



THE RECORD

Faith and Hope and Love

May I introduce myself to you as your Interim Moderator, following on from John Miller, during Mr Vermeulen's absence. I take this opportunity of recording the congregation's gratitude to Dr Miller and to Mr John Phillips and others who have conducted worship during the summer months, and to the Rev Tom Houston, who is covering all the pastoral calls in the parish. Thank you.

When the Session Clerk asked about a pastoral letter I was happy to prepare one. Then I heard the deadline was 14 September, and my first thought was, "If we wait a week a Big Decision will have been made - one way or the other - and that could be my topic." My second thought, however, was one of relief that I wouldn't have to make a statement on "the state of the nation". But by the time you read this all will be known...

So my theme, as always, is faith and hope and love. George MacLeod used to tell a story from the prairies of Canada, where it hadn't rained for years, and people feared they could not survive another failed harvest. So the church decided to hold a service to pray for rain. People who'd not been to church in years turned up to pray. But only one little girl took an umbrella with her. "That's faith!" he would declare, half triumphantly, half humorously. "It rained!"

"To have faith," says the writer to the Hebrews, "is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see." We believe now that what we look forward to will happen. There are few certainties in life, and we need faith and hope and love through good times and bad. We need the love of our Father in heaven and love for one another. Love that is patient and kind ... not jealous or conceited or proud ... not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable. This love does not keep a record of wrongs, is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. It never gives up, and its faith, hope and endurance never fail.

May this love prevail in our hearts and in the church and in the nation.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

David Lunan

Computer Help Needed

We have been advised of an urgent need for volunteers to help in the Learning Centre at the Lodging House Mission in East Campbell Street (near the Barrows). The *Click & Connect* centre provides free computer facilities and digital classes for some of Glasgow's poorest communities.

LHM are looking for people who are competent in "Introductory" computing such as Internet and email. Volunteers are required to oversee service-users who are using computers for a wide range of basic applications such as job search and social security addresses. People skills are more important than computing skills.

The Learning Centre is open for this purpose each morning from 10.00 till noon, and they seek help on any of these days. Afternoon activity may follow depending on available supervision. LHM can be flexible to suit your needs, and a trial period is possible if that is your preference.

If anyone would feel able to help in this please contact Archie Hunter on 571 8985.

The Guild's October Meetings



On Monday 6 October the Guild will meet at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room to hear Mr Gordon Wilson give an illustrated talk on the Waverley Paddle Steamers.

Two more meetings follow in October Mondays, both also at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room. We will learn about the activities of Yorkhill Hospital Trust on Monday 13 October, and Rev Gordon Armstrong, of Oakshaw Trinity Church and the Wynd Centre, Paisley, will speak to us about Chaplaincy within the Fire Service on Monday 20 October.

We look forward to welcoming everyone interested in these talks.

Guild members, please note that the capitation fee is now £10.00.

Rev Donald Macleod

Every Sunday throughout October we will welcome Rev Donald Macleod to lead our services at Orchardhill.

Mr Macleod was formally minister at Blairgowrie in Perthshire, and currently he is pastoral assistant at Lenzie Union Parish Church, where the minister is Rev Dan Carmichael, a former Orchardhill member.

**What if we began to treat our Bibles
the way we treat our cell phones?**

What if we...

...carried it with us
everywhere?

...turned back to get it if
we forgot it?

...checked it for messages
throughout the day?

...used it in case of an
emergency?

...spent an hour or more using
it each day?



Collection Rota

OCTOBER

5	Jim Kerr 638 2747; Joyce Winning 571 7854; Susan McQuilter 638 6936; Norma Hannah 638 7515
12	Gillian Brogan 639 6269; Maureen Park 638 0273; Susan McQuilter; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722
19	Alex Mall 585 7169; Fiona Thomson 571 7153; Ann Pope 616 4809; Irene Kinniburgh
26	Alex Mall; Fiona Thomson; Ann Pope; Evelyn McMurtrie 571 2512

NOVEMBER

2	Ian Brown 638 9754; Fiona Cameron 571 7656; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375; Evelyn McMurtrie
9	Ian Brown; Fiona Cameron; Jim Blair 638 1901; Ian Anderson 638 0689
16	Ian Brown; Norma Hannah 638 7515; Jim Blair; Ian Anderson
23	Ian Brown; Norma Hannah; Jim Blair; Dave Thomson 638 3289
30	Hilary Kennedy 638 6114; Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; Jim Blair; Dave Thomson

Life and Work Renewal

Orchardhill order for Life and Work for next year is now due to be sent to Edinburgh for renewal. If you wish to change or cancel your order could you please telephone Jim or Aileen Blair on 638 1901 by Sunday 16 November at the latest.

However, please note that your annual subscription is not due for payment until January and that due to increased postage and production costs the price for the magazine will increase to £2.20 per copy.

Community Garden and Plant Sale



Please note Saturday 9 May next year in your diaries. That's the day when Orchardhill will hold a community garden event and plant sale.

Orchardhill fund-raising committee are looking to make this a large community event with much more than just plants for sale. There will be a gardening advice table run by Mearns Horticultural Society, a book stall, children's activities, a garden wildlife table, demonstrations on arranging cut flowers, an indoor plant table, and, of course, a tea room and much more.

As part of our preparations we would like to appeal to anyone who could donate any of the following things:

- old books on gardening, plants or flowers
- old gardening tools
- young plants (ready for sale at the event)
- time to help run a stall or table on the day

If you can help with any of the above please contact Fergus Cook 0141 644 1354 or a member of the fund-raising committee. If you can't help with these specifics, please suggest others who may be willing, but definitely put the date in your diary and tell your neighbours and friends to have this a big success and fun day out.

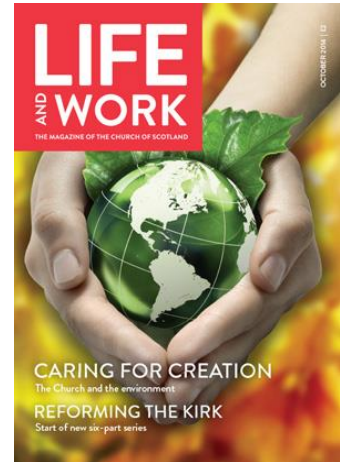


Flower Delivery

If you can help with the much appreciated flower-delivery service please add your name and contact details to the sheets at the Tower Door. For further information, contact Norma Hannah (0141 638 7515 or norma@mikehannah.plus.com).

Reforming the Kirk: Challenges Ahead

A six-part series, titled Reforming the Kirk, begins in the October edition of Life and Work with Rev Dr Doug Gray outlining the challenges which lie ahead for the Church of Scotland.



Other features in the Church of Scotland magazine include:

- Caring for Creation: the relationship between faith and stewardship of nature.
- The growing numbers of 'blessing of the animals' services.
- The Radical behind the Ragged Schools: the man who helped educate the poorest in Victorian Scotland.
- Very Rev Professor David Fergusson considers Jesus' message in healing the bleeding woman.
- All Are Welcome: Very Rev Dr James Simpson urges congregations to become more accepting and inclusive.
- Ron Ferguson reflects on the issues created by the cult of 'celebrity' and technology.
- A Perthshire church with links to early Christianity.

Sunshine Bags

Sunshine Bags will be received at the door of the church before morning service on each Sunday in October. We have been raising money again for Mary's Meals in Haiti, and I hope the good weather of the summer and the good times of the Commonwealth Games have nudged you into filling your bag. Mary's Meals continues to feed children throughout the world where food and education are both desperately needed.

Jeanette Birnie

Orchardhill's Youth Workers

The work of Alex Fletcher and Grant Vermeulen, Orchardhill's youth leaders, has been commended in the latest edition of Glasgow Presbytery's Youth Update. A copy of that document accompanies this report. Anyone wishing to see copy of that document should contact Orchardhill's Presbytery Elder, Bill McMurtrie (billmcmurtrie@go-plus.com: 0141 571 2512).

Bibles needed for Kenya

Rev Richard Durno, Minister to the Deaf Community in Glasgow and the West of Scotland, has received a plea for Bibles from a church for the deaf in Mombasa, Kenya. Bibles in good condition are required, though preferably not the King James Version as it can be difficult to read for non-native English speakers. Anyone able to help should contact richard.durno@btinternet.com or phone the Glasgow Presbytery office (0141 332 6606).

Deadline for November's Orchardhill Record

Sunday 11 October is the deadline for the November edition of the *Orchardhill Record*.

Contributions should be sent by email to record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk before 1.00pm 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.

Any photograph or logo must not be embedded in the article. Please send photos and the like as separate attachments to allow the editor easy flexibility in laying out pages.

The editor acknowledges every contribution. Contact him before the deadline if he has not confirmed that he has received your contribution.

Communion Roll and Congregation Register

The absence of the Communion Roll and Congregational Register is not an oversight this month. It's just that we have no news to report under those headings.

Orchardhill Calendar

OCTOBER

Sun	5	10.30am	Harvest Service	Rev Donald Macleod
Mon	6	2.00pm	The Guild (Waverley Paddle Steamers: Mr Gordon Wilson)	
Thu	9	1.30pm	Giffnock Primary School Inclusion Service	
Sun	12	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Donald Macleod
Mon	13	2.00pm	The Guild (Yorkhill Children's Trust)	
Sun	19	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Donald Macleod
Mon	20	2.00pm	The Guild (Chaplaincy in the Fire Service: Rev Gordon Armstrong)	
Sun	26	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Donald Macleod

NOVEMBER

Sun	2	10.30am	Family Worship	
Mon	3	7.30pm	The Guild (Scottish Love in Action Report)	
Sun	9	10.30am	Remembrance Service	

Orchard Café

The Orchard Community Café will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays through October, including the school-holiday week. Everyone is welcome to join us to enjoy tea or coffee, tasty home-baking, and a friendly chat. As always, the venue is Orchardhill's Session/Fellowship Room.