



THE RECORD



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A Word from Gillian Rooney



Gillian's Letter

Happy New Year - I hope that 2022 is kind to us all! It feels like a long time since my last letter and much has happened. The manse family are settling into life in Giffnock, and the girls are enjoying their new schools. We had a spell of online worship again as the Omicron wave hit the country, but I am glad to say that we are now able to join in worship in person. We will be continuing with our live streaming, so if you are concerned about returning to church at the moment, you are still able to worship with us. We do ask that, in line with government regulations, everyone attending in-person worship, takes a lateral flow test prior to coming to church. The big news is that from the 31st January, coffee and tea will be served after the service!

It has been a trying time for us all, and we look forward to better times. Our theme for the next few weeks is that God is holding our lives, and I am finding this helpful as I look to the next weeks and months. We are focussing on the Psalms and seeking to consider the ways that our God carries us - both in the good and in the bad of life. Please consider joining with us as we explore these wonderful ancient words and their significance for today.

The Orchardhill lighthouse has returned for a short stay, and there is a new message to be worked out; let me know what it is! I have asked for hymn and worship song suggestions for a *weekly congregational pick*, so please continue to email your choices to me.

We are starting a new walk and talk group on a Monday morning, meeting at the Boathouse Café in Rouken Glen at 10am, where we will take a walk around the park before getting a takeaway coffee. Join us for a walk and chat with friends old and new.

My thoughts and prayers remain with you in these days. I pray that as we move through the season of Epiphany, we will experience the presence and power of God in our lives, in our community and in our Church.

Yours in Christ

Gillian



working in partnership with



thanks **you**

for joining us in a Community Outreach to help tackle the grave issue of poverty affecting so many people in Scotland



Tree of Kindness Thank You

Wow – you’ve done it again!!

Because of your generosity and kindness, over 1250 children living in poverty received Christmas presents.

You may think it was a small thing to do, but YOU have made a big difference in another person’s life!

Your Help is Needed

TEA & COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE

As we get back into having tea and coffee after the service, we are looking for people to help serve and clear up after everyone has gone. The tables and trolley will be set up beforehand, and we just ask that you come out during the singing of the last hymn to be ready to serve people who sit at the tables.



FLOWER DELIVERY

We are looking for people to put their names onto the list at the Claremount door to help deliver flowers after the service. Flowers are taken from the display and put into bundles (usually 3); you don't need any floral qualifications to do this. Small cards, with names and addresses of those who will be receiving them, will be on the Communion table (or see Isabella).



CARNWADRIC DOOR DUTY

Every Wednesday between 10-12 noon, the doors are opened for people to bring along food for Carnwadic Church. It is good for someone who is dropping off the bags to be welcomed, therefore we are asking, if you can spare 2 hours on a Wednesday morning, please add your name to the list at the Claremount door or speak to Gillian or Isabella.



All of these duties may seem like small things, but it makes a **huge** difference to those receiving the flowers, just to let them know we in the church are thinking of them, serving the teas/coffees which allows people to have fellowship, and opening the doors to help the community.

Thanks in advance for your help.

A Note from John Miller

Dear members and friends of Orchardhill,

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to renew my ties with Orchardhill during the past year, when Presbytery appointed me as Interim Moderator. I salute Orchardhill for taking all the steps needed to discern that Gillian Rooney was called to be your minister!

What a wonderful evening it was on December 2nd, when Gillian was ordained and inducted as your minister. I was so happy for the congregation and for Gillian. And I knew that my task as Interim Moderator was completed.

Orchardhill looked after Mary and me with friendship and with great generosity. On learning that in 2021 I had passed my 50-year mark as a minister, Orchardhill presented me one Sunday morning with a cheque for £1,000. It was made out to Murambinda Hospital in Zimbabwe, where Mary worked with children for five years. And on my 'Farewell' Sunday, and at the great Induction Social to welcome Gillian and her family, Orchardhill gave me very generous gifts for buying books, and Mary wants to say a special thank-you for the beautiful flowers she was given, for your support for Murambinda Hospital, and for all the friendships she has enjoyed during our time with you.

My years of connection to Orchardhill have established bonds which will not break. Mary and I will always enjoy being in touch with Orchardhill in time to come. And, in the meantime, I will remember the close friendship which has been formed, and I will keep Orchardhill in my prayers.

With much gratitude and affection,

John Miller

December 7th 2021

LIFE AND WORK

February 2022

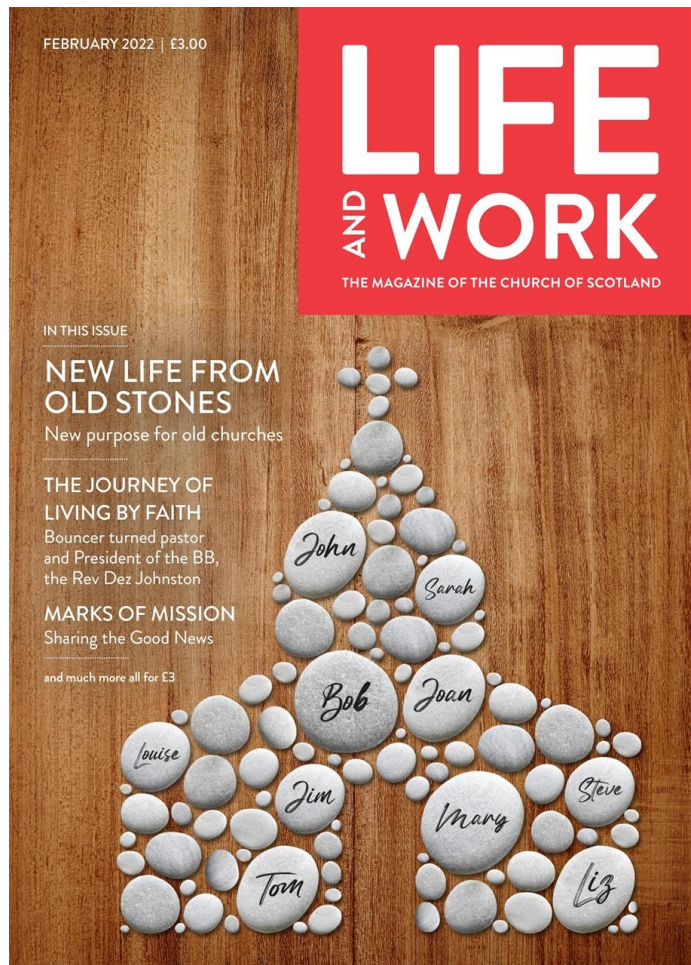
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Orchardhill Record

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the March edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 13th February 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

Soundwaves

SoundWaves Christmas evening took place on Sunday 12th December.

The children were few in number, but they sang their hearts out, and put on a very enjoyable Christmas evening, raising the good sum of £97.50 for CHAS (Children's Hospice Across Scotland).

A big thank you to all who supported this evening. SoundWaves started again on Tuesday 18 January, and, if you know of any young person who would like to join us, there are places available.



Congregational Roll

DEATHS

Marianne Mair

Date of Death - 30 November 2021

Mary Martin

Date of Death - 12 January 2022

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

NEW MEMBERS

Lila Murray

Lindsay Stevenson

Rev. Gillian Rooney

Mark Rooney

Church Choir

It was an absolute honour to mark two members reaching a half century each of continuous service to the choir.

Neil Mackenzie, then a teenager, joined in November 1971, closely followed by Judy Byrne (nee McGowan) in January 1972, at the tender age of fourteen.

Fifty years later, both Judy and Neil are an integral part of the choir and continue to add so much to the ensemble.

Congratulations to them both from all in the choir.

David Fisher



COVID UPDATE – RECORDING ALL WHO ATTEND SERVICES FOR TEST AND PROTECT

As intimated on Sunday 5th December, from the 12th December last year, we started recording everyone who comes into the church for morning worship again.

The difference this time is that it is not mandatory that you reserve a seat on the website.

You now can either use the NHS QR code at the church entrance and about the church, or you can pre-enter your details on the website as before, and print your QR code to be scanned on entering the church, as before.

We are returning to this system after a trial of putting names on paper in the hall, where we found that not everyone remembered to fill in the forms. Although the legal requirement is only for the teas and coffees, the Church of Scotland have recommended that everyone who attends church should be recorded for Test and Protect Scotland.

Zoom

Just a note to say that we will be updating our Zoom security settings so there may be some changes in how we access our regular Zoom meetings.

If you are finding it difficult to get into any of the meetings, please contact Dave Thomson or Gillian Rooney and we can send you a direct link.

ERGC and the Love Your Neighbour Club

Throughout the pandemic, Family First have requested LYNC packs for approximately 70 families.

These families were identified due to the difficulties they were experiencing financially, practically and emotionally with the impact of lockdown and the pandemic, and the additional stress this placed on family life, routines and money.

The families fell into a number of categories, including:-

single parent households, families in receipt of benefits, those affected by recent redundancy, families with ASN children, and families experiencing poor mental wellbeing.

Family First worked with a variety of agencies to support these families through these difficult times, including MART, Citizens' Advice, Social Security Scotland and Work East Renfrewshire, but the practical, prompt and personalised LYNC had a very positive impact on families, and complimented the other supports they received. Feedback from families has been exceptionally positive.

In particular, families told us that receiving a LYNC pack:

- Reduced pressure on their income/benefits, which went a little bit further.
- Provided them with items they had often had to go without, during the pandemic, in favour of food (eg. Toiletries)
- Reduced shopping pressure of carrying bulky items, especially when shopping with young children.
- Helped restock their cupboards and made their grocery items last longer.
- Gave a much needed boost to their wellbeing.
- Made them feel valued and cared about, especially having this pack delivered to their door by caring volunteers.

And finally, feedback from one recipient of LYNC;

'I am a single parent with 2 girls, struggling with the pandemic. Thanks so much for the work you do for struggling families. The LYNC helped pick me up when I was at my lowest point. Realising that people cared so much about me and my girls was so important. Having these items took pressure off my limited budget for several weeks. Thank you so much for helping my family and for making a difference. Keep up the good work.'

For the Children



Happy New Year.
I hope that you had a wonderful
time over the festive season.

As you can see Santa and his elves
visited Orchardhill before Christmas.
He brought gifts for all our
Orchard Tots and his cosy suit and
big belly kept him warm on
a chilly December day.



Great fun was had at Christmas Messy.

Helped by the artistic talents of Fiona McAslan we created a beautiful nativity scene that you can see below.

We also heard the nitty natty, had a treasure hunt in the church, created marshmallow snowmen, ate a lovely dinner and generally had a great, Messy time

We are hopefully meeting again on Friday 4th February and we
Would love to see you there.

If you would like to book a place just email youthandfamily@orchardhill.org.uk



This month I thought it would be nice to talk about
a word that appears in the Bible hundreds of times –
it is one of the top 100 words used

It can relate to parents, siblings, friends, food,
pastimes, toys and of course God

A very well known verse in Corinthians says;

***** is patient and kind. **** does not envy or
boast; it is not arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
It is not irritable or resentful; it does not
rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
**** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things*

We celebrate this word particularly on a
special day in February

Have you guessed what it is yet?

Of course it is



Valentines day is the second biggest card giving occasion of the year

Over 1 billion Valentines cards are sent worldwide every year

The oldest Valentine known was a poem written in 1415 by the Duke Of Orleans for his wife

The first Valentine chocolates were made in the 1800s by Cadburys

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