



THE RECORD

Leave or Remain?

Dear members and friends of Orchardhill,

In a few days you will have the chance to vote in the EU Referendum. Much discussion on each side of the argument has focused on the economic dangers of taking the opposite view. No doubt that will be part of what helps you to make up your mind which way to vote.

The principle of freedom of movement within the EU is a further cause for argument and anxiety. When millions of refugees and migrants are seeking safety and prosperity in European countries, can we set limits to the numbers who might want to come here? This question, too, will influence your vote.

But there are other issues. Last century Europe was twice convulsed by savage wars which drew in much of the rest of the world. We now see the leaders of former enemy nations sitting peacefully discussing mutual policies. The European Union is a monumental achievement. It has been an expression of hope, building a future out of the ruins of world war.

At the recent General Assembly I hosted a lunch-time book-launch. Mary and I had helped in publishing "**Finding my Way – Memories of a Czech Dissident**", a book by a friend, the Rev Tomas Bisek, a minister of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren. The book tells how from childhood Tomas developed a resistance to totalitarianism. He was an early signatory of the Human Rights document Charter 77 and became a target for secret surveillance and repeated interrogation by the Czech Secret Police. The authorities cancelled his licence to preach: he worked as a labourer in the forest. He and his wife went into exile with their children, and he became a minister in the Church of Scotland.

The secret file kept on him by the Czech Police forms an appendix to the book. It dramatically reveals the threat that permeates Bisek's understated story. Within Bisek's narrative of self-discovery, exile and return, lies another theme: the search for the elusive presence of the One whom Bisek sought to serve. Leaving Europe we step away from such associations.

Would that be a blessing?

John Miller (Locum Minister)

We Will Remember Them

Inspired by a visit to the battlefields of World War I and the 100th anniversary of the conflict, I have started to investigate the details of those men listed on the plaque in the vestibule at the Claremount Avenue door. They were men who had a connection with Orchardhill Church who did sadly did not return from serving in the armed forces. From various sources I have managed to discover some details about these men and what happened to them.

So far I have not managed to be able to say when the plaque was put in place. Nor have I been able to confirm some of the details. I would be obliged if anybody who has any knowledge to fill these gaps could get in touch with me (Jim Blair 638 1901) in order that I can confirm what I have uncovered.

I would hope to be able to produce a booklet, containing these details, which would be available on Remembrance Sunday, alongside the Book of Remembrance which commemorates those who served during the Second World War.

Those named on the plaque:

Robertson T Anderson
David Willis Binnie
John S Brown
John C L Caird
Robert Gibson
George Grainger
Jack Gray
John Leslie Gray
Douglas W. Haldane
Robert L Haldane
John D Kennedy

David Leed
William J Lindsay
James McGregor
Ronald G Murray
William H Murray
Wallace C Paterson
Robert Scott
R Shirley Scott
Thomas Toshack
David Steel Walker
Thomas White
David Young

Finding My Way

In this month's Minister's letter Rev John Miller mentions a book, **Finding My Way**. Some copies of the book are on the Welcome Table. Mr Miller will be glad if anyone would like to purchase (£9.95) or borrow a copy.

Mrs Elizabeth “Bette” Wood

23 June 1922 – 7 March 2016

We report with sorrow that the funeral of Mrs Elizabeth Wood took place at Craigton on 15 March. Having taken ill at home at 177 Fenwick Road Giffnock, she died in hospital on 7 March at the age of 93.

Born on 23 June 1922, she was second of the six children of Robert and Isa Donald of Killearn Street, Possilpark: Robert, Elizabeth (known as Bette), Tony, Isobel, Gladys and Irene. Their father was a sign-writer with Wyllies. Bette, always clever, went to school in Possil.

The family all had musical gifts, playing the piano and singing. Their mother and her sister had sung on stage as The Dolly Sisters. Bette left school at 14 and worked in Barr and Stroud, the optical-instrument makers. In the Second World War her brothers served in the Army: Robert in Burma and the Far East, Tony in the Italian campaign and in 1945 in the liberation of Belsen concentration camp.

Both brothers returned safe from the war. But at home their mother Isa had died in 1940 at the age of just 43. With their father working, the younger children looked after home and family life. Bette had taken dancing lessons and organised her young sisters into a tap-dance troupe. To raise money for the war effort they danced in the streets to music from a gramophone which they wheeled round in a pram. Lord Provost Patrick Dollan invited them to the City Chambers and presented them with books.

Bette was lovely to look at and she became a beauty consultant working with cosmetics and worked part-time as a fashion model. She married Andrew Scobie, and they were blessed with a family: their treasured daughter, Hazel. After the war they emigrated to the USA and lived in New York, where Bette had a successful career as a beautician. She kept in regular touch with the family in Scotland. Bette missed the family so much that after 13 years in the USA she returned to Scotland with Hazel. By that time Andrew had died, and Bette and Hazel settled back into family life at home.

Bette now met and married Bert Wood, an executive with the Daily Record. Bette enjoyed the receptions and special occasions with Bert in the world of newspapers, but her social life regularly included what were called Gang Nights with her sisters and their husbands. Great hilarity and laughter could be heard from streets away. Bette moved house many times in her life and knew how to make a house beautiful. This led her into a new career as a property consultant with estate agents Slater Hogg and Howison. She worked happily at this until she retired.

She enjoyed holidays and went on cruises. Ten years ago Bert Wood sadly died, and in Bette's later years she moved to her little flat in Giffnock. She was proud of her place in life as mother to Hazel and had an important place in the family circle as an aunt, a great-aunt and a great-great-aunt to the younger generations. Her niece, Dorothy, said: “Bette will be missed by everyone who knew her. Her zest for life and her sense of humour will never be forgotten.”

Mrs Jean Muir

15 June 1938 – 29 March 2016

On Thursday 7 April the funeral took place at the Linn of Mrs Jean Muir of Dorian Drive. She died suddenly and unexpectedly the previous week, when on holiday with her husband Bill at their caravan in Beadnell, Northumberland.

A member here at Orchardhill for over 50 years, Jean was born on 15 June 1938 in the family home at West Avenue in Renfrew. She was the youngest of the three children in the Cadenhead family: David, Jim and Jean. Their father, David, was an engineer while their mother, Chrissie, was a housewife. Their grand-father had been Provost of Renfrew. On 15 March 1941, the night of the Clydebank blitz, their house was bombed and destroyed, but all the family survived. They stayed for a time with a relative who was janitor of Eastwood School, before being resettled in South Avenue in Renfrew and then at Sandy Road.

Jean went to school at Renfrew Primary and then to Paisley Grammar. She was one of a group of nine girls there who stayed friends for the rest of their lives. Jean went on to Jordanhill College and became a teacher at Abercorn Primary School. A chance meeting with Bill Muir at the dance hall called The Albert led to the start of a romance. Bill came from Giffnock and worked in Insurance in the city centre. A courtship between Giffnock and Renfrew was made easier because Bill had a car. They were married in Renfrew North Church on 30 July 1963, and moved into the house in Dorian Drive which was their home throughout their married life. Jean taught in Giffnock Primary School.

She paused in her teaching career when the children were born: Graham was born in 1966, Alison in 1968. Jean looked after family life, and in 1974 they bought the caravan in Beadnell which gave them a setting for all their holidays. Bill had enjoyed golfing holidays there since 1952. Jean was never a golfer, but was a fan of Scotland rugby, and with Alison she followed the team to France, Italy and Ireland.

When the children were old enough Jean returned to work, leaving primary teaching to become a remedial teacher in secondary schools. In 1975 she started in Barrhead High, becoming part of a very effective team, and she made great friends. Then, after a brief spell in Busby Primary School, she returned to remedial teaching in Eastwood High, where she became a colleague and good friend of Irene Kinniburgh, another member of Orchardhill.

Always emphasising to her children the value of sticking in at school, she was proud to see them making progress, Graham working in management of hotel catering, Alison a biochemist in the pharmaceutical industry. Bill retired in 1989, and Jean in 1992. They enjoyed a social life with their neighbours, and with friends at East Renfrewshire Golf Club, and among their companions at the caravan site in Beadnell.

Jean loved her place in life as a grandmother to Graham's family and to Alison's, from Amy the eldest at 18, through Eilidh, the twins Mairi and Grace, William, and Eve, down to the youngest, Alex aged 7.

Many friends joined with the family at the funeral service. Our sympathy goes to Bill Muir, to Graham and to Alison and to all the family.

Miss Mary (Molly) Izatt Orr

30 March 1917 – 1 May 2016

A teacher in Eastwood School for all of her working life, Molly Orr was held in high regard by generations of pupils. She died peacefully in Eastwood Court at the age of 99.

Born on 30 March 1917, when her family lived in Alexandria, Molly was the youngest of the children of James and Mary Orr: Elizabeth, Jack, James and Mary – always known as Molly. They moved first to Cathcart and then, in 1931, to a newly built house in Melford Avenue. This was to be Molly's home for the rest of her life. In 1933 when Molly was only 14, Mrs Orr died. Elizabeth, the eldest of the children, looked after family life. Molly went to Hutchesons' Grammar School, where she won many prizes. She went on to study French and German at Glasgow University, graduating with First Class Honours. She was also in the University badminton and fencing teams.

Of the four Orr children, only Jimmy married, and that was late in life. The family were very close, and Molly and Elizabeth shared the family home for the rest of their lives. Among their many cousins across the world, the Walkers from England were always part of the Orr family life. Eleanor and Maureen (who moved to Australia in 1959) were very close to Elizabeth and Molly. Eleanor and her husband, Edward France, and their children Alastair and Jeanette, shared many Scottish holidays with them. At her funeral service, in the Linn, Alastair paid a most moving tribute to Molly, grateful for memories of her place in his life.

Molly spent all her teaching years in Eastwood School. A devoted teacher, she became Head of Modern Languages. An enthusiast for extra-curricular activities, she produced plays in French and German for her students. She accompanied them on educational cruises on such ships as the *Dunera* and the *Uganda*, and wherever she went in later life Molly met former pupils who were thrilled to see her.

Molly accepted early retirement from teaching, and she and Elizabeth pursued a very active life. For over 20 years they had a caravan in Perthshire, from which they explored much of Scotland, often with the France family. Molly and Elizabeth joined the Parklands Country Club. When Molly reached the age of 90 the club conferred Life Membership on her. The sisters were season-ticket holders at the Royal Concert Hall; they went to The Citizens Theatre and to Pitlochry Theatre. Molly was a life member of the National Trust for Scotland and an enthusiastic bird-watcher with the RSPB.

Elizabeth and Molly enjoyed cruises. After Elizabeth's death Molly continued these ocean cruises in the company of her recently widowed friend Margaret Wright. Still a car driver in her mid-90s, Molly kept her independence and enjoyed taking a drive down to the coast. Sadly Molly's eyesight began to fail, and by her own choice she entered Eastwood Court 16 months ago.

In Eastwood Court Molly renewed her friendship with Anna Blair, much loved in Orchardhill. At the end of March Molly greatly enjoyed her 99th birthday party, arranged by her friends and family who loved her dearly.

Strawberry Tea at the Orchard

On Tuesday 14 June the Orchard Community Café will be having their extravaganza of strawberries (or raspberries if you are allergic!), and your company is requested from 10.00am till noon. Come along and bring a friend. Please note that soup will not be available that day.

This will be our last café day before the summer. We thank all our customers, bakers and “supers” for a great year.

Used Stamps

Many thanks to everyone who has collected used stamps, which are being forwarded to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. Stamps can be left in the rack in the church corridor. Thank you again.

Shiona Reid

Presbytery Moderator

Rev Jeanne Ruddick, minister of Greenback Church in Clarkston, will be installed as Glasgow Presbytery's Moderator at a Presbytery meeting in her own church on Sunday 26 June at 7.00pm.

Orchard Café's Royal Birthday Cake

Nadiya Hussain, the Great British Bake-off winner, made an orange drizzle cake for the Queen's 90th birthday on 21 April. The recipe was readily available in a weekend newspaper, and so the Orchard Community Café made one too. The cake not only looked good, but it tasted great as well.



Elders for 40 Years

On Sunday 15 May the Orchardhill congregation celebrated that six of our Elders have served in that role for 40 years. One, Iain Lennox, was on holiday that weekend, and another, Bill Miller, a former Session Clerk, was at home looking after his wife Marion.

But Bill McMurtrie, David Howard, Gordon Ross and Bill Yuill all came forward to the front of the Church. There 14-year-old Claudia Hemsley, from our Sunday-morning Bridges programme, asked each of them about their experience of being an Elder.

Then our Session Clerk, Ian Anderson, presented each of the Elders with a framed Long Service Certificate, signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly, Right Rev Angus Morrison.

Much-loved Elder Willie Howie had also served for 40 years when he died earlier this year. After presenting certificates to the other Elders, the Session Clerk gave Willie's certificate to Mrs Vivian Howie, sitting in her usual place in the church.

In a simple prayer the congregation gave thanks for the faithful service of Elders past and present.

Queen's Birthday

Glasgow Churches Together will mark the Queen's 90th birthday with a service in Glasgow Cathedral on Sunday 12 June at 3.00pm.

Lodging House Mission

Glasgow Presbytery's May meeting received a verbal report on the Lodging House Mission's work in the past year. Ewen Mackie, the LHM chairman, highlighted the introduction of overnight accommodation for regular service-users and other homeless folk during the midwinter weeks.

He thanked congregations for their support, financial and in many other ways. About 50% of LHM's income is from churches or individuals with church connections. In the past year LHM turned a £50,000 shortfall into a substantial profit. A fund-raising day is to be held in Glasgow Green on 6 August.

Hard Work and Fun

As you are aware, a great deal of work is going on in and around the Church and Memorial halls. The property committee appreciate everyone who comes along to help with the work parties and also those who give of their time and effort in other specific ways. There's time for some fun as well!

The Congregational Board are extremely grateful to all those who devote their talents to the service of the Church. If you would like to volunteer please speak to Willie Hendry or Gordon Thomson, who will be only too happy to have you on board.





Summer Months' Welcomers

	Entrance	Sanctuary	Welcome Desk	Greeters/Ushers
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JUNE

5	Fergus Cook	Maureen Park	Willie Hendry	Sandra Cherrie and Anne Barr
12	Sandra Cherrie	Maureen Park	Shona Cook	Irene Kinniburgh
19	Nanette Davidson	Shona Fletcher	Sandra Cherrie	Marion Watson
26	Linda Moir	Shona Fletcher	Jim Blair	Sandra Cherrie

JULY

3	Anne Barr	Nanette Davidson	Irene Kinniburgh	Willie Hendry and May Liddle
10	Willie Hendry	Nanette Davidson	May Liddle	Anne Barr
17	Irene Kinniburgh	Nanette Davidson	May Liddle	Fergus Cook
24	Shona Cook	Nanette Davidson	Neil Mackenzie	Marion Watson
31	Fergus Cook	Gordon Ross	Marion Watson	Neil Mackenzie

AUGUST

7	Linda Moir	Gordon Ross	Shona Cook	Ian Anderson and Alex Mall
14	Anne Barr	David Evans	Fergus Cook	Willie Hendry
21	May Liddle	David Evans	Neil Mackenzie	Irene Kinniburgh
28	Ian Anderson	Bill McMurtrie	Linda Moir	Shona Cook

SEPTEMBER

4	Irene Kinniburgh	Bill McMurtrie	May Liddle	Anne Barr and Willie Hendry
11	Fergus Cook	Peter Worthington	Shona Fletcher	Neil Mackenzie
18	Alex Mall	Peter Worthington	Gordon Thomson	Linda Moir
25	Shona Cook	Dorothy Cartlidge	Nanette Davidson	Shona Fletcher

Orchardhill Record – Summer Holiday

The *Orchardhill Record* will be taking a two-month summer break, with no publication in July and August. The deadline for the September edition will be Sunday 14 August.

Communion Roll

DEATH

On 23 May 2016 Ronald DXXXXX ("Ronnie") Carswell, 23 Moraine Drive, Giffnock G46 6LP

Congregational Register

BAPTISMS

On 8 May 2016 Lewis Joseph, son of David and Laura Hamill, 19a Evan Drive, Giffnock G46 6NL

On 8 May Annabel Catherine Hay, daughter of Karen and Robert Squair, 3 Penrith Avenue, Giffnock G46 6LU

Offering Rota (June-September)

JUNE

5	Maureen Park 638 0273; Anne Anderson 563 2395; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114
12	Maureen Park; Anne Anderson; Norma Hannah 638 7515; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375
19	Shona Fletcher 639 4523; Colin Williamson 571 9119; Lisel Tait 638 8345
26	Shona Fletcher; Colin Williamson; Lisel Tait

JULY

3	Nanette Davidson 638 1570; Angela Peacock 638 0026; Allan Rennie 882 9703
10	Nanette Davidson; Angela Peacock; Allan Rennie
17	Nanette Davidson; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114
24	Nanette Davidson; Norma Hannah 638 7515
31	Gordon Ross 638 1207; Willie Hendry 644 0351; Norma Hannah

AUGUST

7	Gordon Ross; Willie Hendry; Jim Kerr 638 2747
14	David Evans 571 7846; Valerie Clarke 638 6148; Jim Kerr
21	David Evans; Valerie Clarke 638 6148; Shona Cook 644 1354
28	Bill McMurtrie 571 2512; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375; Shona Cook

SEPTEMBER

4	Bill McMurtrie; Norma Hannah 638 7515; Ann Pope 616 4809
11	Peter Worthington 638 4316; David Howard 571 7854; Ann Pope; Norma Hannah
18	Peter Worthington; David Howard; Fiona Thomson 571 7153
25	Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; Ian Anderson 563 2395; Fiona Thomson

Orchardhill Calendar

JUNE

Sun	5	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
Tue	8	7.45pm	Congregational Board	
Sun	12	10.30am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Rev John Miller
Tue	17	10.00am - noon	Orchard Café's Strawberry Tea	
Sun	19	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
Fri	24	11.00am	Giffnock Primary School's Summer Service	
Sun	26	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller

JULY

Sun	3	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
Sun	10	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
Sun	17	10.30am	Family Worship	
Sun	24	10.30am	Family Worship	
Sun	31	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller

AUGUST

Mon -Tue	1-5		Summer Mission Week	
Sun	7	10.30am	Family Worship/Summer Mission Service	
Sun	14	10.30am	Family Worship	
Sun	21	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
Sun	28	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller

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