



THE RECORD

Led by Young People

In this Scottish Year of Young People the service conducted by Bridges on 16 September was significant. Our young people, members of the group which meets every Sunday during the morning service, led the whole worship time that day and, in it, addressed the vital contemporary issue of mental health.

Making creative use of video clips, stories and bricks of challenges which could, with help, become a path to walk on, our young people told us that it was “OK to be not OK” and led us in all-age worship, prayer and reflection on a significant issue which affects people in all generations. They were well supported by Shona Cook, who has, in leading Bridges over the past months, worked to enable the issues and contributions to come very much from our young people.

It was encouraging to see so many young people with us in worship: that does the hearts of our more mature members good. It was deeply impressive to hear the quality of the contribution of all our young people. They are not merely the hope for the church of the future but are very much an integral part of today’s church.

The purpose of the “Year” is to give young people a platform, a stronger voice on issues which affect their lives. Our service suggests that it may be more than that.

All of us may have been helped to see that Christian service doesn’t really have a minimum age. It’s entirely possible for teenagers and young adults, with only a little guidance, to lead the whole church community in high quality worship, enabling us to think, allowing us to hear of God’s care for all, and prompting us to make responses both in devotion and a determination to think and act differently.

One weakness of a “Year” of anything is that, when the time is over, the issue can be forgotten. That needn’t be the case, particularly if we see the significant contribution of our young people not as a single event but, rather, the start of more regular involvement.

Who knows where, in God’s providing, we may be led by all people – those who are older and also the young.

Your Minister,
Grant Barclay

Events in Orchardhill

A series of wide-ranging events have been arranged in Orchardhill over the coming months

Tuesday 9 October (1.30-3.30pm)

The Tuesday Club

Speaker: Shona Cook ("My Life of Crime")

Sunday 21 October (7.30-10.00pm)

Film Night

Mrs Brown"

Saturday 27 October (12.30-4.00pm)

Murder Mystery Afternoon Tea

"Murder on the Titanic"

Tickets: £10-£15 tbc (The deadline for ordering tickets from Shona Cook is Sunday 21 October)

Saturday 10 November (2.00pm)

Maureen Park speaking in "The Fine Art of the First World War"

Thursday 15 November (7.30-10.00pm)

Film Night

"War Horse"

Friday 23 November (7.30-10.00pm)

Details to be confirmed

Tuesday 27 November (1.30-3.30pm)

The Tuesday Club

Christmas Crafts

Sunday 2 December (7.00-9.30pm)

The Big Sing

In aid of the Scottish Huntington's Association

The Military Wives Choir West of Scotland and Falkirk Junior Choir

Tickets £10 each can be purchased from the Church Office or Isabella Hood until 7 October. Thereafter only from the website www.hdscotland.org. A huge demand is expected, and numbers are limited.

Saturday 15 December (3.00-6.00pm)

Christmas at Orchardhill

Films, food and fun

Apology to Orchardhill

Orchardhill's Local Church Review report was tabled at the Glasgow Presbytery meeting at Springburn Church on Tuesday 11 September. Reference was made in it to how we '*endured a period of difficulty and uncertainty*' during more than two years of vacancy. That prompted an unexpected, though extremely welcome apology to Orchardhill from the floor of the meeting.

The apology came from Robert Hynd, Representative Elder at Broomhill Hyndland Church, who had led the currently proposed reform of the Church of Scotland's Discipline Act. In that latter role he visited a group of us to ascertain what problems Orchardhill had encountered and how we were affected by then current Act.

In addressing Presbytery he drew attention to the first sentence of the LCR visiting team's recommendations and advice in the report: '*The team were impressed by the resilience of the congregation in overcoming recent difficulties and the positive way in which they have responded resulting in a committed close knit fellowship.*'

Robert continued in addressing Presbytery: "The folk at Giffnock Orchardhill have been through all kinds of hell, which lasted far too long and which, happily, they are now on the other side of. I know just a little of the pain and the great personal cost to the office-bearers and others of their experience of our Church's disciplinary processes, having spent time with them, as part of the work which I recently led on the General Assembly's Legal Questions Committee on the reform of the Church's disciplinary procedures. If this Presbytery and others approve the Overture coming our way soon, I hope that Overture will be enacted at next year's General Assembly.

"The cost in time, anger, sheer frustration and not a few bitter tears, for all at Giffnock Orchardhill, was an enormous price for any congregation to pay for something which was not their fault. Although it is far too late, on behalf of the whole Church, I would apologise for all that hurt, commend their collective faith in a Lord who has taken them from the darkness into the light, and rejoice with them in this wonderful report and wish Grant Barclay and Bill McMurtrie and all the good folk at Giffnock Orchardhill, God's richest blessings for their '*committed close knit fellowship*' in the years to come.

My words of thanks to Robert (both during the meeting and again later privately) could not fully convey my sincere gratitude to him, not only for his address to Presbytery but also for when he took time to visit a group of us in Orchardhill to find out how much the then current Act had impacted against our congregation.

Bill McMurtrie

Donations to Missions

With Harvest Sunday approaching on 7 October, once again we take the opportunity to say how important this annual donation is to both The Lodging House Mission and The City Mission. The Missions regularly make the point that without these contributions from churches they simply would not be able to provide the level of service they do to the homeless community. As a reminder, LHM has provided a list of the most desired donation requests:

Cereal	Tinned Soup	Tinned Meat / Fish	
Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nuts	Chicken	Tuna	Salmon
Weetabix	Tomato	Ham	
Rice Crispies	Lentil	Corn Beef	
Sugar Puffs	Scotch Broth	Meatballs	
Frosties	Vegetable	Hotdogs	
Coco Pops	Minestrone	Macaroni	
Cheerios	Carrot and coriander	Haggis	Ravioli
Tinned Vegetables	Tinned Fruit	Other	
Tomatoes	Peaches	Jam	
Carrots	Pears	Sugar	
Peas	Pineapples	Coconut milk	
Sweet corn	Mandarins	Tomato sauce	
Mixed vegetables	Fruit Cocktail	Brown sauce	
Baked beans	Rice	Vinegar	
Potatoes	Custard	Tomato paste	
Jars of pasta bake sauce and curry sauce or curry paste		Broth mix	
		Dried peas	
	Dried Goods	Lentils	
	Mixed herbs	Fresh and diluting juice	
	Garlic powder	Vegetable oil	
	Ground Turmeric	Bisto	
	Chilli powder	Stock cubes or Bouillon	
	Crushed chillies	Dried peas	
	Ground coriander	Biscuits (not oatcakes or cream crackers)	
	Salt and black pepper		

Not required list

Pasta	Shredded Wheat cereal	Grapefruit
Pearl barley	Muesli	Prunes
Drinking chocolate	Alpen	Tea bags
Marmalade	Long-grain rice	Porridge

LHM are always short of diluting juice, tinned meat and vegetables.

Fine Art of First World War



As part of Orchardhill's commemoration of the centenary of the 1918 Armistice, Dr Maureen Park will present an illustrated talk, "The Fine Art of the First World War", in the church on Saturday 10 November (2.00-4.00pm).

The talk will explore the role of art in recruiting, recording and remembering the contribution and sacrifice of so many during the war. Muirhead Bone, John Lavery, Paul Nash and John Singer Sargent are only a few of the artists whose powerful and moving images will be examined alongside their own personal experiences of the war. (Above is John Nash's "Over the Top" at Marcoing on 30 December 1917.)

Tea, coffee and home baking will be provided, and all are most welcome. The talk is free, and there will be opportunities to make donations to Poppyscotland.



Orchardhill Parish Church

11th November

Grant us Peace

On this day, one hundred years ago,

the First World War "The Great War" ended; the armistice was signed and the guns fell silent. The significance of this conflict cannot be overstated, almost every family in the land had been affected; the loss of so many loved ones caused such a feeling of widespread national despair that, for us now, it is difficult to imagine.

The belief that it had been the "war to end all wars" however has not been borne out; since nineteen eighteen the country has been involved in numerous conflicts not least the Second World War which also caused much loss of life and also many other conflicts.



We, on this date, remember those who lost their lives in all conflicts in which the country has participated since nineteen eighteen. It is especially appropriate that this year, being the one hundredth anniversary of the cessation of the hostilities, special recognition should be made.

Many people have lost loved ones in all these conflicts and in the knowledge of the significance of this Orchardhill Parish Church extends an invitation to all to attend a commemorative church service to be held on this very special day;

The Service starts at 10.30am

"For your tomorrow,
we gave our today."

Centenary Leaflet

Opposite is the front of a leaflet which is designed to highlight the significance of 11 November this year as the centenary of the end of the First World War.

On the leaflet, which will be available by mid-October, the reverse will list events associated with this commemoration in the days leading up to 11 November and on the actual day itself.

A few hundred leaflets will be printed, and it is hoped that each member will take a few and deliver them to friends and neighbours and perhaps your local street.

Women's Ordination

"The Church's Trouble with Women - from disinheritance to God's promised community?" is the title of the Thinking Allowed lecture in Orchardhill on Thursday 25 October. The speaker is Dr Lesley Orr, historian, theologian and activist for gender justice.

2018 is the 50th anniversary of women's ordination in the Church of Scotland and also the 100th anniversary of partial female enfranchisement. The talk will focus on Scotland, in particularly the Presbyterian tradition in the last 150 years.

Lesley is engaged in initiatives for active citizenship in Scotland and recently coordinated the commemorations for the 50th anniversary of women's ordination in the Church of Scotland. She also a member of the Iona Community and is on the gender justice policy task group of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Midweek Worship

Our midweek quiet-time service will restart on Wednesday 3 October. The church will be open each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 with a short spoken service at 7.00. We invite you to join us for as long or as short as you wish any Wednesday.

We hope this provides the time and space for anyone within the church family or wider community to be able to "take time out" on a one off or regular basis in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of our sanctuary.

During each spoken service prayers are offered for our community and requests can be sent to quiet-time@orchardhill.org.uk.

The Guild Syllabus

After our glorious summer we hope everyone feels refreshed and ready to enjoy meeting together again this autumn. Our new syllabus ventures across continents, and we hope that many of you will join us to discover new places and to bring your unique and valued fellowship to our meetings. Our group is friendly and enthusiastic and always ready with a warm welcome and a good cup of tea!

The Guild meets on Monday afternoons at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room. Here is the 2018-19 syllabus:

8 October	Petra and Sinai, a photographic journey - Mr David Walker
22 October	Highlights Music Group
5 November	Guild Theme: "Seeking the Way" - Rev. Grant Barclay
19 November	The Frankincense Trail: Muscat in Oman - Mrs Linda Mullan
4 December	Christmas Lunch
28 January	To be arranged
11 February	Free to Live: the Seema Project in Pune, India - Ms Pam Cairns
25 February	Graveyard of Carmunnock Parish Church - Mr Iain Lowdon
11 March	Reminiscences
25 March	South American Adventure - Mr Douglas Smith

Welcomers' Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
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OCTOBER

7	Anne Barr	Susan McQuilter	May Liddle
14	Marion Watson	Susan McQuilter	Alex Mall
21	May Liddle	Alex Mall	Anne Barr
28	Irene Kinniburgh	Alex Mall	Nanette Davidson

NOVEMBER

4	Jo Weir	Dave Thomson	Irene Kinniburgh
11	Evelyn Borland	Dave Thomson	Isabel Vance
18	Shona Cook	Dave Thomson	Evelyn Borland
25	Anne Barr	Dave Thomson	Willie Hendry

Offering Teams

OCTOBER

- 7 Susan McQuilter; Evelyn McMurtrie; Joyce Winning
 14 Susan McQuilter; Evelyn McMurtrie; Irene Kinniburgh
 21 Alex Mall; Norma Hannah; Irene Kinniburgh
 28 Alex Mall; Norma Hannah; Anne Anderson

NOVEMBER

- 4 Dave Thomson; Ian Brown; Anne Anderson
 11 Dave Thomson; Ian Brown; Jim Blair
 18 Dave Thomson; Ian Brown; Jim Blair
 25 Dave Thomson; Ian Brown; Jim Blair

Scripture Readers

OCTOBER

- 7 Garry Crosbie 14 Marion Simpson 21 Ian Anderson 28 Angela Peacock

NOVEMBER

- 4 Bill McMurtrie 11 Anne Anderson 18 Lindsay Barr 25 Shona Fisher

Orchardhill's Local Church Review

The Local Church Review of Giffnock Orchardhill was received and accepted at Glasgow Presbytery's September meeting.

The review, which is referred also on page 3 of this publication, opened with the following **Brief Overview** from the visiting team:

"The congregation is currently at an exciting stage in its development. Between 2013 and 2016 they endured a period difficulty and uncertainty prior to the appointment of Rev Dr Grant Barclay as their minister. This experience has resulted in members becoming more committed and resourceful and also produced a deepening of fellowship. Despite their difficulties the congregational numbers and giving have remained stable. Most of the members reside within the parish and represent a breadth of theological views.

"They seek to welcome all people in the parish to experience Christian fellowship at Orchardhill.

"For some time there has been awareness within the congregation of the need for a specific vision for future growth and development. A conference in 2010 suggested developing six pillars of Mission, Discipleship, Worship, Ministry, Youth and Fellowship. While some aims had been achieved, it was recognised that a review was required, and a further conference in September 2017 resulted in the formation of six vision groups as detailed in the Action Plan. Teams have been appointed to identify new initiatives, make them progress and report back to the congregation regularly at morning services with the aim of informing and involving the whole congregation."

The review ended with the following **Recommendations and Advice**: *"The team were impressed by the resilience of the congregation in overcoming recent difficulties and the positive way in which they have responded resulting in a committed close knit fellowship. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Grant Barclay they have developed an ambitious action plan to advance Christ's kingdom through spiritual growth, outreach and pastoral care. For this to be successful all the congregation will have to commit to the vision and we hope that this will result in a continuing vibrant congregation.*

"We would suggest that a priority to engage with younger people and families would be important to grow the church of the future."

Anyone wishing to read the full review should contact Orchardhill's Presbytery Elder, Bill McMurtrie (571 2512: billmcmurtrie@go-plus.net).

Communion Roll

NEW MEMBER

We welcome into our Fellowship and Service:

Kareen Rogers, 32 Evan Drive, Giffnock G46 6NN (district 5)

DEATH

On 30 August 2018 Elizabeth Crichton, F6 Golf Court, Strathview Park, Netherlee G44 3LA

Presbytery at Orchardhill

Glasgow Presbytery's meeting on 12 October will be held in Orchardhill Church. It is not a closed meeting: everyone is welcome to attend to observe and listen. The meeting starts at 7.00pm.

Deadline for November Record

Sunday 14 October is the deadline for the November edition of the *Orchardhill Record*.

Contributions should be sent by email to record@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.

A 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.

The editor acknowledges each contribution. Contact him before the deadline if he has not confirmed that he has received your contribution.

The deadline for the December edition will be Sunday 11 November.

Please note that the *Record* will not be published in January.

Orchardhill Calendar

OCTOBER

Sunday	7	10.30am	Harvest Service	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	9	1.00pm	Midweek Service	
		1.30pm	Tuesday Club: Shona Cook ("My Life of Crime")	
		7.00pm	Glasgow Presbytery meeting in Orchardhill	
Thursday	11	1.15pm	Giffnock Primary School: Inclusive Service	
Sunday	14	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	16	7.30pm	Congregational Board	
Sunday	21	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
		7.30pm	Film night: "Mrs Brown"	
Tuesday	23	1.00pm	Midweek Service	
		7.30pm	Kirk Session	
Thursday	25	7.30pm	Thinking Allowed	
Saturday	27	12.30-4.30pm	Murder Mystery Afternoon Tea: "Murder on the Titanic"	
Sunday	28	10.30pm	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay

NOVEMBER

Sunday	4	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
		6.30pm	Bereavement Service	
Sunday	11	10.30am	Remembrance Service	Rev Grant Barclay

See also page 2 for more events in December the and New Year

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