

THE RECORD



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A Word from Gillian Rooney



Gillian's Letter

Alleluia Christ is risen, He is risen indeed. Typical April weather has been our Easter experience – from sunny moments to snow flurries! Hopefully brighter days lie ahead for us all. We have now been back worshipping in person for a few weeks, and this has been a joyful experience. Currently Sunday Schools are not allowed to meet during worship, so our intentions are to have an all-age service on the first Sunday of every month that everyone is invited to attend. Please book your spaces on the website to allow us to be compliant with the COVID regulations.

We continue to collect food and toiletries for our friends over at Carnwadric, so please add a few items to your weekly shopping, and hand them into the church on a Wednesday morning between 10-12 noon. Thank you for your continued generosity; it is greatly appreciated.

More and more people are receiving the vaccines, and our hopes of returning to familiar routines continue to rise. As a church, Orchardhill recognises the value in having an online option available for those who are unable to worship in person for whatever reason. However, I would still urge you to consider returning to worship in person when you are able to do this. In the gathering of God's people Christ is made known. Our gathering is a picture of the resurrection community – a distinctive and diverse people, bound together in the promise of the resurrection, in a way that the whole is larger than the sum of the parts.

In our gathering to worship God, we hear the stories of our faith and, in our telling and retelling, we encourage and embolden ourselves for living our lives as people who follow Jesus together. When we gather, God is with us, and we are commissioned and encouraged to go out and live our lives as the people of God. Everyone is different, and will have to make their own decisions regarding this issue, but when you are ready, we will be here, waiting for you.

Gillian Rooney
Probationer Minister

Current Status In Vacancy

Dear Friends of Orchardhill,

It is a great pleasure for me to find myself, once again, within the circle of Orchardhill parish church. Even with all the restrictions of Covid, I have been able to rejoin with the congregation through Zoom, and now in Sunday Worship in the Church. It is an honour and a delight to be welcomed as a brother in the Lord.

Your minister Grant was summoned to serve Glasgow Presbytery as Interim Clerk. Your gifted Probationer Minister Gillian Rooney will be taking care of the services of worship, and giving pastoral care to the congregation, for the next six months and more. Lorna Buchan has kept a lively focus on the children and the young people; But I have been appointed as 'Interim Moderator' by the Presbytery to help the congregation to set about the task of finding a new minister.

The process is going forward well.

1. Presbytery has given Orchardhill the right to call a minister without restriction.
2. The Kirk Session has prepared and verified 'The Electoral Register' – the list of members and adherents of the congregation, who will vote for the 'Nominating Committee' and then for the candidate chosen by the Committee.
3. Very soon the congregation will elect the 'Nominating Committee' of thirteen people who will carry out the search for the new minister for the congregation.
4. A group of people from the congregation are currently designing and preparing a 'Parish Profile', to enable possible candidates to become familiar with the life of Orchardhill parish church, in anticipation of them perhaps making an application.
5. If you have been able to share in the recorded Sunday worship services in recent weeks, you will know that the Kirk Session has been deciding whether or not the Nominating Committee can accept applications from ministers in a Civil Partnership or same-sex Marriage. The Kirk Session has decided that the Nominating Committee CAN accept such applications.
6. The Presbytery's Vacancy Advisory Committee met with the Kirk Session on 19 April, and approved our planned procedure.
7. Soon, all the people on the Electoral Register will be invited to nominate candidates to serve on the Nominating Committee.
8. The Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee will shortly meet with the Kirk Session (on 19 April).
9. Soon after that, all the people on the Electoral Register will be invited to nominate candidates to serve on the Nominating Committee.
10. When the thirteen people have been appointed to the Nominating Committee they will begin the search for the new minister.
11. Orchardhill's name has this month been published on the list of 'Vacant Charges', advertised on the Church of Scotland website. The list of Vacant Charges is consulted regularly by ministers, and the list is sent each month to Probationer ministers who will one day be applying for a Charge.

As you can see, the process is well under way.

In coming issues of The Record, I will try to keep you up to date with the process. Once the Nominating Committee is elected and starts its work, however, no detail will be given of where they have been, or to whom they have spoken.

The process is in good hands. May the Spirit of the Lord be in us, as together we look for the right path.

Footnote:

Around the end of April all the people on the Electoral Register for Orchardhill will receive a letter from me, the Interim Moderator, inviting them to nominate people to serve on the Orchardhill Nominating Committee. After the nominations have been received, (if more than Thirteen people are nominated,) all the people on the Electoral Register will receive a further letter from the Interim Moderator. This letter will invite them to vote for the Thirteen people of their choice.

Once elected, the Nominating Committee will set to work! These seemingly complicated steps are required under the Church's current Covid Protocol, in order to ensure that the election process is transparent and fair.

With love and prayers,

John Miller

Jaunt To Jerusalem

On Sunday 12 July 2020, while we were all in lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 75 intrepid Orchardhill members and friends (and two dogs!) began a four week virtual pilgrimage, our 'Jaunt to Jerusalem', using the Big Team Challenge app. Walking the local streets individually, our collective steps were translated into the 7,396 km or 9,706,752 steps from Orchardhill Church to the Church of Scotland in Jerusalem. Such was everyone's enthusiasm that we arrived early, and some of us even managed to walk all the way back to central Italy! At the end of the pilgrimage we invited you to make donations to two charities, Scottish Love in Action and Friends of Murambinda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe, and you responded magnificently, raising £3,372.



The aim of the pilgrimage was to share friendship and support at a time when many people were feeling isolated. Along the pilgrimage route we had quizzes, competitions and we asked you for your own Tales of the Pandemic which were then shared with the whole group. Now these Tales are being brought together into a booklet, which will be available free of charge to everyone who would like a copy or multiple copies. Perhaps an early Christmas gift for someone? You may be aware that our church did not benefit financially from the pilgrimage and has lost significant income during the lockdown, so we would be delighted if you would consider making donations to Orchardhill. We will let you know when the booklet has been printed.

Richard and Maureen Park

Letter from Graham Cartlidge

Elaine and I joined the congregation last summer, although we'd had a long connection of some forty years before that, mainly through Ian and Dorothy, our brother and sister-in-law. It was before we joined, that we'd really enjoyed the virtual pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the first lockdown – giving us excellent motivation in keeping up our walking but also enabling us to get to know others in the 'Jerusalem Jaunters' team. We were very impressed by the immediate professionalism of the online worship that was offered every Sunday, and looked forward to the meaningful short service on a Wednesday evening as well. The level of technical expertise available in our congregation is exceptional, as also is the willingness of members to help with the leading of worship.

We were, of course, saddened to learn that Grant was leaving not very long after we'd joined but very glad that the cheery presence, the creativity and the obvious skills of Gillian were to continue with us for a while. As I write, the last sermon she preached was on the Sunday after Easter – about the appearance to Thomas. She made a point I hadn't actually stopped to consider before – that Jesus didn't catch up with Thomas while he was walking on the street 'or out on the golf course'(!) but when he was joined with the others again a week later. She suggested that that gives us an extra impetus to be with others in worship, as Jesus may choose to reach out to us there. I conjecture that, at least for those who cannot manage to attend church or who are understandably fearful of the continuing dangers of the virus, the excellent online offering, with the companionly coffee and chat by Zoom afterwards, can also provide that community of discipleship.

It's interesting that in the passage Gillian was covering, about Jesus appearing to the disciples and then a week later to Thomas, within seven verses we hear Jesus using the greeting 'Peace be with you' three times. Of course, the disciples – behind locked doors – were doubtless terrified that the authorities might be coming for them next, and so certainly needed some peace. Yet there's much more than that in the greeting of 'Shalom' – the Hebrew word that Jesus would have used. For us, the word peace could mean the absence of hostilities, the cessation of fighting. In that context, a Peace can be dictated. But Shalom is not an absence, it is something completely positive. It is about serenity, security, wholeness and harmony. Indeed one branch of Jewish thought teaches that God is Peace. In that sense, Jesus was assuring the disciples (and us) that after the Resurrection we can be absolutely sure that God is with us – 'Peace be with you' – thus the Emmanuel of Christmas is anchored into history by the victory of Easter.

Every blessing,
Graham [Cartlidge]

P.S. In the context of peace, I've recently been searching my mind for the fourth proverb of my childhood, and I'd be most grateful if anyone out there could help. My childhood was deeply affected by our family's biscuit tin, on which my gaze was often fixed! It had four sayings, one on each side: 'Empty vessels make the most sound'; 'Smooth runs the water where the brook runs deep'; 'Often have I heard defended, little said is soonest mended', but I cannot remember the last one. Did anyone have the same biscuit tin?

Poppy Fall

A motion promoted by 24 members of the Scottish Parliament last November, was lately brought to the attention of the Church of Scotland Newsdesk and forwarded on to the Congregational Board here in Orchardhill.

The text is reproduced below, with photographs to remind us of the widespread press coverage at the time.

Church of Scotland Newsdesk



That the Parliament commends the efforts made by volunteers at Orchardhill Parish Church in Giffnock to honour all of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of liberty and democracy by draping the 15 metre-tall church in 4,000 handmade poppies; understands that the remarkable display was put in place by volunteers on 4 November 2020 in advance of Remembrance Sunday; notes that parishioners cut out the poppies by hand before sewing them into the netting; recognises the display was first made two years ago for commemorating the 100th anniversary of the First World War being brought to an end, and acknowledges that, with Remembrance events unable to take place as normal this year due to COVID-19 and the restrictions introduced to tackle the virus, the display of 4,000 poppies at Orchardhill Parish Church in Giffnock is a particularly moving and inspiring means of paying tribute to the heroes who have fought to secure everybody's freedoms and way of life.



Orchardhill In The News

From the "Glasgow News" by [Gary Armstrong](#) Journalist 07:56, 10 APR 2021

Giffnock church sends morse code messages from model lighthouse to communicate with parishioners:-

A church has discovered a novel way of keeping in touch with parishioners amid the covid lockdown - by communicating with them in morse code.

With the Orchardhill Parish Church in [Giffnock](#) closed amid coronavirus restrictions, the congregation came up with an idea to remind people the closure was only temporary.

A church member built a six-foot high working model of a lighthouse, which has been positioned near the church's front door. Another has used a tiny computer to control the sequence of the lighthouse's flashing lights, which brighten up the surrounding area when it gets dark at night.

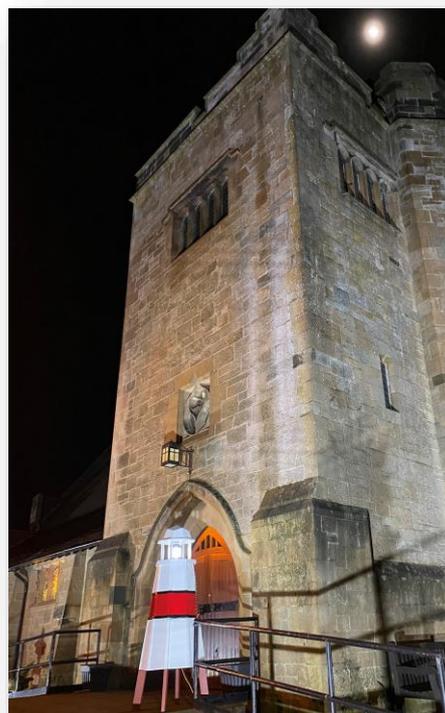
At first, the lighthouse mimicked the same pattern used at some of the real lighthouses functioning across Scotland.

However, it's now been programmed to use morse code and project a secret message, with parishioners challenged to work out the code.

Anyone can visit the lighthouse on [Giffnock's Church Road](#), scan the QR code and enter their answer.

However, so far no-one has been able to work out the cryptic clues, much to disappointment of the outgoing minister, Rev Grant Barclay.

Grant, who has recently left Orchardhill Parish for a new position at Glasgow Presbytery, said: "Morse code used to be a great deal more common than it is now, which perhaps explains the difficulty of working out the message. "However, it is proving to be a major talking point in the area."



God's Multiplication

Hattie May Wiatt, a six-year-old girl, lived near Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia, USA. The Sunday school was very crowded. Russell H. Conwell, the minister, told her that one day they would have buildings big enough to allow everyone to attend. She said, 'I hope you will. It is so crowded I am afraid to go there alone.' He replied, 'When we get the money we will construct one large enough to get all the children in.'

Two years later, in 1886, Hattie May died. After the funeral, Hattie's mother gave the minister a little bag they had found under their daughter's pillow, containing 57 cents in change that she had saved up. Alongside it was a note in her handwriting: 'To help build bigger so that more children can go to Sunday school.'

The minister changed all the money into pennies and offered each one for sale. He received \$250 – and 54 of the cents were given back. The \$250 was itself changed into pennies and sold by the newly formed 'Wiatt Mite Society'. In this way, her 57 cents *kept on multiplying*.

Twenty-six years later, in a talk entitled, 'The history of the 57 cents', the minister explained the results of her 57-cent donation: a church with a membership of over 5,600 people, a hospital where tens of thousands of people had been treated, 80,000 young people going through university, 2,000 people going out to preach the gospel – all this happened 'because Hattie May Wiatt invested her 57 cents'.

The theme of multiplication runs throughout the Bible. What cannot be achieved by addition, God does by multiplication. You reap what you sow, only many times more. What you give to the Lord, He multiplies.

Life and Work

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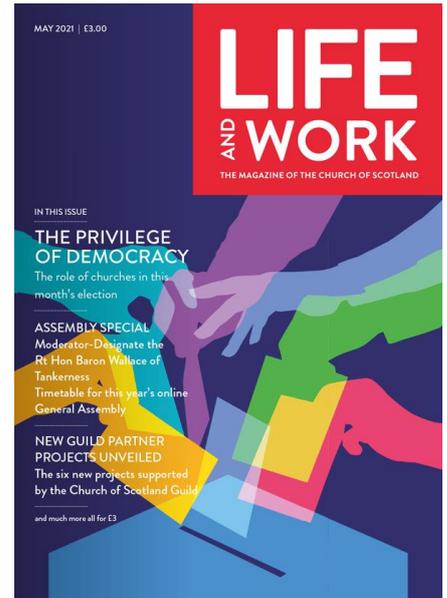
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Visit www.lifeandwork.org for news and exclusive features, including Coronavirus Diaries from Church of Scotland mission partners across the world. You can also find us at facebook.com/lifeandwork or on Twitter @cofslifeandwork



Orchardhill Calendar

The Church building is open for Sunday Morning Worship. For details and how to book your seat please go to the website below.

Join us (virtually) as we continue to host many “gatherings” online, from prayers and reflection to coffee and a blether, with something to suit everyone. Details on the Church website.

A full service will be broadcast via the church website each Sunday from 10:30am.

Orchardhill Record

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the June edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 16th May. There will be no Orchardhill Record published in July or August; we will return with a September edition.

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

www.orchardhill.org.uk

Congregational Roll

Death

Elizabeth Yuill, Saturday 17 April 2021

Well done thou good and faithful servant. Rest safe in the Lord

MAY		JUNE	
2	TBC	6	Jim Blair
9	Ian Anderson	13	Anne Barr
16	David Howard	20	Lorna McLean
23	Shona Fisher	27	Lindsay Barr
30	Garry Crosbie		

Reading Rota

MAY		JUNE	
2	George Robertson Linda Moir Valerie Clark	6	George Robertson Maureen Van De Gavel Dave Thomson
9	George Roberson Ian Anderson Anne Anderson	13	George Robertson Maureen Van De Gavel Norma Hannah
16	George Robertson David Howard Gordon Ross	20	George Robertson Bruce Paterson Donald Carmichael
23	George Robertson Shona Fisher Gordon Ross	27	George Robertson Bruce Paterson Susan McQuilter
30	George Robertson Dorothy Cartlidge Ian Cartlidge		

Welcome Rota

MAY		JUNE	
2	Linda Moir	6	Dave Thomson
9	Anne Anderson	13	David Howard
16	Willie Hendry	20	Donald Carmichael
23	Lindsay Barr	27	Judy Byrne
30	Ian Cartlidge		

Prayer

iKnow tips & tricks

This month we show you how to install the iKnow app on your smart phone and use it to reserve your seats for morning worship.



How to reserve your seat for Sunday Worship using the iKnow App on your mobile.

Download and install the I KNOW CHURCH app from either the google play store or the apple store.

To set up your app to work with Orchardhill, You will need to Copy the iKnow QR code from any email that you have received from the church with the iKnow logo at the bottom. i.e. weekly newsletter, Orchardhill record or rota reminders etc etc.

Alternatively, you can manually enter the following code: 13740939

Next log into your account with username and password.

That's the hard bit over, now to get your seats.

At the bottom of the mobiles screen you will see three lines touch here to see the main menu

Touch "Tickets"

You will now see the services that are available to reserve your seat at.

Touch on the service you wish to attend and choose your seat in the normal way.

Hint: use the pinch in and pinch out to assist with the screen size.

Confirm your selection and add your details for test and protect Scotland.

Fill in the email address you wish your ticket sent to and that's it.

See you on Sunday When Isabella will zap your phone or you can print the seat voucher.

Eset Anti-Virus

The Eset anti-virus scheme has been running for a number of years now and the aim is to bring to members and friends of the congregation an award-winning business class anti-virus suite of programs which is both low cost to you and at the same time helps the church to cover the cost of providing this service on the churches computers free of charge.

We have nearly done it this year, **but we have 3 licences left** each at a cost of £36 for 3 years protection being sold on a pro-rata basis for the remaining 33 months. If you can assist the church and at the same time protect your computer Then please contact: -

Dave Thomson. Dave@G46.co.uk or on 0787 941 2284 or what's app on the same number.

BIBLE PUZZLE

Can you find the 27 books of the bible hidden in this narration?
The answer will be published in the next edition of The Record.

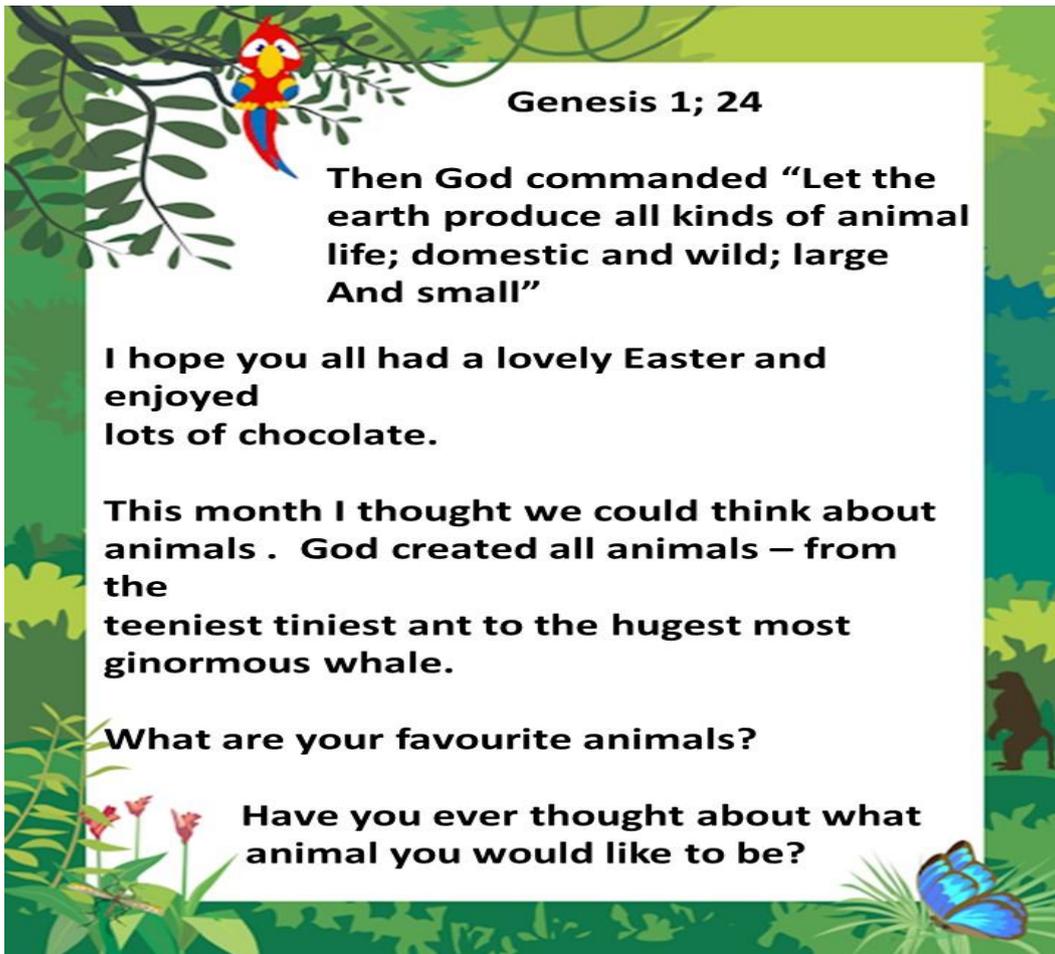
A worldly speaker once made a few unspiritual remarks about hidden books of the Bible to be found in a series of short paragraphs. This lulu kept some people looking intensely for facts and more clear revelation. Many listeners were in a jam, especially since the books were not capitalized, but their enthusiasm produced eternal truths that struck large numbers of readers. It seemed like a hard job at first, to look for these hidden books, but it quickly became a most fascinating opportunity.

Yes, there will be some real easy ones to spot, while others will be very difficult to locate. If this causes disagreements among our visitors, it may require judges to finally settle the matter before a mass exodus from these games occurs. We must admit it usually takes a minute or two to find some, and others might take several minutes. This often produces loud lamentations from at least one or two readers.

Jane was quick at finding book names. She brews her coffee and then places donuts on the table, so that she can eat and search at the same time. Her older brother Joe is a practical joker, a mimic ahead of his time who thinks looking for book names is too difficult, but he is very wrong, for any old hag gains a level of expertise in just reading these short paragraphs. Joe lets his personality get in the way. He lived in Johnstown for a few years but moved to York after he tripped over a hose, and broke his leg falling into the flower bed. When he tried to learn to play the banjo, "Nah, I'll never get it," was his reply. So, Joe left the big city and came back home. Meanwhile, Jane was dating a guy named Gene who likes to share his talents. Gene's is the personality that more people should have, because he writes poems, essays, proverbs, and adventure stories for her. Love is strong between them. Her younger brother Jud, examines and proofs this literature before it is sent to the publisher, for it's not often that someone cares for your sister like that.

Well, this exercise is just about over. It would be interesting to chronicle some of the many things that you have been doing while reading. Did you eat a banana? Hum a tune? Drop a pen? Rejoice in the Lord while licking some candy? Hopefully, you had a good time and found the names of many books of the Bible.

For The Children



Genesis 1; 24

Then God commanded “Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life; domestic and wild; large And small”

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed lots of chocolate.

This month I thought we could think about animals . God created all animals – from the teeniest tiniest ant to the hugest most ginormous whale.

What are your favourite animals?

Have you ever thought about what animal you would like to be?



See if you can find all the jungle animals listed below. One however is hiding behind a tree and is not in the Wordsearch. What animal is missing??

E	C	T	O	U	C	A	N
L	E	F	F	A	R	I	G
I	L	R	G	R	B	V	O
D	E	L	S	B	Y	R	R
O	P	H	O	E	L	E	I
C	H	I	N	Z	E	G	L
O	A	P	I	N	O	I	L
R	N	P	H	B	P	T	A
C	T	O	R	R	A	P	D
J	A	G	U	A	R	S	U
J	W	Z	F	L	D	C	R

**Crocodile
Elephant
Giraffe
Gorilla
Hippo**

**Jaguar
Leopard
Lion
Monkey
Parrot**

**Rhino
Tiger
Toucan
Zebra**





**What do you call a sleeping bull?
A bull-dozer!**



**Why are fish so smart?
Cause they live in schools!**

**How do you fit more pigs on the farm?
Build a sty-scraper!**



**What animal is out of bounds?
An exhausted kangaroo!**

**What do you call a bear with no ears?
B!**



A polar bear's hair is not white - it is colourless!

Hummingbirds can beat their wings up to 200 times per second to allow them to hover

Emperor penguins can stay under water for up to 27 minutes

Jonathan the tortoise is the oldest living land animal. In Feb 2019 he turned 187!!!!

Pelicans can hold 11 litres of water in their beaks – that's the same amount of liquid in 32 cans of juice!

Honey bees can fly at speeds of up to 25km per hour!

A great white shark has 300 triangular teeth arranged in 7 rows

A giraffe's tongue is blue!

Aren't all God's creatures just amazing?
What is your favourite animal???





Happy birthday Sally who is 11 on May 6th

Birthday wishes to Clara who is 11 on May 6th

We hope you have a great day celebrating!



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