

THE RECORD



June 2022



A Word from Gillian Rooney



As I write this, I am currently at the General Assembly.

Today - 23 May 2022 – is a historic day in the Church of Scotland with the Assembly voting by 274 to 136 to approve the Same Sex Marriage Act, which will allow ministers to officiate at same sex marriages.

Other news so far from the Assembly has been the endorsement of the Saint Margaret Declaration - a declaration of friendship between the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church. This has been a long time in the making and should be welcomed by all Christians in Scotland – the Kirk and the Catholic Church have much more in common than the things that differentiate us.

This month we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. At Orchardhill, we are looking forward to celebrating this momentous milestone by having a barbecue and songs of praise service on Thursday 2nd of June – let's hope for some nice weather.

It is almost 6 months since my Induction and Ordination and I am thoroughly enjoying my early days of ministry. Whilst it is challenging, it is incredibly rewarding getting to know you all better, and I appreciate the opportunity given to me to walk with you in faith.

I apologise that my letter this month is shorter than normal, however, due to some technical issues, I am having to type this on my mobile and email it to Mark to format and edit – any grammatical mistakes are therefore his alone

Yours in Christ

Gillian

Doing Hard Things

Doing hard things requires us to be lion-like – bold, steely and courageous. Doing things the right way means being like a lamb – gentle, meek and submissive. We are supposed to be a godly mixture of the qualities of both the lion and the lamb.

But how can one person be both ‘the Lion’ and ‘the Lamb’?

In C.S. Lewis’s Narnia books, the lion, Aslan, represents Jesus. In the most famous of these books, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, Aslan is slain:

“‘Bind him, I say!’ repeated the White Witch... ‘Let him first be shaved’ ... the shorn face of Aslan looked... braver, and more beautiful, and more patient than ever. ‘Muzzle him!’ said the Witch... the whole crowd of creatures kicking him, hitting him, spitting on him, jeering at him... They began to drag the bound and muzzled *Lion* to the Stone Table.’

Later, ‘they heard from behind them a loud noise – a great cracking, deafening noise... The Stone Table was broken into two pieces by a great crack that ran down it from end to end... There, shining in the sunrise, larger than they had seen him before, shaking his mane (for it had apparently grown again) stood Aslan himself.’ Aslan tells them that ‘when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor’s stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backwards.’

In the book of Revelation, we see Jesus is standing at the centre of the throne of heaven. He is the Lion and the Lamb. He is both triumphant (‘has triumphed’, 5:5) and slain (‘you were slain’, v.9). In an imaginative and powerful way, C.S. Lewis shows how Jesus can be both ‘the *Lion* of the tribe of Judah’ (Revelation 5:5) and ‘a *Lamb [that] had been slain*’ (v.6).

86th Anchor Boys / Junior Section Boys

Well, we finally made it to the end of the B.B. session. Despite boys being absent due to Covid, we had no lockdowns. We were lucky in having a more normal year.

Achievements were carried out each week interspersed with games and fun nights. Finally we had our last night on Friday 20th May and a visit from our Elder, Dr. Richard Park.

As usual, we held our short opening service then proceeded with a different Highland Games, but we did 'toss the caber' and also had 'tug-of-war'. After this the boys had fun outside with water balloons – miraculously no one got really wet.

All the boys received a medal for coming each week that they were able. Four boys were promoted to Company Section from Junior Section, and one Anchor Boy was promoted to Junior Section. This leaves a somewhat decimated Anchor Boys and Junior Section. Any boy entering Primary 1 will be made very welcome at Anchor Boys, indeed any boy between Primary 1 and Primary 6 will be made welcome.

Daniel Brogan was awarded Best Anchor Boy and his brother Connal was awarded Best Junior Section Boy. They have lived up to the Brigade Object: –

“The advancement of Christ’s Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness”.



The evening ended with our 'Smartie / Jelly Bean / Skittle' Prayer e.g. RED reminds us of the blood of Jesus, who died on the cross. Orange reminds us of the sunshine on Easter morning, when Jesus rose from the tomb. Yellow reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world and that if we ask Jesus to be in our lives and trust in him, we will have ever-lasting life.

My thanks to everyone for their support throughout the year.

Margaret Howard

Orchardhill Record Developments

The Orchardhill Record has been published monthly for many years, with breaks after Christmas and during the summer holidays.

Restrictions during the recent Covid pandemic meant online publication has become the norm, albeit paper copies, some in large print, have been issued to those without internet connection. Carol-Anne, our Church secretary, has lately been compiling weekly updates on proposed activities in and around the Church - the online E-news under the Sway Office title - and this will now be made available to all Orchardhill members and adherents for whom we have an email address.

At a recent meeting of the Minister and the Record editorial team, it was agreed that the magazine, expanded to include more reports on all that has been happening around the Church, will be published on a quarterly basis, complementing the E-news, in March, June, September and December of each year.

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the September edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 21st August 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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Giffnock Community Hub at Orchardhill – Update

The **Black** Door Shop - Fifth Birthday!

It's hard to credit, but the Black Door Shop has been running now for 5 years this month. It has been open almost every Saturday in that time. It has gone from strength to strength. A big thank you to all our supporters. Mid way through the pandemic, when we could open, we had a one day giveaway of all the stock and this brought a lot of people to the front of the hall where we had all the items on display. This cemented relations with other charities, resulting in our providing donated items to their causes.

Through Inter Faith Justice Network a Scottish based Charity which provides food and household items to the needy, we formed a good working relationship which continues. This introduced us to Maslow's refugee Centre in Shaw Street, Govan, where it is run by director Carol Gilchrist.



Through social media we have attracted a following which has resulted in many repeat visits by residents of East Renfrewshire with donations, who get satisfaction knowing their unwanted items can be put to good use, rather than lying in a drawer or cupboard.



We continue to receive, from these residents, donations of toiletries, cutlery, crockery, clothes, home items, toys books, bikes, prams etc. which are lifted in two full vans twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays to Maslow's Refugee Centre in Govan.

Maslow's Manager Reza advised when he visited this week that over 250 refugee families have been provided with our items since 01/04/2022. He has asked the recipients if he can take a photo to let us see how happy the people are to get our donations, but, not surprisingly, they have declined. It's hard to credit that 250 families might be 500 adults plus children, all in dire need, who have benefited through Orchardhill!

In addition over 40 full bags of baby clothes were delivered to Merry go round, a children's charity shop in Strathbungo. They were delighted to receive these bags.

We are members of Circular Communities Scotland. Their strategic vision is given here. <https://www.circularcommunities.scot/strategic-plan-22-25/#>

Litter Picking

For the past three years, on Saturday and at other times, litter collectors have taken to the streets in Giffnock to fill bags which the council collect. We have lifted on average 7 bags a week, with some weeks many more, and others less. This is a great way to get out for a wander and a blether with a cuppa at the end. There is no hard work to it. Litter pickers can be provided along with gloves. It is all fully Risk Assessed and is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Pop Ups

We are hoping to start Pop Ups in the seating area as the lockdown eases.

This will be where people will be invited :-

- To bring in an item which they would like repaired and we will discuss if this can be achieved.
- To find out how to bind a book.
- To learn three good knots that allow anything to be tied up.
- To learn how to make delicious tablet.
- And many more, where skills are used and shared.

Workshop

We are aware that the lantern from the rear door of the church hall is in need of refurbishment and we hope to get to start work on it soon.

Another job we are considering is the formation of a wooden enclosed noticeboard at the Rosslea Entrance where the previous noticeboard has fallen into disrepair, and all that remains is the metal frame.

Planters continue to be made to order. If you would like one, let us know the size and we will build it to your specification.



The Future of Eldership

As the Church moves into a new season of Presbytery Reform and Presbytery Planning, shaped by the Presbytery Mission Plan Act, the role of elders is as significant as ever.

Learn: Elders Conference 2022 aims to provide elders and those in church leadership roles in the Church of Scotland with learning and development opportunities that will respond to the demands and opportunities of the coming season. This event will enable participants to enhance their understanding of the selected areas (Presbytery Mission Plan Act, vacancies, hybrid worship, opportunities for mission) and to actively partake in their church ministries equipping and enabling all of the people of God for the work of God while journeying into a new season.

A series of Learn webinars to inspire, connect and equip current and future elders in the Church of Scotland:

Join us for four webinars of enthusing and inspiring talks and discussions

When: 7-9pm on 1, 8, 15 and 22 June 2022

- 1 June – ‘How the Presbytery Mission Plan Act Impacts the Role of an Elder’
- 8 June – ‘Coping, and Maybe Even Thriving, in Vacancy’
- 15 June – ‘Eldership for a Hybrid Community’
- 22 June – ‘Leading into God’s Mission’

For whom: Elders and those in church leadership roles in the Church of Scotland.

Contact: learn@churchofscotland.org.uk

For further information on Learn resources, visit www.churchofscotland.org.uk/learn

Life and Work

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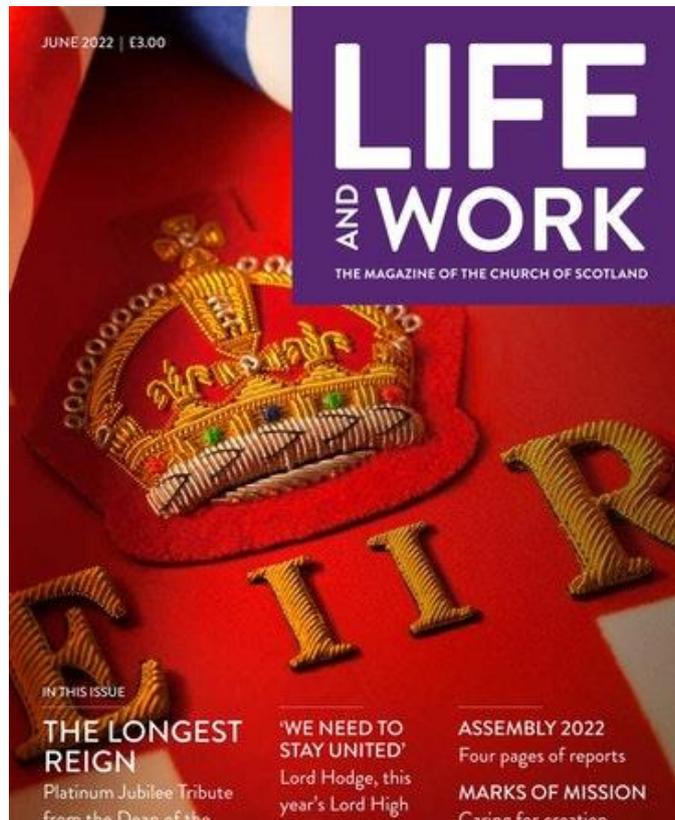
ASSEMBLY 2022

Four pages of reports

MARKS OF MISSION

Caring for creation

And much more across 52 pages.



Praise in the Park

There will be a 'Praise in the Park 22' event, probably in September. This is to be held in Rouken Glen Park in conjunction with Carnwadric, Giffnock the Park, Giffnock South, Giffnock Orchardhill and Eastwood Parish Churches.

This event will include children's activities, bouncy castle, refreshments, as well as other organisations, including Christians Against Poverty and Street Pastors. Each will have a table advertising their activities and programmes. This event is to be a blessing to those who attend, but also an opportunity to invite people to connect with their local congregation.

Prayer for Peace

Living God,
Creator and giver of life to all people:
We ask that you would hear our prayer for peace among the nations
And for ending of conflict in Ukraine.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Living God,
Who shall judge between the nations:
We ask that you would lead the nations in the paths of peace
And that the dividing wall of hostility would be broken down.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Living God,
Who has inspired faith across the ages:
Grant peace in the midst of war
And bring harmony to the commonwealth of nations.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Living God,
Who gave his only Son that we might have life:
We ask that you would pour out your Holy Spirit
And inspire in us hope that peace will be renewed.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Signed by:

Most Rev. Mark Strange, Primus, on behalf of the College of Bishops, Scottish Episcopal Church
Lord Jim Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland
Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Roman Catholic Church
Lt. Col. Carol Bailey, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army
Adwoa Bittle, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Rev. David Miller, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland
Rev. Neil MacMillan, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland
Rev. Paul Whittle, Moderator, United Reformed Church (Scotland)
Rev. Martin Hodson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland
Rev. Mark Slaney, District Chair, Methodist Church (Scotland)
Rev. Thomas R. Wilson, Chair, Congregational Federation in Scotland

Lodging House Mission

Dear Supporters,

This month saw our AGM and a chance to share the work of LHM with our members and supporters. We were delighted to have been invited to present the annual report of the chair of the board, Rev Professor Roger Sturrock, to Glasgow presbytery at their meeting on May 10th.

If you would like to book a speaker for your Church, Guild, Probus, Rotary, Golf Club, or Youth group in the year ahead, our chaplain would be keen to hear from you or any group in your area who would like to find out about our work.

April brought with it a levelling off of the number of folks using our free meal provisions;

Food Service	Breakfast	Lunch
Meals	633 (-55)	1296 (-32)

During the month of April, Angela, our Interventions worker, along with our lovely volunteer Gill, provided support on 127 occasions. Emotional support as always was most common with benefits advice and support coming in a very close second.



Angela our interventions worker has been supporting Morgen, a student studying HNC Social Services at City of Glasgow College, who has been on placement here at LHM since December 2021.

Our student Morgen says, "I have really been enjoying my time here at LHM, It's opened my eyes to the struggles/issues that people have. I have particularly enjoyed learning how to help and support them, I have loved getting to know everyone"

As Morgen's placement comes to an end we thank her for help and kindness and wish her all the best for her future.

Annual Homelessness Service.

@LHM 35 East Campbell Street, G1 5DT.

Guest speaker, Rev Iain Greenshields, Assembly Moderator, Church of Scotland

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 9th September 2022, 6.45 for 7pm start.

The most recent, 6 week Presbytery Pioneer Intro Course was hosted in LHM during April and May. We are delighted to have been able to welcome participants and course leaders to share their pioneer and missional projects in a space whose heritage has seen over 110 years of mission to the city of Glasgow. We look forward to supporting many more presbytery wide events in the future. Should you be interested in bringing an event to LHM, please speak to the chaplain.

In this resurrection season, we read Psalm 23 and recall the characteristic of the guiding voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd. For a good number of people in our transient community, there are considerable barriers and gatekeepers, which prevent or deter access to the place of rest, support and nourishment. We offer our **prayers** for justice; that barriers might be broken down in our households, community, parishes, local and national government; that gatekeepers steward resources with the open handedness of Christ; that unjust systems of wealth distribution are dismantled.

Jesus taught that His flock/ followers would recognize His voice. What is this voice from the margins saying to you?

Deacon Claire Herbert, Chaplain to LHM.

Retiring Collections

The total of the retiring collections at services over the last few weeks for "Ukraine" was £707, and this was sent to the "Reformed Church in Hungary Aid", which was the body suggested by the Church of Scotland.

Diary

Thursday 2 June	Orchardhill's Jubilee Garden Party with Songs of Praise from	4.00pm 7.00pm
Sunday 5 June	Pentecost Family Worship	10.30am
Sunday 12 June	Family Worship <i>Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper</i>	10.30am
Sunday 19 June	Family Worship	10.30am
Sunday 26 June	Family Worship	10.30am
Wednesday 28 June	Congregational Board and Kirk Session	7.00pm

*From Sunday 10 July join us for Café Church at 9.30am – 10.15am,
followed by Family Worship at 10.30am*

Summer Club and CHIPS Café will be held from Monday 8 August – Friday 12 August

For the Children



Another great day was had at Messy Church in May. If you would like to join us for faith, food and family fun our next session is Friday June 24th. All are welcome





Happy birthday wishes to

Finlay who turns 9 on 3rd June

Eilidh who is 9 on 25th June

David who turns 12 on 16th July

Isabella who is 21 (again) on 29th July

We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating



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