

THE RECORD



October

2021



A Word from Gillian Rooney



Gillian's Letter

It is almost unbelievable for me to realise that I have been with you for over a year now, and what a year it has been. A year of learning and growth for me, but also a year where we have dealt with a pandemic, restrictions, and uncertainty. A year where plans have chopped and changed, and we have all learnt to deal with disappointment and difficulties.

We have also continued to be a church community together, using our abilities to reach out and bring a little joy and hope to those who wander past our building. Sunflowers, poppies, a lighthouse and recently a reflection space on the Claremont side of the church. We have supported those who are vulnerable by continuing to donate to the foodbank that helps those in need in Carnwadric. The Orchard Tots is providing a much-needed safe space for parents, carers, and their little ones.

It has also been an exciting time for my family and me, as we have sought to discern where I should apply for my first post as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. We are delighted that we are going to be staying at Orchardhill. I look forward to continuing to cement friendships already made, and build new ones with those of you I have yet to meet. We look forward to the next months, and years growing in faith and friendship together.

Orchardhill Church is not a church only for the benefit of its members. We say every week that all are welcome in this place, and we mean it. Please come along and join us at 10.30 each Sunday morning. If you are new to church or have not been for a while and are a bit worried about how it all works, you could always watch the service first. This is available online at www.orchardhill.org.uk. Come along and join in with us - we are waiting for you.

Yours in Christ

Gillian

As from Orchardhill Parish Church

Dear members and friends of Orchardhill,

Since January 2021, when Grant Barclay was appointed Interim Clerk to the Presbytery of Glasgow, Orchardhill has been in the process of seeking a new minister. The congregation appointed a Nominating Committee to search out their chosen candidate. With deep thought and prayer, the Nominating Committee reviewed candidates, and they chose a 'Sole Nominee'. Their choice was Gillian Rooney, who has been Probationer here in Orchardhill for a year.

Gillian preached as Sole Nominee on Sunday 5 September. After the service, the congregation stayed on in the Church to vote on the Nominating Committee's choice. Only people on the congregation's Electoral Register, who had been at the service that morning, were eligible to vote. In a secret confidential ballot, 81 votes were cast in favour of calling Gillian to be the minister, and 3 against. Gillian accepted the result of the ballot and was immediately welcomed as Minister Elect.

Because she is still a Probationer, and her term does not finish until 30 November, Gillian will not be ordained and inducted as the minister of Orchardhill until early in December. In the meantime, however, she will continue to be at the centre of the church's life, leading worship and giving pastoral care to the congregation.

I am delighted to say that, until Gillian is fully inducted and ordained, the Presbytery will keep me here as Interim Moderator. It will be a pleasure for me to share in church life with Gillian and with the other leaders and with all the congregation.

And together we will look forward to Gillian being ordained and inducted as minister here early in December (further details in due course!)

With kindest thoughts, and a prayer...

John Miller

(Rev John Miller - Interim Moderator)

Your Help is Needed

TEA & COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE

During the quieter times in the church, Lorna Buchan and Margo Ritchie have very kindly stepped up and made teas/coffees on Sunday mornings after the services. We are looking for people to help serve tea and coffee, and clear up after everyone has gone. The tables and trolley will be set up beforehand, and we just ask that you come out during the singing of the last hymn to be ready to serve people who sit at the tables.

FLOWER DELIVERY

We are looking for people to put their names onto the list at the Claremount door to help deliver flowers after the service. Flowers are taken from the display and put into bundles (usually 3); you don't need any floral qualifications to do this. Small cards, with names and addresses of those who will be receiving them, will be on the Communion table (or see Isabella).

CARNWADRIC DOOR DUTY

Every Wednesday between 10-12 noon the doors are opened for people to bring along food for Carnwadric Church. It is good for someone who is dropping off the bags to be welcomed, therefore we are asking, if you can spare 2 hours on a Wednesday morning, please add your name to the list at the Claremount door or speak to Gillian or Isabella.

All of these duties may seem like small things, but it makes a **huge** difference to those receiving the flowers, just to let them know we in the church are thinking of them, serving the teas/coffees which allows people to have fellowship, and opening the doors to help the community.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Christians Alert!

You can Help Christians in Afghanistan.

The Barnabas Fund has helped 400 Christians escape to safety, and is supporting another 400. They are currently enabling another 1200 get out to safe countries. Sadly our government gave priority to save cats and dogs! Christians, if discovered, face the harshest treatment by the Taliban. They are the most systematically discriminated against. Please help by supporting them in prayer and monetary gifts. George Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury, has written an article –'Britain is ignoring the fate of Afghan Christians' (1st September - Daily Telegraph).

Diane Spiers

LIFE AND WORK

October 2021

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

With the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) being held in Glasgow next month, the editorial piece on page-3 highlights some of the issues facing the Church.

Staying with the theme of environmental matters we introduce a new Reader Offer on page-30 and the positive impact of switching to an electric vehicle.

LIGHT NIGHT

Churches' alternative to Halloween

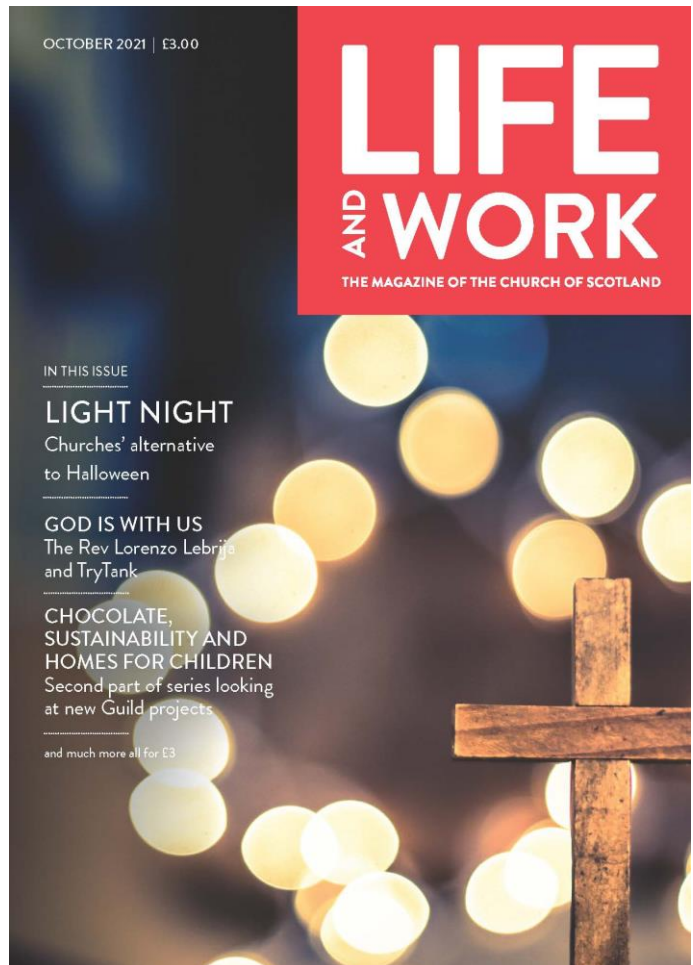
GOD IS WITH US

The Rev Lorenzo Lebrija and TryTank

CHOCOLATE, SUSTAINABILITY AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Second part of series looking at new Guild projects

...and much more over 52 pages



Orchardhill Record

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the November edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 17th October 2021.

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

www.orchardhill.org.uk

The Creative Cellar At Work

The work includes the refurbishment of the railings beside the Memorial Halls, the Claremont gates, the creation of a beautiful cross in the prayer garden and the refurbishment of two benches. As you will be aware, James Going was also responsible for building the fabulous lighthouse.

These guys are such a blessing to Orchardhill, and we are so lucky that they are willing to devote so much time and energy to developing the concept of an Orchardhill community hub through the vehicles of the Black Door Shop and Creative Workshop.

The creation of the workshop has allowed some work to be carried out around the church in the last few weeks.



The railings at the Memorial Halls and the gates at the Claremont entrance were stripped of rust, primed, and painted.



In the garden of remembrance the bench that previously was yellow and sat at the back door was stripped and varnished and Cross was installed to add to the contemplative area.



At the Tower door the in-remembrance bench was stripped and varnished.





Work in progress includes:
Removing rust from the gates at
the driveway and Rosslea



At the BB, which has just started back, the workshop is being used to strip pallets, sand/plane the wood and make garden flower planters from the wood. The Boys hope the congregation will support them do this to raise money for **Guide Dogs for the Blind** who are 90 years old this year. Watch for news of the development of the project. This is a great way for the Boys to learn new skills.



Future projects include:

The removal and replacement of the fence at the church officer's home. For this we will need helpers and we will be able to provide guidance and assistance to ensure all safety measures are in place and that everyone knows what they are doing. Notes of interest would be appreciated.

Garry Crosbie

Convenor
Workshop

BB Team Triumph



86th Glasgow Company Section - S2-S3.

Winners of the first District 5-a-sides held on 11/09/2021 at The Pitches, Pollokshaws.

Social Bite - Break the Cycle - Glasgow to Edinburgh - 5 September



Social Bite is on target to raise over £700k from this event, and is set to open two new villages in the West of Scotland and in London.

Fortunately the weather was good, and, fortified by coffee and cake in Linlithgow, we arrived safely at Silverknowes, seven and a half hours after starting out from the Emirates Stadium.

Due to your very generous sponsorship we (The Cyclistas) have raised, to date, over £5k including gift aid. As a result of raising this sum, we were invited to the post event dinner in the Social Bite Restaurant in Edinburgh, where we met Josh Littlejohn, and got a special mention in his speech for raising the highest small team amount.

Thank you all, for your contributions to Breaking the Cycle of homelessness in Scotland. Your terrific support is very much appreciated.

Dorothy Cartlidge

A Message From Place2be



Improving
children's mental
health

Before the first lockdown, the children at Stepping Stones planned to donate their weekly collections to the children's mental health charity, Place2Be. This has now been done, and the following message has been received from Place2Be -

*Thank you so much for donating **£84.15** to Place2Be. Your donation will help to provide the mental health support needed by pupils, parents and teachers in these uncertain times.*

Right now, we are at a pivotal point when it comes to protecting children's mental health.

Around 1 in 6 children and young people have a diagnosable mental health problem. Your generosity means we can be there for children in schools, with services tailored to their needs. Through your kindness, we can ensure that children don't have to face mental health problems alone.

Thank you.



Joseph T. Renaldi

When I'm in need of encouragement,
On you I can always rely.
I merely need to seek your help
And you are willing and standing by.

Congregational Roll

NEW MEMBER

Lorna Buchan

READING ROTA

OCTOBER	
3	Judy Byrne
10	Willie Hendry
17	Dave Thomson
24	Ian Anderson
31	Dorothy Cartlidge

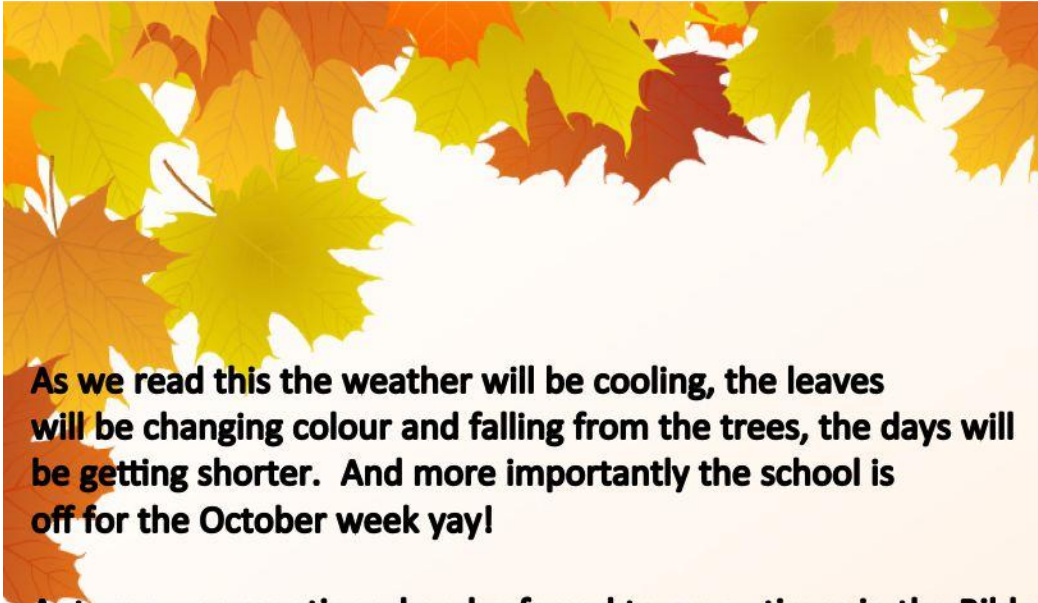
PRAYER

OCTOBER	
3	Margaret Howard
10	Ian Cartlidge
17	Joyce Winning
24	Anne Anderson
31	Shona Fisher

WELCOME ROTA

OCTOBER	
3	George Robertson Norma Hannah Susan McQuilter
10	George Roberson Norma Hannah Jim Kerr
17	George Robertson Dave Thomson Jim Kerr
24	George Robertson Ian Anderson Anne Anderson
31	George Robertson Dorothy Cartlidge David Evans

For The Children



As we read this the weather will be cooling, the leaves will be changing colour and falling from the trees, the days will be getting shorter. And more importantly the school is off for the October week yay!

Autumn was mentioned and referred to many times in the Bible

It is the traditional time of harvest which we will all be celebrating at Orchardhill.

See if you can find where these quotes appear in the Bible

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:



EXCITING NEWS!

**MESSY CHURCH IS COMING TO
ORCHARDHILL**

Friday 1st October 4pm-6pm

**Messy Church is a slightly different
way for families to do church.
Come along and join us for stories,
games, crafts and hospitality**

**We look forward to seeing lots of
families there**



What did the tree say to Autumn?
Please leaf me along!



What is a tree's least favourite month?
Sep – timber!!!

How do trees get on the internet?
They log in!



What is the cutest of all seasons?
Aaawwtum!

Why do trees hate tests so much?
Because they get stumped by the questions?



Why do trees like to try new things every year?
Because every Autumn they turn over a new
leaf!



Autumn Wordsearch



ACORN
FROST
OCTOBER
APPLE
HARVEST
ORANGE
FALL
CHESTNUTS

HAYSTACK
PINECONE
CHILLY
LEAVES
PUMPKIN
COBWEB
NOVEMBER
RED



**Best birthday wishes to Daniel
who turns 7 on 7th October**

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