

THE RECORD



Winter 2020

*When you go home, tell them of us, and say
"For your to-morrows these gave their to-day".*





A Word from your Minister

Let's stay connected

Of course, the primary focus of our attention at Remembrance is on those who gave their lives in armed struggle. Yet we also remember, often in our Remembrance service, those who served (some of whom also fell) at home, and those whose hearts have endured the pain of loss for many years. The cost of conflict is paid principally by those most closely involved in fighting, but war demands a widespread, costly, collective effort.

We find ourselves battling an unseen but virulent enemy in Covid-19. There is no evacuation but there is isolation, a continuing prohibition on the very activities which make us who we are – celebrating, chatting or worshipping. If we thought in the late summer that we were nearly there, the past few weeks have taught us this war is far from over. It demands collective effort by all who must remain more physically apart than they wish, and by those on the front-line not of conflict but of discovery as a vaccine is sought, and developed, and mass-produced. There are other front lines: testing, treating those who are ill, and increasingly tending to the casualties not only of illness and death, but of economic hardship as the virus takes a large, and continuing, toll on livelihoods and economic activity.

Jesus uses war as an illustration in a parable. A king determines, before he will fight, whether he has the strength to oppose his enemy. If he has not, he will seek peace rather than enter battle. We cannot interact with infection in this way. The only response, then, is to act. In these darkening days of winter, our action is to seek life and love through talking, in meeting where it's safe, being and remaining in regular touch. 'Let's stay connected' is more than a motto on a church banner – though it is displayed outside Orchardhill for good reason. It is a strategy for victory, and one which demands the costly involvement of all of us.

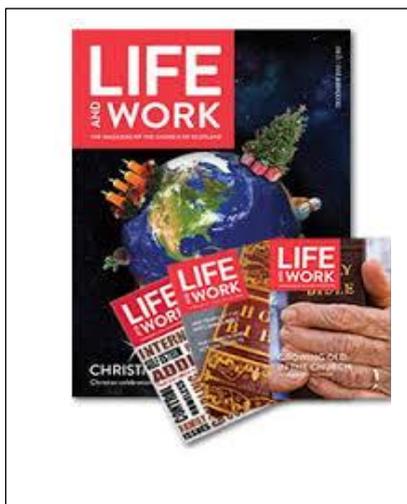
Do, then, keep in touch with as many as you can, in as many ways as you are able. Have faith, too, that God remains connected with all people. The promise is 'I shall never leave you nor forsake you.'

Staying connected, indeed.

Your Minister,

Grant Barclay.

Life & Work 2021 Order



The order renewal for Life & Work for 2021 is now due. There are some different ways you can renew this year –

In the current climate, Life & Work recognises the obstacles some people may face in receiving a copy of the magazine via their church. To support their loyal readers they are now offering the opportunity to have the magazine sent direct to their home.

** There is a special promotion to anyone who switches to this option, 12 months for £30 (2 free issues).

** Savings can also be made by subscribing to a digital edition - www.lifeandwork.org 6 months £11.99 | 12 months £20.99 | single issue £1.99

** The option to continue to order via the church is still available and will be priced at £36. Please contact the church office by Tuesday 3 November, with your preference this year. 0141 638 3604 or secretary@orchardhill.org.uk

What Is Orchardhill Doing With ERGC?

There is a steady stream of people, in less fortunate circumstances than ourselves, who need our help. Please assist by making a contribution in an ERGC envelope and placing it in the Sunday offering (or hand in to the Church Office). Orchardhill's help is appreciated by those in need.

Situation: The client has mobility issues and needs support to remain active and be part of his local community. He has Downs syndrome with autism and mobility issues and is reliant on benefits. He enjoys adapted cycling and mother wishes cycling to be part of his lifestyle to keep healthy. The client is in his own flat with support but has not got a garage or space to keep a trike, therefore needs a folding trike.

Solution: His mother will meet half the cost, Orchardhill has been asked to contribute part of the remaining cost i.e. £280

Situation: The client has arthritis and needs to use a wheelchair when outdoors, but his wife finds it difficult to push the wheelchair up hills.

Solution: Adapting the wheelchair by adding a power pack. Orchardhill asked to make 25% contribution of £150

Situation: The client has ASD and sensory problems and will not tolerate shoulder straps; this upsets him greatly, and he can escape even added restraints.

Solution: Special car seat equipment would allow his family to be able to take the client out in the car without worry for his safety, to be able to safely drive to health appointments and family outings. Orchardhill asked to make 50% contribution of £115

The Place2Be Team - Croftfoot

I have always believed, just like the hymn says - that 'church is not a building, church is the people'. What I have learned through lockdown is that this is also true for schools. The coronavirus pandemic has shown us that schools and churches are still very much at the centre of communities, especially at times of crisis.

Initially when I heard that the schools I work in were going to have to close, I worried about all the children and young people, especially those who were in counselling with my Place2Be team. I also worried about how the families, who were already struggling, were going to cope. Although one of my schools was able to stay open for the children of key workers and vulnerable families, this would only allow us to reach a small proportion of our pupils. Relationships are key to our work in schools, how could we keep these relationships going?

Firstly we did this through technology. As well as the home learning channels, our head teacher set up our own YouTube channel. Staff made videos for the children – reading stories, baking, doing maths games etc. and I made a relaxation one for children who were struggling to sleep. The pupils' favourite was one where every member of staff wrote a message for the children, with the song "I'll Be There For You" as the soundtrack.

Many of our families didn't have the technology to join us online, so we kept in touch by phone. My work shifted from counselling with the children to supporting the parents. Support was needed with the difficulties of lockdown, worries, behaviour, struggles with home learning, housing issues, support through bereavements, and many more. Some parents have said that these weekly calls were their link to the outside world during that time. These phone calls continued through the summer holidays and into the new term, to support children back to school.

Some families were struggling financially too, so the school set up a food bank to help. We also delivered food parcels and learning packs to our families who were shielding. With the closure of the school building for the summer, we hit the problem of how to keep this practical support going for our most vulnerable families. This is where the churches stepped in – Croftfoot Parish Church to run the food bank and the congregation of Orchardhill who so kindly donated items to keep this going.

Croftfoot Parish Church has continued to open its doors every Thursday morning and there is always a queue of people waiting. The need has grown, and they are now supporting over 40 local families on a weekly basis, as well as others who occasionally need extra help. At first they tried to provide all a family could need – clothes, books, toys, as well as food and household items. However due to space restrictions they are now focusing on food and toiletries, and some items to help over the winter. Anyone unable to attend the church due to illness, isolation or family issues, will have items delivered to their door.

Carloads of donations have been taken from Orchardhill over the past few months and Croftfoot are very thankful for all the support that the kind members of Orchardhill have given. When they run short of donations they have been buying items from 'In Kind Direct', a charity that supplies products for those most in need. It is hoped that once social distance restrictions are lifted, Croftfoot will be able to set up a drop in café, where people can come for a chat as well as to collect items they need. They also plan to become a Welcome Church, supplying packs for new families arriving in the area, which will be especially helpful for the many families seeking asylum who are housed in Croftfoot and surrounding areas.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this need and reached out to help our neighbouring community. Churches and schools are indeed much more than their buildings.



Church Service

Please note that whilst church services will take place here on Sundays at 10:30am with limited numbers in attendance, you can still participate in online worship from Orchardhill at

www.orchardhill.org.uk

or by listen in by dialing 0141 465 5678

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

Zoom Art Evenings

Art Evenings continue on Tuesdays at 7.00pm with -

3 November – Gordon, Fiona and Rachel Thomson – Illustrated Highlights of Sicily

10 November – Gareth Griffiths – Introduction to Mount Stuart House on the Isle of Bute – architecture, paintings, and other items in the collection

Zoom login details can be found here
www.orchardhill.org.uk/meeting-upvirtually/

Life and Work

In the November Issue

Service and Needs

Looking back at the Church's work providing for the forces at home and abroad during the Second World War.

What Matters Most

Jackie Macadam meets Sarah Davidson, chief executive of the Carnegie UK Trust, and learns about the influence of faith on her life.

War, Sacrifice and Gratitude

Jeff Hopewell describes how stained glass has been used in some churches to remember the sacrifices of war.

Trusting God

The Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair says we are going to have to get better at living with uncertainty, trusting that God is with us.

Stop Fuelling the Fire

Kirsten Clarke describes her year as one of Christian Aid's Prophetic Activists

With Scorching Heat and Drought

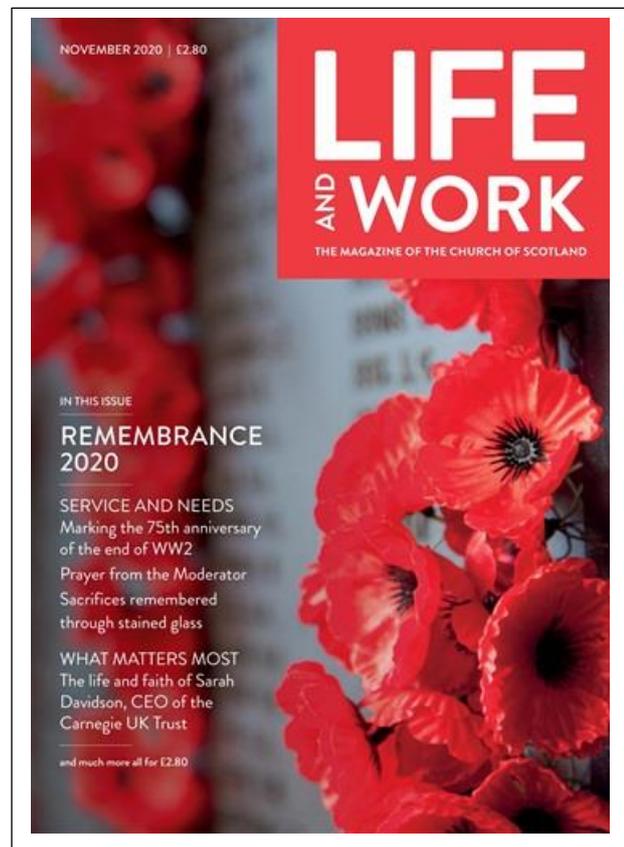
Adrian Shaw reflects on the Church of Scotland's history on climate change.

Poppies, Medals and Hot Chocolate

The Very Rev Albert Bogle reflects on the month of November

Online

Visit www.lifeandwork.org for news and exclusive features, including Coronavirus Diaries from Church of Scotland mission partners across the world. You can also find us at facebook.com/lifeandwork or on Twitter @cofslifeandwork



Tree of Kindness



We are hoping to launch our Tree of Kindness collection this month. Further information will be published in the Enews in the coming weeks.

Congregational Register

Disjunction:

Rev. Fergus and Mrs Shona Cook

Deaths:

Betty Shaw – 16 October 2020

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

A full appreciation of Betty's life will appear in the next Orchardhill Record

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 1 November – Annual Bereavement Service 6.00pm. Due to the current restrictions on numbers able to gather, we would ask that you confirm your attendance either by calling 0141 638 3604 or emailing secretary@orchardhill.org.uk

Meeting up Virtually

Every Sunday from 11.30am, catch up with new and old friends after the service on a Sunday. It's a time to get together and chat about anything and everything. We can still do this, except you have to make your own coffee!

Every Wednesday from 7.00pm you are welcome to join our online time of worship and prayer midweek.

Wednesday 4 November - Wednesday 9 December- Gillian Rooney continues her prayer course evenings via zoom, on Wednesday after the midweek service, from 7.30pm -8.30pm. This will take the format of a video to watch together, and then a time to talk about the subjects raised. No previous experience or expertise is required. Everyone is welcome to join.

Art Evenings- The season continues at 7.00pm on 3 November with Illustrated Highlights of Sicily and 10 November with an Introduction to Mount Stuart House on the Isle of Bute – architecture, paintings and other items in the collection.

All Zoom logins can be found on the website - <https://www.orchardhill.org.uk/meeting-upvirtually/>

Orchardhill Record

The next standard issue of the Orchardhill Record will be February 2021. The deadline for inclusion of articles for this edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 17th January 2021. 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

November Rota

Date	Family Worship Service	Bible reading	Leading Prayers
01-11-2020	10.30 AM	Donald Carmichael	Angela Peacock
08-11-2020	10.30 AM	Angela Peacock	Dorothy Cartlidge
15-11-2020	10.30 AM	Colin Williamson	Margaret Howard
22-11-2020	10.30 AM	Judy Byrne	Lorna McLean
29-11-2020	10.30 AM	Jim Blair	Shona Fisher

Family Service	Welcome Team 1	Welcome Team 2	Welcome Team 3
01-11-2020	George Robertson	Dave Evans	Donald Carmichael
08-11-2020	George Robertson	Dorothy Cartlidge	Angela Peacock
15-11-2020	George Robertson	Dave Thomson	Colin Williamson
22-11-2020	George Robertson	Dave Thomson	Colin Williamson
29-11-2020	George Robertson	Valerie Clarke	Anne Craig

December Rota

Date	Family Worship Service	Bible reading	Leading Prayers
06-12-20	10.30 AM	Anne Barr	Willie Hendry
13-12-20	10.30 AM	Ian Cartlidge	Anne Anderson
20-12-20	10.30 AM	Lorna McLean	Dave Thomson
27-12-20	10.30 AM	Willie Hendry	David Howard

Family Service	Welcome Team 1	Welcome Team 2	Welcome Team 3
6-12-20	George Robertson	Valerie Clarke	Anne Craig
13-12-20	George Robertson	Ian Cartlidge	Anne Anderson
20-12-20	George Robertson	Norma Hannah	Dave Thomson
27-12-20	George Robertson	Jim Mackinnon	Norma Hannah

Youth and Family

Something which is very important and is mentioned a lot in the Bible is food! Remember the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 with Loaves and fishes. Or the story of Jesus last meal with his Disciples - the Last Supper. Recently at Stepping Stones we learned Of a thin bread called Manna that rained from heaven.

At this time of year we think of Harvest and all the foods that we are so Grateful for.

This month our youth section all relates in some way to food or Harvest

See if you can find the missing words listed below. The unused letters Spell out 3 food and drinks which I am fairly sure we did not hear about In the Bible!

N	O	M	A	N	N	I	C	P	C
K	L	I	M	I	N	O	I	N	O
F	I	G	S	Z	Z	A	L	I	R
L	V	M	U	S	T	A	R	D	N
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R	A	N	M	N	C	O	L	A	A
L	O	A	V	E	S	A	L	T	D

Cinnamon, corn, date, figs, fish, flour, garlic, loaves, manna,
Milk, mustard, olives, onion, salt, wine

Leftovers spell; _____
_____/_____

HARVEST(ISH) RELATED JOKES

Why couldn't the pony make a speech at the harvest festival?
Because he was a little horse!

What did the farmer say when he lost his tractor?
"Where is my tractor?"

What is a scarecrow's favourite food?
Straw-berries!

Why shouldn't you tell a secret on a farm?
Because the corn have ears and the potatoes have eyes!

Which farm animal keeps the best time?
A watch dog

What do you get when you cross a robot and a tractor?
A transfarmer

What grows under your nose?
Tulips

Where do farmers send their kids to grow?
Kinder garden

What did the baby corn say to Mama corn?
Where's Pop corn?

If you have any less "corn"y jokes please email me at youthandfamily@orchardhill.org.uk

RANDOM FOOD FACTS

The most expensive pizza costs €12000

It takes 72 hours to make & had toppings include caviar and lobster. *Not exactly a Hawaiian!!*

Ketchup used to be used as a medicine

In early 1800s tomatoes were thought to have medicinal qualities & a doctor claimed it could cure diarrhoea and indigestion. *Not sure I am convinced!*

White chocolate is not technically chocolate

It does not have any of the components of regular chocolate. *Which explains why it tastes nowhere near as nice!*

One in four hazelnuts end up in Nutella

They are in such high demand that some universities are trying to grow them in labs. *That is just nuts*

McDonalds sells 2.5 billion hamburgers every year

This equates to 75 burgers every second. *The Golden Arches never sleep!*

There is a phobia called Arachibutyrophobia

A fear of peanut butter - particularly sticking to the roof of your mouth. *A phobia I definitely do not have - I love peanut butter!*

Margherita pizza was named after a queen

Queen Margherita visited Naples and asked for plain "poor persons food". *Thank goodness she did - this is my favourite pizza!*

FOOD IN SONG – CAN YOU GUESS THE MISSING FOODS?

The Rolling Stones; B _____ / S _____

DNCE; C _____ by the Ocean Floor

Harry Styles; W _____ / S _____

Don McLean; American P _____

Booker T & The MGs ; Green O _____

Christina Aguilera; Lady M _____

Mark Knopfler; My B _____ / R _____

Millie Small ; My Boy L _____

Def Leppard; Pour Some S _____ On Me

The Beatles ; S _____ Fields Forever

The Archies ; S _____ / S _____

Kate Nash ; P _____ / S _____

Snoop Dogg ; P _____ 'n' C _____

Ladbaby; We Built this City on S _____ / R _____

Best birthday wishes to Amy who
turns 5 on the 11th November
All your friends at Orchardhill
hope you have a lovely day

I hope you have enjoyed all these food related pages.
I don't know about you but I am hungry now! Let us
finish with a prayer

Thank you God for filling our souls with love and our
plates with food
Please care for those who are less fortunate and help
guide us, so that we can do good and help people
We pray for our farmers who work tirelessly growing crops
And we pray for all those who work in factories and shops
to ensure that we are able to get healthy and tasty food.
Amen

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