



THE RECORD

A Hard-won Privilege

Dear members of friends of Orchardhill,

The Nominating Committee, elected at the meeting after morning worship on Sunday 27 September, has now begun its work. At some time in the future they will bring to the congregation the name of a minister, a Sole Nominee, to be the next minister of Giffnock Orchardhill.

"Why does it all take so long?" I hear you ask! Well, it's a long story. At the heart of it is a congregation's right to select a minister of its own choice.

In 1712 an Act of Parliament established the right of Patronage in the Church of Scotland. This allowed the laird or other wealthy patron to install the minister in the local parish. This became a hotly debated topic within the Church. The Evangelicals within the Church of Scotland held that this undermined the spiritual independence of the whole Church as well as subjecting the people of local parishes to a minister who was likely to be over-sympathetic to the laird's interests.

This came into clear focus at the time of the Highland Clearances. Often a minister made no protest when his parishioners were forcibly removed from their crofts and livelihoods to make way for flocks of sheep which were more profitable for the landlord.

A number of developments around this issue divided the Church of Scotland deeply. The Moderates were content to let the State direct the Church's policy. The Evangelicals were determined to free the Church from the grip of "the establishment". So, in 1843, 470 of the Evangelical ministers, out of the Church of Scotland's 1200 ministers, broke away to form the Free Church. In this movement, called The Disruption, they abandoned their manses, their stipends and their security to ensure that no more could a laird impose a minister on their congregation. In the Free Church a congregation was now free to appoint a minister of their own choice.

By 1929 the Moderates were recognising that the congregation should be free to choose their minister, and the majority of the Free Church united with the established Church again. So our Nominating Committee carries the responsibility for selecting the most suitable minister for the congregation.

It takes time. But it is a hard-won privilege.

And a blessing.

John Miller

Christmas Market Fundraiser

Save the date.... we will be holding this year's Christmas Market on Saturday 21 November (1.00-4.00pm). We will have the usual variety of stalls, featuring books, jewellery, home baking, handmade crafts and much more as well as a Christmas tea room and children's activities.

We would love to have donations of homemade craft items to sell on our own Orchardhill stall. If you are willing to get your craft on then please contact Fiona McAslan who will be happy to accept donations nearer the time. Her email address is fiona.mcaslan@mac.com.

If anyone would like to hold a stall (the cost of which is £10) please contact Gillian Brogan (gilly_bean75@hotmail.com).

Every picture tells a story.

Saturday 3 October, and the route from the Orchardhill car park to the back door of the church was beginning to look like the introductory scenes to the Antiques Road Show. By 7.30pm the Fellowship Room resembled a small art gallery, with pictures, photographs, embroidery and pottery occupying every available space. All of us had come to look and listen, and some told the stories behind the pieces they had brought, and we had our own expert, Maureen, to add further comments and insight.

There were items that had a family history, paintings acquired to commemorate significant events, local scenes, photos of a bygone age, pictures and embroideries by some of our own members. There were beautiful objects, quirky items, pictures and stories that made us laugh and others that moved us to tears. Everything was of value to the owners but no one went home to insure their work of art for a vast sum!

It was an entertaining and fascinating evening, and we learned a bit more about each other. Several people said at the end: "Oh, I could have brought....." So we hope to repeat it at some point. Look at your walls, see what's on the mantelpiece, clear out the cupboards, explore the attic – we've all got something somewhere!

Nominating Committee Elected

Seventy-seven members and adherents stayed on after the morning service on 27 September to elect our Nominating Committee whose task is to seek out the man or woman they think is the most suitable person to be the next minister of Orchardhill Parish Church. The 13 members of the committee are:

Ian Anderson, Anne Craig, Katrina Moir, Evelyn Borland, Shona Fisher, Gordon Ross, Donald Carmichael, Irene Kinniburgh, Fiona Thomson, Dorothy Cartlidge, Iain Lennox, Joyce Winning, Valerie Clarke.

At the committee's first meeting they unanimously elected Donald Carmichael as convener, Irene Kinniburgh as vice-convener, and Evelyn Borland as clerk.

The process of searching for Orchardhill's next minister will take several months. The committee will carry out their work with the utmost confidentiality, and the congregation are asked to respect their silence. There will be no reports or updates.

Bereavement Service

Anyone who would like to remember a loved one is invited to the Bereavement Service on Sunday 1 November at 6.30pm.

The service will be conducted in low light with candles and cards for each person being remembered. It would be helpful if you could forward the name and date of death of the person/s you are remembering to the church office (secretary@orchardhill.org.uk).

Flower Delivery

If you would like to assist with the weekly flower delivery please add your name to the list at the Tower Door. Thanks to everyone who assists with this worthwhile service.



Soundwaves

Soundwaves started well this session with 21 young people coming along to enjoy having fun with instruments and singing. On 6 October we had a mini-concert for parents, when the boys and girls entertained them with fun Scottish songs that they had been learning. Some parents commented that they had not heard these songs since their own childhood.

Our next event is **Celebrate Christmas with Soundwaves** on Sunday 6 December at 6.30pm in the church. Please put the date in your diary and join us that evening for our Christmas celebrations with the usual tea, coffee and chat afterwards in the hall.

Alexis Wallace

Communion Roll

Disjunction

Mrs Sheila Going, 15 Broomley Drive, Giffnock G46 6PD (district 10)

Congregational Register

Baptism

On Sunday 4 October 2015 Harper Rita Anne Meek, daughter of Gregor and Stephanie Meek, 10 Cromalt Avenue, East Kilbride G75 9GQ

Lunchtime Communion

Orchardhill's next Lunchtime Communion service will be on Wednesday 4 November. This is primarily intended for our older members who sometimes find it difficult to get to church on Sunday mornings. We already have a list of people to be invited, but occasionally someone slips through the net. If you know of anyone who would like to attend this service, please phone the church office (0141 638 3604).

The Guild

The Guild will meet in the Fellowship Room on Monday 16 November at 2.00pm, when Rev John Miller will speak on the Guild Theme, "Go in peace".

The following Monday, 23 November, also at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room, Mr Duncan MacIntyre and Ms Caroline Smyth will speak about the Iona Community.

Please join us for these meetings. We will make you very welcome.

Welcome Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Welcome Desk	Ushers
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NOVEMBER

1	Jo Weir	Ian Cartlidge	Jim Mackinnon	Jim Blair & Alex Mall
8	Jim Mackinnon	Ian Brown	Jo Weir	Isabel Vance
15	Isabel Vance	Ian Brown	Alex Mall	Jo Weir
22	Alex Mall	Ian Brown	Jo Weir	Jim MackInnon
29	Ian Anderson	Ian Brown	Jim Mackinnon	Isabel Vance

DECEMBER

6	Ann Craig	Fiona Bissett	Isabel Vance	Shona Cook & Sandra Cherry
13	Sandra Cherrie	Fiona Bissett	Ann Craig	Shona Cook
20	Shona Cook	Fiona Bissett	Sandra Cherrie	Ann Craig
27	Ann Craig	Fiona Bissett	Shona Cook	Sandra Cherrie

Offering Rota

NOVEMBER

1	Ian Cartlidge 571 7839; Maureen Park 638 0273; Norma Hannah 638 7515
8	Ian Brown 638 9754; Jim Blair 638 1901; Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375
15	Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Dorothy Cartlidge; Dave Thomson 638 3289
22	Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114; Dave Thomson
29	Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Norma Hannah 638 7515; Dave Thomson

DECEMBER

6	Fiona Bissett 638 6394; Andrew Flockhart 586 8867; Norma Hannnah; Dave Thomson
13	Fiona Bissett; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park 638 0273; Anne Anderson 563 2395
20	Fiona Bissett; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park; Anne Anderson
27	Fiona Bissett; Andrew Flockhart; Richard Park

Orchardhill Record's December Deadline

Sunday 15 November is the deadline for the December 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 0.30am. We prefer contributions to be sent by email, and we cannot accept any handwritten or typed item that does not identify the source.

No photograph or logo should be embedded in the article. Please send photos and the like as separate attachments to allow the editors easy flexibility in laying out pages.

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Orchardhill Calendar

NOVEMBER

Sun	1	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
		6.30pm	Bereavement Service	Rev John Miller
Wed	4	11.30am	Lunchtime Communion	
Sat	7	1.30 for 2.00pm	Thinking Allowed: Dr Maureen Park, MA, AMA, PhD	
Sun	8	10.30am	Remembrance Service	Rev John Miller
Sun	15	10.30am	Youth Service led by Boys' Brigade	
Mon	16	2.00pm	The Guild: Rev John Miller (Guild Theme: "Go in peace")	
Sat	21	1.00- 4.00pm	Christmas Market	
Sun	22	10.30am	Family Service	Rev John Miller
Mon	23	2.00pm	The Guild: Mr Duncan MacIntyre and Ms Caroline Smyth (Iona Community)	
Wed	25	7.30pm	Congregational Board	
Thu	26	7.30 for 8.00pm	Thinking Allowed: Mary Miller	
Sun	29	10.30am	First Sunday in Advent Service led by Crosswords	

DECEMBER

Sun	6	10.30am	Second Sunday in Advent Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Rev John Miller
		6.30pm	Celebrate Christmas with Soundwaves	

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