



THE RECORD



Rev Dr Grant Barclay was inducted as Orchardhill Parish Church's new minister on Thursday 25 August. Messages from Dr Barclay are published on pages 3, 5 and 7 of this edition of the Orchardhill Record.

Harvest Appeal



That's another year in already! The harvest collection seems to come round quicker and quicker, and one thing we can be sure doesn't change is its importance to the two missions in their work for the homeless. Without the support they receive from churches the Lodging House Mission and the Glasgow City Mission simply could not provide the healthy, substantial food they do to their service users.

So that our contributions are as useful as they can be and are tailored to the kitchen staffs' efforts, LHM have provided a list of items that would be most helpful to them. That list is below, and they have asked that, if at all possible, we should stick to it. Harvest Sunday is on 2 October.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your contributions.

Archie Hunter and Gordon Ross

Cereal

Cornflakes/Crunchy Nut
Weetabix
Rice Crispies
Sugar Puffs
Frosties
Coco Pops
Porridge

Tinned Soup

Chicken
Tomato
Lentil
Scotch broth
Vegetable
Minestrone

Tinned Meat/Fish

Tuna
Ham
Corn Beef
Meatballs
Hotdogs
Stew
Haggis
Ravioli
Macaroni

Tinned Vegetables

Tomatoes
Carrots
Peas
Sweetcorn
Mixed vegetables
Baked beans
Potatoes
Pasta bake sauces
Curry sauces

Tinned Fruit

Peaches
Pears
Pineapples
Mandarins
Fruit cocktail
Custard
Rice

Other

Coffee (not decaf)
Sugar
Tomato sauce
Brown sauce
Vinegar
Long-grain rice
Broth mix
Dried peas
Lentils
Fresh/diluting juice
Biscuits (not oatcakes or cream crackers)

Letter from the Manse

Dear Friends,

Karen and I, along with our children, would like to thank you for all the kindness you've shown us since we moved in to the Manse in mid-August.

We have greatly appreciated the warm welcome you've offered to us and the encouraging words you've shared with us when we have met or that you have sent in cards. It has made us feel quite at home already.

I mentioned at the induction social the considerable work the Fabric Committee has undertaken at the Manse which has made the house a good place to live and work. We are especially grateful to Gordon and Willie for their first-class oversight of all this work coupled with a close attention to detail.

We were touched by the considerable effort many people had made to produce and serve all sorts of food and drinks at the induction social which people from as far as Edinburgh, Stirling – and, of course, Kilmarnock – enjoyed. Your hospitality allowed them and us every opportunity to have a most memorable evening. And thanks also go to all those who spoke or sang and contributed to what was a great way to start our time with you. Many of our friends have commented on how splendid the church looked and how warm a welcome they received, and on their behalf I thank everyone involved in setting out, clearing up and saying hello.

Finally, I'd like to say a special word of thanks for the gifts given to our children, the flowers to Karen, the lovely scarf you presented to me and which had its first formal outing at September's Communion service, as well as for the Call to me as Minister presented in such a wonderful case. None of my colleagues has seen anything like it, and it sits on my desk in the Manse as a reminder of the people who have called me here to serve as Minister. You have extended a generous welcome to us all, and we are most grateful to you.

Grant and Karen Barclay

Glasgow Presbytery's Welcome

Three recently inducted Ministers, including Orchardhill's Rev Dr Grant Barclay, were welcomed at Glasgow Presbytery's meeting on Tuesday 13 September. The two others were Rev Louise McClements (Lenzie Old) and Rev Jim Teasdale (Eastwood).

Lunch and Retail Therapy



This year The Guild decided to have the summer outing in Troon, where we had lunch and then enjoyed a little “retail therapy”. As you can see from the photograph, we were fortunate to have one of the few warm summer days!!! A great success!

The Guild Syllabus

The Guild look forward to meeting once again to learn about God working in the world and to enjoy each other’s company when they gather on Monday afternoons at 2.00 in the Fellowship Room. The draft syllabus for 2016-2017:

- 10 October Glasgow’s Hidden Treasures (David Walker)
 - 24 October Guild Theme: Go in Joy (Rev Dr Grant Barclay)
 - 7 November..... Christian Aid: Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia
 - 21 November..... Glasgow Panopticon (Mrs Walker)
 - 5 December Christmas Lunch at Fenwick Hotel
 - 23 January Travels on the Indian Ocean (Mrs Pat Connell)
 - 6 February Glasgow Building Preservation Trust
 - 20 February Coach House Trust (Mrs Joy Blair)
 - 6 March Allocations and Air Cadet talk (Rev Ada Younger)
- The date and venue of the Summer Outing have yet to be arranged.

Harvest: Home?

Forced by political insecurity, fearing violence and suffering a lack of basic necessities, a family with its roots deep in a Middle Eastern nation is forced to flee for the second time in, perhaps, not much more than a decade. The second attempt at refuge is more precarious than the first: it relies entirely on a wafer-thin possibility that tenuous family connections are remembered across many years despite no contact being made. It is with nothing more than such a hope that Naomi sets out west from Moab with her daughters-in-law and faces either a perilous voyage across the Dead Sea or a lengthy walk through inhospitable desert. In starting this journey she sets the scene for the well-beloved harvest story of Ruth.

The story continues as the migrants are noticed, their potential economic activity recognised and also as theological reflection goes hand in hand with commercial practice and political awareness. It is a story for our times; read through the universalising influence of Christian faith, it allows no room for complacency. Charity can never be confined to one's own family tree. Boaz recognises and desires to reward Ruth's remarkable faithfulness to Naomi, but he sees, too, that she has sought refuge not simply from him as a distant relative but has come to the God of Israel "under whose wings" he recognises she seeks refuge.

We celebrate harvest in this season, though in truth we reap the benefits of a hundred harvests across the globe throughout each year. We may also consider our Christian response to care for a fragile creation even as we express gratitude for what we enjoy. As we find ourselves - at this point in our history and geography - well-resourced while many are embarking on their second or third journey seeking refuge, we might be informed by Boaz's perspective.

In whose name do we offer – or decline to offer – basic security and sufficient sustenance against starvation? Is it our own name or that of our nation or in some way representing the God to whom others are looking, hoping to find help in their desperate need and life in the midst of death?

Grant Barclay

November's *Orchardhill Record* Deadline

Sunday 16 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 have no notices for the **Communion Roll** and the **Congregational Register** this month.

Supper Takes The Biscuit



On Communion Sunday last month Stepping Stones found a novel way to represent the Lord's Supper – an interesting use of biscuit decoration. But we're not sure what Leonardo might have made of it!

Sunshine Bags

Collection of the Sunshine Bags this year will start on Sunday 9 October. Guild people will be at the door of the church before the morning service to receive them. Collection will continue on the rest of the Sundays in October.

We are raising money again for Mary's Meals for their wonderful work providing one good meal a day to children in need throughout the world in a place of learning. As well as receiving much needed nutrition, these children are better able to receive education to the limit of their ability and hopefully find a way out of their abject poverty.

Many thanks to everyone supporting this effort. Please phone me (638 0457) if you need help returning your bag.

Jeanette Birnie

Visiting by the Minister

I thought it might be helpful for me to outline through the pages of the Orchardhill Record a possible starting-place for the way I'd like to offer you pastoral support as your Minister. Of course, through conversations among us, this may change and develop; it seems helpful, though, to give you some notion about how I plan to go about things initially.

My view is that visiting as the Minister to offer you the assurance of the prayerful concern of the church and to allow you an opportunity, entirely in confidence, to speak about matters which are of importance to you is a vital part of parish ministry. I am keen to visit as many of you as would benefit from such a visit; at that same time, I don't want unduly to pester or impose a burden on you. I therefore need both your guidance and, to some extent, your support in taking the initiative.

John Miller has helpfully provided me with a list of those whom he visited, and this shall form the basis of my visits for the first couple of months or so. However, situations change, and you should always feel free to contact me in any of the ways described below if you'd like a chat, or to let me know how things are doing, or to arrange that we meet up.

May I dispel two inaccurate views? First, ministers (and certainly this one) aren't telepathic: it is much easier for them to respond to people who get in touch with them than it is to know who ought to be contacted. Second, you are never being a nuisance if you get in touch with the minister. If I make an arrangement for us to meet a few days after you call, text, email or chat to me in person, I'm really organising my time so that you are not intruding or imposing at all. Do, please, contact me particularly if there's a matter on which you feel my support might be helpful. If you are in hospital, why not text or call me using your mobile phone? You could also ask a relative to do so. My aim is to visit all who are in hospital about once each week as long as I know they are inpatients - and where they are!

You may feel a chat on the phone is sufficient. You might want to have me round to your home for a blether - and you could even take me out for a coffee! I'd encourage you to use my mobile phone, ideally by texting (you may call, but I might be with someone, in a meeting or leading a service and am less likely to take your call there and then). You can also send me an email, and I'll usually reply to email and text messages within the day.

I hope to meet with all elders responsible for pastoral care in districts fairly soon, and I'm very conscious that the long-standing connection built up between district elder and member is the key pastoral relationship within the church. However, I'd far rather two people knew about an important issue than no one did, so do feel free to get in touch with me directly if you think that would be helpful.

If you think this broad approach could be improved, or refined, then do please also let me know. I value your insight and hope that, by sharing different approaches, we might all learn and grow together.

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Café Presentation



Following the summer break, the Orchard Community Café reopened last month in Orchardhill's recently redecorated Fellowship Room and Session Room. To mark the occasion, the Café personnel made presentations to Willie Hendry and Gordon Thomson, who led the team of volunteers who had worked in painting and papering as well as installing new binds and various other ways to renew and refresh the rooms.

Each month the Café makes a donation to a charity. This month the charity is TearFund. The Café is open on Tuesdays (10.00am-1.00pm) and Thursdays (10.00am-noon), serving coffee and tea with delicious home baking. Home-made soup and fresh bread are served on Thursdays from 11.30am.

Thinking Allowed

Thinking Allowed's 2016-217 programme has been finalised, with four events in Orchardhill and four at Cairns Church, Milngavie.

Orchardhill's programme starts on Thursday 3 November, when Rev David McLachlan, Minister of Langside Church, will deliver his lecture titled "The Gift of Doubt". David is a regular Thought for the Day guest on BBC Radio Scotland.

On Wednesday 23 November Rev Peter Macdonald, leader of the Iona Community, will speak about "The Iona Community Transforming Lives to Change the World - The work of the Iona Community and the challenges of the future".

Following the well-received TED Talks of last year's programme, this year's event will have Jody Williams and Scilla Elworthy giving their lectures, respectively "A Realistic Vision for World Peace" and "Fighting with Nonviolence". These will take place on Thursday 2 February.

Finally, on Thursday 9 March, Very Rev John Miller, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, returns to Orchardhill to deliver his lecture on "What Shall We Tell the Grandchildren?"

Cairns' programme starts on Thursday 27 October, when Professor Kenneth McColl, Professor of Gastroenterology at the University of Glasgow will speak on "How Medical Science Makes Progress— and what about the Church?"

Rev Scott McKenna, Minister of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church, Edinburgh, will speak on "The Most Important Journey in Life is the Inner Journey" on Thursday 17 November.

On Thursday 12 January Myra MacDonald, author and former Reuters Bureau Chief for India, will deliver a topical lecture on "Pakistan: Politics and Religion".

Finally, on Thursday 23 February, Rev Julie Nicholson will deliver the Roy Paterson Memorial Lecture. Julie, resident in Bristol, was a Vicar in the Church of England. On 7 July 2005 her daughter was one of the 52 people who lost their lives in the terrorist bombings in London. Her lecture is titled "Crossing Places" and addresses the choices people make about how to live and thrive in the shadow of death and trauma. Her deeply moving book, A Song for Jenny, was adapted for television by the BBC last year.

Flower Delivery

Thank you to all who have helped with the Flower Delivery. If you would like to assist please add your name to a blank date on the list at the Church door.

Farewell and Thanks



Rev John Miler left Orchardhill on Sunday 21 August after more than two years as Interim Moderator and Locum Minister. After the service that day Donald Carmichael spoke on behalf of the congregation to thank John for his time with Orchardhill. Thank-you presentations were made to John and his wife, Mary. In addition, of course, there was a cake [picture above].

Within days of that occasion, Orchardhill receive a reciprocal letter of thanks from John: "On my last Sunday in Orchardhill Mary and I were taken utterly by surprise by the Farewell celebration. A wonderful speech by Donald Carmichael was followed by a hugely generous gift of a cheque for over £1600. A beautiful mirror was presented to us and a bouquet of flowers and a simply brilliant card of signatures from Stepping Stones. And there was a most delicious lunch for everyone who could stay.

"Mary and I can only say the words, 'Thank You'. We are so grateful, too, to Stepping Stones and Boomerang for welcoming our grandchildren so kindly. We shall always remember our precious time in Orchardhill, and we will keep the new ministry of Grant Barclay and Orchardhill Church in our prayers."

October/November Welcomers

Entrance	Sanctuary	Welcome Desk	Greeters/Ushers
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OCTOBER

2	Gordon Thomson	Dorothy Cartlidge	Marion Watson	Linda Moir & Alex Mall
9	Ian Anderson	Irene Kinniburgh	Nanette Davidson	Marion Watson
16	Nanette Davidson	Irene Kinniburgh	Gordon Thomson	Alex Mall
23	Gordon Thomson	Alex Mall	Ian Anderson	Nanette Davidson
30	Ann Craig	Alex Mall	Isabel Vance	Jim Mackinnon

NOVEMBER

6	Isabel Vance	Ian Brown	Jo Weir	Ann Craig
13	Jim Mackinnon	Ian Brown	Jo Weir	Sandra Cherrie
20	Sandra Cherrie	Ian Brown	Isabel Vance	Jim Mackinnon
27	Ann Craig	Ian Brown	Jo Weir	Sandra Cherrie

Offering Rota

OCTOBER

2	Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; Ian Anderson 563 2395; Susan McQuilter 638 6936
9	Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722; Joyce Winning 571 7617; Susan McQuilter
16	Irene Kinniburgh; Joyce Winning; Evelyn McMurtrie 571 2512
23	Alex Mall 585 7169; Norma Hannah 638 7515; Evelyn McMurtrie
30	Alex Mall; Norma Hannah; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114

NOVEMBER

6	Ian Brown 638 9754; Jim Blair 638 1901; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375
13	Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Dave Thomson 638 3289
20	Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Dave Thomson
27	Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Dave Thomson

Scripture Readers in October

2 – Fiona Thomson

9 – Garry Crosbie

16 – Angela Peacock

23 – Ian Anderson

30 – Marion Simpson

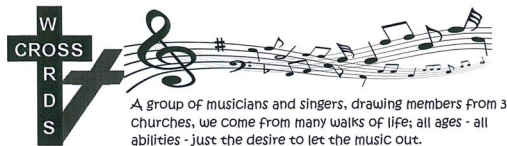
Orchardhill Calendar

OCTOBER

Sun	2	10.30am	Harvest Sunday: Family Worship	Rev Dr Grant Barclay
Sun	9	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Dr Grant Barclay
Thu	13	1.30pm	Giffnock Primary School: Inclusion Service	
Sun	16	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Dr Grant Barclay
Sun	23	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Dr Grant Barclay
Sat	29	7.30pm	CrossWords' Fundraising Concert	
Sun	30	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Dr Grant Barclay

NOVEMBER

Thu	3	7.45pm	Thinking Allowed	
Sun	6	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Dr Grant Barclay
		6.30pm	Bereavement Service	



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on 29 October at 7.30pm

in Orchardhill Parish Church

12 Church Rd. Giffnock

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