



THE RECORD

Resourcing our Vision

Crowdfunding: it's the new way to raise cash, by funding a venture through small amounts of money donated from a large number of people, typically via the Internet. It's almost always connected with a new project, possibly something slightly edgy or with considerable risk.

Crowdsourcing is a term invented just over a decade ago to describe getting insight, help, support and hard graft from a widespread and diverse group of people to develop a particular project. It's outsourcing to the crowd, in effect, and is proving highly effective in the Internet age – it's the idea behind Wikipedia, for example.

The activity of living as people of faith together isn't a new venture, and I'm not sure we would be comfortable with crowdfunding as our sole income generation model. Yet we are an organisation with vision as well as tradition. We were probably practising crowdsourcing before the term was coined: just think of all the jobs done by all the people to enable all the church to function all over the place.

We have, as a congregation, developed a clear vision of our next steps in being the church where we're set (though we're not unduly limiting the extent of our view). You will find details of that on the insert sheet. Bringing this vision to life over the coming months and years will require significant income and a great deal of varied effort: a combination of crowdfunding and crowdsourcing, if you like.

Church has always been like that. Paul's travels around the Mediterranean were, in part, to raise funds for the Jerusalem congregation which had fallen on hard times. In collecting cash he enlisted many in the mission of Christ. We're not the first generation called to give generously to resource a contemporary vision: this month, we shall remember particularly that millions gave their lives in international conflicts as they struggled for a better world.

We shan't be the last to discover in generous giving lies deep satisfaction, and the energising sense of being involved in God's purposes through Christ's church.

Your Minister,
Grant Barclay

Tree of Kindness

The **Tree of Kindness** was a new initiative in 2017 when **Orchardhill** partnered with **KIND Scotland** to help tackle the grave issue of poverty affecting so many people in Scotland.

Gift tags were attached to a tree, and people were invited to take a tag and buy a gift for a young person and bring it to the church office for distribution. It captured the enthusiasm of everyone in Orchardhill, organisations using our halls, people in Giffnock just passing by, and businesses in Hillington who saw it on social media. The response exceeded all expectations, and because of your generosity and kindness, over 300 children living in poverty received a gift at Christmas.

We are repeating this project this year, and gift tags will start appearing on the **Tree of Kindness** from mid-November. So we hope that you will respond again by selecting a tag and buying a suitable gift for a young person.

The organisations supported this year include:

Quarriers Family Resource Centre

The Centre works with families experiencing difficulties. These difficulties can arise as a result of a range of issues such as poverty, domestic abuse or mental health. To achieve a more balanced family life, the Centre offers programmes to aid bonding, attachment and the building of positive relationships.

Family Addiction Support Services

FASS was started by parents in Glasgow in 1986 who were concerned by the growing drug problem in the city. Since then FASS has helped countless families and individuals to cope with the effects of addiction. FASS offers free one to one support to family members affected by alcohol or drug problems.

Glasgow's Young Persons Befriending Service

This service provides support to isolated and vulnerable 8-18 year olds living in the Glasgow area. The service matches young people who are experiencing difficulties with adult volunteers. The young people get the opportunity to have fun but also to build a relationship with a supportive adult, experience personal development and have access to activities and community resources otherwise outwith their reach.

Glasgow Care Foundation

For 140 years this organisation has been supporting and caring for people in Glasgow. They strive to help people turn their lives around and give them a chance. They do this by meeting the urgent needs of those referred to them by Social Services and other agencies. Their support is very practical and includes helping families with gifts at Christmas.

Remembrance Commemorations

*The Kiss of the Sun for Pardon,
The Song of the birds for Mirth,
One is nearer God's Heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth*

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the cutting and sewing of our fabric poppies, which are now attached to the net. The Poppy Fall will be draped from the west tower, weather permitting, early in November and will hopefully draw many to Orchardhill as the congregation and community commemorate the centenary of the ending of World War 1.

A message board in the church grounds will be visible from Church Road and Rosslea Drive. It is our hope that members of the congregation, friends of Orchardhill and the Giffnock community will be attracted to collect a poppy while visiting our exhibition in the Church the week before to Remembrance Sunday, adding an individual message, and placing the poppy on the board.

In anticipation of visitors being around the church policies at this time, a programme to improve the grounds around the church, particularly on the Claremont Avenue side, was started in spring.

The hedge has been cut back to allow better viewing of the external poppy installations and easier future maintenance. This was a big undertaking, with the Church Road side being done in spring and Claremont Avenue side in autumn. New gravel has been added to the newly weeded paths, the lawn has been shaped, and daffodils planted to naturalise in the grass in front of the hedge bordering the church grounds and 3 Claremont Avenue.

The flower bed to the right of the Claremont entrance is in the process of being revamped with all-year colour and low maintenance in mind. Two specific Saturday work parties and endless hours of work by a large squad of people, too many to mention, have made this happen. To everyone who has helped with the garden in any way, your interest and participation has been hugely appreciated.

Dorothy Cartlidge

Celebrating Christmas

Soundwaves' Christmas Celebration will take place on Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm in Orchardhill Church.



The children started preparations after the October holiday and are looking forward very much to entertaining you and putting you in the spirit for Christmas. Tea, coffee and shortbread will be served at the end of the evening, and you are all welcome to stay and have a chat.

Please put the date in your diary and bring friends and family to enjoy this Christmas evening with Soundwaves.

Seeking the Way

The Guild look forward to welcoming our Minister, Rev Grant Barclay, on Monday 5 November to give us his perspective on this year's Guild theme, "Seeking the Way".

Mrs Linda Mullen accompanied her diplomat husband to Oman some years ago and will tell the Guild of her impressions of it in "The Frankincense Trail" on Monday 19 November.

Both meetings are in the Fellowship Room at 2.00pm. Please come along: we will make you very welcome!

Isabella's Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to Isabella Hood's coffee morning. £840 (plus Gift Aid) was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Flower Delivery

Thank you to everyone who has delivered flowers over past months. If you would like to assist please add your name to the list at the Tower Door.

Rev John Miller

Orchardhill's Thinking Allowed series continues with Rev John Miller returning to talk about "Silent Heroes: Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times" on Thursday 8 November.

Especially for Armistice week, this talk is based on John's book "Silent Heroes", for which he collected first-hand accounts of the war experiences of working-class men and women of Glasgow. Their stories are from the front and at home.

John Miller is well known in Orchardhill and much appreciated for his dedicated support during the long vacancy. He was ordained and inducted to Castlemilk East Parish Church in 1971. Miller Primary School in Castlemilk was named after him and his wife, Mary. His unassuming dedication to serving the people of Castlemilk was recognised by the Church of Scotland in his election as Moderator of the General Assembly in 2001. The General Assembly over which he moderated was uniquely held in the Usher Hall in Edinburgh, allowing the Scottish Parliament to meet in the Church's Assembly Hall.

The Thinking Allowed series in Orchardhill continues on 22 November with a talk by Dr Charlotte Methuen. Her subject, "And your daughters shall prophesy... Reforming women and female authority", looks at the historical role of women in the church. She will have special emphasis on the little known role of women in the Reformation.

Dr Methuen, an Anglican priest who currently assists at St Margaret's Newlands in Glasgow and in the Old Catholic parish in Bottrop, Germany. She serves on the Faith and Order Commission of the Church of England, the Inter-Church Relations Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and the Inter-Anglican Standing Committee on Unity, Faith and Order of the Anglican Communion.

Both lectures are timed 7.30 for 8.00pm.

"Life and Work" Renewal

Orchardhill's order for "Life and Work" for 2019 is now due to be sent to Edinburgh for renewal. However, please note that your annual subscription is not due for payment until 27 January. Due to increased postage and production costs the price for the magazine will increase to £2.80 per copy.

If you wish to change your order please telephone Jim or Aileen Blair on 638 1901 by Sunday 18 November at the latest.

Ashton Lane Concert

Orchardhill welcomed the local and very popular Americana/Country band, Ashton Lane, on the evening of Friday 17 August.

This concert was planned to coincide with the end of the Summer Mission and CHIPS and the start of the new school session. Our target audience was younger people and families in the local community and friends and family of all ages, particularly those who had not been at a church event for a while. We wanted to use our beautiful church facilities to provide high-quality music, a friendly atmosphere and good food at an affordable price. In addition we wanted to try to make a profit in order to help the Lodging House Mission in Glasgow and to raise awareness in order to support the fantastic work it does for the homeless in our city.

The night was a great success and most enjoyable. Husband and wife duo Tim and Esther O'Connor, along with Esther's father Graeme Duffin (formerly of Wet, Wet, Wet), entertained us to a wonderful evening of very special singing, fabulous harmonies and virtuoso guitar playing from a group that is becoming ever more popular both in the UK and across Europe and as major recording artists. They are also committed Christians and have a great sense of community. So it was a real pleasure to welcome them to our church.



A local company (Mariannas Catering) provided most of the excellent food, supplemented by some of our very own talented church bakers and meringue makers. The ever-willing team from the Orchard Café provided teas and coffees, and lots of willing volunteers helped with the sound, the media, the table decorations, the tickets, the car parking and much more. The help of all these willing volunteers was invaluable, and just over £1000 profit (raised from ticket sales and donations) was donated to the Lodging House Mission.

A big thank you to everyone who supported this event. We now look forward to hosting the Big Sing with the Military Wives Choir in Orchardhill on the evening of Sunday 2 December.

Moderator Designate

Rev Colin Sinclair, minister of Palmerston Place Church in Edinburgh, will take on the role of ambassador for the Church of Scotland in May next year when he is inducted as Moderator at the General Assembly in succession to Right Rev Susan Brown.

Mr Sinclair, a Stirling University economics graduate, spent three years living out of a car in Zambia. Also, while a student, he took a holiday job as a film extra playing a soldier in the 1975 comedy, Monty Python and the Holy Grail.

It was as a pupil at Glasgow Academy that Mr Sinclair first became interested in the Christian faith, and during his years at Stirling University he began to realise God was calling him to be a Minister. He went to selection school and was accepted.

Before he could begin his ministry studies, however, he was approached by Scripture Union and asked if he would consider going to Zambia as a training officer in an exchange that would allow two Zambian students to study in the UK. It was an offer he could not refuse, as part of a lifelong commitment to Scripture Union. The job involved travelling around Zambia, living out of his car, and speaking at schools, churches, hospitals and colleges.

After earning a First in Church History from New College, Mr Sinclair completed his probation and was ordained at Palmerston Place Church. His first solo parish was at Newton on Ayr.

After his six years in Ayr, Scripture Union offered him the role of General Director in the Glasgow office, a position he held for eight years. He returned to parish ministry at Palmerston Place in 1996.

His contribution to the Church of Scotland has included serving on several councils and committees at both local and national level. Most recently, from 2012 to 2016, he was convener of the Mission and Discipleship Council, which also involved serving on the Kirk's governing body, the Council of Assembly.

Challenges Facing the Kirk

A conference for all Glasgow Presbytery's presbyters and congregations has been arranged for Saturday 12 January to consider the significant challenges faced by the Church of Scotland over the next decade. The conference will be held in Orchardhill Church.

The purpose of the conference is to stimulate reflection and action towards an effective and faithful response to the challenge.

Resourcing the Vision

Orchardhill has a vision - *to be a welcoming community of Christian people, determined to show God's love to all around us, and enable everyone to grow and be nurtured as disciples of Christ, with a particular concern to encourage children, young people and families, and those of senior years.*

The leaflet enclosed with this issue of the Orchardhill Record sets out more details of our overarching vision, including the six focus groups which have been established in order that we may grow and flourish within the purposes of God's providing. The leaflet sets out the main aims of the groups – highlighting great things we already do in Orchardhill that we want to continue, some new initiatives, and some other projects that we aspire to.

Our vision is exciting and positive but also challenging for us and our community. To bring our vision to fruition, it will take everyone's time, skills and also funding; both as one-off and regular giving. Doing nothing is an option, but then our vision is just words and Orchardhill will dwindle. You are invited to engage with our vision and help make it a reality. This vision is charity beginning at home, but not stopping there; and this should make us stronger so we are better enabled to serve others within, and outwith, our community.

How can you help resource our vision? Get involved; make some time; share your skills! The people of Orchardhill are already generous with their time and talents in supporting the work of our church and our community exemplified by the recent refurbishment of the Memorial Halls - an amazing transformation and a substantial cost saving. The leaflet suggests ways of getting involved such as baking, gardening, or helping with an organisation. But the list is limitless: there will be a task to fit whatever time and skills you can share.

Although some initiatives take only time and effort, others also require funding. Some activities are embedded into normal church life while we want other new initiatives to become a regular feature: both of which require regular funding so they can continue.

Underpinning most of our church life and our vision is the need for suitable facilities. We have two wonderful (and well-used) halls complexes and a beautiful sanctuary; but these premises need to be maintained. If we fail to look after our home, we will not be able to care for others or our community. There are also discussions about potential redesign work in our premises to make them more fit for purpose and some major replacement works specifically the church heating; which obviously come at a significant cost. We have some reserves and hope to obtain grants, but there is likely to be a shortfall.

At this time, you are invited to prayerfully consider your regular givings to the church, in order to resource our vision. As an example, if 100 people gave an extra £10 per month (subject to Gift Aid) that would mean an additional £15,000 income every year for the church.

If you wish to help resource our vision and set up a new or amend an existing Standing Order, please complete the simple form (enclosed) and pass this to your bank. Standing Orders can also be easily amended online if you have electronic banking facilities. Please advise our Treasurer, George Robertson, of changes.

Please also consider Gift Aid (if you are not already registered) as it allows Orchardhill to reclaim tax on whatever you give: for every £1 you give, Orchardhill receives £1.25. If you wish to register, please complete the simple form (enclosed) and pass to Susan McQuilter, our Gift Aid convenor.

We trust in a living, providing God. Orchardhill has done great things in the past, and we are confident that God wishes us to attempt great things in the future.

Can You Help?

Over the coming months Orchardhill will likely be embarking on some large projects such as the redesign of some of its buildings and the replacement of the heating system in the sanctuary and church halls. These projects will partly be funded by reserves but also by grants and our own fundraising. It is hoped to arrange a few events over the next two years to raise funds for these projects. Also, grant applications are generally more successful if we can demonstrate our own plans to contribute to the costs.

Could you be part of the Events Planning Team? Do you have ideas for fundraisers which would bring the church and community together in addition to raising significant sums? The events would be carefully co-ordinated around the many activities already taking place in Orchardhill. The team would not necessarily be responsible for organising the actual events, just the initial ideas and scheduling at this point.

If you are interested in helping (or know someone who could) or wish more information, please contact Shona Fisher on 07747 758 565 or shona.fisher2@mail.com.

Deadline for December Record

Sunday 11 November is the deadline for the December 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. Nor can we accept pdf files. 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.

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

The *Orchardhill Record* will not be published in January. The first edition of 2019 will be in February, for which the deadline will be 13 January.

Welcomers' Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
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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

DECEMBER

2	Shona Cook	Fiona Bissett	Anne Craig
9	Willie Hendry	Fiona Bissett	Anne Barr
16	Jim Mackinnon	Fiona Bissett	Shona Cook
23	Anne Craig	Fiona Bissett	Shona Fletcher
30	Willie Hendry	Norma Hannah	Gordon Thomson

Offering Teams

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

DECEMBER

- 2 Fiona Bissett; Roseanne Henderson; Jim Blair; Hilary Kennedy
 9 Fiona Bissett; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park
 16 Fiona Bissett; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park
 23 Fiona Bissett; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park
 30 Norma Hannah; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park

Scripture Readers

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 2 Ian Cartlidge 9 Linda Moir 16 David Howard 23 Judy Byrne 30 Donald Carmichael

Orchardhill Calendar

CENTENARY REMEMBRANCE PROGRAMME (5 - 11 November)

Exhibition

Monday 5 November	12.30 - 4.30pm and 7.00 - 9.00pm
Tuesday 6 November	12.30 - 4.30pm and 7.00 - 9.00pm
Wednesday 7 November	12.30 - 4.30pm and 7.00 - 9.00pm
Thursday 8 November	12.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 9 November	12.30 - 4.30pm
Saturday 10 November	noon - 2.00pm

Thursday 8 November (7.30 for 8.00pm)

“Silent Heroes: Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times”: Rev John Miller (Thinking Allowed talk)

Saturday 10 November (2.00 – 4.00pm)

“The Fine art of The First World War”: Maureen Park

Sunday 11 November

- 7.30am At the Rising of the Sun (a short act of worship)
- 10.30am Remembrance Service with Act of Remembrance at 11.00am (Rev Grant Barclay)
- 5.00pm At the Going Down of the Sun (a short act of worship followed by removal of Poppy Fall and display board)
- 6.00pm Songs from War and Peace (music led by the choir with selected readings and reflection)

OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Sunday	4	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
		6.30pm	Bereavement Service	
Monday	5	2.00pm	The Guild: “Seeking the Way” (Rev Grant Barclay)	
Tuesday	13	1.00pm	Midweek Service	
Thursday	15	7.30pm	Film Night: “War Horse”	
Sunday	18	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Monday	19	2.00pm	The Guild: “The Frankincense Trail”	
Tuesday	20	7.30pm	Congregational Board	
Thursday	22	8.00pm	Thinking Allowed (see page 5)	
Friday	23	7.30pm	Quiz Night	
Sunday	25	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	27	1.30pm	Tuesday Club: Christmas Crafts	

DECEMBER

Sunday	3	10.30am	First Sunday in Advent: Family Worship with Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper	Rev Grant Barclay
		7.00pm	The Big Sing: Military Wives Choir	

**As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.**



Trainee Reader

Orchardhill welcomed Phil Allan to take part in our service on 21 October. He has been placed with us until Easter as part of his training for the Readership, and he will be looking for your help to enable him to develop in his ministry.

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