



Orchardhill
Giffnock

THE RECORD

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working. Pope Francis was one of the first to denounce Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's alleged use of chemical weapons but also one of the first to speak out against military strikes, reminding us that "violence begets violence."

Second, we now have a possible alternative to more war in response to Assad's moral atrocities. On the eve of potential military strikes against Assad's regime, a fresh diplomatic alternative emerged — some would say, unintentionally — that could remove chemical weapons from this brutal dictator's arsenal and put them under international control. Now the world holds its breath, hoping that this new initiative might work.

The civil war in Syria is a conflict based on ethnic/religious conflict, which often pit bad actors against bad actors, quickly involve civilians caught in the crossfire, and clearly will not be easily resolved by cruise missiles. Understanding those conflicts and employing the tools of conflict resolution are much more likely to be effective than old and simplistic habits of military actions.

Third, conflicts are rooted in our failures to resolve fundamental issues of justice, fairness, and human dignity. Two thousand years ago the apostle Paul advised Christians to feed their enemies, to "heap burning coals on their heads" (Romans 12:20). What would happen if we surprised our enemies by investing in education

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A Place at the Table

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(particularly for women and girls), technology, infrastructure, and principled economic development in the Middle East?

A growing number of religious leaders agree with the necessity of a determined moral response to the Assad regime in Syria but have raised deep questions about the moral and unintended practical consequences of military strikes and the risks of escalating war, especially for more innocent civilians and suffering people.

As church people we are called to peace-making — not just peace-loving — which requires harder and more imaginative work than always falling into old habits of military solutions. Our priority as the Church of Scotland is to work with our partner church on the ground in Syria, the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, to mobilise global support for the millions of vulnerable Syrian refugees and more millions in jeopardy inside Syria, and to do the hard work of conflict resolution

that could lead to the necessary political solution in Syria.

Many in the faith community will now pray and act, believing that there is still time to avoid a military option that could lead to even more bloodshed.

We fundamentally reject the assumption that not initiating military action is doing nothing.

Chris

You can help make a difference. It's as easy as setting "A place at the Table" and giving the money you would have spent on that extra meal to help feed a family in Syria.

You can donate directly on the World Mission Council's "My Donate Page". There is an easy link on the Church of Scotland website – just type "A place at the Table". The resources on this page will provide you with more information about Syria and our partner church as well as full details of how to get involved and donate. Please share them with others.

Lisa's Stars

Lisa's Stars has continued to be able to make deliveries to the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital largely due to the kindness of Orchardhill members and their friends. Knitted items and wool are very much appreciated..

We have received a letter from the hospital: "Please extend our thanks to the ladies of Orchardhill Parish Church for the beautiful donations of items for our babies. We have been very busy of

late, at times the unit has been full ... Our thanks to you all for thinking of us and the babies."

The hospital is always in need of items, especially tiny blankets and hats. So if you are able to help with knitting or by donating wool please contact Gillian Griffiths on (0141) 638 5997 or at gillianmgriffiths@hotmail.com.



Welcome/ Collection Rota



October

6	Peter Worthington 638 4316; Jim Kerr 638 2747; Susan McQuilter 638 6936; Evelyn McMurtrie 571 2512
13	Gillian Brogan 639 6269; Maureen Park 638 0273; Susan McQuilter; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722
20	Alex Mall 585 7169; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114; Ann Pope 616 4809; Irene Kinniburgh
27	Alastair Borland 638 0958; Gordon Thomson 571 7153; Ann Pope; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375

November

3	Ian Brown 639 4776; Gordon Thomson; Pauline Young 562 9906; Norma Hannah 638 7515
10	Ian Brown; Fiona Cameron 571 7656; Jim Blair 638 1901; Ian Anderson 638 0689
17	Ian Brown; Fiona Cameron; Jim Blair; Ian Anderson
24	Ian Brown; Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; Jim Blair; Dave Thomson 638 3289

Scottish Love in Action Mission Trip

The Mission Task Group is pleased to announce that a team from Orchardhill including friends and family of our Congregation will undertake a Mission to our loved ones at the Light of Love Home in Tuni, Andhra Pradesh, from 26 July to 10 August next year.

The team comprises Willie Hendry, Andrea Caldwell, Megan Caldwell, Shona Cook, Heather Cook and Eilidh Naismith. They will be joined from Canada by Jeanette's son and granddaughter, David and Erin Birnie, and Olivia Frank, a friend of Erin's. We asked for a group including those outwith Orchardhill, and Canada was an unexpected bonus!

Team Scotland and Team Canada, as the groups have become known, will undertake separate fund-raising activities before they come together in India. The two groups have already

linked up with a Skype meeting hosted by Gillie Davidson.

Orchardhill is building a strong relationship with our friends in India, and Superstars recently had a Skype call with some of the Indian children, which included some Scottish song and dance.

Dr Premdas, founder of the Light of Love home, has recently had a stent fitted to relieve jaundice, and he is awaiting treatment for cancer. His health is a huge concern to the community, who love him and depend on him. The children are especially anxious, and they ask for your prayers.

Team Scotland have a £3000 donation to raise and will undertake a number of fund-raising activities and will welcome your support. If you wish to donate please contact Callum Hunter, Mission Task Group Leader (callum.hunter@ntlworld.com).

The Guild



The Guild's session begins on Monday 7 October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall with an illustrated talk on Christian Aid by Mrs Mary Smith.

On Monday 14 October at 2pm in the Fellowship Room Mr Ian Taggart will speak to us about "Sailing for the Disabled" and the work of the Jubilee Sailing Trust which aims to change the lives of people of all physical abilities through the challenge and adventure of

Tall Ship sailing.

"Jeely Pieces" is the name of a children's club, begun some years ago in Castlemilk, which will be the subject of a talk by Ms Tracy Black on Monday 21 October at 2pm in the Fellowship Room.

We look forward to welcoming everyone interested in these talks.

Guild members please note that the capitation fee remains at £8.00.

Tickets for Spong Lecture



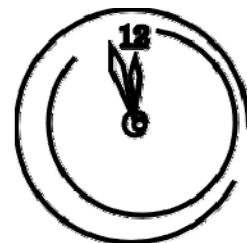
Tickets sales are going well for the Spong visit to Orchardhill and Cairns. We even have a booking from the Czech Republic. Last time Bishop Jack Spong spoke at Orchardhill many regretted not getting to the lecture after hearing him at our subsequent Sunday service. Let's not make that mistake this time.

Tickets for both venues, Orchardhill and Cairns, are available from our office for a donation of £12 each. The lecture at Orchardhill is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 October and the same time at Cairns the following evening. See you all there. [*Photograph: Chris Vermeulen with Christine and Jack Spong.*]

Midnight Walk

Last May the Orchard Café Fruit Cakes (also known as Irene Kinniburgh, Sheila Oxburgh and Anne Barr) took part in the Midnight Walk organised by the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. Starting from the Riverside Museum and walking along both sides of the Clyde, we enjoyed the fun atmosphere of the whole event.

Best of all we were able to give the hospice the great sum of £765, and we would like to thank everyone who sponsored us. We appreciate your donation very much for this worthwhile cause.



Sheep but no cats

Sheep are the most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible. Dogs, livestock, lions, game animals and many others are mentioned ... But not cats!

THINKING ALLOWED

Panel Discussion: "Enough Food IF Campaign"

Thursday 28 November 2013 Venue: Orchardhill 7.30 for 8pm

Panellists: Stuart McMillan MSP
Ken Macintosh, MSP
Kathy Galloway, Head of Christian Aid in Scotland
Sally Foster-Fulton, Convener, Church of Scotland's Church and Society Council



Nearly one billion people go to bed hungry every night and two million children die from malnutrition every year. We've made progress in other areas, but hunger is still the great scandal of our age. All around the world, even in the UK, people are struggling to feed their families. In 2013 Scotland's politicians, institutions, organisations, faith groups, private companies and individuals have campaigned to end this scourge. This event is designed to reflect on their role and ours in tackling global hunger and to take action to ensure that Scotland plays its part in ensuring that every family and every child has a life free from hunger

Stuart McMillan MSP

Stuart, born in Barrow in Furness in 1972, graduated with an MBA (European) from the University of Abertay Dundee in 1997. He began employment with IBM UK Ltd and then worked for the SNP group in Westminster before returning to Scotland to be the office manager for Bruce McFee MSP in 2003. He is a keen piper and plays with the London Scottish Pipes and Drums. He likes watching and playing sports and supports Greenock Morton.

Ken Macintosh MSP

Before entering the Scottish Parliament, Ken was a television producer for BBC News. He also worked on programmes including Breakfast with Frost and as a researcher for both David and Jonathan Dimbleby. Ken was elected to the Scottish Parliament in 1999 and has held Eastwood ever since.

Kathy Galloway

Kathy is an ordained Church of Scotland minister and was, in 2002 the first woman to be elected leader of the Iona Community. She is patron of the Student Christian Movement along with John Saxbee and Michael Taylor.


She is also a published poet and hymn-writer. Her songs have been widely published in church hymnaries and those published by the Iona Community.

Sally Foster-Fulton

Sally Foster-Fulton is Associate Minister at Dunblane Cathedral and the Convener of the Church and Society Council of the Church of Scotland. Church and Society is responsible for social, political and ethical interface between the Church of Scotland and wider society.

A glass of wine or soft drink will be served from 7.30 pm.

Your Café Needs You



The Orchard café is probably our most successful means of outreach into the local community as well as being a meeting place for our own fellowship. Over the past year we have become increasingly busy and sometimes struggle to keep up with the demand. We are looking for volunteers in serving in the café, helping in the kitchen, making soup, and providing home-baking. Working conditions are excellent, the camaraderie superb, and the coffee and cakes delicious. There is time (mostly!) to sit down and enjoy and have a chat.

The soup and baking rotas mean that your turn comes up only every six or

eight weeks: the more people we have, the less often your turn comes up! Full instructions are given about what is required. Helping in the café is whatever time you are able to give. We have a rota for that also: so it would be helpful to know in advance when you would be free to help.

Every year we are able to donate nearly £3000 to charities, many suggested by our customers. Please help us to carry on this worthwhile and very enjoyable work. Just speak to any member of the team (if you don't know who we are, just ask) or come and visit us – we are open on Tuesdays (10am to 1pm) and Thursdays (10am till noon).

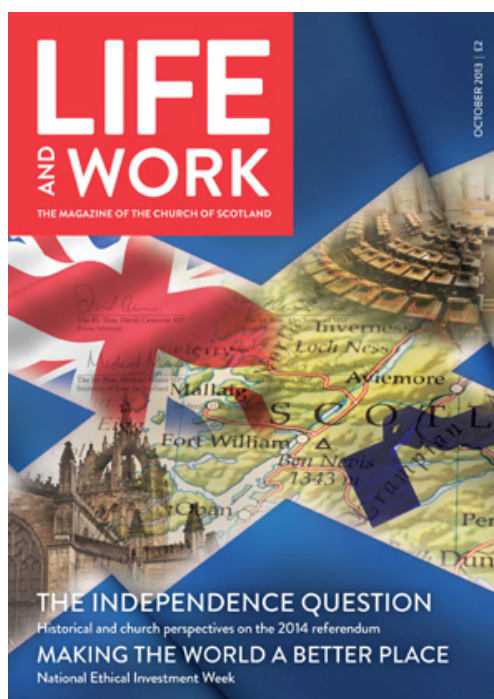
Sheila, Anne, Irene, Hilary, Liz

Independence Debate

Life and Work, the Church of Scotland magazine, focuses this month on more aspects of the independence debate – the historical context, a young person's view, and the role of the Church of Scotland.

Also featured are:

- Making the World a Better Place – Ethical financial decisions.
- A Priceless and Unforgettable Experience – A report on this year's National Youth Assembly.
- To mark World Sight Day (October 10), an article on the Scottish chair of RNIB Scotland and a consultant ophthalmologist working with an overseas disability charity.
- How an Edinburgh congregation has engaged with a local mosque.
- A Miracle of Sharing – A different way of retelling the feeding of the 5000.
- Very Rev Dr James Simpson looks at how great hymns can resonate in our hearts and minds.
- Plus news, letters, reviews and crosswords – all for just £2.





Phoenix Choir Concert

Thank you to everyone who supported the Phoenix Choir's concert in

Orchardhill in August. About £1800 was raised for Orchardhill.

Kinship Care

The Church of Scotland has given its support to a National Day of Action for Kinship Care, which will seek to encourage further political support for vulnerable children who are living with non-parental family and friends.

Recent research revealed that one in 71 children in Scotland lived in Kinship Care in 2010. The majority of those placements were not supported by the local authority. Reports have also shown that kinship placements are rapidly rising, with up to five new placements each month in certain

areas across Scotland.

Rev Dr Martin Johnstone, from the Church of Scotland, who has backed the Poverty Truth Commission which has actively campaigned for kinship carers across Scotland, said: "It is time for politicians to stop talking and start really delivering for children in kinship care. These extraordinary women and men are the people who really know what needs to be done. Listen to them, and you will go a long way to getting it right for every child in Kinship Care."

Flower Delivery

During the winter months the flower delivery lists will be at the church's Tower Door. If you would like to assist

please add your details to your chosen date.

Parliamentary Support for "A Place at the Table"

The support shown for the victims of the conflict in Syria by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has been praised in a motion at the Scottish Parliament. The Moderator, Right Rev Lorna Hood, recently donned an apron and hosted a special meal at her official residence as part of the "A Place at the Table" campaign which has the key message that £20 can feed a family of five for a month in Syria.

Siobhan McMahan, Central Scotland Labour MSP, lodged the motion at

Holyrood, which was supported by Kenneth Gibson, Roderick Campbell, Michael McMahan, Jackie Baillie, Hanzala Malik, Chic Brodie, Anne McTaggart, Jim Eadie, Neil Findlay, Richard Lyle, Kevin Stewart, Mark McDonald, Clare Adamson, Sandra White, Nigel Don, Margaret McDougall, David Torrance, Gil Paterson, Colin Beattie, John Pentland, Richard Simpson, Jean Urquhart, Jamie Hepburn, and Maureen Watt.

Our Minister highlights "A Place at the Table" in his monthly letter in this edition

Tragedies in Peshawar and Nairobi

Following the attack on Westgate Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, and the subsequent siege the Church of Scotland World Mission Council sent a message of support to our partner church, the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, and to our partner organisation, PROCMURA (Programme for Christian Muslim Relations in Africa).

We are deeply saddened by the news from Pakistan of the bomb attack on All Saints Church in Peshawar, which has claimed so many lives. The World Mission Council has been in contact with our partner, the Diocese of Peshawar. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been affected.

This is a tragedy which has affected not only those in Pakistan but also Pakistani people here in Scotland. All Saints is the family church of one of our Church of Scotland ministers, the Rev Aftab Gohar, who tragically lost his mother, a niece, and a nephew in the attack and immediately flew out to Pakistan to be with his family. He is minister of Abbotsgrange Parish Church in Grangemouth and convener

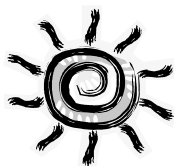
of Asian Concern Scotland.

Very Rev Andrew McLellan, convener of the World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland, said: "News of both these incidents has been a shock. We assure our partners and the people of both Pakistan and Kenya of our prayers and support in these difficult times. This is not about religion but about people who are seeking to do wrong. We ask for your prayers for peace in the days that lie ahead."

The Church of Scotland is joining with Christians around the world to pray for peace in the Middle East on the 24th of each month. This month's vigil will be in Aberdeen.

Also in this movement are Christian Aid and the Scottish Episcopal Church in partnership with the worldwide ACT Alliance, a coalition of more than 130 churches and affiliated organisations working together in 140 countries to create positive and sustainable change in the lives of poor and marginalised people regardless of their religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, race or nationality in keeping with the highest international codes and standards.

Sunshine Bags



The summer of 2013 will long be remembered for such lovely sunshine for so many weeks. I hope you have had some great times in it, memorable holidays, enjoyable outings and cherished meetings with old friends. I trust that in the midst of this you have been remembering to fill your Sunshine Bag, remembering the desperately poor

children of Haiti who depend on Mary's Meals to give them one good meal a day at their schools.

Guild people will be at the doors of the church before the morning service every Sunday in October to receive your Sunshine Bag. Many thanks to all who are supporting this appeal.

Jeanette Birnie

Help Needed in Housekeeping



The Housekeeping Group are looking for new members. If you would like to become involved in Orchardhill in a small way this is your opportunity.

This is a group who meet about five times a year. We generally help the Property Committee by flagging up small housekeeping issues which need

attention – for example, checking curtains or identifying painting that needs to be done.

If you think you can help in this way or for more information please contact Shona Fletcher (639 4523: shonafletcher@btinternet.com).

Christian Aid Book Sale

Thanks to the many hands who made light work of setting up the Christian Aid book sale in September and taking the

unsold books back to base at the end. A total of £150 was raised for Christian Aid.



COMMUNION ROLL

Deaths

On Friday 16 August 2013 Andrew Hamilton, 36 Kippen Drive, Busby G76 8JH (district 12)

On Friday 6 September 2013 Miss Charlotte (Shirley) Campbell, 36 Giffnock Park Avenue, Giffnock G46 6AY (district 27)

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptism

On Sunday 1 September 2013 Ella Sarah Anne, daughter of Sarah and Scott Grindlay, 5 Compton Court, East Kilbride G74 5PW

Orchardhill Record – November Deadline

Contributions for the November edition of the *Orchardhill Record* should be in the editorial team's hands no later than **Sunday 19 October**. Contributions should be either sent by email to record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk before 1.00pm that day or left in the relevant slot in the rack in the church corridor no later than 10.30am.

We prefer contributions to be sent by email, and we cannot accept any handwritten or typed item that does not identify the source.

Please submit all contributions as soon as possible. Do not wait until the deadline date.

The editor acknowledges every contribution: so please contact him before the deadline if he does not advise that he has received your contribution.

Orchardhill Diary

October

Sun	6	9.30am	Orchard Café Breakfast	
		10.30am	Harvest Service (Guest Speaker: Graham Steven, Glasgow City Mission)	Rev Chris Vermeulen
Thu	10	1.20pm	Giffnock Primary School Inclusion Celebration	
Sun	13	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Chris Vermeulen
Sun	20	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Chris Vermeulen
Tue	22	7.30pm	Kirk Session	
Wed	23	7.30pm	Thinking Allowed Series: Bishop Jack Spong ('The Fourth Gospel: Tales of a Jewish Mystic')	
Sun	27	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Chris Vermeulen

November

Sun	3	9.30am	Orchard Café Breakfast	
		10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Chris Vermeulen
		6.30pm	Bereavement Service	