



# THE RECORD

## A Long Way Beyond 84...

The recent youth service reminded us that last year we collected 84 eggs for the food bank. Stepping Stones' leaders thought we could equal that; one of the children went further and suggested we might collect 104 eggs!

Palm Sunday was the deadline, and as the eggs were counted a cheer went up. Another egg had been donated – to take our total this year to 200!

Thank you! This says something important about the generosity of members (and some others in our community). It reminds us that our young people can give us an enlivening vision. And it means that when we know what we're trying to do and how we might get there we can indeed make noticeable progress!

I therefore want to encourage you to take part in another venture to do just that – on a slightly larger scale. The Kirk Session will meet in early June to begin to focus our thinking on what we are about as a congregation and what, consequently, we hope to do together here and in our community. After some work over the summer, the plan is that we'll take a full day together on Saturday 2 September as a whole congregation, and perhaps some time on the following Sunday afternoon, too, to work out what we might do, and how we will use our God-given abilities and resources to meet the hopes and needs of those around us. In short, how we will be people led by God in Christ to serve here and beyond in the coming few years.

I hope you'll be willing to take part and that as a first step you'll arrange to keep that weekend free. I hope, too, that you'll make your contribution, share your ideas and your expertise. Then, together, we will think and plan - and put some of it rapidly into action.

This Easter we've seen there is much potential. Every Easter we remember that we trust in a God of new life and beginnings and of limitless possibility. There is power in purpose, not least when it is shared in joint endeavour and shot through with the Spirit's energising.

May God bless you this Easter and long after and lead us together into greater service.

**Grant Barclay**  
Minister

# Eastwoodhill Coffee Morning

Thanks from the Friends of Eastwoodhill to those who supported the coffee morning in Giffnock South Church last month. The event raised £1,256 in support of Eastwoodhill Care Home at Eastwood Toll.

## Songs of Praise

An evening of Songs of Praise will be celebrated on Sunday 4 June at 6.30pm in Orchardhill Church. This evening will be led by the Orchardhill choir and friends, accompanied by a full orchestra! Please join us for a 'big sing' of some of our favourite hymns. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

**David Fisher**



## Transport to Hospitals & Health Centres

The Retired Seniors Volunteers are a group willing to take those who struggle with transport to and from hospitals and health centres (including the new Eastwood Health Centre). There is no charge for the service, though donations are gratefully received. Bookings can be made by contacting Anne-Marie on 0141 881 6439.

## Summer Mission Dates

Orchardhill's Summer Mission this year will be held from 7 to 11 August. More information, including the theme, will be published in the June edition of the Orchardhill Record.

# Remembering Arras

Following on from the centenaries of the Somme and Verdun the centenary of the end of the Battle of Arras will be marked this month. To me, it seems appropriate that we take a few moments to remember the sacrifice of five of the 23 members of Orchardhill who gave their lives during the First World War.

These five men were killed during the Battle of Arras:

John Leslie Gray  
Douglas W Haldane  
David Leed  
R Shirley Scott  
Thomas Toshack

As a moving tribute to the 46,000 brave Scottish men who were injured or fell during this battle, Poppyscotland will release 46,000 petals from the top of the National Wallace Monument in Stirling at 11.00am on 16 May.

If you wish to know more about this event I have placed a leaflet on the notice board in the vestibule.

**Jim Blair**



# Junior Badminton Champions

The season's last meeting of the Orchardhill Junior Badminton Club took place on Saturday 18 March when the annual singles tournaments were contested. In a reverse of last year's boys' result Michael Senyk beat Callum Sharpe, and in the girls' round robin Ruth Flockhart beat her younger sister, Niamh.

In honour of Mary Russell, the founder of the club, a rosebowl is presented to a member who has made a notable contribution during the year. This year's winner was Cameron Griffiths.

Thanks to our Minister, Rev Grant Barclay, for presenting the prizes.



*(Left to right) Callum Sharpe (runner-up boys' singles), Michael Senyk (winner boys' singles), Cameron Griffiths (winner Mary Russell Rosebowl), Ruth Flockhart (winner girls' singles), Niamh Flockhart (runner-up girls' singles)*

# Magical Musical Midnight

Soundwaves' session ended with 10 children putting on the Magical Musical Midnight show. All the children had singing and dancing parts with no particular lead roles this year. Incorporated in the show were their skills in playing recorders and percussion instruments.



With only 10 children to sell tickets, the numbers in the audience was lower than usual this year. However, those who did attend reported how well they enjoyed the show, and thanks go to the many members of Orchardhill who came out to support the children. The programme and tea donations of £128.05 will be sent to a children's charity yet to be decided.

Our pianist and musical director has indicated that she is willing to continue for next session. So Soundwaves will start back in September. If anyone feels that they are able to help with the piano and/or singing please get in touch with Alexis Wallace on 0141 585 7986 or email [soundwaves@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:soundwaves@orchardhill.org.uk).

We are also looking for new members to join Soundwaves next session. If you know anyone from P3 to S1 who might be interested then let them know to get in touch with Alexis Wallace at the above number or email address.

Video snippets from the show can be seen at <http://www.orchardhill.org.uk/whats-on/children/soundwaves/soundwaves-pictures-and-videos.php>

**Alexis Wallace**



# Church of Scotland's role in South Sudan peace-building



The Church of Scotland has been taking a lead in peace-building in South Sudan. The Kirk's role in that work in the world's newest country is featured in the May edition of Life and Work, the Church's monthly magazine.

As can be expected this month, Life and World also highlights the Church's General Assembly, which is being held from 20 to 26 May in Edinburgh. The articles include:

- An interview with the Moderator-Designate, Rev Dr Derek Browning
- Assembly reports
- Business and fringe timetables
- Heart and Soul preview
- An invitation to visit the historic library collections of New College

Ahead of Christian Aid Week (14 to 10 May), the magazine why the work of the charity is more vital than ever

Life and Work's new columnist, Rev Lezley Stewart, introduces herself.

Plus news, reviews, letters, and registers.

## Local Church Review

Orchardhill will be the subject of a Local Church Review later this year. The Superintendence Committee's report to the Glasgow Presbytery meeting did not specify the exact starting date, only that it would be some time after June. The Local Church Review programme was introduced at the 2011 General Assembly to replace the former Quinquennial Visits.

# 200 Easter Eggs

Many thanks from the boys and girls of Stepping Stones for the congregation's incredible response to our request for Easter Eggs for the local food bank. With help from the Rainbows and the Brownies, who heard our plea at the Youth Service, you provided us with no fewer than 200 eggs and a bag of assorted bunnies and chickens.

It is wonderful that you have enabled children who do not have the advantages of ours to share in the glory of Easter and to know that our children and our congregation all love them.



## Christian Aid Week 14-20 May 2017



# Annual Book Sale in Giffnock

Christian Aid's biannual book sale will be held on Saturday 20 May at Morrison's supermarket, Fenwick Road, Giffnock, from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

Though we have a large selection of books we are always looking for more to refresh our stock. If you wish to donate books please contact David Howard (0141 571 7854) or Ian Anderson (0141 563 2395).

We would also be grateful for one or two new helpers at the bookstall. Again just contact Ian or David.

We hope that many of you will be free to support this biannual event.

## General Assembly Week

Rev Dr Derek Browning will be formally elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in the Assembly Hall in Edinburgh on Saturday 20 May. Most recently, he was Convener of the Assembly's Business Committee.

His election is the third item on the agenda for the Assembly's opening day. Soon after that, the Queen's representative, the High Commissioner, will address the Assembly. This year the High Commissioner is the Queen's daughter, the Princess Royal. It is the second time she has been High Commissioner as she fulfilled that role in 1996.

Assembly business begins later that day and continues through the following week from Monday to Friday. The Church of Scotland website will provide reports and other news throughout the Assembly, including a webcast.



# May and June Welcomers

|  | Entrance | Sanctuary | Welcome Desk | Greeters/Ushers |
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## MAY

|    |                |                |                |                                  |
|----|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 7  | Ann Craig      | Bill McMurtrie | Isabel Vance   | Jim Mackinnon and Sandra Cherrie |
| 14 | Jim Mackinnon  | Bill McMurtrie | Ann Craig      | Isabel Vance                     |
| 21 | Sandra Cherrie | Ann Pope       | Isabel Vance   | Shona Cook                       |
| 28 | Shona Cook     | Ann Pope       | Sandra Cherrie | Anne Barr                        |

## JUNE

|    |                  |                |                  |                                  |
|----|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4  | Anne Barr        | Maureen Park   | Shona Cook       | Sandra Cherrie and Willie Hendry |
| 11 | Willie Hendry    | Maureen Park   | Anne Barr        | Shona Cook                       |
| 18 | Irene Kinniburgh | Shona Fletcher | Willie Hendry    | Anne Barr                        |
| 25 | May Liddle       | Shona Fletcher | Irene Kinniburgh | Willie Hendry                    |

# Offering Rota

## MAY

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 7  | Bill McMurtrie 571 2512; Margaret Howard; Valerie Clarke 638 6148 |
| 14 | Bill McMurtrie; Neil Mackenzie 638 0591; Valerie Clarke           |
| 21 | Ann Pope 616 4809; Neil Mackenzie; Alex Mall 585 7169             |
| 28 | Ann Pope; Norma Hannah; Alex Mall                                 |

## JUNE

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 4  | Maureen Park 638 0273; Norma Hannah 638 7515; Anne Anderson 563 2395              |
| 11 | Maureen Park; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114; Anne Anderson; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375 |
| 18 | Shona Fletcher 639 4523; Colin Williamson 571 9119; Lisel Tait 638 8345           |
| 25 | Shona Fletcher; Colin Williamson; Lisel Tait                                      |

# Reading Rota

**MAY** 7 Anne Anderson    14 Garry Crosbie    21 Fiona Thomson    28 George Robertson  
**JUNE** 4 Shona Cook    11 Donald Carmichael    18 Margaret Howard    25 Ian Cartlidge

# Covenanters Close to Home

Main events of the Covenanting years were well away from us here in Giffnock – the battles of Philiphaugh and Dunbar, the executions by drowning in Wigtown Bay, public hangings in the Edinburgh Grassmarket, incarceration on the Bass Rock or in Dunnottar Castle. But this month in 1678 the opposition struck a group of Covenanters close enough to have been seen from the tower of Orchardhill – if our church building had existed then.

On 12 May a large conventicle had gathered beside Williamwood House: the preachers were Rev John Campbell and Rev Matthew Crawford. But the service was raided by soldiers. More than 50 Covenanters were arrested. They were tried in Glasgow, and most of them were sentenced to banishment. That was punishment which was effectively slavery in the colonies, the eastern states of America and the Caribbean islands.

These were troublesome years for those dedicated to the Church of Scotland around 340 years ago!

Anon

## Deadline for June Record

Sunday 14 May is the deadline for the June edition of the *Orchardhill Record*. Contributions should be sent by email to [record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto: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 the editorial team, not just the editor.

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 via his personal email. Contact him before the deadline if he has not confirmed that he has received your contribution.

The *Orchardhill Record* will be on holiday in July and August. Publication will resume with the September edition. The deadline will be 13 August.

# Orchardhill Calendar

## MAY

|                       |    |  |                |                   |
|-----------------------|----|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Sun                   | 7  | 10.30am  | Sunday Worship | Rev Grant Barclay |
| Sun                   | 14 | 10.30am  | Sunday Worship | Rev Grant Barclay |
| Sunday-Saturday 20-26 |    | Church of Scotland General Assembly in Edinburgh |                |                   |
| Sun                   | 21 | 10.30am  | Sunday Worship | Rev Grant Barclay |
| Sun                   | 28 | 10.30am  | Sunday Worship | Rev Grant Barclay |
| Tue                   | 30 | 7.30pm   | Kirk Session   |                   |

## JUNE

|     |    |         |  |                   |
|-----|----|---------|--|-------------------|
| Sun | 4  | 10.30am | Sunday Worship<br>Elders' conference following Worship | Rev Grant Barclay |
|     |    | 6.30pm  | Songs of Praise (see page 2)                           |                   |
| Sun | 11 | 10.30am | Sacrament of Lord's Supper                             | Rev Grant Barclay |

## Email Address for Intimations

Intimations to be included in the Sunday service sheet should be sent to  
[intimations@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:intimations@orchardhill.org.uk)

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# Orchardhill Kirk Session

