



THE RECORD

Walk Steadily Through Difficulties

Dear members and friends of Orchardhill,
I've often been moved by books I've read. And three times I have written to an author because I have been so stirred by what they have written. Each time I have been fortunate enough to receive an answer, and with two of the authors I have had a longer correspondence.

The first time was when I had been a minister for about 10 years. I was overwhelmed by a complex of difficulties, and it seemed that all my beliefs were under threat. I read a short book, 'Night', by Elie Wiesel. Wiesel was born in a Hungarian ghetto in 1928, and at the age of 14 he was sent along with his family to the Nazi death camps of Auschwitz and Buchenwald. Within hours of their arrival at Auschwitz, Wiesel's mother and little sister were killed in the gas chambers and consigned to the furnace. Thus young Wiesel, who had developed a mystical faith in God, was thus confronted by cruelty and death. "Never shall I forget that night," he wrote, "the first night in camp, that has turned my life into one long night. Never shall I forget that smoke, those flames that consumed my faith for ever."

Somehow Wiesel survived until the camp was liberated in 1945, and he has lived as a writer, a witness to the horrors of the Holocaust. He calls himself an agnostic, yet he continues to focus on the essence of faith and on the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. His integrity moved me, and I wrote to him. I have corresponded with him in fragments during succeeding years. Keeping my eye on him has been a steadying influence for me.

When you go through times of difficulty you are very likely to catch sight of someone who walks steadily through difficulties far greater than yours. Keep your eye on them. It will have a steadying influence on you.

A blessing.

John Miller

£10



- It all goes to 121
- It all goes to help churches in poor areas
- It pays for the Minister



It provides a powerful ministry, locally, nationally and globally

£4.20

is kept by the local church

£5.00

pays for our Ministers

80p

important help for congregations and supports the mission of the Church

What happens when we place £10 in the offering bag on Sunday?

Let's look at this in more detail:

- **About £4.20** is kept by Orchardhill for all sorts of costs including maintaining the buildings, mission, worship and supporting church groups
- **About £5.00** goes to the Parish Ministries Fund. This ensures we have ministries in every part of the country
- **About 80p** supports congregations with services such as Safeguarding, Law Department, General Trustees, and Stewardship & Finance. Some of this money also ensures the mission of the Church is strengthened through the work of Councils

Time for Stewardship Campaign



As many of you will remember, as part of the National Stewardship Campaign we at Orchardhill opted to adopt the Stewardship Season approach. For Orchardhill this means that in March each year we will look at one of the three aspects of Stewardship (Finance/Treasure, Talent, and Time) and focus on one specific area.

Last year we looked at Talent. While we should again take this opportunity to review our annual giving and think about the Talent we devote to God the focus this year is on Time.

- What is Time?
- What Time do I have?
- Where can I use my Time to help others and further the work of the church and God's wider purpose?

Each Sunday in March, just after the offering, we will examine these questions and look at where we can direct our gifts, including time, as an offering to God. Please participate in this effort to think about these matters and include them in your prayers.

Fergus Cook Stewardship Convener

Just a Thought

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 PETER 4:10

Thanks to Ministers

For the six months up to the end of January the Orchardhill congregation were in the care of Very Rev David Lunan and Rev Tom Houston. Each in his own way has been seeing us through troubled times as respectively Interim Moderator and Pastoral Minister.

Many have been the voices appreciating and thanking Mr Houston for his diligence in visiting those who in various ways have needed and welcomed his pastoral care. His work within this congregation will not be forgotten by those whom he supported over those six months.

On Sunday 25 January, during morning worship, Orchardhill had the opportunity to publicly express gratitude to both ministers. Each received a gift as a token of our thanks.

That same day Orchardhill welcomed Rev John Miller on his return as both Interim Moderator and Locum. Mr Miller had previously been with us from late 2013 until last summer.

Gratitude for Donations

Lodging House Mission

You will have read in January's edition about the magnificent sum of £954 donated by Orchardhill to the Lodging House Mission for their work with homeless and socially excluded men and women. Well, there's more good news because I've received another letter from Gus McKay, the chaplain at LHM, thanking the congregation for the donation of another £413.80 raised during our Christingle and Watchnight Services. He goes on to thank us for our ongoing support and asks us to continue to pray for LHM as they embark on a new year with new challenges.

Church of Scotland HIV Programme

Orchardhill has received a letter of grateful thanks from the Church of Scotland HIV Programme for the donation of £57 from the retiring offering at one of our Communion Services. The programme is currently helping to fund 36 projects around the world in sub-Saharan Africa (Malawi, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique) and Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Taiwan, China and Bangladesh) as well as in Egypt, Israel and Scotland. If you would like to know more about the work they are doing, please visit the HIV Programme pages on the Church of Scotland website.

Lindsay Barr

Used Stamps

Many thanks to everyone who has collected used stamps, which are being forwarded to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. Stamps can be left in the rack in the back corridor of the church. Thank you again.

Shiona Reid



Thank you to those who have already donated plastic plant pots and seed trays for Orchardhill in Bloom in May, but we are happy to receive more if possible. Thanks also to those who donated glass jars in February and to those who have made marmalade.

March Ideas

Continue sowing seeds under glass eg lupins and sunflowers.

Divide perennials propagated by spring division, e.g. Astilbe and Heuchera, or ask for help to do so.

Ask those you know with attractive gardens to give you some divided plants.

Look for bargain plants and compost.

Take Dahlia cuttings.

March Requests

Please submit any tried and tested chutney/savoury jam recipes to Joyce Winning (joycewinning@yahoo.com).

Please donate any gardening-related books in good condition.

Please donate new or nearly new gardening accoutrements e.g. gardening gloves, bulb pots, vases, small tools, small watering cans, floral mugs, unopened and within date seed packets.

Please donate divided perennials, potted up and clearly labelled.

If you require uplift of any items or have queries, please contact Dorothy Carlidge (0141 571 7839; dotplot231@gmail.com).

The Guild

On Monday 9 March at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room, Jill Scott and Bill Hicks will give The Guild an illustrated talk on the history of the Grand Central Hotel: "Glasgow's Best Loved".

The following Monday, 16 March, also at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room is our Guest Afternoon, when we invite guests from other churches to join us. Dr Calum Henderson has set up a reconciliation project in Rwanda, which is one of the National Guild projects, and he will give an illustrated talk describing its aims and impact.

On Monday 30 March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall we will allocate the money raised during the session. Half will be given to Orchardhill and half to Christian charities. We will also have an illustrated talk on the Britannia Panopticon Theatre by Mrs Judith Bowers.

We look forward to welcoming everyone interested in these talks.

Welcome Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Welcome Desk	Ushers
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MARCH

1	Linda Moir	Ian Anderson	Marion Watson	Fergus Cook and Neil Mackenzie
8	Fergus Cook	Ian Anderson	Shona Cook	Marion Watson
15	Marion Watson	Hilary Kennedy	Linda Moir	Gordon Thomson
22	Alex Mall	Fiona Cameron	Gordon Thomson	Linda Moir
29	Linda Moir	Fiona Cameron	Gordon Thomson	Alex Mall

APRIL

5	Gordon Thomson	Donald Carmichael	Alex Mall	Shona Fletcher and Jim Blair
12	Shona Fletcher	Donald Carmichael	Alex Mall	Jim Blair
19	Jo Weir	Donald Carmichael	Jim Blair	Shona Fletcher
26	Jim Blair	Donald Carmichael	Shona Fletcher	Jo Weir

Collection Rota

MARCH

1	Ian Anderson 563 2395; Ian Cartlidge 571 7839; Norma Hannah 638 7515
8	Ian Anderson; Ian Cartlidge; Norma Hannah
15	Hilary Kennedy 638 6114; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375; Jim Kerr 638 2747; Lisel Tait 638 8345
22	Fiona Cameron 571 7656; David Evans 571 7846; Jim Kerr; Lisel Tait
29	Fiona Cameron; David Evans; Susan McQuilter 638 6936; Ronald Carswell 638 6639

APRIL

5	Donald Carmichael 638 2555; Shona Cook 644 1354; Susan McQuilter; Ronald Carswell
12	Donald Carmichael; Shona Cook; Norma Hannah 638 7515
19	Donald Carmichael; Shona Cook; Norma Hannah
26	Donald Carmichael; Shona Cook; Valerie Clarke 638 6148; Colin Williamson 571 9119

Communion Roll

Disjunction

Mrs Ann Moore, 5 The Loaning, Giffnock G46 6SE (district 4)

Death

On 31 December 2014 Mrs Margaret Henderson, Flat 31, 5 Waterford Road, Giffnock G46 7PJ (district 30) [*The Orchardhill Record* apologises that the wrong address was listed in last month's edition.]

Deadline for April's *Orchardhill Record*

Sunday 15 March is the deadline for the April 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 flexibility in laying out pages. Nor can we accept pdf files.

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

Orchardhill Calendar

MARCH

Sun	1	10.30am	Family Service and Sacrament of Baptism	Rev John Miller
Sun	8	10.30am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Rev John Miller
Mon	9	2.00pm	The Guild in the Fellowship Room: Grand Central Hotel	
Sun	15	10.30am	Youth Service led by Stepping Stones and Bridges	
Mon	16	2.00pm	The Guild in the Fellowship Room: Guest Afternoon	
Fri & Sat	20-21	7.30pm	SoundWaves: Time Travellers' Trek	
Sun	22	10.30am	Family Worship lead by CrossWords	
Sun	29	10.30am	Palm Sunday: Choir's Easter Service	
Mon	30	7.30pm	The Guild in Church Hall: Allocation Meeting	

APRIL

Sun	5	10.30am	Easter Service	
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SoundWaves' 25th Annual Show



This is a special year for SoundWaves as they produce their 25th show. This year's show is "Time Traveller's Trek".

Come and join us on this exciting journey on Friday 20 March and Saturday 21 March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Halls. Tickets are now on sale, £3.00 adults and £2.00 for children, from any SoundWaves member or from Alexis Wallace (0141 585 7986).