

THE RECORD



May 2022



A Word from Gillian Rooney



The year is fairly flying in! We are heading into the month of May and life at Orchardhill is getting busier. The garden team and friends have been working hard and the church grounds are looking fabulous. We had a lovely early service in the peace garden on Easter morning and celebrating communion together in the open air was a really special moment. Messy Church and the regular Pop Up coffee stalls have also been feeling the benefit of the lovely grounds. It is great to see that the Orchard Cafe has reopened their doors for soup and hot drinks on a Tuesday. It would be lovely to see you if you want to wander in for a bowl of soup and catch up with friends old and new. Soup is served from just after 12noon. The Pastoral Care group is back up and running. Please let me or your elder know of anyone that would benefit from a visit or a phone call.

Over Lent we reflected upon being good enough, that God accepts us and loves us as we are. We enjoyed the children's enthusiasm for their good enough cushions and were grateful to them for helping us to think about faith in new ways. We are really fortunate to have a core group of young people attending our church on a regular basis. In the coming months we will continue to explore ways to worship that are inclusive to all ages and stages of faith. Sometimes this will mean that worship will occasionally have a different format. This is not something to worry about and I encourage you to keep an open mind as we prayerfully explore this together. Over this Easter season we are thinking about the biblical call to ensure that our worship also needs us to work for justice in the world. I look forward to continuing to meet more of you as you return to church.

Presbytery Mission Planning is ongoing, and we are excited about the potential for working more closely with our neighbours and friends. Regular meetings have been taking place and some meetings for trustees are organised for the beginning and end of May. Keep an eye on the weekly newsletters for more information. A time of change in any organisation is always potentially scary, please continue to pray for those who are planning and making decisions. Pray God's will be done.

Yours in Christ

Gillian

East Renfrewshire Good Causes

East Renfrewshire Good Causes, ERGC, a charity set up in 2007 by registered blind man Russell Macmillan from Newton Mearns, has completed another incredible six months operating to the end of March 2022.

The charity which can be best described as a good neighbour club, is powered by the 2 transplanted organs, a pancreas and kidney, and guided by the founder's personal Christian faith. He looks to give out acts of love and kindness in memory of the sadly deceased organ donor.

During this latest 6 months of its 15th year, ERGC has given out more than £101,500 worth of goods and services across a multitude of varying causes and has helped another 463 individuals.

Some of the highlights of the latest 6 months are: -

604- Garden Shed to store a variety of disability equipment for a child with cerebral palsy who also requires PEG feeding – multiple disabilities - Part funded with family (50%ERGoodCauses)

603- Part funded bathroom adaptation to enable frail elderly pensioner to remain safely in their own home instead of moving into residential care home setting. (30%ERGC)

602- Part funded Hyperbaric Oxygen Trial Therapy Session to try and alleviate LONG COVID symptoms for a woman who spent two months in a coma pre-vaccine availability (50%ERGC)

601- Working through Women's Aid, we provided a chromebook for a household fleeing domestic abuse, to enable a child to do school work - (100%ERGC)

600- A cooker for a blind adult to replace a condemned one. It enabled the individual to maintain their independence by cooking safely and preventing fire hazard (100%)

The Good Neighbour Club, from inception in 2007, to the end of March 2022, has now given out over £1.4 million pounds worth of goods and services in gifts of kindness, letting more than 4400 people know their community cares for them.

Russell said "I so hope the organ donor is in heaven looking down approvingly at the achievements all made possible thanks to her 2 organs living on inside me"

Cantata

On Palm Sunday, after a two year delay, The Choir were able to present the beautiful Easter cantata 'Who is this King?' by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M Martin.

Friends of the Choir helped swell the singers to fifteen voices, and what a beautiful sound they created.

Those who witnessed the life and ministry of Jesus were consistently mixed in their verdicts about who He was. Many claimed Him to be the long-awaited Messiah while others called Him a fraud. The cantata follows this story through to His final days, crucifixion and resurrection. The music is poignant, emotional and triumphant.

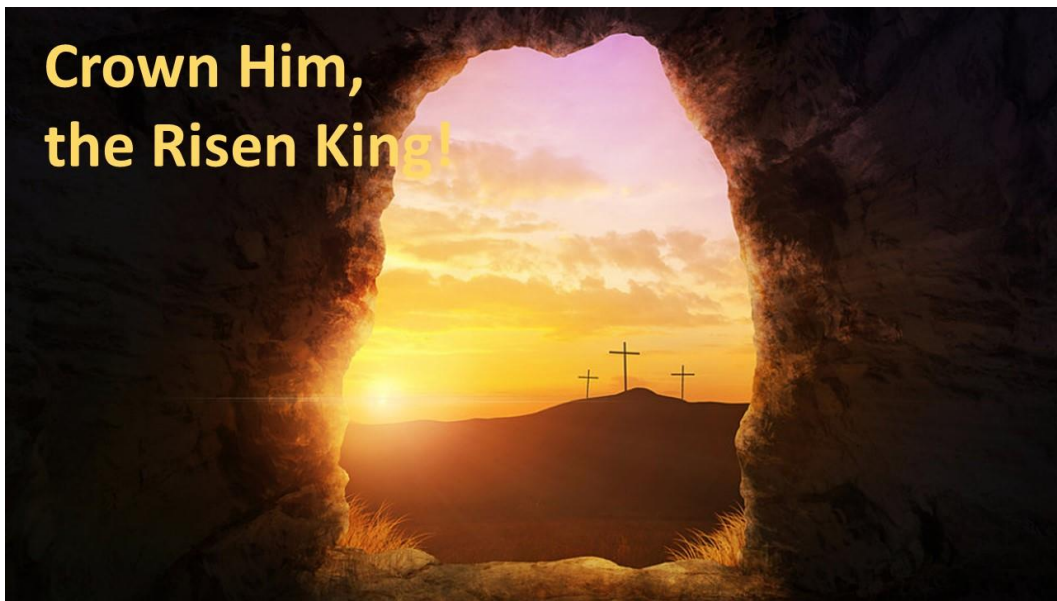
My thanks to all the Choir and friends who worked so hard in our preparations, to Bill Wallace for setting up and working the sound and to Shona for the slides.

Special thank to John Thomson who stepped in literally at the last minute to be our narrator after Mark Rooney had to step down due to testing positive for Covid. We're delighted that Mark is back and fighting fit!

The Choir are now working towards our Songs of Praise on Thursday 2nd June, and as always, new members will be warmly welcomed on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

David Fisher

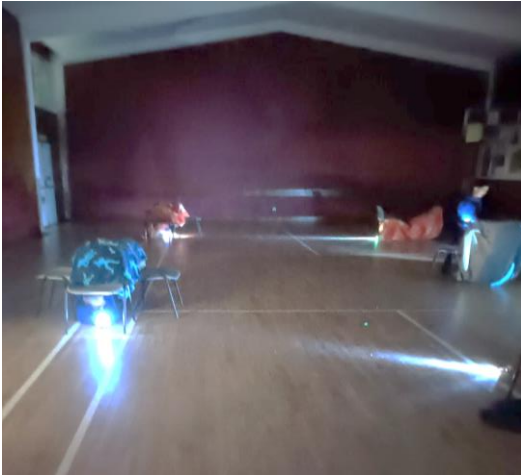




86th Boy's Brigade – Anchors & Juniors

We are now on the last lap of our programme. It will be a quick session as we only have two meeting nights in April and three in May remaining.

That said, five of our nine boys have completed their achievements – 22 Achievements for Anchor Boys and 28 Achievements for Juniors, under the headings of: **Active; Adventure; Bible; Creativity; Involved; Learning; and Extra Activities.**



Earlier in the year we had a fun night of erecting shelters with a blanket and three chairs, and then sending messages in Morse Code. Needless to say the boys enjoyed the evening and with some help, they managed to decipher what 'The Lighthouse' was signalling. Quite difficult to say the least!

Morse Code signalling

With Easter and, subsequently, the school holidays being later this year, it was quite difficult to talk about Lent, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday three weeks in advance. But we managed. The boys even made an edible Easter Garden.

At the moment we have nine boys - four in Anchors and five in Juniors. One from Anchors will be promoted to Juniors and four boys in Juniors will be promoted up to Company. While this will swell the numbers in Company Section, it will leave the Anchors and Juniors with only five boys in total.

As always, I wish to record my thanks to the boys for attending to their parents for their support and to Reece Taylor and Callum Docherty (our soon to be Queen's Men) for coming each week. Thanks also to our Elder, Richard Park, for his continuing interest in what goes on each Friday evening and to Captain Bennett for his support throughout the year.

Margaret Howard

Church Garden

Gillian's invitation to the congregation to set up a Lenten Peace and reflection garden, brought together artistic, creative and gardening expertise. The Children's decorative stone letters making the words "Good Enough" were positioned in order that passers - by had to come into the church grounds to have a better look. The forty numbers (expertly engraved by Richard Wallis) were arranged in a wave toward the cross, prompting intrigue and questions. Thanks are due to Fiona, Finlay and Rebecca Carmichael whose Lenten task included removing a number each evening.

The weather was favourable on Easter Sunday for communion to be held in the garden where around 40 adults and children celebrated the risen Lord.

A Spring Garden work party took place on Saturday 23 April when around 20 willing helpers weeded, tidied and pruned around the church and Memorial Hall, sustained by an excellent coffee break. Work to reduce the shrubs between the two car parks to a manageable height for maintenance is expected to take about 3 years. A compost bin is now situated at the rear of the church beside the shed, and will in time provide compost for our grounds.

The newly formed Garden Group is hoping to make a summer peace and reflection garden with help from the creative cellar hub. Assuming that our sunflower seeds germinate successfully, and that we collect sufficient small Activia yogurt pots in which to house them, we hope to have a pop up event at the end of May when sunflowers (the national flower of Ukraine) will be available to the congregation and community.



Life and Work

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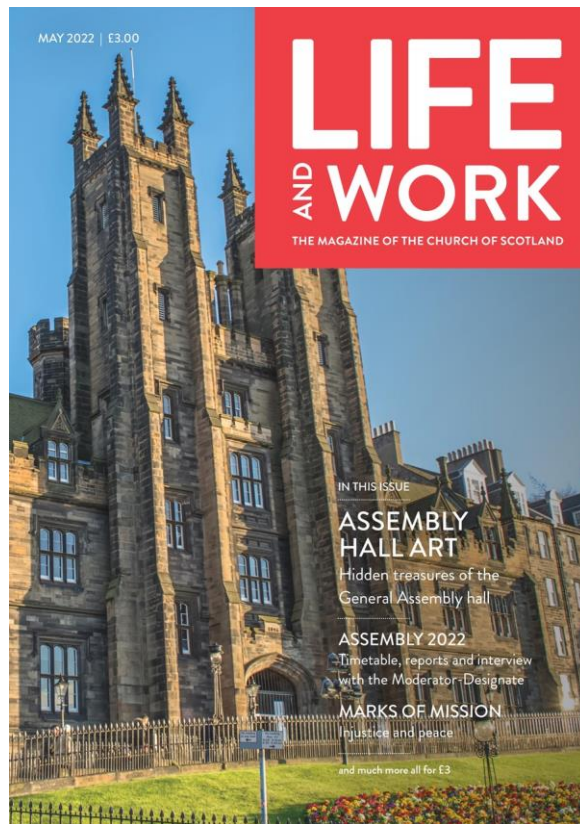
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They missed Him – Easter Reflection

They were looking for a lion, He came as a lamb, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a warrior and he came as a Peacemaker, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a king, He came as a Servant, and they missed Him.

They were looking for liberation from Rome, He submitted to the Roman stake,
and they missed Him.

They were looking for a fit to their mould, He was a mould breaker, and they missed Him.

Will you?

Diary

Sunday 1 May	Family Worship	10.30am
Sunday 8 May	Family Worship	10.30am
Sunday 15 May	Family Worship	10.30am
Friday 20 May	Messy Church	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Saturday 21 May	Church of Scotland General Assembly	
to Thursday 26 May		
Sunday 22 May	Family Worship	10.30am
Sunday 29 May	Family Worship	10.30am

Orchardhill Record

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the June edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 22nd May 2022.

Please continue to submit your articles for inclusion and we will produce an online copy available via the church website.

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For the Children



Great fun was had last month at Messy Church – rolling 30 Decorated hard boiled eggs down the slope to Claremont Avenue definitely was MESSY

You are most welcome to come along for more fun – crafts, games, Bible story, dinner and of course messy fun on Friday April 22nd.

Email youthandfamily@orchardhill.org.uk to let me know if you are coming along

COSY CAFÉ

Our Cosy Café is starting on Wednesday 4th May. Open to all high school children Come along for a chat, a hot drink and a snack. No need to book and all are welcome



POP UP!!!!

Following on from the successes of our previous pop ups We will be back on Thursday 28th April. It would be lovely to See you for a cuppa and a treat. I wonder what the theme will Be this month?



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

*Happy 1st birthday to Mark
For 4th May*

*Happy birthday to Sally &
Clara who turn 12 on 6th May*

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BIRTHDAY!

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