



# THE RECORD

## Scarves or spaghetti?

If you look closely at a woven scarf, you'll see it is constructed from threads which are carefully aligned in different directions and woven together to create a strong and enduring piece of clothing; one, indeed, that will become increasingly attractive as the mornings become colder! Spaghetti may be thread-like, but when I stir it while it's boiling in a pot it has none of the structure of fabric!

In weaving, the criss-cross pattern of threads is created by threading the weft over and under the warp threads which are held in tension on a loom. This is far from easy to achieve; the Industrial Revolution was given some of its early impetus through the development of mechanical ways to achieve this at a faster rate than by hand (an early instance, perhaps, of "warp factor" being connected with speed). It takes a deal of ingenuity and effort to mesh the various threads together to form a woven piece of cloth, but that cloth is often strong and long-lasting.

Some people have tried to knit, if not weave, with spaghetti – with little success. A stirred pot of disparate strands will, though, never become woven.

A proper focus of church is relationships both between people and God and among people themselves. It takes a deal of effort to intertwine our lives with others, and we may have to negotiate challenges and setbacks on the way; but we have all experienced the deep support and strength which good friendships offer and which may endure for many years. It is likely to be the same with God, and the necessary effort it takes to engage our lives with the life of Divine Love has the potential to transform us both in our inner thoughts and in the long-term style of our living in society. It has certainly influenced millions in both these ways through countless generations.

The Galatians were told that fulfilling Christ's law was accomplished by carrying one another's burdens. This would more likely be achieved through lives locked together in love than by passing acquaintance. As we aim to be a community of deep love, shared not only among ourselves but generously with others, what weaving work are we embarking on?

**Grant Barclay**  
Minister

# Stepping Stones

We have had a busy start to the first term of Stepping Stones and have welcomed some new children. The increase in our numbers means that we have been able to split Allsorts into two groups – P1-3 and P4-7.

This enables us to concentrate on a more age appropriate lesson for each group. Trudi Loudon is looking after the P1-3 group, Linda is with P4-7, and Fiona is still with the pre-school Smartie Gang.

With the increase in children we also need more adult helpers! If you feel you could help out, on a rotational basis, please let Linda or Fiona know.

You would not be expected to do any organising, your job would be to enjoy time with the children doing crafts, listening to a story or joining in with singing.

# Guides' Busy Programme



The 2<sup>nd</sup> A Giffnock Guides had a busy 2016-2017, culminating in a visit to Whitelees Windfarm, where we learned how to make a natural bivouac, how to collect water that does not need to be boiled, how to identify natural food stuffs, and how to find north without a compass.

We started this session with a Giffnock District weekend camp at the Blair Activity Centre, near Dalry. Despite an extremely wet Friday night, with the ground turning into a mud bath, Saturday and Sunday proved to be dry, which allowed the girls to partake in mountain biking, bungee trampolining, archery, low ropes, and a blindfold mud trail!

Currently, the unit has 33 Guides. We have a busy programme planned, including a pantomime visit, First Aid activities, and a charitable project.

# Kirstie's Krew

Colleagues and friends of Kirstie Watson set up a fund-raising group during her illness to support the Beatson Cancer Charity. The group, know as Kirstie's Krew, are continuing that support in her memory. You can help this great cause by donating directly to their fund-raising page at

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marion-mortimer1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marion-mortimer1)

JustGiving sends your donation straight to the Beatson Cancer Charity and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. So your donation is worth even more. Thank you for your support!

# A Night at the Theatre

Our local amateur dramatics group, Giffnock Theatre Players, are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year, and I wondered if there is any interest among the congregation in supporting this community theatrical company with an outing to their forthcoming performance of Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit. The play runs from 25 to 28 October at Eastwood Theatre.

Discount is being offered at certain performances and also on bookings of 10 or more. If there is enough interest we could take advantage of this offer and enjoy a sociable night out with friends.

Please contact Shona Cook by 1 October (07981 970054) if you think this is something you would like to do.



Welcome to Tuni



Making Friends

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# A Passage to India

You might think it would be reasonable to assume that someone who has been to India before with Scottish Love in Action would know what to expect, would be prepared and would not be surprised by what they find. Not so!

With my memory full of the sights, sounds and smells of "colonial" Kolkata, the chaotic streets of Delhi, the majesty of the Taj Mahal, the overnight train to the Light of Love orphanage in Tuni, and the smiling faces of the children I encountered three years ago, I set off once again at the end of July with my family, Willie Hendry and Evelyn Borland. What lay ahead was as equally challenging, shocking, moving and inspiring as it had been the first time, and it is not easy to find the appropriate words to describe what our team experienced during our trip.

There is much to tell and each of us has our own thoughts, feelings and impressions of what we saw and experienced but, for the moment, here one or two of mine.

The first part of our Indian sojourn was in Hyderabad, which in some ways is quite civilised and progressive, but there is an underbelly which highlights the desperate need for charities like SLA and how vitally important their work is.

Our group, which included ourselves and three others, was split in two, and each sub-group was taken to a slum to see for ourselves the conditions in which thousands of people live. No news footage can really prepare you for what we found. There are about 190 slums in Hyderabad alone. The one I experienced was home to 400 families of about 4/5 people. The "houses" are cobbled together from corrugated iron, planks of wood, plastic sheets etc and are no bigger than our Church Lounge. There is no electricity. There are only four dry toilets in the whole of the slum. Twice a week, for an hour at a time, there is cold running water which the women collect in huge plastic containers and anything else which comes to hand. This supply needs to provide them (all 20000 of them) with the means to wash, drink and cook until the next time they are allowed fresh water.

One man we spoke to lives with his mother-in-law as his wife is physically and mentally ill and cannot live with their family. He manages to get about two days' work a week helping to collect rags. He receives 400 rupees each day, which is about £4.00. He has five daughters. He has given one of them away to a family that can provide for her. The other four all live at Rainbow Homes, which is supported by SLA and is run by the social services. He has recognised that they will be cared for and their futures secured there, but others do not think this way. They keep their children off school to help rag-pick to earn money as they do not anticipate a better or different life for them and reason that their children do not need an education to pick up rags as they themselves did not need an education to pick up rags.

The slums are places of abject poverty on a catastrophic scale. Rainbow Homes provide girls from the slums and the streets with a safe and nurturing place to live. The one we visited was



Starting the school day at Tuni

very basic but a huge improvement on slum life. There were two classrooms which were colourful but largely devoid of furniture. They doubled as bedrooms. There was an office, a kitchen and toilets, which were very rudimentary. There is an organised system in place which takes into account all the physical, mental and emotional needs of the girls as well as their education and care. They can look after 100 girls and rely on donors and sponsors for the 45000 rupees per year that it costs to provide for them.

It is obvious that these girls are the lucky ones to have been given a fresh start and hope for their futures which won't now include marriage and motherhood in their early teens.

Hundreds of miles away from this urban situation in a rural region of India is the Light of Love orphanage at Tuni, funded solely by SLA. Four hundred boys and girls, each of whom have suffered very traumatic early lives, are surrounded by love, care and compassion as well as a system which provides for all aspects of their well-being and education and allows them to feel that they matter to each other, and also to us.

Much has been said before about this wonderful place and the team hopes to have an opportunity to speak at greater length about it and much more, but if I had to sum up its value and that of the work of SLA I would say that the faces of those children sum up what it is all about. Their smiles are huge, their eyes are full of wonder, excitement and joy, and their hearts are full of compassion, love and generosity. Their futures are bright and hopeful. It was a privilege to spend time with them, teaching them, playing with them, holding their hands and learning from them to love unconditionally and wholly. Their lives are being changed and so were ours.

**Shona Cook**

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Collecting water



Visiting the slums

# Thinking Allowed

Very Rev Lorna Hood OBE MA BD DD will open Orchardhill's 2017-2018 Thinking Allowed series with a lecture centred on the 1995 massacre in the Balkans War. Her lecture is titled "Srebrenica and the end of Ethnic Tolerance" is the subject of her lecture on Thursday 9 November (7.30 for 8.00pm)

When the former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours earlier this year she dedicated the award to the Mothers of Srebrenica.

In this talk she will discuss her work in Bosnia and the lessons learned from the evil and inhumanity which led to an appalling massacre based on religious and ethnic identity. She will also reflect on how to remember and learn the lessons to reject hatred and build good community relations.

The Thinking Allowed series in Orchardhill will continue on Thursday 23 November with Professor Bob Davis MA PGCE PhD talking on "Changing Realities of Christian Identity in Scotland 1918-2018".

This talk will chart and reflect on the evolving nature of Christian identities in Scotland over the last century. He will explore the impact on different faith communities of events such as the Great War and the 1918 Education Act – and what it might mean for Christians today.

More Thinking Allowed events at Orchardhill in the New Year:

## Thursday 15 February

Two of "the best TED talks of all time":

"The danger of a single story" – Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Nigerian novelist

"If a story moves you, act on it" – Sisonke Msimang, South African writer

## Thursday 15 March

"Liberate not Literal": Pádraig Ó Tuama, Irish poet and theologian, on the Corrymeela Community's reconciling work in Northern Ireland

# 30 Years of Music

CrossWords is a creative group of musicians and singers, changing and adapting as we grow. We are now starting our thirtieth year together, and we have learned a lot and continue to learn and implement new ideas, songs, concepts and goals. We do believe in supporting each other and having a great time while making powerful, fun and uplifting music.



We meet on Monday evenings in the Fellowship Room from 8.00 until about 10.00 with a break for tea/coffee and some chat. We don't believe in auditions. Humans are simply made to sing. If someone can't sing well yet, then they just haven't had enough practice!

So why not come along and try it? You will be made very welcome. Openings for all ages and abilities are available – just bring your enthusiasm!

## Harvest Gifts

The Harvest Thanksgiving collection on Sunday 1 October will once again be split between the Lodging House Mission and the City Mission.

In a message from LHM they express their extreme gratitude for all that they have received in the past. They say that, quite simply, the contributions have meant that they are still able to provide free breakfast and lunches to their service users. The Harvest donations last most of the year, and the number of hours required to sort out all that they receive into correct product and date is huge. To help with this task, the Mission is asking if we would please keep to the list below prepared by their kitchen staff. Doing so will have a very big impact on the work involved and space requirements.

Cereal: Corn flakes/Crunchy Nut, Weetabix, Rice Crispies, Sugar Puffs, Frosties, Coco Pops, porridge, Cherrios.

Tinned soup: chicken, tomato, lentil, Scotch broth, vegetable, minestrone.

Tinned meat/fish: mince, ham, corn beef, meatballs, hot dogs, stew, haggis, ravioli, macaroni.

Tinned vegetables: tomatoes, carrots, peas, sweet corn, mixed vegetables, baked beans, potatoes, jars of pasta bake sauces, jars of curry sauces/curry paste.

Tinned fruit: peaches, pears, pineapples, mandarins, fruit cocktail, custard, rice.

Dried goods: mixed herbs, garlic, ground turmeric, chilli powder, crushed chillies, ground coriander.

Other: coffee (not decaf), sugar, coconut milk, tomato sauce, brown sauce vinegar, tomato paste, long-grain rice, broth mixed, dried peas, lentils, fresh/diluting juice, biscuits (not oatcakes or cream crackers), vegetable oil, Bisto, stock cubes or Bouillon, chicken in white sauce

# Bill Miller

*24 June 1922 – 25 June 2017*

Bill Miller was born in Edinburgh and educated at George Heriot's School and thereafter Edinburgh University. There he met and married Marion: their marriage was to last almost seven decades.

While a student, Bill led a local Scout group; after his studies he served with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in India, leaving as a captain. Part of his duties involved maintaining massive Chevrolet engines used by the American forces, and this may have continued his interest in diesel engines. He pursued this at Petters in Staines and, for the rest of his working life, in Bergis Kelvin Diesels. Bill helped develop the marine engines which powered many fishing vessels. Part of the fun of family summer holidays at the coast was spotting which fishing boats had a Kelvin Diesel engine. Bill spoke to a number of skippers and was always interested in how the engines performed.

Travelling on holiday (he loved driving) was a great pleasure for Bill, with Marion and later his children Elizabeth, Bill and Katharine at their side. In retirement years Bill and Marion enjoyed travelling much further, even round the world, and Bill eagerly took his grandsons and granddaughters on adventures by train.

Bill's garden was a pleasure which increased once the demands of working life reduced. In the garden Marion and he were a team, working together and enjoying their joint success.

If gardening was Bill's "big hobby" in retirement, the overarching devotion in his life outside family was the Christian faith he expressed through long-standing and devoted service in Orchardhill Church. Ordained an elder in 1976, Bill served as Session Clerk from 1985 until 2002. He was deeply faithful in all his work for the church he loved, visiting daily with almost clockwork regularity and described by Anna Blair as a Session Clerk who "spent himself tirelessly."

Bill prepared all his Session minutes himself from his notes, typing on his computer at home. Marion laundered the Communion Linen after each service, and Bill returned it to church in all weathers. He was quiet and he did not seek the limelight – but if he saw a task needing done he got on with it without fuss. It is not surprising that Bill and Marion became fixtures in the landscape of many people's lives, as Giffnock residents, fellow gardeners, Orchardhill members, and friends.

He was also part of a team in church and especially at home. For 67 years Bill and Marion enjoyed a life of loving partnership as they established a home, raised a family, served in their community and loved each other. We are grateful for his life for he was a good man. For such a man and such a friend we give thanks to God.

Bill died on 25 June 2017 and was survived by precisely one month by Marion, who died on 25 July. They are survived by their daughters, Elizabeth and Katharine, and their son, Bill.

# Kirstie Marion Watson

*14 March 1968 – 31 August 2017*

Your Minister has kindly asked me to write this reflection for the Record as I was privileged to conduct Kirstie's funeral service while he was on Study Leave. Few people were more committed to the life of Orchardhill and few people had the church so much at the heart of their life. It was shortly after I came to Orchardhill in 1977 that I got to know Kirstie and Marion. It was as a red haired primary school girl that I first encountered and how she boosted my ego by being a most regular participant in my children's addresses. She was even then an enthusiast and a great encourager to her minister. Tweenies, Brownies and Girl Guides, every department of the Sunday School followed by Bible Class and then Youth Fellowship were all part of her church life as was the junior and senior badminton clubs.

Soon Kirstie took on roles of responsibility assisting in running the Creche, teaching in the Beginners' Sunday School (The Smartie Gang), where in time she became the leader. Deeply involved in our Summer Mission from its start in 1985, she eventually became its leader from 1996 till 2014. This was commitment of the highest order, and numberless children and young people benefited from her love for them and her dedication to this vitally important leadership role.

She had a unique rapport with children and in her chosen profession as a nursery nurse she exhibited her outstanding qualities to the full. The head teacher of the nursery where Kirstie worked spoke to me of her creativity and her ability to bring out the very best in of the children and how they feel cheated at her untimely death. The children loved her, and one little boy proposed to her!

Hugely important to Kirstie's church life was her involvement with Crosswords. She was one of the founder members when the Group was formed in 1988 under the leadership of Lindsay Barr. The group's involvement in introducing contemporary music into worship was not only here in Orchardhill but also in Oregon USA and at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The church was full on 11 September as we gave thanks for her love of life and her courage in the face of such a devastating illness. It is a life we remember with much thanksgiving for she impacted on so many of us and has left us the most precious of memories.

Ordained by me in 2000, Kirstie was one of Orchardhill's youngest Elders, and the Kirk Session and Congregation and her legion of friends have been profoundly impoverished by her untimely death.

As we remember her life so too we remember her Mother, Marion, and her brother Craig and his partner Angelina. Throughout her illness Marion was there at her side as they expressed their unconditional love for each other. Marion and her family are assured of our prayers and love.

**John M Spiers**

# Welcomers' Rota

	Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
1	Isabel Vance	Dorothy Cartlidge	Anne Craig
8	Shona Fletcher	Irene Kinniburgh	Gordon Thomson
15	Gordon Thomson	Irene Kinniburgh	Shona Fletcher
22	Shona Fletcher	Alex Mall	Gordon Thomson
29	Gordon Thomson	Alex Mall	Shona Fletcher
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
5	Willie Hendry	Ian Brown	Isabel Vance
12	Anne Craig	Ian Brown	Willie Hendry
19	Willie Hendry	Ian Brown	Sandra Cherrie
26	Sandra Cherrie	Ian Brown	Willie Hendry

# Offering and Counting

## OCTOBER

1	Dorothy Cartlidge 571 7839; Norma Hannah 638 7515; Susan McQuilter 638 6936
8	Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722; Norma Hannah; Susan McQuilter
15	Irene Kinniburgh; Joyce Winning 571 7617; Evelyn McMurtrie 571 2512
22	Alex Mall 585 7169; Joyce Winning; Evelyn McMurtrie
29	Alex Mall; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375; Dave Thomson 638 3289

## NOVEMBER

5	Ian Brown 638 9754; Jim Blair 638 1901; Dave Thomson
12	Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Dave Thomson
19	Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Dave Thomson
26	Ian Brown; Jim Blair; Anne Anderson 563 2395

# Scripture Readers

## OCTOBER

1 Fiona Thomson 8 Garry Crosbie 15 Irene Kinniburgh 22 Ian Anderson 29 Marion Simpson

## NOVEMBER

5 Bill McMurtrie 12 Anne Anderson 19 Lindsay Barr 26 Shona Fisher

# Communion Roll

## NEW MEMBER

*We welcome into our Fellowship and Service:*

Mrs Ella Hutchison, 597 Kilmarnock Road, Glasgow G43 2TH (district 21)

## DEATHS

On 24 August 2017 Mrs Margaret Johnstone, 48 Carleton Gate, Giffnock G46 6NU (district 46)

On 31 August Miss Kirstie Watson, 34 Evan Drive, Giffnock G46 6NT (district 21)

On 1 September 2017 Mr William Cameron, Mearns House, 1 Aldton Court, Newton Mearns G77 5GU (district 34)

## DISJUNCTION

Mrs Patricia Sinclair, 28 Etive Drive, Giffnock G46 6PN (district 6)

# Congregational Register

## MARRIAGE

On 26 August 2017 Lorna Cook and Gareth Joseph, 18 Springfield Gardens, Hirwaun, Aberdare CF44 9LY

# November *Record* Deadline

Sunday 14 October is the deadline for the November edition of the *Orchardhill Record*.

Contributions should be sent by email to [record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto: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. Using that email address ensures that every contribution goes to the editorial team not just the editor. We prefer contributions to be sent by email, and we cannot accept any handwritten or typed item that does not identify the source.

**PLEASE** note that any photograph or logo **must not be embedded** in the article. 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.

The deadline for the December edition will be Sunday 12 November.

# Orchardhill Calendar

## OCTOBER

Sun	1	10.30am	Harvest Sunday: Family Worship	Rev Donald MacLeod
Sun	8	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Graham Cartlidge
Thu	12	1.30pm	Giffnock Primary School Inclusion Service	
Sun	15	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Donald MacLeod
Sun	22	10.30am	Family Worship	Gavin Raleigh
Tue	24	7.30pm	Congregational Board	
Sun	29	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay

## NOVEMBER

Sun	5	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
		5.00pm	Advent Afternoon Tea	
		6.30pm	Bereavement Service	
Sun	12	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday	Rev Grant Barclay



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