



THE RECORD



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A Word from Gillian Rooney



Gillian's Letter

We are fast approaching the season of Lent, a traditionally sombre time when we recall Jesus' journey toward his death. As Christians we believe that we are saved through our faith in Jesus Christ, and, through this faith, we are transformed - that we want to become more like Jesus.

This goal can seem impossible because we think we must be perfect, and are disappointed when we very quickly realise that this is not the case. Transformation, though, is a process and starts with a step. This Lent, join us in church as we consider that our imperfect faith is good enough, that, whilst perfection may be out of our human reach, having the desire to try, or to even start trying, is good enough.

The season of Lent is a time when we try to draw closer to Jesus. There are many ways that we can do this. Some already-established bible study groups are starting to meet once more - if this is something that you would be interested in being involved with, let me know, and I can connect you with the right people. There will also be opportunities to meet and explore some different spiritual practises, so please keep an eye on the website and notices for more information.

Many people use the 40 days of the Lenten period to fast from certain foods or habits, whilst others decide to take up new ways. Whatever you do, take positive steps to get to know Jesus better, which will allow us to worship with our whole hearts and with our whole selves, giving rise to a faith which is authentic, a faith that is transforming you, a faith that transforms us, a faith that transforms the whole world.

Yours in Christ

Gillian

Invitation from Rev Fergus Cook

Dear All,

Each of you has in some way been involved in my journey to becoming a Church of Scotland minister. As you know I was ordained and inducted to Blackhall St Columba's Parish Church, here in Edinburgh, two days before the first lockdown began, on 21st March 2020.

As a consequence, my planned ordination and induction was attended by only 7 people (Shona was only allowed because she had an ipad and could record bits!). In addition, BStC's was undergoing a massive refurbishment of the sanctuary which, because of lockdown, did not open in the manner in which we intended.

In an effort to rectify some of these things, we are having a 'Service of Rededication and Celebration of Induction' at 3pm on Sunday 20th March 2022, almost exactly two years since I was inducted. Following the service, we are hosting an 'afternoon tea' in our halls.

I would like to extend an invitation to this service and afternoon tea to each of you and, for those with congregations that I have trained with, to the congregation also.

In order that we can cater for this event I would be obliged if you could gauge any interest and let me know numbers of people who may wish to attend. Please email Fcook@churchofscotland.org.uk or call 0131 332 4431

Many thanks and best wishes
Rev Fergus Cook

Those interested in attending Fergus's special service should speak with our Minister, Gillian, or make contact with the Church secretary on 638 3604, or email secretary@orchardhill.org.uk. We will be holding the Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation during morning service that Sunday, 20th March, but there will be plenty of time afterwards to travel to Edinburgh.

From Roy Henderson Convener, Presbytery Plan Creation Group

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven”

What is our purpose to be in these times? That is the question which the Presbytery Plan Creation Group is now dealing with.

I think this is a time to face facts, to pull up and to plant, to build on what has been done and to continue that work urgently.

☐ Time to face facts: The 2021 General Assembly instructed all presbyteries to review and update their mission plans by the end of 2022.

☐ Time to pull-up and plant: The Presbytery of Glasgow has been allocated a total of 84 ‘ministry’ posts. We currently have 123 charges, and many church buildings.

☐ Time to complete work already begun: The Presbytery Mission Plan Review Group and last year’s local focus groups have given us 21 principles to abide by.

Now, we all have work to do: The PPCG has to bring a draft Mission Plan before Presbytery for approval by September, and the Faith Nurture Forum and General Trustees by December.

It is important to us that we consult with local churches and take their comments and concerns into consideration. We are a diverse Presbytery; we are coming from different starting places and our congregations each have their own characters and histories. There will be change. Change both excites and threatens us, and I can relate to both reactions.

We face hard choices. No parish or post is ‘immune’. As in bereavement, when we feel shock, numbness, anxiety or denial, we react with denial, defensively, even angrily. After all, we are experiencing loss, shared, personal and cultural.

However, I do wonder where will defensiveness lead? Denial might deliver a short-term pay-off; a committee given a bloody nose; a hard choice left for another day; the illusion of business as usual. We could split into parties ‘for and against’ or argue over the inheritance. All very understandable and very human, but is there another way?

What if we own these feelings? What if we say, “Yes, I *do* feel threatened. We *are* angry and resentful” and go on to say, “Alright, we *won’t* pretend that this is what we’d choose normally, but we have to deal with it. This is the time.” This cannot be wished away. Much has already been done and *now* we have to see it through.

Your PPCG will work conscientiously to bring a draft plan before Presbytery. Then Presbytery will decide.

Over the coming weeks and months we will make every effort to maintain regular contact with you. It is important that you know how we are progressing and it is equally

important to us that we know about your comments and concerns. What can you offer in this shared effort?

Yours in Christ

Roy Henderson Convener, Presbytery Plan Creation Group

Orchardhill will be in Zone 4 (mainly South side churches) -

Zone 4

Govan & Linthouse

Ibrox

Kinning Park

Pollokshields

Hillington Park

Cardonald

Sherbrooke

Mosspark St James'

Pollok

Eastwood

St Christopher's Priesthill
& Nitshill

Carnwadric

Thornliebank

Newton Mearns

Maxwell Mearns

Broom

Mearnskirck

Busby

Greenbank Giffnock:

Orchardhill Giffnock:

South Giffnock:

The Park

Williamwood

St Andrew's and St Nicholas

Shawlands Trinity

Pollokshaws

Merrylea

Newlands South

Netherlee and Stamperland

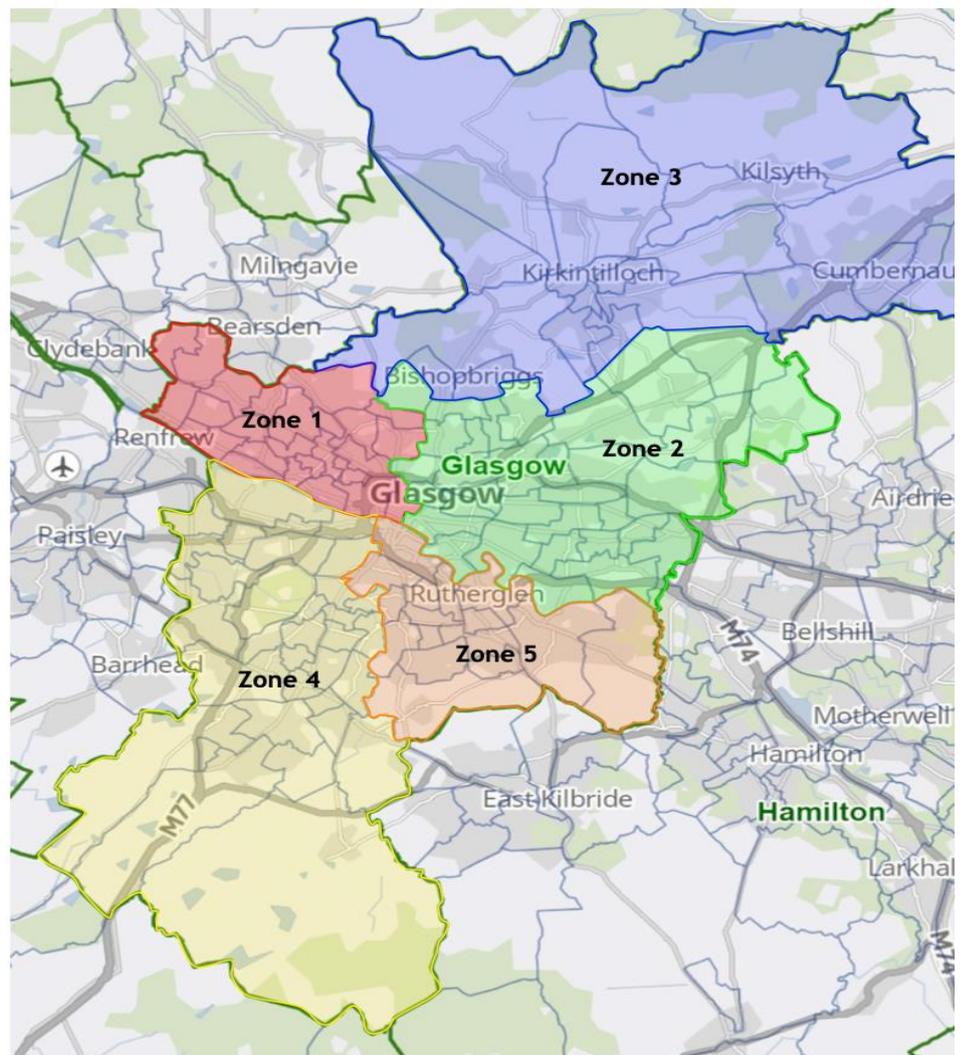
Langside

Eaglesham

The Presbytery of Glasgow

Proposed Zones

These five zones, used for Mission Plan consultation in 2021, may have use in allocating parish.



Life and Work

March 2022

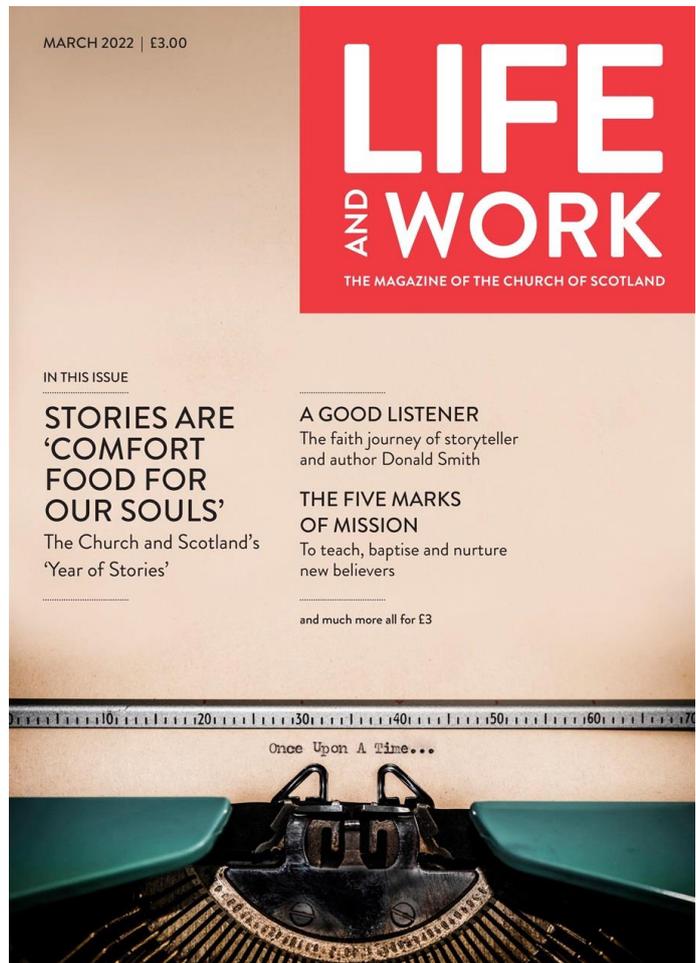
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And much more across 52 pages....



Orchardhill Record

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the April edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 20th March 2022.

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

www.orchardhill.org.uk

Congregational Roll

DEATH

Rosalie Barr

Date of Death 7th January 2022

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

The Choir

It was great to have the Choir back on the chancel after several weeks of isolation or a reduced ensemble. My thanks to all members, and our friends and members of CrossWords, who volunteered to be part of the rota during this time. Fingers crossed, we are now back to full strength each Sunday.

A date for your diary - **Palm Sunday 10th April at 10.30am** - the Choir will be singing the beautiful and meaningful cantata 'Who is this King?' by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M Martin. We started rehearsing for this cantata back in 2020, but the first national lockdown prevented us from presenting it. I'm delighted that we can now finish the piece and bring it to Orchardhill with a Choir of 16 voices - one not to be missed.

Later, in June, as part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, the Choir will be singing a specially written anthem that will be sung throughout the world at the exact same time - 9.45pm GMT on **Thursday 2nd June**. More details will be released over the weeks ahead, but we hope to bring you a Songs of Praise evening with the Choir accompanied by musicians, finishing with the Jubilee Anthem.

We hope you can come and support these events of Praise.

Many thanks

David Fisher

News on the Jane Haining Project

This is a Summary of an article on the Church of Scotland website – of special interest to Orchardhill folk since it mentions two people known well to us:

A new group has been established to promote the "living legacy" of a Scot who gave her life to protect Jewish school girls during the Holocaust. The Jane Haining Project was formed by a cohort of Christian and Jewish people who believe that her story is very relevant today in light of growing levels of antisemitism, racism, and intolerance. It is developing plans with public agencies to launch a national essay writing competition in Scottish secondary schools, and a digital heritage trail app. of notable places connected to the Kirk missionary, who died in Auschwitz, and the Jewish community.



Speaking on Holocaust Memorial Day, Rev Ian Alexander, a member of the project committee, said: "Jane Haining showed tremendous courage in the face of intolerable evil, and her heart-breaking and inspirational story is as important today as ever. "We hope that the exciting two core activities that are currently being developed will help keep her memory alive for generations to come." Miss Haining was the matron at the

Scottish Mission School in Budapest, Hungary, and refused to abandon "her girls" after the Second World War broke out in 1939, even though she knew her life was in danger. She was determined to stay in her post and continue doing her duty, and famously said 'If these children need me in days of sunshine, how much more do they need me in days of darkness?'

She managed to help keep the children, many of whom had been abandoned by their families, safe for four long years of hardship until she was betrayed by the Mission cook's son-in-law, a future SS soldier called Schreder, whom she caught stealing scarce food meant for the girls. Miss Haining died on the 17th of July 1944 with the Germans stating that she was admitted to hospital and succumbed to cachexia following intestinal catarrh but there are doubts to the validity of this "official" claim.

The Jane Haining project emerged from the West of Scotland branch of the Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) after author Mary Miller gave a talk about her book, 'Jane Haining: A Life of Love and Courage'. The committee is made up of 10 members including Mrs Miller and is chaired by Professor Anne Anderson, former vice-principal of the University of Glasgow. Miss Haining's selfless bravery led to her being posthumously awarded a Heroine of the Holocaust medal by the UK Government.



She is the only Scot to be named Righteous Among the Nations at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Israel's memorial to victims of the Holocaust. The Jane Haining Project would like to publish the winning essays, create online video blogs and encourage schools across Scotland to share them as well as discuss the missionary's story and legacy at assemblies. "We hope we can work towards having the resources embedded in the national curriculum because Holocaust education is not compulsory in Scotland, whereas it is in England," he added.

For more on this, contact: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2022/articles/new-project-remembers-living-legacy-of-scot-who-died-in-auschwitz>



Dear Supporters,

Our day centre is now open 8.30am to 3pm weekdays for those people who experience homelessness, exclusion and social isolation across the city. With our café providing free breakfast between 8.30-10am and lunch between noon and 2pm. We continue to make emergency clothing and food parcels available through our partner agencies.

In January, despite restrictions on mixing due to the omicron variant, we continued to serve;

Food Service	Breakfast	Lunch
Sit in meals	406 January (302 December)	717 January (572 December)
Take-out meals	32 January (79 December)	70 January (210 December)



Our Kitchen team were delighted when Fiona got in touch to say Mackie's Crisps had a large donation of stock to compliment the packed lunches we provide to the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre (formerly the Winter Night Shelter). Big thank you to Mackie's of Scotland and to Fiona and her family for driving to Perth to collect them on our behalf.

We continue to host the Health Protection Scotland team of vaccinators offering boosters and flu jags to our clients weekly.



We have Waverley care coming back in



to offer Blood Borne Virus testing on the 23rd February. Waverley Care recognise there are thousands of people in Scotland living with undiagnosed HIV or hepatitis C. Without a diagnosis, people cannot access effective treatments and are more likely to unknowingly pass their infection on. By providing services to suit local needs, and highlighting the range of alternative options available, together we can reduce barriers to access. We are pleased to be able to support this valuable harm reduction work.

Winter Weather Packs (hats/scarfs) distributed in January
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We celebrated Burns Day with a difference, with a visit from the staff of the RASOI, OREGANO & EAGLE LODGE restaurants who prepared a beautiful two course Indian lunch for all our visitors and staff. Great to share our celebrations with such a special treat.

We ask for your prayers as the team seek to advertise in-person activities restarting. Pray that the clinical health support we are providing reaches those who would most benefit. As the services pick up in numbers pray our staff and volunteers know Gods equipping.

May God bless you as you have blessed the least of these brothers and sisters of Christ.

(Matthew 25:40)

Deacon Claire Herbert, Chaplain to LHM.



Church Grounds Update

During lockdown many people in the community came into the church grounds to chat, and to discuss sunflowers. It is hoped that we can continue to draw attention to our Church by having seasonal garden features, as a form of outreach. This will inevitably cause extra garden work, in association with Gillian and the community hub at Orchardhill.

In this connection, the Congregational Board has approved the setting up of a gardening group. In the first instance this group will comprise Dorothy Cartlidge, Liz Dargie, Liz Hendry, Neil Mackenzie, Richard Park and Wendy Wallis. This group will be responsible for maintaining the grounds, and drawing up a plan for future maintenance, in accordance with the Church of Scotland's ambitious plan to become carbon neutral by 2030. This group is not exclusive, and will welcome extra help. Work parties will still be required, and please note that the first work party is scheduled for Saturday 23 April.

Last July we identified and measured trees in the church grounds, submitting our results to – 'Our Trees: Exploring Church Lands with Citizen Science' - in association with Edinburgh Napier University and The Church of Scotland. The public database is now open, and those interested can view at <https://exploreourtrees.wordpress.com/public-database/>.

A Lenten Reflection garden (Gillian's idea) will be in place on Wednesday 2 March, for 40 days. Your ideas and feedback would be much appreciated.

Dorothy Cartlidge

A Brother Like That

Paul received a car from his brother as a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve, when Paul came out of his office, a young boy was walking around the shiny new car, admiring it. "Is this your car, mister?" he asked.

Paul nodded "My brother gave it to me for Christmas." The boy was astounded. "You mean your brother gave it to you, and it didn't cost you nothing? Boy, I wish..." He hesitated.

Of course Paul knew that he was going to wish he had a brother like that. But what the lad said jarred Paul all the way down to his heels.

"I wish, the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that."

Paul looked at the boy in astonishment, then impulsively asked if he would like a ride in his car.

'Oh yes, I'd love that."

After a short ride, the boy turned and with his eyes aglow, said, "Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house?"

Paul smiled a little. He thought he knew what the lad wanted. He wanted to show his neighbours that he could ride home in a big fancy car. But Paul was wrong again. "Will you stop where those two steps are?" the boy asked.

He ran up the steps and, in a little while, Paul heard him come back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little crippled brother. He sat him down on the bottom step and pointed to the car.

"There she is, Buddy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn't cost him a penny. And some day I'm gonna give you one just like it...then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I've been trying to tell you about."

Paul got out and lifted the lad to the front seat of his car. The shining-eyed older brother climbed in beside him and the three of them began a memorable holiday ride. That Christmas Eve, Paul learned what Jesus meant when he said: "*It is more blessed to give...*"

This was written by 8-year-old, Danny Dutton of Chula Vista, California, for his third-grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God.

For the Children

Who loves a pancake?
Come along to the
church on Tuesday 1st March at 2.30pm
for our pop up
pancake event and enjoy a pancake
and a cuppa.
It will be flipping great fun!!!!!!

Can you solve these anagrams - all pancake toppings and ingredients



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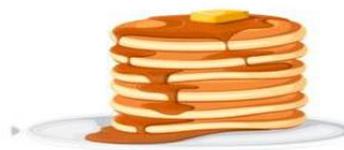
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At Orchardhill

Great fun was had at our January Messy creating lots of crafts about all things to do with Love

We are meeting again on Friday February 25th when there will be lots of games, crafts and a lovely dinner. Come along 4pm – 6pm and bring your friends. All families are welcome

Dates for future Messy Church

25th March
22nd April
20th May
24th June

Email youthandfamily@orchardhill.org.uk to register a place or Visit <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/> for more information

**Happy birthday
Rebecca – enjoy your
7th birthday on 23rd
March**



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