



THE RECORD

Follow me.

The Church of Scotland shall, in a few weeks time at the General Assembly, have another bite at the cherry of determining how to address the future. Faced with a diminishing number of members, ministers and resources, last year's strategic plan was considered insufficiently radical and the body which had produced it was told to go away and think again.

It has done this; the Presbytery held a conference here in Orchardhill recently to help members digest it, and the whole matter shall be debated at the Church's national gathering on the Mound later in May.

It starts and finishes with one of the simplest, and yet most challenging, of Jesus' phrases. 'Follow me.' Jesus spoke those words several times, but perhaps the best remembered occasion is on the beach by the Sea of Galilee early one morning over breakfast. Jesus speaks directly to Peter, recently restored after denying any association with Jesus on the night of his arrest and trial. The risen Lord indicates to the burly fisherman that the road ahead for him shall not be straightforward. Even so, his command is clear: 'Follow me!'

Seventy-five years ago, Jane Haining who was matron in the Church's Jewish Mission and school in Budapest, felt God calling her to return there from a holiday in Scotland. Her church line managers warned her not to go back, for the situation was too dangerous. She was unequivocal: Jesus called her to follow him in days of darkness for her girls, and not only when things were easy. She returned, was arrested and died only a few months later in Auschwitz.

We may not be called to serve with such selfless devotion in the face of danger and death. We are, though, called to follow Christ not as some historic hero but as a presently-living Lord who looks to us to co-operate with him to build his kingdom of justice and joy, life and hope and peace.

He leads us in all sorts of ways and in all sorts of places. He asks us in these days of our living, at this challenging time for our Church, to follow him. As that simple phrase bookends a significant report for our denomination, may it support our faithful living for Christ in these days.

Your Minister,
Grant Barclay.

Stepping Stones Easter Egg Appeal

The boys and girls of Stepping Stones would like to thank the Congregation for your amazing response to our appeal for Easter Eggs for local families who don't have the advantages we have.

With the timing of the school holidays and Easter we thought we might have a smaller collection this year, but an incredible 216 eggs have been donated and will be passed to the local food bank for distribution.

Thank you again for helping the boys and girls to see love and care at work.



Christian Aid

We all know the important work Christian Aid does in so many areas of need in the world today. We therefore invite you to our Soup and Sandwich lunch on Sunday 19th May in the Large Hall after Morning Worship to raise funds for Christian Aid.

Red Christian Aid envelopes will be available in the seat racks in the Church on that Sunday, and also at the lunch afterwards.

If you pay tax, we would be most appreciative if you would be willing to gift-aid your offering. May we offer our thanks in advance for your always-generous support.

Sign up for the Orchardhill E-zine

An invitation to all to subscribe to the new Orchardhill E-Zine, to subscribe to the mailing list you can add your details to <https://www.orchardhill.org.uk/contact-us/.php>

You will receive weekly Newsletters containing information about:

- Sunday Service
- Weekly What's on
- Forthcoming events
- Local News

Please sign up to be kept up to date with all things Orchardhill.

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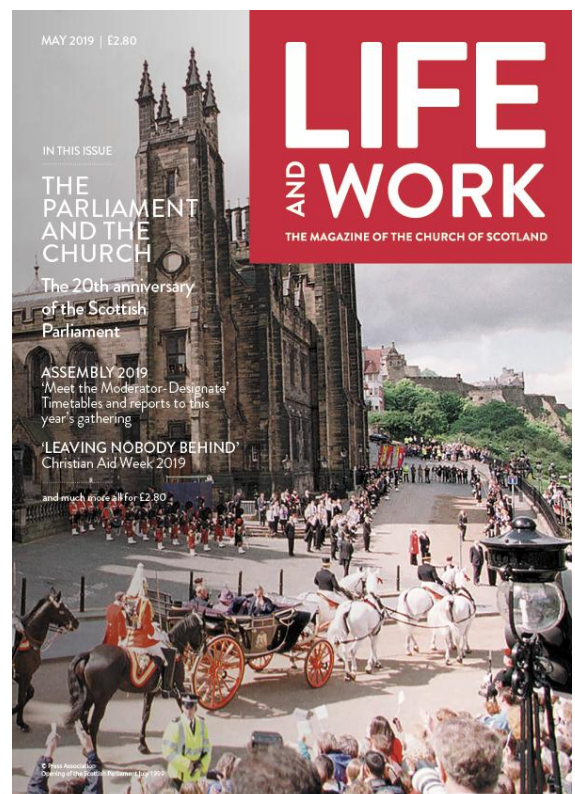
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Senior Badminton

Orchardhill Badminton Club had a successful 2018/19 season, with all competitive teams exceeding the results from the previous year. The club has four competitive teams, taking part in two different leagues across Glasgow and the Southside.

Our 1st Mixed team competes in the Glasgow Churches Badminton League. After a hard-fought season, the team placed second in their division narrowly missing out on a promotion — but came out as runners up in the Jack Trophy, where all competitive teams in the league compete against one another to win the cup. Our other Glasgow Churches entrants, Gents Doubles team, also had a successful season and a reversal of fortunes compared to the year before. Finishing second in the league, this was of great relief to all players as the team had finished bottom of the league in 2017/18.

As part of the Langside League, we have two teams taking part - Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The Ladies Doubles team were on track to win the league until the final night of the season, narrowly losing out in games to our friends at Old Parish in East Kilbride. Our Mixed team, however, went on to win their division and will be promoted to the first division for the 2019/20 season. The season culminated for the Mixed Team winning The Henderson Cup at the National Badminton Academy in Scotstoun, beating Newlands South by one game.

We held our AGM at the end of March, which also included the climax of our Singles Championships. Helen Black was crowned the Ladies Champion with Alex Fletcher as runner up. Andy Gall was crowned Gents Champion with Keegan Friel as runner up.

Outwith our competitive games, the club continues to thrive and provides a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for all members. This included our annual social night out in February, finished off with the regular annual quiz at Casa Byrne (Pat and Judy Byrne's home). A total of 20 club members will be taking part in the annual Thornlee Tournament, taking place in April/May — in a variety of singles and doubles tournaments against other badminton clubs in the Langside League. The finals will be taking place in Orchardhill's Memorial Halls on Saturday 11 May.

The successes of this season for all teams involved means the pressure will be high to maintain the winning formula for the year ahead. However, with a thriving club - including 8 new members joining this season alone - we look forward to meeting the challenges ahead!

Keegan Friel



Henderson Cup Team

(L-R) Peter Chan, Shona Fisher, Keegan Friel, Andy Gall, Ruth Flockhart and Rachel Denholm

Belfast Shield Winners

Alex Fletcher and Rachel Denholm



Badminton Night Out

Welcomers' Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
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MAY

5	Jim McKinnon	Fiona Thomson	Anne Barr
12	Nanette Davidson	Bill McMurtrie	Jim McKinnon
19	Marion Watson	Bill McMurtrie	Alex Mall
26	Alex Mall	Neil McKenzie	Jim Blair

JUNE

2	Gordon Thomson	Neil McKenzie	Evelyn Borland
9	Evelyn Borland	Peter Worthington	Gordon Thomson
16	Neil McKenzie	Peter Worthington	Anne Craig
23	Anne Craig	Shona Fletcher	Neil McKenzie
30	Jim McKinnon	Shona Fletcher	Isabel Vance

Offering Teams

MAY		JUNE	
5	Fiona Thomson, Margaret Howard, Valerie Clarke	2	Neil McKenzie, Alex Mall, Lisel Tait
12	Bill McMurtrie, Norma Hannah, David Howard	9	Peter Worthington, Maureen Park, Lisel Tait
19	Bill McMurtrie, Norma Hannah, David Howard	16	Peter Worthington, Maureen Park, Ann Pope
26	Neil McKenzie, Alex Mall, Hilary Kennedy	23	Shona Fletcher, Colin Williamson, Ann Pope
		30	Shona Fletcher, Colin Williamson, Roseanne Henderson

Scripture Readers

MAY

5 Bill McMurtrie 12 Anne Anderson 19 Lindsay Barr 26 Shona Fisher

JUNE

2 Ian Cartlidge 9 Angela Peacock 16, David Howard 23, Judy Byrne
30, Donald Carmichael

Congregational Register

NEW MEMBERS

Mr Alan Daly & Mrs Sandra Daly

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Miss Margaret McFarlane, who was a lifelong companion of the late Mr John Gray, has passed away. Miss McFarlane made a very generous donation of £10,000 to the church in memory of John and also a very generous donation to a member of the church who was in need of support and assistance. Miss McFarlane's funeral was held on Wednesday 24 April at the Linn Crematorium.

Deadline for June's Orchardhill Record

Sunday 19th May is the deadline for the June edition of the *Orchardhill Record*.

Contributions should be sent by email to Record-Team@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.

You are required to ensure anyone featured in your article(s) has given consent to be identified either for the specific article, club, group or more generally for Orchardhill Record.

The editor acknowledges every contribution. Contact them before the deadline if you have not received confirmation of your contribution.

Orchardhill Calendar

MAY

Sunday	5	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	7	7.30pm	Congregational Board	
Friday	10	7.30pm	Film Night 'Mamma Mia - Here we go again!'	
Sunday	12	10.30am	Family Worship and Baptism	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	14	7.30pm	Glasgow Presbytery	
Wednesday	15	1.30pm	Illustrated Talk 'Art Treasures of Florence' with Maureen Park	
Friday	17	7.00pm	Spring Fling	
Sunday	19	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Sunday	26	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay

JUNE

Sunday	2	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
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