Greenock and Paisley, but also for Glasgow. He looked beyond the divisions over the sexuality debate within the church and the accusations of "the church crumbling about us": his role is to support the church going forward, and he had no better prop than to refer to the introduction of the candidates. "That's where people should be looking to," he averred.

A similar line was voiced by Iona Kimmitt when she reported on CoSY (Church of Scotland Youth) Glasgow at the invitation of Presbytery's Learning and Nurture Committee. Ms Kimmitt and her fellow volunteers are working on the Volunteering Vocations and Young Adult schemes in Priority Areas, and the keynote of her address was: "We're not the church of tomorrow: we're the church of today!"

Welcome Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Welcome Desk	Ushers
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APRIL

3	Jim Blair	Dorothy Cartlidge	Gordon Thomson	Alex Mall and Jo Weir
10	Gordon Thomson	Norma Hannah	Alex Mall	Shona Fletcher
17	Shona Fletcher	Norma Hannah	Alex Mall	Jim Blair
24	Jo Weir	Fiona Thomson	Jim Blair	Shona Fletcher

MAY

1	Jim Blair	Fiona Thomson	Shona Fletcher	Jo Weir and Jim Mackinnon
8	Ann Craig	Bill McMurtrie	Isabel Vance	Jim Mackinnon
15	Isabel Vance	Bill McMurtrie	Jo Weir	Ann Craig
22	Jim Mackinnon	Ann Pope	Ann Craig	Isabel Vance
29	Ann Craig	Ann Pope	Isabel Vance	Jim Mackinnon

Offering Rota

APRIL

3	Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; David Evans 571 7846; Susan McQuilter 638 6936
10	Ronald Carswell 638 6639; Joyce Winning 571 7617; Norma Hannah 638 7515
17	Ronald Carswell; Joyce Winning; Norma Hannah
24	Fiona Thomson 571 7153; Peter Worthington 638 4316; David Howard 571 7854

MAY

1	Fiona Thomson; Peter Worthington; David Howard
8	Bill McMurtrie 571 2512; Margaret Howard 571 7854; Valerie Clarke 638 6148
15	Bill McMurtrie; Margaret Howard; Valerie Clarke
22	Ann Pope 616 4809; Neil Mackenzie 638 0591; Alex Mall 585 7169
29	Ann Pope; Neil Mackenzie; Alex Mall

An Evening of Song

You are invited to an evening of song on Sunday 24 April at 7.00pm in Orchardhill Church when The Choir and friends will present a number of familiar pieces and perhaps a few surprises. Refreshments and home baking will be available at the end.

Entry is by donation, and proceeds will go to church funds.

CrossReach Commended

CrossReach, the Church of Scotland's social care provider, has been recognised in the Scottish Parliament for the "immense, life-changing" work it does to support the most vulnerable people in society.

SNP MSP Jim Eadie lodged a motion last month to congratulate staff and volunteers who strive to enable service users the length and breadth of the country to realise their dreams, aspirations and attain the highest quality of life possible.

His parliamentary colleague, Anne McTaggart, a Labour MSP, said it would be "devastating" for people and their families if the services provided by CrossReach disappeared overnight.

CrossReach, which can trace its roots back to 1869, is one of the biggest organisations of its kind and provides around 70 services at locations across the country. It has an annual expenditure of £45 million and employs around 2000 people. CrossReach's centres include Eastwoodhill Care Home at Eastwood Toll in Giffnock.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Right Rev Dr Angus Morrison, said he was "very proud" to be associated with such an "incredible" organisation.

Freedom x 4

Four freedoms: The first is freedom of speech and expression, everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way, everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want, everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear, anywhere in the world.

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

Communion Roll

DEATH

On 26 February 2016 Mary Donald Gardner, 17a Mains Estate, Giffnock G46 6QY (district 10)

Deadline for May edition

Sunday 17 April is the deadline for the May 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. Photograph or logos must not be embedded in articles. 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. Contact him before the deadline if he has not confirmed that he has received your contribution.

The deadline for the June edition will be 15 May.

Email Address for Intimations

The email address for intimations to be included in the Sunday service sheet is intimations@orchardhill.org.uk.

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Orchardhill Calendar

APRIL

Fri	1	1.30pm	Giffnock School Spring Service	
Sun	3	10.30am	Family Worship with Sacrament of Baptism	Rev John Miller
Sun	10	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Graham Cartlidge
Sun	17	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
Wed	20	7.45pm	Congregational Board	
Sun	24	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
		7.00pm	Choir's Music Evening (fundraiser for Orchardhill)	

MAY

Sun	1	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
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