



# THE RECORD



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**2020**





# A Word from your Minister

## Yearning for Troon

As we continue through this period of confinement thoughts turn, naturally, to freedom. That's represented, for me, in the simple pleasure of being able to wander along Troon promenade, stopping for a cone at the kiosk near the Town Hall. Freedom can be quite down to earth.

Almost exactly eight hundred years ago in Arbroath, freedom was a focal point for the fifty-one who signed the Declaration probably written by Bernard of Kilwinning. His communication skills crafted the rousing passage: 'For we fight not for glory, nor riches, nor honours, but for Freedom alone, which no good man gives up except with his life'.

In a sense, we have given up some of our freedom in order to maintain life, or at least reduce the risk of serious illness, within our community and beyond. Giving something up, or over, for the sake of another plays an important part on many Gospel stories. The young boy shares his meal with Jesus and a crowd is fed; the woman who anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume is praised, and defended, by Christ while Jesus asks a Samaritan woman at the well for a drink.

Freedom is sometimes the ability to deny self in order that others may become richer. At other times, and unlike manna which appears miraculously with the morning dew, it needs to be worked for. The shared benefit of engaging with the whole text of the Bible, which you'll read about later in this Record, was achieved as people pledged themselves to read it together over a whole year.

These confining weeks may yet give us all greater hope of freedom and health in the future. We may also use this experience to understand better the need to strive to achieve what is good and right and true. Giving up a stroll and a cone comes nowhere near laying down one's life. Yet self-control is one of the fruits of the Spirit, meant - along with patience, kindness, love and much more - for the healing and enriching of many through the grace of the God who is present and among people in the world today.

Your Minister, Grant Barclay.

# On the Cover

## Rainbows and Irises

Over our lockdown I'm sure we've all become aware of the many rainbows displayed in windows as thanks to our wonderful NHS staff, working under extremely challenging conditions to help us remain as safe as possible.

You may also have noticed Irises blooming in many gardens in recent days. The Iris takes its name from the Greek word for Rainbow – making their appearance this year all the more significant.

## Life and Work

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The key workers working on the frontline with the Coronavirus pandemic

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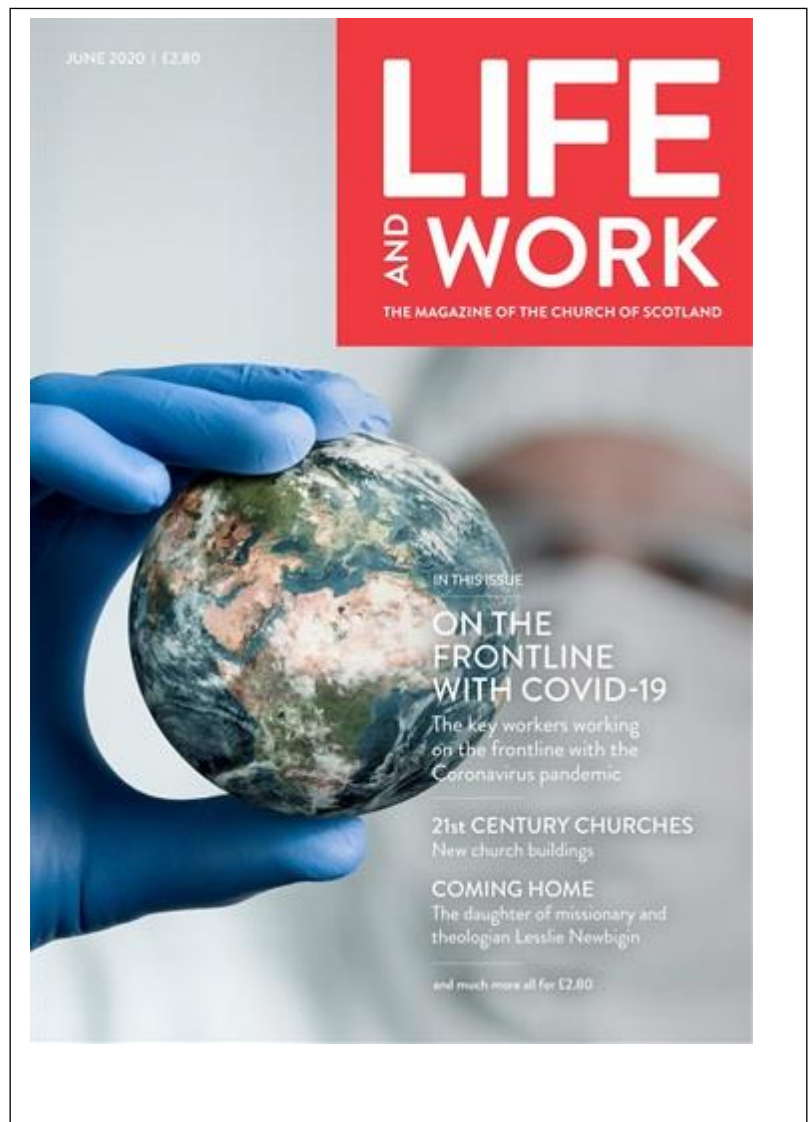
#### COMING HOME

The daughter of missionary and theologian Lesslie Newbigin

and much more across 52 pages...

During this challenging period, Life and Work is committed to helping keep our Christian community connected. The magazine continues to be published and distributed to our loyal readers.

This month, we have launched Lockdown Weekly, a free weekly update which we hope will be a useful resource to help people keep in touch with events in the Church of Scotland while churches are shut and many of us are in isolation. Free every Friday to download from



[www.lifeandwork.org/features/features/view/441-lockdown-weekly](http://www.lifeandwork.org/features/features/view/441-lockdown-weekly)

# Reading the Bible in a year.

*In 2019 a number of our congregation undertook to **Read the Bible in a Year**. Over the ensuing months each of the readers has written a short article about their experiences and their thoughts post reading.*



All writing is a product of its time: offering some thoughts on my experience of the Bible Reading Year for the June Orchardhill Record now feels like a history project, not a comment on contemporary events. The Group's final get together was on 16 January. We self-congratulated on what was recognised at the start as a long haul, and round the campfire (well, candlelight) dreamed dreams of further adventures together into further staples of Christian faith and history after a break for recuperation. I doubt if our Famous Five or Six had heard of Covid19 then: we have now, so no more sustaining tea and biccies at the manse. Reading from Genesis to Revelation had been on my task list for a while. I remember my conscience being pricked in particular attending the funeral of a senior colleague years ago, a member of a Brethren Church. A speaker mentioned he read his Bible every year, and everyone knew what was meant. My own various solo attempts to climb the mountain had not got past Numbers, so Grant's idea of a group effort was very attractive.

For all of us the project was a highlight of 2019. How come it worked? For me, six reasons: -

1. So much was new!
2. The schedule involved five days of readings for every week – so two days off, to rest and reflect or (more likely) catch up. So not the case that missing a day or so or two meant sliding down a slippery slope to failure.
3. The sense of communal keeping up (= not letting others down) was inevitably strong.
4. The number of meetings through the year was small and finished promptly on time.
5. We benefitted hugely from Grant's tutorial skills, knowledge and kindly leadership.
6. Most importantly (and at first glance this sounds odd) we did not study the Bible – we read it. The New International Version Bible I was using has lots of cross references and endless explanatory footnotes. All there to aid understanding, but almost a type of trap for long distance travellers with a weekly schedule to maintain. So self-discipline needed to keep down the highway - no following the side paths.

Were there high points and low points? Of course: -

## **Low Points**

- Being honest, parts of the Old Testament did drag at times: so many name lists, so many conflicts ending with a short phrase or sentence of slaughter. At times it was hard to see the God of the New Testament at work in the Old.
- Being honest, Revelation was a challenge. Sorry.

## High Points

- Genesis. Wonderful stories and very familiar in many parts from early childhood onwards – and perhaps also my previous stumbling through the foothills.
- The four Gospels. Core of everything. Familiar, comforting, inspirational, strange (in unfamiliar corners caught in the spotlight of a complete reading), frightening (in standards set) and ultimately all that needs to be known, in the two Great Commandments: (1) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind, and (2) Love your neighbour as yourself.
- The last words in Matthew: “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”. Never, ever, to be forgotten.

So, we'll meet again? Yes, of course. The kettle will boil again at the manse. And look forward to your company!



## Sunflower Spectacular



### Sunflower Growing Competition

Hopefully sunflowers are growing well outside in the ground or in a pot, as demonstrated in the second sunflower video which can now be viewed on the website. Please send photos of your sunflowers to [sunflower@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:sunflower@orchardhill.org.uk)

### Sunflower Installation Around the Church and Memorial Halls

By the time you are reading this, work will have started on the installation around the Church and Memorial halls. ENVA is kindly providing us with compost produced from green household and food waste which complies with British Standards.

Thanks are due to those who have helped to grow approximately 575 sunflowers of 5 different varieties, and secured the installation, which will hopefully provide cheer to the community over the next few months. Thanks in anticipation to those on the aftercare team for their expected diligence.

Anyone who divided their chives plants, and kept a few for us, is asked to kindly drop them off near the back door of the church, otherwise collection can be arranged – Phone Dorothy Cartlidge on 571 7839.

# **Notice on the use of Church Buildings**

**DUE TO GOVERNMENT ADVICE REGARDING  
CHURCH SERVICES IN THIS PERIOD OF COVID  
19 RESTRICTIONS**

**Churches should be available to all in times  
of need. If you wish to USE this building for  
prayer or reflection, please call the Church  
Officer Isabella Hood on 07988 983 967.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILST CHURCH  
SERVICES WILL NOT TAKE PLACE HERE ON  
SUNDAYS, YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN  
ONLINE WORSHIP FROM ORCHARDHILL AT  
[www.orchardhill.org.uk](http://www.orchardhill.org.uk)  
EACH SUNDAY AT 10.30am**

**If you wish to talk to the minister please  
phone Rev Grant Barclay  
07506 549529**

# “I Know Church”

Although we have not been meeting as a congregation there has been a flurry of activity in the background as we introduce and bring our new “I know Church” administration system online. The admin team have done a power of work transferring over all the data from the old systems on to this new platform while editing and getting rid of the obsolete records. Special thanks to Carol-Anne, Isabella and a load of other people who have been overseeing this transfer.

The ‘I know Church’ suite of programmes is designed by Christians for Churches of all denominations to easily comply with all the legislation that keeps arriving on our doorstep. Data Protection (GDPR) has been a big one for us, as we now have to identify where all the various records and files are kept, especially the ones that are off site.

With the new system, Office bearers and Administrators have access to a centrally located database in the cloud. This means that no matter where you are located, if you have the correct authority, you can access the database for the information that you are authorised to view. Different roles in the church allow different access to different sections of ‘I know Church’.

A practical example would be that Elders will no longer need to have a separate book, or in some cases a list, held locally on their home computer of members in their district as they can now look up their district on ‘I Know Church’. They can also easily keep in touch via email with everyone in the district, and this is proving invaluable currently.

You may already have received an email from Orchardhill with the church logo at the top of it and personalised to you - this is generated on the new system.

Further examples are that, in normal times, teams of people every week are rota’d to assist with Sunday Worship:- these may be Welcome Teams, Offering and count Teams, Bible Readers, Media Desk and, for Communion, the Elders duties for handling the elements. All these teams of people will now be rota’d via ‘I know Church’, along with other groups that will in future also benefit from an easy to set up rota. One area in the past that has always proven difficult was the fact that, no sooner is a rota put out, than someone says ‘I can’t do that Sunday’. Well, with the new system, everyone who would be eligible for a rota duty can put in the system that they are not available for a particular time. This would mean that, when it comes to producing the rota, those people would not be available to add to any rotas.

Another feature is that we can all add prayer requests via the system:- you just log in, and add it into the system, and it is instantly everywhere, and we can all pray for that request. Hopefully, these will build over the coming months as more people become familiar with the system.

Another feature is the Events Calendar which will be created in ‘I know Church’ and then embedded onto the church Website for display, updating live from ‘I know Church’.

These fantastic features are all very well, but the new system will only work with your help, and, if you get a log in, please go online, update your personal information, put in the dates that you are not available for rotas, and, if you are so inclined, add a prayer request.

So here we go; Orchardhill is being dragged into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century kicking and screaming all the way. However, in the end I’m sure It will be worth all the pain of learning, how to log in, how to look up and how to communicate with each other in our digital age. It’s ok to not know everything right away because –

**The age of better church has arrived. I Know.. It!**

# 86th Glasgow Boys' Brigade

## Company Section:

### Queen's Badge

It is a delight to be able to announce that, following the cancellation of the Queen's Badge Residential Course, Jim McVean the Battalion Secretary has written advising that all five of our Company men who were taking part in the Queen's Badge Programme have successfully completed the course, and will in due course be awarded the prestigious badge and certificate representing the highest award in the Boys' Brigade.



This would normally take place at Glasgow City Chambers, but nothing has been decided yet in the light of the current situation.

Hearty congratulations go to:

Sergeant Blair Arthur;      Sergeant Jack Devon;      Sergeant Calum Taylor;  
Sergeant Elliot Vance;      Sergeant Matthew Wilkie.

### President's Badge

The President's Badge is the second highest award in the Boys Brigade. The boys have worked well together on the course material and will be awarded their President's Badge :



Corporal Finlay Blair;      Corporal Callum Doherty;  
Corporal Reece Taylor.

These three Boys will join Sergeant Ralph Hemsley in working towards the Queens' Badge over the next 18 months

### Discover Programme

The following Boys are working on the Discover Programme and will be awarded

#### Stage 2

Private Rory Duncan;      Private Harry Kitson;      Private Benn McGinty;  
Private Patrick Vinney.



## Stage 1

Private Harris Ahmed; Private Kieran Barton; Private Ewan Calderwood;  
Private Alex Duff; Private Eden Fraser.

Well done to all the Company Section Boys.

# Junior Section

Badges will be awarded once we get back to meeting together.

On 6<sup>th</sup> March three Junior Section boys took part in a Glasgow Battalion sleepover on the 'Tall Ship'. They all really enjoyed themselves and learnt a little of what life was like on the ship in days gone by.

# Anchor Boys

Before the lockdown the Anchor Boys took part in a Battalion Easter colouring competition and among the winners were

Gold:	Archie Hill;	Lewis Hill	
Silver:	Daniel Brogan		
Bronze:	Finley Duncan;	Eli McKinnon;	Noah Shaarini

Well done Boys.

Like the Junior Section, all the Anchor Boys will be awarded their badges once we get back to meeting together.

Both Eli McKinnon and Noah Shaarini will be promoted up to Junior Section

The Boys' Brigade have weekly activity packs, which you can download. There are activities for all ages, the young and not so young, to do during these times at home. These can be found at:

[www.boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome/activity-packs](http://www.boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome/activity-packs)

# Welcomers

Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
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## JUNE

7	Jim McKinnon	Norma Hannah	Evelyn Borland
14	Evelyn Borland	Dave Thomson	Anne Craig
21	Anne Craig	Gordon Ross	Evelyn Borland
28	Evelyn Borland	Susan McQuilter	Anne Craig

## JULY

5	Isobel Vance	Nanette Davidson	Willie Hendry
12	Willie Hendry	Nanette Davidson	Isobel Vance
19	Isobel Vance	Nanette Davidson	Shona Fletcher
26	Shona Fletcher	Nanette Davidson	Isobel Vance

## AUGUST

2	Neil McKenzie	Norma Hannah	Shona Fletcher
9	Shona Fletcher	Norma Hannah	Willie Hendry
16	Willie Hendry	David Evans	Nanette Davidson
23	Nanette Davidson	David Evans	Jim Blair
30	Jim Blair	Valerie Clarke	Nanette Davidson

# Offering Teams

## JUNE

7	Norma Hannah	Maureen Park	Lisel Tait
14	Dave Thomson	Ann Pope	Colin Williamson
21	Gordon Ross	Bruce Paterson	Colin Williamson
28	Susan McQuilter	Andrew Flockhart	Roseanne Henderson

## JULY

5	Nanette Davidson	Sandra Cherrie	Valerie Clarke
12	Nanette Davidson	Alan Daly	Jim Blair
19	Nanette Davidson	Alan Daly	Anne Anderson
26	Nanette Davidson	Angela Peacock	Anne Anderson

## AUGUST

2	Norma Hannah	Angela Peacock	Jim Kerr
9	Norma Hannah	Gordon Ross	Jim Kerr
16	David Evans	Gordon Ross	Hilary Kennedy
23	David Evans	David Howard	Allan Rennie
30	Valerie Clarke	David Howard	Allan Rennie

# Scripture Readers

JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
7	Margaret Howard	5	Gillian Irvine	2	Anne Anderson
14	Garry Crosbie	12	Andrew Flockhart	9	Lindsay Barr
21	Irene Kinniburgh	19	Joyce Winning	16	Marion Simpson
28	Colin Williamson	26	Willie Hendry	23	David Howard
				30	Fiona Thomson

# Summer Clubs

We are provisionally running Huntly Hound and CHIPS Café 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> August this year, but, in these uncertain times, we are looking to follow government guidelines. Watch our Facebook pages for further notice.

# Orchardhill Record

The Orchardhill Record will be taking a break for the summer, please continue to submit your articles for inclusion in the September 2020 edition.

The Record team would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a healthy and safe summer.

For updates and news please refer to the church website [www.orchardhill.org.uk](http://www.orchardhill.org.uk)

# Orchardhill Calendar

**The buildings may be closed but Orchardhill church is most definitely open.**

Join us (virtually) as we continue to host many “gatherings” online, from prayers and reflection to coffee and a blether, with something to suit everyone. Details on the Church website.

A full service will be broadcast via the church website each Sunday from 10:30am.

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