

THE RECORD



Lodging House Mission Appeal

Where has the year gone? It's hard to believe Christmas is here again; we thought it was time to let you know our Christmas and New Year programme, here in the Lodging House Mission.

Christmas Appeal – Once again, our first preference is for a financial donation. Money given will allow us to purchase a small gift for our Service Users and ensure that each person receives a similar value present. Christmas Donation Envelopes may be obtained from Helen to enable members of the congregation to make a gift aided financial contribution.

We recognise that some people prefer to give a shoe box or other gift and we are grateful to you if that is your preference.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 1 December: The Glasgow Winter Night Shelter Initiative starts again. Please pray for the success of this project and for the street sleepers who use this and other services.

Christmas Day: We will be opening our doors to provide a three- course Christmas meal and a small gift to around 100 Service Users. For many, this is the only present they will receive. We are always grateful to receive little "extras" at this time such as cakes and biscuits.

Sunday 3 February at 6.30pm: Our Homelessness Sunday Service will be slightly later this year. Guest speaker will be the Right Rev Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly. Please come and show your support for Glasgow's homeless and most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you to everyone who purchased our Christmas Cards this year. We still have stock for sale. Also, for your help and support during the past 12 months. We simply could not exist without you.

Everyone in the LHM wish you all every blessing throughout the Advent season.

Gus Smeaton

Life and Work Subscription

A reminder to those who subscribe to Life and Work, the annual subscription of £33.60 is now due. We hope to be available in the Fellowship Room after the service on Sunday 27 January to collect the subscriptions. Payment may be made by cash or cheque (made payable to Orchardhill Parish Church).

Jim and Aileen Blair

Coming Together in South Sudan

At this season of celebrating God's Advent, that is in Christ coming to be together with humankind, I'd like to direct your thoughts to South Sudan. It is the world's youngest nation, presently embroiled, as it has been for many years, in civil war. For half a century South Sudan's churches have been at the forefront of working towards peace, often displaying an ecumenical collaboration rarely seen elsewhere.

Yet this has proven exhausting, and churches have struggled in the past few years to respond effectively to renewed violence and bloodshed. It was – and remains – a fervent hope that the Pope will visit the nation, perhaps along with the Archbishop of Canterbury: such a display of solidarity could be deeply energising. However, the associated risks and need for such a visit to be most effective had caused some delays.

Not, though, for local Episcopalians. Only two months ago the entire Episcopal Conference of Sudan and South Sudan met for a week in the largest refugee camp in the world, in north-western Uganda where nearly 300,000 displaced South Sudanese citizens scrape by to survive. The entire church hierarchy lived in the fields for six days to deepen their appreciation of the situation; thereafter they made a strong appeal to politics to revitalise the peace process and end the endemic violence.

The theological significance of the Incarnation, that God took on flesh and was born into humankind, is surely not to be relegated to Christmas cards and festive songs. It is both a resource for Christians and a requirement for them. As we are inspired by the Christ who lives in us, our task is to draw alongside others, particularly those on the margins (in the UK and elsewhere) and those desperately seeking peace. Our sisters and brothers in South Sudan demonstrate that we can go beyond the confines of our church traditions, sentiments and buildings – though a week in a refugee camp demonstrates commitment, indeed.

We have recently reflected on the cost of war. Now is a time to work for peace, and that may require us to get out a bit. As we do so, we remember that God goes before us, even as he is born for us as both Immanuel, 'God with us', and Prince of Peace.

Your Minister,
Grant Barclay

Café's Christmas Lunch

The Orchard Café's highly popular Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 11 December, beginning at from noon. To ensure your place please put your name down on the list at the café without delay.

Murder on the Titanic

Last month a group of about 40 of our church family and some of their friends (ranging from primary school age to those who are only young at heart) met in the Church Hall which was transformed temporarily into the grand dining room of the RMS Titanic for a superb afternoon of congenial company, tempting and mouth-watering delicacies and not a little intrigue!

Our friends at Whodunnit Events treated us to a fun afternoon when we had a chance to be Monsieur Poirot or Miss Marple for a few hours and try to work out who was responsible for a murder on board minutes before the ship sank.

We had a mix of passengers, some of whom were clearly first class and dressed in all their finery. While enjoying a plentiful and tasty afternoon tea, the guests watched the drama unfold and then studied the documentary evidence before cross-examining the suspects. Finally, the murderer was revealed just before the women and children were ordered to evacuate the listing ship.

We will never know if the guilty man ever faced justice in a court of law or whether he was lost in the icy waters of the North Atlantic Ocean. What we do know is that we all had a lot of fun and a wonderful time of fellowship. I would like to thank everyone who baked and helped on the day to make this event such a great success.

We hope to repeat this kind of event in the future, and so I urge you to keep an eye on the events board.

Shona Cook





Where is Jane Marple or Hercule Poirot?



Poppies in the Chancel ...



... and WW1 Exhibition



Thanks and Recognition



Fiona Carmichael (right) and Kirsty Flockhart attended a “Thanks You and Recognition” Evening for East Renfrewshire Girlguiding last month, when they were presented with mementoes for service in the Orchardhill units.

Fiona continues in her volunteer role after giving her time and commitment for 20 years to the Brownies in Orchardhill. Kirsty has now hung up her hat after 10 years of running Tweenies and latterly Rainbows and was thanked for her time and efforts.

Choir Accept Challenge

As always, the Choir have been kept busy since our session restarted in September. We prepared for our Remembrance Sunday evening service and tackling some difficult items, including “Pie Jesu” by Andrew-Lloyd Webber and “Benedictus” from Karl Jenkins’s “The Armed Man”. The members accepted and rose to the challenge, and I take this opportunity to thank them for their ongoing commitment and friendship, especially over the last year that has been a particularly difficult time for me.

On Sunday 9 December we will lead the morning service with our Nine Carols and Lessons. We hope you can join us as we take you through the Greatest Story ever told.

We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

David Fisher

Welcomers' Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
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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

JANUARY

6	Nanette David	Sandra Cherrie	Shona Cook
13	Shona Cook	Sandra Cherrie	Nanette Davidson
20	Nanette Davidson	Sandra Cherrie	Shona Cook
27	Jim Blair	Sandra Cherrie	Irene Kinniburgh

FEBRUARY

3	Irene Kinniburgh	Bill Yuill	Jim Blair
10	Jim Blair	Bill Yuill	Irene Kinniburgh
17	Irene Kinniburgh	Bill Yuill	May Liddle
24	May Liddle	Bill Yuill	Jo Weir

Offering Teams

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

JANUARY

- 6 Sandra Cherrie; Angela Peacock; Willie Hendry
 13 Sandra Cherrie; Angela Peacock; Willie Hendry
 20 Sandra Cherrie; Shona Fletcher; Allan Rennie
 27 Sandra Cherrie; Shona Fletcher; Allan Rennie

FEBRUARY

- 3 Bill Yuill; Evelyn McMurtrie; Jim Mackinnon
 10 Bill Yuill; Evelyn McMurtrie; Jim Mackinnon
 17 Bill Yuill; Gordon Ross; Jim Mackinnon
 24 Bill Yuill; Gordon Ross; Jim Mackinnon

The list of Scripture Readers for December and January is on page 10

Soundwaves' Celebration

Soundwaves had fun on 30 October as they came along in their Halloween costumes. We are hard at work preparing for our Christmas evening. "Celebrate Christmas with Soundwaves" will take place in the church on Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm.

Family, friends and everyone are invited. So please put the date in your diary, and come along and join us.



Scripture Readers

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

6 Margaret Howard 13 Irene Kinniburgh 20 Angela Peacock 27 David Thomson

Next Issue of the Record

The Orchardhill Record will not be published in January. The deadline for the February edition will be 13 January.

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Orchardhill Calendar

DECEMBER

Sunday	2	10.30am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Rev Grant Barclay
		7.00pm	Big Sing in Concert	
Tuesday	4	7.30pm	Congregational Board	
Sunday	9	10.30am	The Choir: Nine Carols and Lessons	
Tuesday	11	Noon	Orchard Café: Christmas Lunch	
		1.00pm	Lunchtime Communion	
Saturday	15	3.00-6.00pm	Christmas at Orchardhill	
Sunday	16	10.30pm	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
		6.30pm	Christmas with Soundwaves	
Friday	21	1.15pm	Giffnock Primary School Winter Service	
Monday	24	6.00pm	Christmas for all ages	
		11.15pm	Watchnight Service (preceded at 10.30pm by mulled wine and shortbread)	
Tuesday	25	10.00am	Christmas Day Family Service	Rev Grant Barclay
Sunday	30	10.30am	Family Service	Rev Grant Barclay

JANUARY

Sunday	6	10.30pm	Family Service and Communion	Rev Grant Barclay
Sunday	13	10.30pm	Family Service	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	15	7.30pm	Kirk Session meeting	
Sunday	20	10.30pm	Family Service	Rev Grant Barclay
Sunday	27	10.30pm	Family Service	Rev Grant Barclay
Monday	28	2.00pm	The Guild (meeting in the Fellowship Room)	

FEBRUARY

Sunday	3	10.30pm	Family Service	Rev Grant Barclay
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The Editor thanks everyone who provided photographs of the various ways Orchardhill Parish Church commemorated the centenary of the ending of the First World War.