



THE RECORD

What goes on at the Cross?

Recent fabric work carried out in Orchardhill has included the installation of a cross in the newly-refurbished Session Room. A generous and anonymous gift, it is a work of craftsmanship in walnut whose colour complements the roof timbers. Neither ostentatious nor imposing, such a symbol in a room like this is not without significance.

For it is a place where much work which would readily be identified as 'churchy' is carried out. It is not only for the use of the Kirk Session, though (as the name suggests) it is the place where the Session meets: those gatherings exercise and reflect on leadership and oversight in the congregation. The Congregational Board also meets there and ensures good stewardship of material resources. The Guild also meets there, and Thinking Allowed; it is the space where we celebrate Communion just before lunch for some less agile members. The children of Stepping Stones had their party there, the choir and CrossWords rehearse there from time to time, and each Tuesday and Thursday there is the hubbub of conversation as scones and delicious soup – and more – are consumed at the Orchardhill Café, and children from Imagifun play on the floor as their parents and carers chat together.

The cross is a symbol (in some ways a strange one) of God's self-giving in Christ. Not just giving over to death, but giving in the life of Jesus which preceded the events at Calvary and, as an empty cross in the light of resurrection, the life of God made present in the world today through the Spirit of the risen Christ. People think seriously, rehearse for worship, reflect on their experience of life and faith, remember in elements of bread and wine, pray, have fun, show concern through conversation and enjoy being together across the generations. They do this beneath a cross.

All these things have always taken place in God's presence. Now, perhaps, this is made slightly more apparent through the display of an ancient and global image. All the variety of activities, as all life, is graced by the presence of the God of life. Perhaps the cross on the wall will encourage such a thought in you and in others in years to come.

Grant Barclay
Minister

Christmas at Orchardhill



Brains of the Church



Could you be the Orchardhill Eggheads? Could you beat the Church Chaser? Or are you The Weakest Link?

Orchardhill's senior Badminton Club are running a quiz evening when teams from around the church will battle it out for the title of "Brains of the Church 2017". This will be on Sunday 26 February at 7.00pm in the Memorial Halls.



Even if you are not in a team, please come along and support the Masterminds and even test yourself from the sidelines. As this event is to raise funds to assist with the upkeep of the fabric and equipment of the Memorial Halls, the cost to spectate is £2 (minimum donation), which includes refreshments and nibbles. There will also be some other fundraising activities on the night.

Visa Problem Resolved

The Hyderabad problem has been resolved. The group from the Diocese of Hyderabad will be at full strength when they visit Scotland as guests of Glasgow Presbytery this month.

Initially, as reported in the Orchardhill Record's January edition, two of the four in the Hyderabad group had been refused visas by the UK Visas and Immigration Department even though the Home Office had been advised in advance that the visit was being fully funded by the Church of Scotland's World Mission Council Faithshare Fund. However, it was reported to the Presbytery meeting on 13 December that one of the two refusals had been overturned. Then over the New Year weekend the Church of Scotland website reported that the last visa had been granted.

The Eastwood MP, Kirsten Oswald, has been vigorously diligent in seeking to overturn the original visa refusals. She picked up this case as soon as she was advised in early November, and she went as far as to raising the matter in the Westminster Parliament at Prime Minister's Question in early December.

February's visit by the Hyderabad Diocese group is a step towards an official twinning arrangement with Glasgow Presbytery.

Soundwaves' Thanks

A big thank you to everyone who came along to Soundwaves' Christmas Celebration evening on Sunday 18 December. The collection raised £150, which has been sent to CHAS (Children's Hospice Association Scotland) at Robin House.

Soundwaves' next event will be our annual show on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 March. The children are already excited about this and have started the rehearsals.

Alexis Wallace

The Guild

On Monday 6 February at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room, Mr Neil Gallacher will be The Guild's guest speaker with an illustrated talk about the work of the Glasgow Buildings Preservation Trust.

Two weeks later, Monday 20 February, also at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room, Mrs Joy Blair will speak to The Guild about 18th Century Scotland and the ways in which the authorities tried to keep the country under control.

We look forward to welcoming everyone interested in these talks.

Orchardhill Record in Large Print

Three years ago the editors offered to produce large-print copies of the Orchardhill Record for those who wished that facility. No one took up that offer. However, it has been suggested again that some Orchardhill members would welcome a large-print copy. If you wish such a copy of the church newsletter each month or if you know of anyone who would appreciate such a version, please advise the Church Secretary (0141 638 3604: secretary@orchardhill.org.uk).

TED Talks

Following up the well-received TED Talks of last year's Thinking Allowed programme, this session's event will feature Jody Williams and Scilla Elworthy giving lectures, respectively "A Realistic Vision for World Peace" and "Fighting with Nonviolence". These will take place in Orchardhill on Thursday 2 February.

In more than 100 years of Nobel Peace Prizes, only a dozen women have ever won. Civil-rights and peace activist Jody Williams received the award in 1997 as the chief strategist of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, which established the first global treaty banning antipersonnel mines.

Williams believes that peace is defined by human (not national) security and that it must be achieved through sustainable development, environmental justice, and meeting people's basic needs. To this end, she co-founded the Nobel Women's Initiative, endorsed by six female Peace laureates. She chairs the effort to support activists, researchers, and others working toward peace, justice, and equality for women and thus humanity. Williams also continues to fight for the total global eradication of landmines.

How do you deal with a bully without becoming a thug? In this wise and soulful talk, peace activist Scilla Elworthy maps out the skills we need — as nations and individuals — to fight extreme force without using force in return. To answer the question of why and how nonviolence works, she evokes historical heroes — Aung San Suu Kyi, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela — and the personal philosophies that powered their peaceful protests.

Finally, on Thursday 9 March, Very Rev John Miller, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, returns to Orchardhill to deliver his lecture on "What Shall We Tell the Grandchildren?"

Cairns Church, Milngavie, hosts the Roy Paterson Memorial Lecture in the Thinking Allowed on Thursday 23 February. The speaker will be Rev Julie Nicholson.

Flower Delivery

Any help in the delivery of the Orchardhill flowers after the Sunday services would be much appreciated. Fortnightly lists are located on the board at the Tower Door. Please choose a date and add your details. Should you require any further information please contact Norma on 0141 638 7515 or norma@mikehannah.plus.com.

February and March Welcomers

Entrance	Sanctuary	Welcome Desk	Greeters/Ushers
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FEBRUARY

5	Neil Mackenzie	Evelyn McMurtrie	Irene Kinniburgh	May Liddle and Nanette Davidson
12	May Liddle	Gordon Ross	Neil Mackenzie	Irene Kinniburgh
19	Irene Kinniburgh	Gordon Ross	May Liddle	Neil Mackenzie
26	Nanette Davidson	Ian Cartlidge	Marion Watson	Gordon Thomson

MARCH

5	Gordon Thomson	Ian Cartlidge	Nanette Davidson	Marion Watson and Alex Mall
12	Marion Watson	Dorothy Cartlidge	Gordon Thomson	Nanette Davidson
19	Alex Mall	Dorothy Cartlidge	Marion Watson	Gordon Thomson
26	Jim Blair	Jim Kerr	Alex Mall	Jo Weir

Offering Rota

FEBRUARY

5	Evelyn McMurtrie 571 2512; Jim Mackinnon 638 2123; Bill Yuill 638 2400
12	Gordon Ross 638 1207; Jim Mackinnon; Bill Yuill
19	Gordon Ross; Jim Mackinnon; Bill Yuill
26	Ian Cartlidge 571 7839; Jim Mackinnon; Ian Anderson 563 2395

MARCH

5	Ian Cartlidge; Hilary Kennedy 638 6114; Ian Anderson
12	Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722; Lisel Tait 638 8345; Norma Hannah 638 7515
19	Dorothy Cartlidge; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722; Lisel Tait
26	Jim Kerr 638 2747; David Evans 571 7846; Susan McQuilter 638 6936

Reading Rota

February 5: Dave Thomson 12: Gillian Brogan 19: Willie Hendry 26: Linda Moir
March 5: Colin Williamson 12: Anne Barr 19: Andrew Flockhart 26: Gillian Irvine

Communion Roll

DEATH

On 20 December 2016 Dorothy Watson, 24 Deveron Avenue, Giffnock G46 6NH (district 21)

Missions' Thanks

Once again we have received the warm thanks of Lodging House Mission and City Mission for our various Christmas contributions to their work. Our support to LHM alone this year was well over £1000 from sale of Christmas cards and from congregational and individual donations. The Missions have written to say they are so aware of how blessed they are to have churches and individuals supporting them as they do, and they want to assure us that every penny they receive is wisely spent.

The Missions are again hosting the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter initiative which is giving up to 40 rough sleepers a bed for the night and use of facilities during the day. The doors opened for this on 1 December, and it will last until 31 March.

Orchardhill Record's March Deadline

Sunday 12 February is the deadline for the March edition of the Orchardhill Record. The editors would be grateful if you could help by submitting contributions well in advance of the deadline if possible.

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. Please send your contributions as soon as possible rather than waiting till near the deadline.

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. But jpg files are OK.

The editor acknowledges every contribution via his personal email address. Contact him before the deadline if he has not confirmed that he has received your contribution.

The deadline for the April edition will be Sunday 19 March.

Orchardhill Calendar

FEBRUARY

Thu	2	10.30am	Thinking Allowed: TED Talk (A Realistic Vision for World Peace)	
Sun	5	10.30am	Sunday Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Mon	6	2.00pm	The Guild: Glasgow Buildings Preservation Trust	
Sun	12	10.30am	Sunday Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Sun	19	10.30am	Sunday Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Mon	20	2.00pm	The Guild: 18 th Century Scotland	
Tue	21	7.30pm	Congregational Board	
Sun	26	10.30am	Sunday Worship	Rev Grant Barclay

MARCH

Sun	5	10.30am	Sunday Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Thu	9	8.00pm	Thinking Allowed: Very Rev John Miller ("What Shall We Tell the Grandchildren?")	
Sun	12	10.30am	Sunday Worship	Rev Grant Barclay

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 church corridor. Thank you again.

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