



THE RECORD

One Drone Leads to Another

Dear members and friends of Orchardhill,

After 115 years it is not surprising that it is time to inspect the church roof. Since Orchardhill is a listed building we may even qualify for a Government grant. If you were lucky enough to be at the church on Tuesday 2 February you might have seen the surveyors carrying out the inspection.

There was no expensive scaffolding, no cherry-picker' with its extended hydraulic arm and its mobile platform. No. Flying up from the pavement and then hovering above the roof was a small propeller-powered drone. Not much larger than a shoe-box, this drone had four propellers, one at each corner. The operator directed the drone by remote control from a small hand-held keyboard. Stabilised by automatic adjustment to the wind, the drone trained its cameras on the necessary sections of the roof. It transmitted their pictures to the operator's screen, and its film will reveal all the necessary information.

For many people this will have been their first opportunity to witness a drone at work. But, of course, drones are becoming part of everyday life. And death.

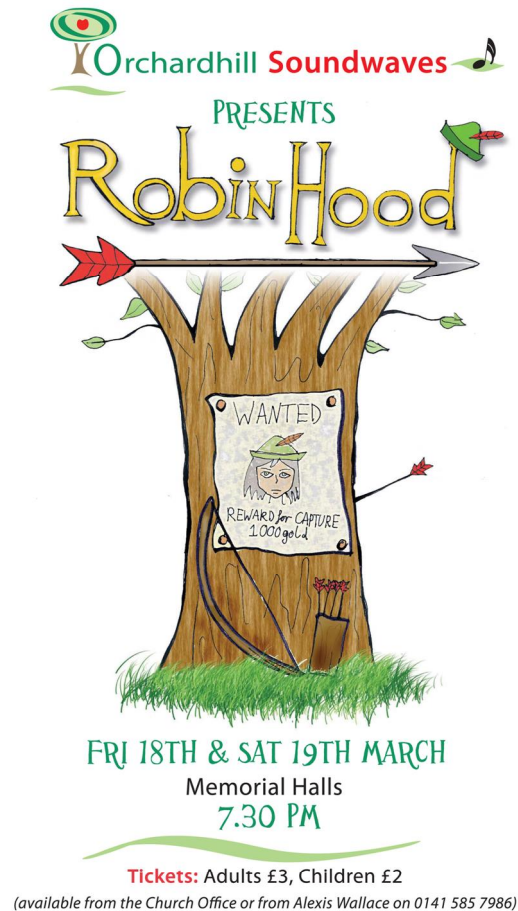
There has been an increasing number of references to "drone strikes" in the war-zones of the Middle East and Afghanistan, and US military actions in Pakistan and Yemen are known to have involved unmanned drones, operated by military personnel 8000 miles away in the USA. The man known as Jihadi John was confirmed killed on 12 November by an attack by two US drones accompanied by a UK drone.

The British Army is increasing its complement of these attack drones to 500. The attack drone has the grim name of The Reaper. Some sardonic mind will have spelled it out, though the name probably comes from the acronym RPAS - Remotely Piloted Aircraft System.

Professor Christof Heyns, UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions, is questioning whether such weaponry can be governed by international humanitarian law. It is a long way from repairs to our roof, but the drone raises equally solemn questions for us all. Easter reminds us that love alone can combat hate and death.

A Blessing.

John Miller



Orchardhill Soundwaves
PRESENTS
Robin Hood

FRI 18TH & SAT 19TH MARCH
Memorial Halls
7.30 PM

Tickets: Adults £3, Children £2
(available from the Church Office or from Alexis Wallace on 0141 585 7986)

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It's Showtime

Soundwaves' show this year is Robin Hood. This will take place in the Memorial Halls on Friday and Saturday 18 and 19 March at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale from any Soundwaves member or by contacting Alexis Wallace on 0141 585 7986 of the church office.

The children have been working very hard in rehearsals. So please make a date in your diary, come along to support them, and enjoy the fun.

The Guild Allocations

The Guild's final meeting of the session will, as usual, be the occasion when the annual allocations are decided. That meeting will be in the Fellowship Room at 2.00pm on Monday 14 March, when The Guild will also hear a talk about Riding for the Disabled.



Orchardhill's Easter Breakfast will be on Sunday 27 March at 9.00am. A short service will be followed by cereal, bacon rolls, fruit juice, tea and coffee. We require volunteers to help run this Easter Sunday event. For more information or to put your name down, please contact the Church Office (0141 638 3604).

Sunshine Bags in 2015

I am happy to be able to tell you that I sent Mary's Meals a cheque for £1506 in January, all raised by the 2015 Sunshine Bags. Very many thanks to everyone who joined in raising this amount: your faithful giving over the summer months made this possible.

I was hoping to give you some snippet of news from their letter of acknowledgement, but unfortunately the original cheque was lost in the post, and another cheque has had to be sent. I do know that the charity is now feeding over 1,000,000 children every day throughout the world, and at the average cost of just £12.20 per child for a whole school year. Wow!

Jeanette Birnie

Email Address for Intimations

The new email address for intimations to be included in the Sunday service sheet is intimations@orchardhill.org.uk

Thinking Allowed

Thinking Allowed's next event will be on Thursday 3 March at 7.30 for 8.00pm in Orchardhill Church Hall. The speaker will be Margaret Webb, BSc, Dip Ed, Dip Counselling: her subject is "Tell Me The Old, Old Story: Where Christian Spirituality and Psychotherapy Converge".

Many of us enjoy hearing others tell a good story. But what about the stories we tell to ourselves? In this talk Margaret uses themes from Christian Spirituality and theories from Transactional Analysis psychotherapy to explore how the nature of the stories we tell to ourselves in the privacy of our own minds will ultimately determine our capacity to live life in all its fullness.

A week later on 10 March at Cairns Church, Milngavie, also 7.30 for 8.00pm, the Thinking Allowed speaker will be Professor Stuart K Monroe, geologist and former scientific director of Our Dynamic Earth. The title of his lecture is "A Geologist Reflects...". Confronted with the concept of "deep time" as uncovered by James Hutton in 1788 and that of evolution by natural selection proposed by Charles Darwin, how should theology respond?

Eastwoodhill Coffee Morning



The Friends of Eastwoodhill coffee morning will be held in Giffnock South Parish Church on Saturday 9 April (10.00am till noon). Please note the date in your diary and come along to help to raise funds to support the Eastwoodhill Care Home at Eastwood Toll.

Tickets (adult £2, child £1) are now available from Jeanette Birnie and Evelyn McMurtrie.

Just a Thought

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

New Role for Orchardhill Elder

One of Orchardhill's Elders, Fiona Thomson, has been appointed to Glasgow Presbytery's Local Church Review team. We wish Fiona well in her new role.

The Local Church Review allows every presbytery to help to create principles to shape the life of each of the Church of Scotland congregations rather than to determine prescriptive behaviour. In that process, too, the faith and vows of membership are highlighted and strengthened. The review system, replacing the former Quinquennial Visitation programme, is therefore vital to the life and wellbeing of every congregation in the Church of Scotland.

Orchardhill is already represented in Glasgow Presbytery by Bill McMurtrie and Iain Lennox (as presbyters) as well as Rev John Miller while he is Interim Moderator.

Presbytery news from elsewhere on Glasgow's South Side:

Rev Jeanne Roddick, Minister at Greenbank Church in Clarkston for the past 12 years, is to be the next Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery. Her moderatorial year will begin at Presbytery's June meeting.

After only eight months' vacancy Eaglesham Parish Church's new Minister, Rev Andrew Robertson, will be inducted on Thursday 3 March. Mr Robertson has been minister at St Andrew's Lhanbryd and Urquhart in Moray since 2010, and before that he was at Kilwinning Mansfield Trinity in North Ayrshire.

A Note from the Past

Browsing through past copies of the Orchardhill Record, one of the editors found this item from the November 1941 edition.

It is devoutly to be hoped that there will be no recurrence of the bombing raids to which we were subjected last winter. But as the whole of the Luftwaffe is not likely to be employed on the Russian front during the ice-bound months of the year we must be prepared for any contingency. If it should happen that your house is damaged and that you have to seek temporary lodgings elsewhere, would you be kind enough to send a note of your new address on the Congregational Roll-Keeper. Please do not overlook this matter in the hope that somebody else will report your whereabouts.

Welcome Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Welcome Desk	Ushers
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MARCH

6	Linda Moir	Ian Anderson	Marion Watson	Irene Kinniburgh Shona Cook
13	Fergus Cook	Jim Kerr	Linda Moir	Marion Watson
20	Marion Watson	Jim Kerr	Linda Moir	Gordon Thomson
27	Alex Mall	Dorothy Cartlidge	Gordon Thomson	Linda Moir

APRIL

3	Jim Blair	Dorothy Cartlidge	Gordon Thomson	Alex Mall Jo Weir
10	Gordon Thomson	Norma Hannah	Alex Mall	Shona Fletcher
17	Shona Fletcher	Norma Hannah	Alex Mall	Jim Blair
24	Jo Weir	Fiona Thomson	Jim Blair	Shona Fletcher

Offering Rota

MARCH

6	Ian Anderson 563 2395; Ian Cartlidge 571 7839; Lisel Tait 638 8345
13	Jim Kerr 638 2747; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722; Lisel Tait; Norma Hannah 638 7515
20	Jim Kerr; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375
27	Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; David Evans 571 7846; Susan McQuilter 638 6936; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114

APRIL

3	Dorothy Cartlidge; David Evans; Susan McQuilter
10	Ronald Carswell 638 6639; Joyce Winning 571 7617; Norma Hannah 638 7515
17	Ronald Carswell; Joyce Winning; Norma Hannah
24	Fiona Thomson 571 7153; Peter Worthington 638 4316; David Howard 571 7854

Communion Roll

DEATH

On Sunday 7 February 2016 Miss Nanette (Annie) Thomson, Eastwoodhill Residential Care Home, Fenwick Road, Giffnock (district 41)

On Sunday 14 February 2016 Mr William Howie, 68 Whitton Drive, Giffnock G46 6EG (district 22)

Congregational Register

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs Jess Morrison from 1 Bulloch Avenue, Giffnock, to 39 Braemar Court, Hazelden Gardens, Giffnock G44 3HF (district 25)

Deadline for April's *Orchardhill Record*

Sunday 13 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.

Photographs and the like should not be embedded with the words. Please submit these in separate files to allow the editors flexibility in laying out the pages.

The deadline for the May edition will be Sunday 13 March.

Orchardhill Calendar

MARCH

Thu	3	7.30 for 8.00pm	Thinking Allowed: Margaret Webb (Tell Me the Old, Old Story)	
Sun	6	10.30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent Youth Service	Rev John Miller
Sun	13	10.30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent Family Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Rev John Miller
Tue	15	7.30pm	Kirk Session	
Fri-Sat	18- 19	7.30pm	Soundwaves' Show: Robin Hood	
Sun	20	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service led by the Choir	Rev John Miller
Thu	24	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service at Giffnock URC	
Fri	25	7.00pm	Good Friday Service at Giffnock Park Church	
Sun	27	9.00am	Easter Breakfast	
		10.30am	Easter Sunday Family Worship	Rev John Miller

APRIL

Fri	1	1.30pm	Giffnock Primary School Spring Service	
Sun	3	10.30am	Family Worship and Sacrament of Baptism	Rev John Miller
Sun	10	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller

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