



THE RECORD

Walls or bridges?

Last November we remembered the conclusion of a conflict begun in Europe which embroiled much of the rest of the world and resulted in the deaths of millions. In coming weeks we face not the possibility of conflict but anticipate dislocation not only as the UK stumbles towards EU withdrawal but as relations among people of different ethnicities living here are stressed. There has been no shortage of political debate and comment. The issue, though, runs deeper than parliamentary processes in Westminster and political jostling for superiority. Politics may provide a framework for social, economic and commercial life, but it takes people to form a society through their ordinary interactions and workaday attitudes. The unhelpful, exclusive focus on the politics of Brexit may have stopped us thinking what it means to live in a multicultural Scotland which has had, at least since the time of Burns, an international perspective:

*"For a' that and a' that,
It's coming yet for a' that,
That man tae man the world o'er,
Shall brithers be for a' that."*

Times have moved on; sisters as well as brothers are now rightly honoured and their contribution valued. We live, though, in days which present a threat to a culture of inclusion. Brexit is an expression of this, and it is a focus for its further articulation - which we are called to resist.

Jesus, anticipating his death, understood that his being lifted up from the earth – probably on the Cross - would draw 'all people' to him. It is an inclusive, if painful, image. It remains inspirational, for it suggests to those who take Jesus' teachings seriously will not regard themselves as somehow racially superior to others but will wish to be part of a large, multicultural crowd of worship and adoration.

If that is our aspiration, it must inform our present action. There is, possibly, no more important task in these days than that of ensuring that differences do not divide and that tensions whipped up in coming weeks do not result in greater suspicion, hatred and exclusion. In a day of walls, we are called as Christ's ones to be builders of bridges. And then to walk over them, joining with others for our common good.

Grant Barclay
Minister

Lodging House Mission

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(35 East Campbell Street, G1 5DT)
HOMELESSNESS SERVICE
Sunday 3rd February 2019 at 6.30pm

The Lodging House Mission's Homelessness Service will be held at 35 East Campbell Street on Sunday 3rd February 2019 at 6.30pm. The Guest Speaker will be the Right Rev Susan Brown, Moderator of the Church of Scotland.



Refreshments will be served after the service when there will be an opportunity for fellowship and discussion of homelessness issues and to see how we are hosting and supporting the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter

If your Congregation has an evening service, why not consider inviting all along to share this special service of worship with us?

Please come along and support us on this evening

Following a sustained period without a Chaplain in LHM, a good attendance would be valued to demonstrate to our Service Users how much the church community in Glasgow cares for them.



If you give of your own food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the wretched, then light will rise for you out of darkness and dusk will be for you like noonday - Isaiah 58.10

Scottish Charity No SC017283

Thank the congregation at Orchardhill most sincerely for their generous pre-Christmas donation of food to assist in the work with the homeless and underprivileged in Glasgow.

This will help nourish their service users over the current winter period.

Christmas time can be difficult for most service users, many of whom are estranged from family and/or far from home, so Orchardhill's thoughtfulness in remembering LHM's users at this time means a lot. This year LHM are again hosting the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter which offers overnight accommodation to rough sleepers throughout the harshest winter months. This of course has a big impact on the Day Centre too when footfall increases significantly. Nonetheless the service they are privileged to host to help alleviate the scourge of winter homelessness and, through Day Centre, to provide vital nutritious meals and other support services 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

On Christmas Day, LHM fed around ninety service users who enjoyed a festive sing-along and good camaraderie before sitting down to a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Each left with a gift of warm clothing and treats.

None of the above would be possible without the kindness of supporting congregations.

Soundwaves

On Sunday 16 December, Soundwaves celebrated Christmas in the church with an entertaining evening of music and singing, telling the well known Christmas story. A very big thank you to parents, family and friends, who came to support the children. On this evening Soundwaves raised the grand total of £201.26 in the collection and donation box. This has been sent to Save the Children.



Our next venture is our annual show on 22 and 23 March in the Memorial Halls. Put the date in your diary and come along to meet Toad, Rat, Mole Beaver and all their friends in "The Wind in the Willows."

Alexis Wallace

Tree of Kindness

A Huge Thank You!

As December began, everyone was busy writing their Christmas lists, (no matter what their age), frantically looking for the right gift for their loved ones and of course the Christmas charity singles were out and battling for the prestigious Christmas No.1 title. But it was also the time of year when people in the Giffnock community and beyond heard about the Tree of Kindness at Orchardhill Church.

We live on the outskirts of Scotland's largest city where 1 in 3 of all children are estimated to be living in poverty – **that's over 37,000 children**. Many are homeless or living in temporary accommodation and so they probably had little prospect of receiving presents at Christmas.

This is where everyone in our community took the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of people living in poverty by getting involved in a very worthwhile project. 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 Church, Organisations using our halls, people in the Giffnock community just passing by and businesses in Hillington who saw it on social media.

The response was amazing, exceeding last year's response and, because of your generosity and kindness, well over 500 children and families living in poverty received a gift this Christmas.

Working in partnership with Kind Scotland, four charities right across Glasgow - Glasgow Care Foundation, Quarriers Family Resource Centre, Family Addiction Support Services and Glasgow's Young Persons Befriending Service helped distribute these gifts to those most in need.

You might think it was a small thing to do but **YOU** have made a big difference in another person's life!

Thank you!

Lindsay Barr

Orchard Cafe

Can YOU help the Orchard?

Those of you who have visited the café will know how lovely it is to relax with a coffee or tea and a tasty bite of homemade cake or fruit loaf - to keep this happening your friendly Orchard staff are looking for more bakers. We have 10 loyal bakers who make delicious cakes, traybakes or loaves but, with a few more volunteers to share the load, this would mean a donation of only two or three cakes from each person between now and June. If you feel you would like to help please contact Anne Barr eannebarr@gmail.com

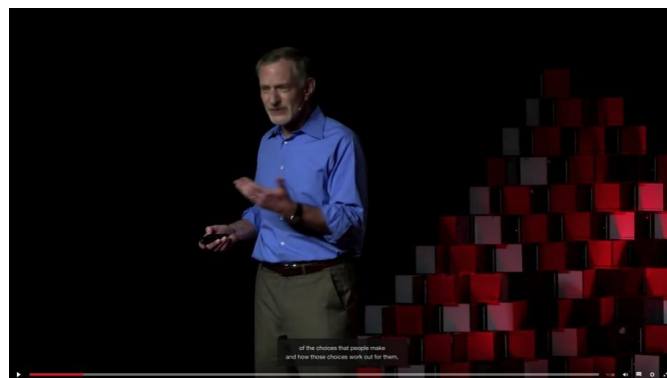
Thinking Allowed

Two ways to be happy + discussion

TED TALK 1: What keeps us happy and healthy as we go through life?

In this talk, Robert Waldinger shares three important lessons from a 75-year-long scientific study on adult development, as well as some practical, old-as-the-hills wisdom on how to build a fulfilling, happy life. This 75 year continuing study gives Professor Waldinger unprecedented access to data on true happiness and satisfaction.

Robert Waldinger is Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and directs the Harvard Study of Adult Development, one of the longest-running studies of adult life ever done.



TED TALK 2: Making yourself happy by making other people happy.



What do you think of people in poverty? Maybe what Jessica Jackley once did: "*they*" need "*our*" help, in the form of a few coins in a jar?

Seven years ago, Jessica Jackley heard a speech by Grameen Bank founder Muhammad Yunus, an economist from Bangladesh who had developed the idea of microcredit: loans offered to entrepreneurs too poor to qualify for traditional bank loans.

The co-founder of Kiva.org talks about how her attitude changed - and how her work with microloans has brought new power to people who live on a few dollars a day.

Entry is free.

Thursday 7th February 2019 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Welcomers' Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
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FEBRUARY

3	Irene Kinniburgh	Shona Cook	Jim Blair
10	Jim Blair	Shona Cook	Irene Kinniburgh
17	Irene Kinniburgh	Shona Cook	May Liddle
24	May Liddle	Shona Cook	Jo Weir

MARCH

3	Jo Weir	Dorothy Cartlidge	May Liddle
10	May Liddle	Dorothy Cartlidge	Jo Weir
17	Jo Weir	Ian Anderson	Marion Watson
24	Shona Cook	Ian Anderson	Anne Barr
31	Neil Mackenzie	Jim Kerr	Gordon Thomson

Offering Teams

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

MARCH

- 3 Dorothy Cartlidge, Hilary Kennedy, Lisel Tait
 10 Dorothy Cartlidge, Norma Hannah, Lisel Tait
 17 Ian Anderson, Norma Hannah, Bruce Paterson
 24 Ian Anderson, Irene Kinniburgh, Bruce Paterson
 31 Jim Kerr, Irene Kinniburgh, Susan McQuilter

Scripture Readers

FEBRUARY

- 3 Shona Cook 10 Colin Williamson 17 Anne Barr 24 Jim Blair

MARCH

- 3 Irene Kinniburgh 10 Andrew Flockhart 17 Joyce Winning 24 Willie Hendry
 31 Fiona Thomson

Communion Roll

BAPTISM

Steven and Cheryl Robertson's daughter Aria Rose Robertson

Date of baptism - 30.12.18

Stories for the Soul

Stories for the Soul: is a creative and imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance, based on long, established, tried and tested approaches. Each 'Stories for the Soul' session models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian faith communities, which values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships. This allows people to make their own relevant and personal theological meaning and nurtures participants to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

The cost for each session is £7.50 and an online booking form can be found at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/j8RQcaCMb5gCDe313>

Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30pm at Orchardhill Parish Church on 19th & 26th February and 5th and 12th March.

If you would like more information please contact Richard via richard.knott@mail.com

Deadline for March Record

Sunday 17 February is the deadline for the March 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 them before the deadline if you have not received confirmation of your contribution.

Orchardhill Calendar

FEBRUARY

Sunday	3	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	5	7.30pm	Congregational Board	
Thursday	7	7.30pm	Thinking Allowed - TED talks - Two ways to be happy	
Sunday	10	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	12	6.00pm	Glasgow Presbytery Meeting	
Sunday	17	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Monday	18	7.30pm	Kirk Session	
Friday	22	7.30pm	Film Evening	
Saturday	23	10.00am	Glasgow Presbytery Conference	
Sunday	24	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay

MARCH

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