



THE RECORD

Then and Now

Amy-Jill Levine, a self-described Yankee Jewish feminist Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, Tennessee, has written on Jesus' parables in a provocative and highly-regarded book "Short Stories by Jesus." Commenting on the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, she points out that notions of the afterlife are influential in Jewish and Christian thinking not only in terms of what is to come but to inform how we live now. For example, in that parable, ideas of the afterlife may serve as a "moral disincentive": don't ignore the poor now for the tables may turn in the world to come.

The religious backdrop to Easter, then, is neither wistful hoping about life after death (which none of us has experienced directly) nor merely a cringe-inducing fear of judgement in the world to come. Whatever might happen "then" influences the choices which believers make now. Ideas of the future may persuade us to do – or not to do – certain things in the present.

It fits perfectly with this way of thinking that Jesus should speak frequently about the age to come in order to encourage people to live in particular ways. As views of life after death informed the way people lived, Jesus might have accomplished most of his task by telling such tales.

The radical, breathtaking turn which Jesus takes is not only to speak of these things but to enact them in his own body. The stories he tells during his ministry do challenge and inform; but calling Mary by name in the first light of dawn in a garden inspires in an altogether different manner. The experience of faith through the generations is that the combination of parable and living presence – of hearing Jesus' stories and sensing Jesus' real, though unseen, companionship – has inspired endeavours too numerous to count and grander than many could dream alone.

In this Easter season, may you sense, in some relevant way, the risen Christ call you by name; may that energise and inspire you at this time. For as we believe in life after death, so do we believe (to borrow from Christian Aid) in life before death. Christ is alive and calls us to live for him now.

Grant Barclay
Minister

Brains of the Church

On Sunday 25 February 13 teams pitted their wits against each other to become Brains of the Church, answering questions on many subjects ranging from films, TV and music to sport, history and science; not to mention the theme and picture rounds.

The final scores were tight at the end, but congratulations go to “Simple Minds” (aka the church office team) who were awarded the silverware. They were closely followed by “The Spice Girls Reunion” and “Fabulous Ladies Never Surrender”. The young BB team, “We’re bored of winning quizzes”, lived up to their name picking up the wooden spoon.

There was a great atmosphere in the church throughout the evening, and a total of £323 was raised which will go towards the impending capital expenditure.

A huge thank you to all the teams who entered and everyone who helped on the night setting up, marking, making tea and more. Thanks also to Cameron Griffiths and Emily Worthington for helping to organise the event – their contributions to the question bank and creating the slides.



Let's Get Quizzical



Boys' Brigade Service

Orchardhill has been chosen to host the Boys' Brigade's Eastwood District spring parade this year – on Sunday 29 April, when 100 boys and officers should be in attendance. Our minister, Rev Grant Barclay, has kindly agreed to lead this service.

The district has always received a warm welcome from the members of Orchardhill, and we look forward again to your support for the boys at this service.

David Howard
District Convener

Charity Abseil

Amy Harvey will be abseiling down the Falkirk Wheel on 15 April to raise funds for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, which is to be held in West Virginia, USA. A large part of the money she needs to raise is a solidarity fee to help people from disadvantaged countries to have the opportunity to travel and participate in the jamboree.

Please help her to raise funds for this by sponsoring her. Contact Amy or Claire Harvey on 0141 571 7279 or click on www.gofundme.com/589m2pc. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Orchardhill's Winter Gargoyle

Snow in late February and early March left its (albeit brief) winter sculpture on the roof of Orchardhill Church (Photo by Jim Blair)





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Welcomers' Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
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APRIL

1	Neil Mackenzie	Roseanne Henderson	Gordon Thomson
8	Marion Watson	Jim Kerr	Neil Mackenzie
15	Gordon Thomson	Jim Kerr	Marion Watson
22	Anne Barr	Joyce Winning	Alex Mall
29	Alex Mall	Joyce Winning	Anne Barr

MAY

6	Jim Mackinnon	Fiona Thomson	Anne Barr
13	Nanette Davidson	Fiona Thomson	Jim Mackinnon
20	Marion Watson	Bill McMurtrie	Alex Mall
27	Alex Mall	Bill McMurtrie	Jim Blair

Offering Teams

APRIL

1	Roseanne Henderson 571 7375; David Evans 571 7846; Susan McQuilter 638 6936
8	Jim Kerr 638 2747; David Evans; Susan McQuilter
15	Jim Kerr; Norma Hannah 638 7515; Ian Cartlidge 571 7839
22	Joyce Winning 571 7617; Margaret Howard 571 7854; Ian Cartlidge
29	Joyce Winning; Margaret Howard; David Howard 571 7854

MAY

6	Fiona Thomson 571 7153; Peter Worthington 638 4316; David Howard
13	Fiona Thomson; Peter Worthington; Valerie Clarke 638 6148
20	Bill McMurtrie 571 2512; Alex Mall 585 7169; Valerie Clarke
27	Bill McMurtrie; Alex Mall; Hilary Kenney 638 6114

Scripture Readers

APRIL

1 Jim Blair 8 Shona Fisher 15 Bill McMurtrie 22 Joyce Winning 29 Lindsay Barr

MAY

6 Anne Anderson 13 Garry Crosbie 20 Fiona Thomson 27 Donald Carmichael

Mission's Sunday Opening



The Lodging House Mission will now be open every Sunday in addition to Monday-Saturday.

A letter from the LHM manager, Gus Smeaton, explained that following the success of the 2016 project to start Saturday opening the Board made the decision to open on Sundays for the duration of the Winter Night Shelter (1 December 2017 till 31 March 2018). The LHM Board have now decided to open permanently on Sundays.

LHM's opening hours are now 8.00am to 3.00pm every day except New Year's Day.

This is a major step forward in LHM's aim to provide food warmth, security and a host of back-up services to Glasgow's poorest and socially excluded citizens.

Orchardhill personnel, supporting this latest initiative, have provided support at LHM each Sunday morning throughout March.

Presbytery's Area Meetings

Glasgow Presbytery will be holding area meetings in five churches on Tuesday 8 April. Each meeting will concentrate on a different topic.

All church members are invited to attend a meeting of choice. The subjects (with the church venue) are:

- Spiritual Wellbeing (Langside),
- Building Positive Relationships through Health Dialogue (Garthamlock & Craigend East),
- Working through Grief (Springburn),
- Maintaining Good Mental Health (Maryhill), and
- Deeper Healing (Burnside Blairbeth).

Information leaflets are available at Orchardhill's Welcome Desk.

Congregational Register

BAPTISM

On 4 March 2018 Matthew James, son of Sarah and Daniel Clowes, 12 McKelvie Crescent, Barrhead G78 1LY

Billy Graham

The April edition of Life and Work, the Church of Scotland magazine, pays tribute to the legacy of Billy Graham, the influential American preacher who died in February aged 99. When he visited Scotland in 1955 more than 2.5 million people attend his evangelical meetings in Glasgow and elsewhere in the country.

Deadline for May's Record

Sunday 15 April is the deadline for the May edition of the *Orchardhill Record*.

Contributions should be sent by email to record@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. Please note the change in the email address.

We prefer contributions to be sent by email. Handwritten or typed items can be accepted, though the source must be identified.

A 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.

April Calendar

APRIL

Sunday	1	9.00am	Easter Breakfast	
		10.30am	Easter Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Wednesday	4	6.00pm	Quiet Time/Reflection	
Sunday	8	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Wednesday	11	6.00pm	Quiet Time/Reflection	
Sunday	15	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	17	7.30pm	Congregational Board	
Wednesday	18	6.00pm	Quiet Time/Reflection	
Sunday	22	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Wednesday	25	6.00pm	Quiet Time/Reflection	
Sunday	29	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay

MAY

Wednesday	2	6.00pm	Quiet Time/Reflection	
Sunday	6	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Jim White

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