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A Word from your Minister

Force of habit

Apparently, it takes sixty-six days for something to become a habit. Back in the 1950s, the plastic surgeon Maxwell Maltz observed that it took his patients roughly twenty-one days to become accustomed to their new appearance. He noticed that, for him, it took at least three weeks for a mental image to dissolve and be replaced by a new one. Of course, more research has taken place since 1960 when Maltz published his ideas. Current thinking is that it takes at least sixty-six days for someone to be so accustomed to a novel practice, that they perform it as a matter of course. By implication, it may take the same time to depart from an earlier habit.

We have been forced into a quite different way of living now for well over sixty-six days. Our habits, from holidays to homework, shopping to socialising, have been disrupted and replaced by new ones. Some may be good, and we may not wish to return to the way things were. What, though, if we have made isolation more of a habit than before?

There's a curious sentence in the letter to the Hebrews which encourages its readers 'not to give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing'. I'm not sure if that refers to the habit of meeting together, (which some have broken), or that not meeting together has become a habit. Either way, it's the not being together which is cautioned against.

That might be a word for us. Faith has always been understood as a team game as well as an individual practice. We spur one another on to love and good deeds, and don't always achieve such ends alone.

As we begin to emerge, perhaps hesitantly, from the hibernation of isolation, what habits shall have been formed in us? We want to hold on to those which have been good, while we let go of those which are less worthwhile. We need discernment to work out which is which. We also need the courage to form new habits, or to revisit traditional ways, as long as they enable us to grow together in faith and hope and love.

Your Minister,

Grant Barclay.

Hello, my name is Gillian Rooney

I am looking forward to coming to Orchardhill as a probationer for the next 15 months. I have just finished studying for my theology degree at Highland Theological College. I attended the base at Paisley rather than heading to Dingwall, which was slightly handier as I live in Kilmarnock with my husband, Mark and three daughters, Sally and Clara who are 10 and Martha who is 5!

Prior to responding to the call to ministry I worked as an Occupational Therapist within NHS Ayrshire and Arran for 20 years, firstly, at Crosshouse Hospital and latterly in a community rehabilitation team in South Ayrshire. My home church is St. Kentigern's Church in Kilmarnock. At present my only hobbies are reading (mostly theology books but I try and read lighter material when the opportunity presents itself) and driving my children to activities! I do hope my capacity to engage in leisure activities will grow in the future.



In the course of my training I have completed three placements to date. My first term-time placement was at Cathcart Old Church of Scotland in the south side of Glasgow. My fulltime summer placement was in South Ayrshire at Kirkoswald linked with Fisherton, and my last term time placement was at St. Maur's Glencairn in Kilmaurs in East Ayrshire.

On all my previous placements I have met lovely people who have been generous with their time and experience. I have been privileged to be able to meet with people as they seek to live out their Christian faith in the real and messy world that we live in. Over these next 15 months, I hope to continue to gain experience in all aspects of ministry, and the life and worship of Orchardhill Parish Church. I am particularly

interested in working with people as they grow in faith, and how people of faith can work to make a difference in the lives of people both nearby and far away.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and being part of the Orchardhill community.

Many members and friends of Orchardhill will know that a 'virtual' pilgrimage from Giffnock to Jerusalem was undertaken during the relaxation phase of the recent pandemic.

Eight teams, with 8 or 9 members or friends in each, accumulated their walking or running mileage every day, apart from Sundays, and were entertained along the way by challenges set by the main organisers, Drs Maureen and Richard Park.

A Pilgrim's Tale by John Miller

Damascus

In 1965 when I was studying to become a minister, I spent six months travelling from Istanbul to Jerusalem, tracing the steps of the Apostle Paul. I walked much of the way, through Izmir, Antalya, Mersin, Damascus and Nazareth. For two weeks in eastern Turkey, I accompanied an archaeologist who was searching for traces of the Eastern Frontier of the Roman Empire. Far out beyond all roads and vehicles we rode on mules along the banks of the River Euphrates. If my friend took a photo of a ruined temple or an aqueduct, I would stand beside it as a measuring stick because I am exactly six feet tall. The results of his 50 years of exploration were published last year in a book (£229.00!) and I appear in a number of photos.

But another more painful memory came to me during our Orchardhill pilgrimage. On the way from Zagreb to Thessaloniki, we passed within a few kilometres of Srebrenica in Republika Srpska. Last year I was visiting artist Peter Howson who was the official Ministry of Defence War Artist during the Bosnian War. In his Studio he was working on a painting specially commissioned to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the massacre at Srebrenica. Peter re-created many of the images he had formed during his time as the War Artist. In a pit, which constitutes the central area of the picture, lie tangles of human bodies, part of the seven thousand Muslim men and boys massacred by the Bosnian militia in Srebrenica. Even in a large painting, Peter will take great care over relatively small human figures. He points to one of the men whose fate is sealed, but who has not yet been killed. 'I've done lots of drawings at home for this one. I've been doing lots of studies for it. It took me ages to get this central Christ-like figure done.' Peter is identifying, near the centre of the picture, a small image of one of the Muslim men awaiting death. This man is in a posture immediately recognisable as that known as 'Christ on the Cold Stone', awaiting crucifixion. On our Orchardhill pilgrimage we passed near Srebrenica in mid-July, the very 25th anniversary of the massacre.

To see Peter Howson's painting *Massacre of Srebrenica* go to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-50672876>

the Pandemic

They also invited participants to contribute 'Tales of the Pandemic', akin to Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, and shared 35 of these tales, which, in due course, they hope to publish online or in a pamphlet.

With the authors' permission, we print two of these tales as a 'taster', and encourage Record readers to obtain the whole compendium of tales, when it becomes available.

Blessings and Trees by Anne Anderson

We have had a fairly unusual and very fortunate lockdown. Our daughter Gail, who lives in London, had a baby just before Christmas which was wonderful. Our son-in-law John is an army officer, who can only be with Gail and baby Hamish at weekends, in normal times. As things became less and less normal in March, we became more and more concerned. Gail was in a small flat with a new baby, largely on her own, and things in London were pretty tense, with shops emptied by panic buying, people ignoring guidance and so on. As the pandemic worsened and talk of a total lockdown increased, we spoke to Gail and told her she was welcome to come home. By happy chance John had a few days leave, and they were able to throw things in the car and drive north, days before the lockdown was imposed.

It has been a great joy to have them with us. Seeing our little grandson grow has been lovely, but the greatest blessing we have found is that we feel we have been able to do something useful in these very difficult times. Gail was pretty exhausted when she arrived, and, as Hamish has had many teeth arrive relatively early, there have been many broken nights for mum. Each morning, Grannie Annie was able to take young Hamish for playtime while a very tired Gail caught up on some much-needed sleep. Sharing the challenge of keeping a small baby entertained when there were so many restrictions, also made us feel we were doing some good, which brings us to trees.

On our once-a-day exercise we developed a standard route, and, while pushing the pram around Giffnock we became much more aware of trees. There was a particularly lovely large white cherry tree in someone's garden, where we would pause on the pavement and let Hamish look up at the blossom, snowy white against the blue sky. There was a tiny scrap of woodland which we passed every day where we saw the seasons change from primroses to bluebells to the trees in full leaf. There is a much less impressive cherry blossom in our own garden, which Hamish liked to stare at if the breeze was blowing the leaves.

Our much-loved visitors left this week and are flying off to the USA for two years, as John has been posted to West Point Military Academy. We don't know when we will be able to visit, and so we are particularly grateful for the blessings of our lockdown - and our increased appreciation of trees.

VJ 75th Anniversary



At 11am on Saturday 15/08/2020, staff from the 86th Glasgow Boys' Brigade attended a short service led by Rev Catherine Beattie at the Giffnock South Cenotaph, to remember all those affected by the war in Burma and the Middle East.

Warrant Officer Ian McDonach provided an excellent piping rendition of Flowers of the Forest and Amazing Grace.

There was only a small number of people present, and all were mindful of being socially distant, but we were all together in our thoughts, for those who had gone before, so that we might be free to live our lives without that conflict.

It is 75 years since peace in Japan was agreed. Long may we remember them.

ERGoodCauses passes the £1 million mark during lockdown

Local charity East Renfrewshire Good Causes (ERGC) has reached the incredible milestone of giving out £1 million of "goods & services" in the local authority area of East Renfrewshire.

The charity, launched by registered blind man Russell Macmillan from Newton Mearns, was set up after he received a life saving, type 1 diabetes curing, pancreas and kidney transplant in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary in January 2007. Russell said:-

"Guided by my personal Christian Faith, I wanted the 2 organs to "live on" inside me and power the work of loving our neighbours in memory of the sadly deceased organ donor, thanking God and everyone involved in the NHS team for my second gift of life."

ERGoodCauses, although technically a charity, is more of a good neighbour club as it looks to provide a helping hand to show residents in ER, that their community cares about them, especially when going through a variety of different issues from Autism to Alzheimers, and virtually all else in between. The "Good Neighbour Club" aims to start providing "goods & services" just above the state provision, and that way all members of our community can come together to raise the local standard. Russell went on to say:-

"Reaching the £1 million mark is beyond my wildest dreams, and I hope the donor is in heaven looking down approvingly at the many achievements and more than 2600 individuals helped, thanks to her 2 organs living on inside me. This miraculous raising of local standards has been made possible thanks to the many churches, businesses, groups and individuals supporting the work we do, and I would like to say a massive thanks to all in our community for making East Renfrewshire a wonderful place to live. [Working together lets us love more neighbours.](#)"

Sunflower Spectacular



The sunflower was traditionally given as a symbol of adoration, with its large beautiful blooms regarded as one of the most joyous and flamboyant flowers. It seemed fitting therefore to surround our church with joy, and, thanks to a large army of helpers, the sunflower installation has been appreciated by the local community, and brought smiles to faces during this difficult period in our lives.

The sunflower growing competition has been a challenge for growers, coping with high temperatures in May and June, strong winds and a wet July. Despite this, half of the entrants grew flowers over 2m in height. The tallest was 3.05m and the smallest 0.99m.

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Prizes were presented on Sunday 23 August and the winners were:

Preschool	Jack Sneddon
P1-3	Rachel Veale
P4-7	Luisa Stewart
Secondary	Emily Worthington
Adult	Elaine Cartlidge
Friend of Orchardhill	Ronnie Falconer



Thanks again to everyone who made the sunflower growing competition and installation possible. It was a fantastic team effort. It's not too late to post your sunflower photos to sunflower@orchardhill.org.uk

Huntly/Bridges/CHIPS - the effects of COVID

What a summer. What a few months! As we reach the point where schools go back and we hopefully return to some sort of normality, the last few months almost seem like a bit of a dream. In some ways the time has flown by, and in other ways, going to a church service, school or even some shops seems like a lifetime ago.

But Covid was not totally getting in the way of our church community. We just had to be a bit more creative.



Huntly was still isolating so, as we were not able to all meet up as normal, the Huntly Hound booklet was created. It was full of stories, challenges, puzzles and colouring, ideas which hopefully appealed to a wide age range of primary school aged children. Hopefully some kids got some enjoyment from the puzzles or the Hunt for Huntly. Did anyone see him in windows dotted about Giffnock? Or did anyone notice the actual life size Huntly hiding?

After meeting up weekly on a virtual basis, the Bridges/CHIPS folks were looking forward to our usual summer week and seeing each other properly – not just in a wee box on a screen. Sadly, ongoing regulations resulted in us having to cancel our

plans at quite a late stage. The only option available was pizza in the park. We arrived in glorious sunshine. 10 minutes later it started to pour and didn't stop. It didn't deter us ordering a Dominoes pizza from our car boots! It was just so lovely to see everyone in person and not have that split second delay in conversation!

Hopefully this time next year I will be telling you about our successful mission weeks which we have been able to hold as normal in the church and halls.

Orchardhill Community Café

At the start of the lockdown in March, we had a considerable amount of money in the bank, so we decided to distribute it to various charities as follows:

£700 each to Glasgow City Mission, Crossreach, Lodging House Mission, Simon Community, Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice.

In addition, we have also donated £1000 to Orchardhill Church. September is Macmillan month and we will be able to donate to that also.

We have no idea what the future of the cafe might be but we hope we will be able to do something - even if it means having to bring your own scone! In the meantime we thank you all for your support and look forward in hope to seeing you all again.

"Iknow Church"

We continue to roll out the IKnow Church Administration platform and with the return of morning worship It is proving invaluable. Here are a couple examples of the way Iknow is helping.

Communication. Through Iknow Church, we now have a far more effective way of communicating with members and groups, and can pull together various permutations of groups of people that we wish to contact.

Ticketing module. We have modified the ticketing module that is part of Iknow so that we have an accurate record of who is attending church on Sunday mornings for the Governments "Protect and Test" guidelines. Of course, If someone turned up without a ticket, we can still very quickly arrange for them to be made welcome to worship on a Sunday morning. While we are in this time of national pandemic, the situation means that we have to know the numbers and the contact details of everyone attending church, and this is the easiest way to do it. However, along with many other changes to our lives in 2020, including queueing to enter a supermarket or having to wear a face covering in public places, no one would have believed that you would require a ticket to attend church, and, if you had said that to them just 6 months ago, they'd have laughed.

Rotas. The Church service on a Sunday morning is only possible with the helpers. People on the door to welcome you. People inside to show you to your seats. People to bring the offering forward, people to run the Media desk, people to administer and look after the elements. All these people are rotated throughout the year on the various church rotas, which, thanks to Iknow, are a lot simpler to see and administer now. Over the coming months, we have a mixture of people welcoming you to church, and some reading the Bible, and some will read the bible remotely. Some will pray and others will make it all sound and look tremendous. The one thing that Iknow can help with is keeping everyone notified of when they are on duty next.

Holidays. Iknow even keeps track of everyone's availability, so that a person is not selected for a rota when they are on holiday, or not available to assist. By completing your availability on Iknow, then the need to swap dates becomes a thing of the past.

In lots of little ways "I know" is helping everyone.

Private Prayer & Contemplation

Orchardhill has started opening during the week on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Church will be open between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon, for people who wish private prayer and contemplation. Numbers will be limited, as this will offered within COVID guidelines, so a face mask should be worn.

Life and Work

Due to the current Coronavirus concerns, we are operating with most staff either working from home in accordance with advice issued by the UK and Scottish Governments, or not currently working because they have been officially furloughed. We aim to maintain an appropriate level of staff representation across all departments to provide an uninterrupted service but there will inevitably be potential for some delays in dealing with business. We therefore ask for your patience, and confirm that we will reply to your message as soon as we are able to do so. Our departmental email address magazine@lifeandwork.org continues to be monitored.

Further information and advice on a number of topics is available on the Church of Scotland website www.churchofscotland.org.uk, including specific advice on various matters relating to the Coronavirus pandemic which can be found at <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/covid-19-coronavirus-advice>

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The financial repercussions of lockdown

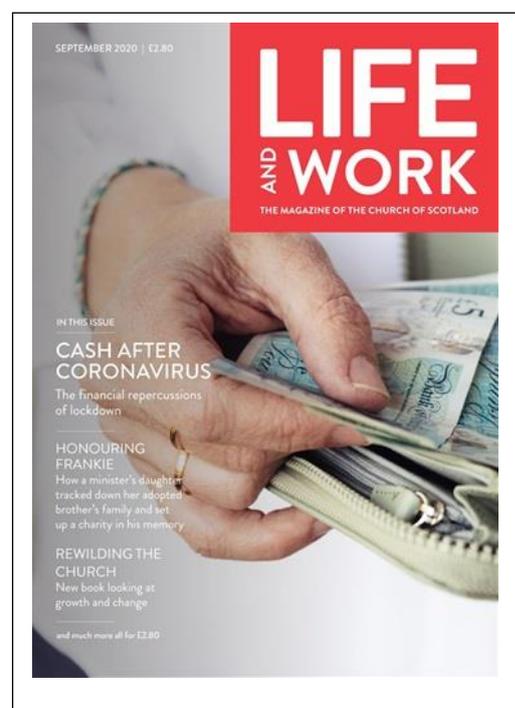
HONOURING FRANKIE

How a minister's daughter tracked down her adopted brother's family and set up a charity in his memory

REWILDING THE CHURCH

New book looking at growth and change

....plus much more across 52 pages



Orchardhill Record

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the October edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 13th September. Due to the ongoing situation with Covid19, the Orchardhill Record publication schedule may be disrupted.

Please continue to submit your articles for inclusion and we will produce an online copy available via the church website:

www.orchardhill.org.uk

Tribute to Bill Yuill

As Bill Yuill's elder for the past 25 years, I had the privilege of visiting him and Elizabeth at their home in Church Road. I enjoyed hearing about his childhood in Renfrew, where he was born in 1931, and we shared stories of favourite cycling routes both south and north of the Clyde. During the Second World War Bill and his older sister, Isabel, were sent to stay with friends who farmed at Patna, east Ayrshire. He thoroughly enjoyed his time there and often returned to meet old friends.

On leaving the John Neilson Institute in Paisley, he enrolled for a Chemistry degree at Glasgow University, graduating in 1951. After a short spell as a research scientist at Templeton's carpet factory in Bridgton, he started work as a chemist with the City Analysts Department of the Corporation of Glasgow in 1955 and retired after 40 years of service.

Despite his busy professional commitments, Bill managed to enjoy a full family and social life.

As a young man, a favourite pastime was attending the Saturday night dances at the Men's Union of Glasgow University, where he met Elizabeth, his future wife. Their relationship blossomed and they were married in 1957. After moving to Giffnock in 1958, they started attending Orchardhill Church. Daughters Sheila and Fiona were both baptised in Orchardhill by the Rev. Hamish McKenzie. Bill was ordained as an Elder in 1976 and served his district in Forres Av and Forres Gate with great commitment.

Bill was a very active member of Orchardhill. For many years he tended the church gardens with great care and diligence, and often recalled caring for a large bed of roses, now sadly gone, outside the Memorial Halls. With Elizabeth, they organised the distribution of the *Life and Work* magazine and often ended up delivering other distributors' bundles if they were on holiday. Bill rarely missed church services and events, and was a great supporter of Session and Board meetings, offering courteous and thoughtful contributions. He became a regular attendee at the Guild meetings, when they opened to male members. He had a knack of managing to appear in most of the photographs of the Guild's Christmas lunches, grinning broadly with a colourful party hat in situ.

Bill's other interests included lapidary, gardening, golf, indoor and outdoor bowls, and the Mearns Probus Group. He was especially enthusiastic and skilled in completing the Herald crossword, so much so that I rarely visited his house to find an incomplete crossword. Bill had recently resigned as an active elder to look after Elizabeth, which he did with characteristic quiet commitment and great care. I have a lasting memory of Bill and Elizabeth walking arm in arm down Church Road to attend one of the many church events which they supported. Bill will be much missed by everyone at Orchardhill.

Tribute to Jim Johnston

Born in 1931, James Alexander Johnston, known to us as Jim, passed peacefully on 28 July 2020, aged 88.

Jim will be fondly known by many in Orchardhill as an elder and active participant in the church, regularly sitting at the back of the sanctuary with the ladies he had a soft spot for, since his wife Margaret passed in 2017.

In his professional life, he worked in accounts for Edinburgh-based brewers William Younger, having earlier served his National Service in Egypt with the Royal Signals. After taking early retirement, together with Margaret, they owned and ran The Golf Hotel in Aberlady.

Jim became an elder at Orchardhill in October 1994, and took on District 27, visiting members in the heart of the parish including Church Road and Penrith Avenue.

Jim was one of life's true "gentlemen" and always took time to talk to, and have a kind word for, everyone.

Jim and Margaret were married for over 60 years and have two beautiful daughters, Karen and Susan. Susan and husband Raymond brought further joy to Jim and Margaret with their daughters Sarah and Hannah. Jim was very proud of his family and supported his grand-daughters throughout their childhood and education.

Jim will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure to know him, and the rear sanctuary will be a little quieter without his joyful singing.

Romans 8:38-39.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Welcomers' Rota

SEPTEMBER

6	Irene Kinniburgh	Valerie Clarke	Jim Blair
13	May Liddle	Dorothy Cartlidge	Irene Kinniburgh
20	Irene Kinniburgh	Dorothy Cartlidge	May Liddle
27	Jo Weir	Susan McQuilter	Marion Watson

Offering Teams

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
6	Valerie Clarke, Peter Worthington, Ann Pope	4	Susan McQuilter, Fiona Coupar, Norma Hannah
13	Dorothy Cartlidge, Peter Worthington, Ann Pope	11	Alex Mall, Fiona Thomson, Joyce Winning
20	Dorothy Cartlidge, Roseanne Henderson, Bruce Paterson	18	Alex Mall, Fiona Thomson, Joyce Winning
27	Susan McQuilter, Fiona Coupar, Bruce Paterson	25	Hilary Kennedy, Irene Kinniburgh, Colin Williamson

Scripture Readers

SEPTEMBER

6 Garry Crosbie **13** Linda Moir **20** Ian Anderson **27** Shona Fisher

Prayer Readers

SEPTEMBER

6 Ian Anderson **13** Gillian Irvine **20** Ian Cartlidge **27** Judy Byrne

Congregational Register

New members:

Dr Elaine Cartlidge and Reverend Graham Cartlidge

Deaths: Well done thou good and faithful servant. Rest safe in the Lord.

Bill Yuill – 26.6.20

James Johnston – 28.7.20

Margaret McCulloch – 16.8.20

Church Service

Worship has now recommenced in Orchardhill. Services are being conducted in accordance with Government regulations and health guidelines. Numbers will be restricted to 50 in total and social distancing will be strictly observed. Full details of how to book a seat can be found on the Orchardhill website.

However, if you do not have a ticket when you come to church this will not preclude you from entry.

We continue to stream the service online each Sunday morning from 10.30am, again this can be found on the Orchardhill website, or if you know of anyone who isn't online they can listen in by calling 0141 465 5678. Catch up via the podcast, set up once and the services will automatically appear in your Podcast App ready for you to listen to the service.

We are committed to ensuring that all who cannot attend church can still participate fully in worship. We look forward to welcoming you – in person or on-line.

If you wish to talk to the minister, please phone: Rev. Grant Barclay 07506 549529

Church Office

Although the office staff are continuing to work from home it is possible to meet with either one of them in the Church building, by prior arrangement only, meetings will be arranged in another room to maintain social distancing.

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Quiz



If Genesis equals 84 what do Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy each equal?

Answers to – record-team@orchardhill.org.uk by Sunday 13th September.



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