

THE RECORD



A Remembrance poppy and cross at the grave of Douglas William Haldane, who is among seven Orchardhill members named on the walls on the First World War memorials in Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras, France. His brother, Robert, also is named on the memorial. (See also page 5.)

The Minister's monthly letter is on page 3.

Services at the New Victoria

For many years Marion Simpson organised members of Orchardhill to assist at the Sunday services in the Victoria Infirmary until its closure. Rev Ishaku Bitrus has now started a service in the New Victoria Hospital on the first Thursday of the month at 11.00am in the dining room of Ward 1. The services in September and October were well attended by patients, 13 and 15 respectively, and were well received by the patients and staff.

Our next service is on Thursday 3 November, and if any volunteers would like to attend you will be made very welcome. All that is required of you is to “befriend” a patient during the service. The service lasts about 30 to 35 minutes.

If you require further information please contact Margaret Howard on 0141 571 7854.

Harvest Thanks

We have received warm thanks from Lodging House Mission and City Mission for our very helpful harvest donations. Our collection was very healthy this year and was much appreciated by both missions.

Attention now turns to Christmas, and brochures promoting LHM cards are now in the church vestibule. Cards will also be on sale at the Orchard Café. If anyone would like cards which are not available, these can be obtained from LHM or Archie Hunter at 0141 571 8985.

Moderator's Perspective

Right Rev Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly, offers a personal perspective on Remembrance in the November edition of Life and Work, the Church of Scotland monthly magazine. On the same theme, the magazine has a Remembrance Prayer as well as an article on changing attitudes to Remembrance.

Other features include:

Beauty of Wood, the significance of trees and wood, inside and outside churches.

The Guild's Gathering in Dundee.

A preview of Scottish Interfaith Week (November 13-20).

A look ahead to Prisoners' Week (November 20-27).

The monthly thoughts of Very Rev Dr James Simpson.

Remembrance

We have some greater knowledge of those whose names are recorded on the memorial to the fallen of the First World War from Orchardhill Parish Church. Thanks to detailed and lengthy investigation carried out by Jim Blair, more is known about each.

In many cases the regiment in which they served as well as the place and date on which they fell has been uncovered and is now recorded in a book retained in the church and freely available for consultation. Such details of family and local connections emphasise the truth, known but easily forgotten in the weight of numbers, that every life lost in war was that of someone precious to many others: a member of some family; a son, perhaps a brother or uncle, a husband or father.

In this centenary year of the Battles of Verdun, Jutland and the Somme, and one hundred years after the introduction of conscription we remember not only the vast numbers of lives lost but that each represents an individual who was profoundly connected to others.

Such connection was evident to those in this church at that time for servicemen wrote to the then Minister, Arthur Cowan, as Anna Blair notes in her history of Orchardhill. Their words do nothing to glorify the conflict; they paint a much more desperate picture. One wrote, "If the people at home had any idea of the hardships of our soldiers out here in this fiery ordeal they would see how great is the need for their prayers."

In our day we do well to remember those who still bear the consequences of conflict in their minds and bodies. It is right to remember families still grieving or who continue to struggle and not to overlook former service personnel who find the transition to civilian life impossibly difficult. In our remembering we look outward in our contemporary world and can imagine only a little of the hardships, suffering and sorrow endured by those in the "fiery ordeal" of Aleppo and in other places today. How great, still, is the need for our prayers for those who suffered in war and those who continue to do so and for those who endeavour to bring peace.

Grant Barclay, Minister

Harvest Celebration



Stepping Stones celebrated Harvest Sunday by making wreaths with autumn leaves and a prayer.

*Dear Lord God,
Thank you for the sun and rain,
Thank you for the corn and grain,
Thank you for the gathered wheat,
Thank you for the food we eat.
Amen.*



After the refurbishment of Orchardhill's Session and Fellowship Rooms the work continues outdoors ... and on doors!

Creative Worship Group

The word “liturgy,” the term used to describe the range of things done and said in worship, comes from two Greek words which mean, literally, “the work of the people.” Given this provenance, it is interesting that liturgy is often experienced as something handed or provided to us and in whose creation we have little to contribute.

I am keen that, as one of the tentative steps in my early period as Minister, we investigate together the ways in which we can develop our worship. I am keen to re-establish liturgy as the people’s work. And I clearly need your involvement!

I hope to arrange, fairly soon, the first of a number of meetings where we might explore ways in which we might make creative contributions to our worship in order that it may continue to be meaningful and inspiring, and lead people to be “lost in wonder, love and praise.”

If you would like to be part of this endeavour, please contact the Church Office in the first instance.

Grant Barclay

Orchardhill Graves

Seven Orchardhill men, including two brothers, Robert and Douglas Haldane, are named on the First World War memorials in Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery in Arras, France. A photograph of the latter’s grave, with a cross and poppy, is published on the front page of this edition.

The Haldane brothers are listed on the Arras Memorial, as are John Gray, James McGregor, R Shirley Scott, and Thomas Toshak. Another Orchardhill man, David Leed, is named on the Arras Flying Services Memorial.

The cross and poppy were placed at Douglas Haldane’s grave by Jim Blair. As reported in June’s *Orchardhill Record*, Jim has been researching the graves of those named on the memorial plaque in Orchardhill’s Tower Vestibule. His researches are now published in a memorial book.

The Guild

Two meetings of The Guild will be held in the Fellowship Room in November. On Monday 7th The Guild will hear about how Christian Aid are Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia, and the 21st the subject will be the Britannia Panopticon Theatre.

Thinking Allowed

Orchardhill's Thinking Allowed programme starts on Thursday 3 November (7.30pm), when Rev David McLachlan, Minister of Langside Church, will deliver his lecture titled "The Gift of Doubt". You may remember David from a course that he helped lead at Erskine for elders a few years ago.

David is a regular Thought for the Day guest on BBC Radio Scotland. During his ministry he has served on the General Assembly's Church and Nation Committee and as a trustee of the Board of Christian Aid. Issues of justice and peace are close to David's heart.

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". Come along to learn about the Iona Community which, as a radical movement and organisation, is committed to living out the Christian faith in the areas of:

- Environmental stewardship
- Peacemaking and non-violence
- Healing and reconciliation
- Hospitality, diversity and inclusive community
- Worship, faith and spirituality
- Social justice and human rights
- Politics and campaigning
- Gender justice and human sexuality

The Community actively and urgently seeks to work in partnership with all people of goodwill who share their commitment to just and non-violent action, irrespective of nationality, religion or political creed.

Following the well-received TED Talks of last year's programme, this session's event will feature Jody Williams and Scilla Elworthy giving 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 Church, Milngavie, also hosts Thinking Allowed lectures:

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

12 January – Myra MacDonald, former Reuters Bureau Chief for India: "Pakistan: Politics and Religion".

23 February – Rev Julie Nicholson: Roy Paterson Memorial Lecture.



50 Years' Service in Choir

Orchardhill's Choir is blessed with many members with a great number of years of service, but October 2016 marked a particular milestone for Margaret Howard, who joined the choir 50 years ago as a young Miss Wood. In recognition of this achievement, the Minister presented Margaret with an inscribed hymn book on behalf of her friends in the choir.

Thank you Margaret for your service. Here's to the next 50 years!

David Fisher

Christmas Cantata

Rehearsals have started for the Orchardhill choir's Christmas Cantata, "A Celebration of Carols", a wonderful mixture of well-known and new Christmas praise mixed in with narrative and verse. We will be singing this on Sunday 11 December at 10.30am.

From the start of November our practices move on to a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. New members are very welcome.

After Christmas we will be working on Easter music for Palm Sunday and, to finish our session in May, an orchestral Songs of Praise – a chance for everyone to sing their favourite hymns accompanied by the choir and friends along with a full orchestra. An evening not to be missed!

David Fisher

Volunteers Needed

Lodging House Mission urgently require volunteers for general kitchen and hall duties. The workload is not physically or mentally taxing but is very necessary to LHM's Christian service and outreach, and you will meet a lot of interesting people.



Working hours are flexible, but as an indication, most volunteers do one day per week, working 9.30am till around 2.00pm. However, most working patterns can be accommodated. Please phone Helen at LHM (0141 552 0285).

Café Charity

The Orchard Café's charity this month is East Renfrewshire Good Causes.

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 Tuesdays from 11.30am.

Junior Badminton



Orchardhill Junior Badminton Club's new season is now well under way, and it is good to see lots of members, both old and new, coming along on a Saturday morning from 10.00 till noon. Members enjoy meeting and making new friends, learn to play badminton, have fun playing games and competing in round the net.

Over the next few weeks there are lots of extra activities on offer: coaching from Badminton Scotland, senior/junior morning, crazy tournament, and this month a trip to the Scottish Grand Prix at the Emirates Stadium to take part in a coaching workshop and watch international players competing.

We have a few spaces available at the club, so if you are aged between 10 and 16 we would love to see you. If you are interested in joining please email your name, date of birth, and a phone number to Barbara Mackenzie (neilmackenzie@msn.com) or alternatively phone on 0141 638 0591. For those under 10, your name can be added to the waiting list.

Quiet Prayer Time

We plan to offer an opportunity for a quieter time for prayer and reflection, perhaps with a slightly liturgical flavour, earlier on a Sunday morning. It will be interesting to see whether this approach is helpful to those who would like to worship in such a style and perhaps bring needs before God in a setting like this. The first of these events will take place in the church from 9.30 and finish by 10.00 on the First Sunday in Advent, 27 November.

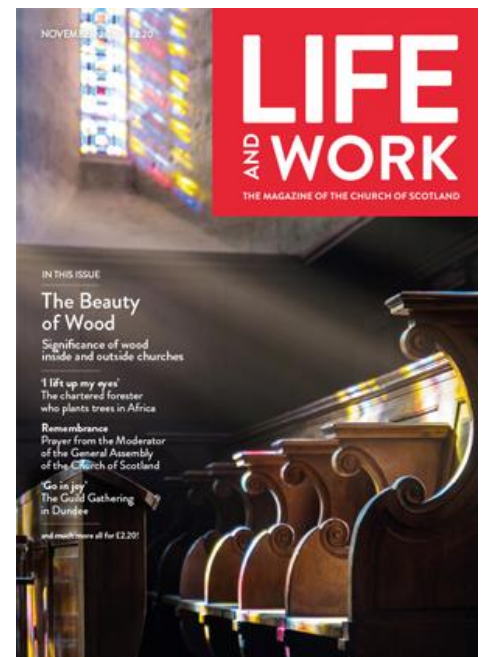
If you have thoughts or views as to what might be included in such a time or you have valuable experiences of similar services elsewhere, do please let us know.

Grant Barclay

Life and Work Renewal

The order for Life and Work for next year is now due to be sent to Edinburgh for renewal. However, please note that your annual subscription is not due for payment until January. Due to increased postage and production costs, the price for the magazine will increase to £2.50 per copy.

If you wish to change or cancel your order, please telephone Jim or Aileen Blair on 0141 638 1901 by Sunday 20 November at the latest.



Sunshine Bags

Perhaps you did not return your Sunshine Bag in October or even have one from a previous year? It is not too late to return bags: the cheque does not go to Mary's Meals for some weeks. Please give your bag to any member of the Guild. Ask any of the people at the door to point one of us out to you.

Very many thanks to those who have already returned their bags – your generosity has been wonderful.

November and December Welcomers

Entrance	Sanctuary	Welcome Desk	Greeters/Ushers
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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

DECEMBER

4	Jim Blair	Fiona Bissett	Isabel Vance	Sandra Cherrie and Jo Weir
11	Shona Cook	Fiona Bissett	Jim Blair	Ann Craig
18	Willie Hendry	Fiona Bissett	Anne Barr	Jim Blair
25	Shona Cook	Fiona Bissett	Catriona Cook	Jim Blair

Offering Rota

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

DECEMBER

4	Fiona Bissett 638 6394; Andrew Flockhart 586 8867; Dave Thomson; Norma Hannah 638 7515
11	Fiona Bissett; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park 638 0273; Anne Anderson 563 2395
18	Fiona Bissett; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park; Anne Anderson
25	Fiona Bissett; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park

Scripture Readers

November	6: Bill McMurtrie	13: Anne Anderson	20: Lindsay Barr	27: Shona Fisher
December	4: Ian Cartlidge	11: Linda Moir	18: David Howard	25: Judy Byrne

Communion Roll

DEATHS

On 23 September 2016 Archibald Sinclair, 28 Eive Drive, Giffnock G46 6PN (district 6)

On 14 October 2016 David Clark, 23 St Anne's Drive, Giffnock G46 6JS (district 18)

Congregational Register

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Bill Blackie from 10 Croy Avenue, Newton Mearns G77 5SG to Flat 1/1, Douglas Court, 5 Douglas Drive, Newton Mearns G77 6HS (district 1)

Cowan Laird from 4 Riverton Court, 180 Riverford Road, Newlands G43 2DE to Room 16, Three Bridges Care Home, 108 Carmunnock Road, Cathcart G44 4UN (district 39) [Cowan has advised us that he would welcome visits from Orchardhill folk.]

Deadline for December Orchardhill Record

Sunday 13 November is the deadline for the December 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. 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. But jpg files are OK.

The editor acknowledges every contribution via his personal email address. Please contact Bill McMurtrie on billmcmurtrie@go-plus.net before the deadline if you have not received confirmation that your contribution has been received.

Orchardhill Calendar

NOVEMBER

Thu	3	7.30pm	Thinking Allowed*	
Sun	6	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
		6.30pm	Bereavement Service	
Mon	7	2.00pm	The Guild: Christian Aid (Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia)	
Sun	13	10.30am	Remembrance Service	Rev Grant Barclay
Sun	20	10.30am	Youth Service	
Mon	21	2.00pm	The Guild: Britannia Panoptican Theatre	
Tue	22	7.30pm	Kirk Session	
Wed	23	7.30pm	Thinking Allowed*	
Sun	27	10.30am	First Sunday in Advent Service led by CrossWords	
Tue	29	7.30pm	Congregational Board	

DECEMBER

Sun	4	10.30am	Second Sunday in Advent Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Rev Grant Barclay
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** Details of the Thinking Allowed lectures are on page 6*

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