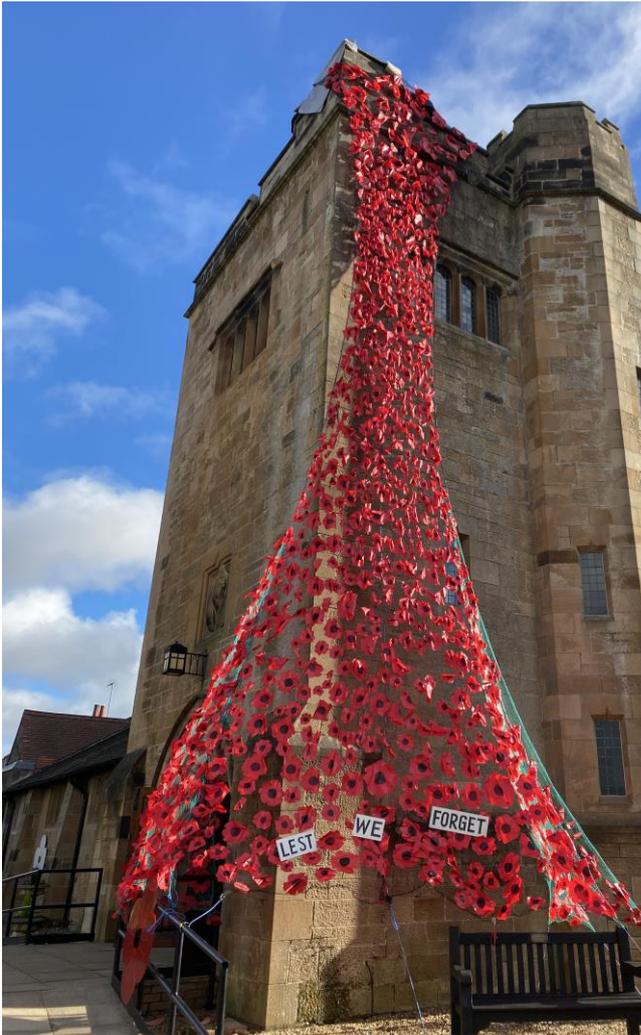


THE RECORD



November

2021



A Word from Gillian Rooney



Gillian's Letter

As we enter the month of November, it is getting darker and a good bit colder, but this does not mean that we at Orchardhill are starting to hibernate. In fact, it has been a busy couple of months for Orchardhill Church and those associated with it. Many of the activities that had been on hold with the pandemic, are back up and running. This means that the church and the halls are once again buzzing with activity. It is a lovely sight to see.

New activity can also be seen with the weekly coffees at Rouken Glen Garden Centre. We have also had a successful launch of our Messy Church session at the beginning of October - look out for more information later in the magazine! There are lots of ways that you can get involved. If you are concerned about the climate crisis that we face, you can join with a group from the Church as we, along with thousands of others, march on the 6th of November in Glasgow to show our support for action on the climate crisis. Keep an eye on the website for details about this.

On a personal note, I am looking forward to my ordination and induction as the Minister. The family and I have been very busy sorting out home and school moves. By the time you read this we will have moved into the Manse, and our daughters will have started at their new schools. It is a very exciting time for us all, and we would very much appreciate your prayers as we settle into our new home and roles!

We look forward to getting to know folks better, as we live and work alongside you.

Yours in Christ

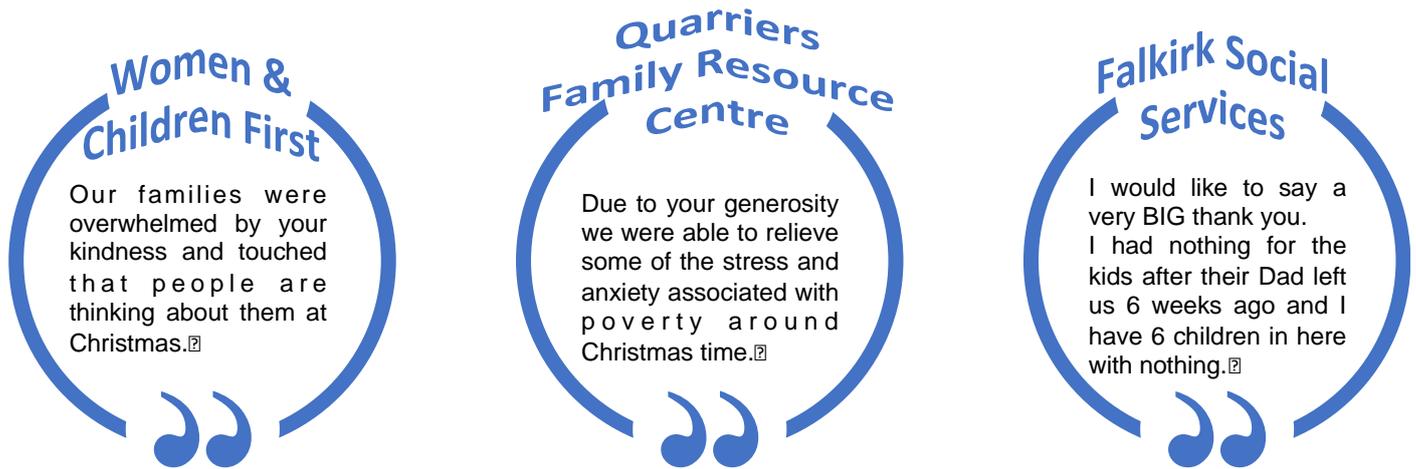
Gillian



Tree of Kindness 2021

It's that time of year again when we invite everyone in our community to give a present to a child or teenager in need, so that they will experience the joy of Christmas by receiving a gift. This is the fifth year of our community outreach project when **Orchardhill** partners with **KIND Scotland** to help tackle the grave issue of poverty affecting so many people in Scotland.

Last year we distributed presents to over 850 children, and here are some comments that we received



The **Tree of Kindness** is the living tree beside the church tower, and you will notice that it has grown since last year, but so has the need!

Step 1: Please select a **Tree of Kindness** gift tag from the tree

Step 2: go and purchase a suitable gift or toy for the young person on the card

Step 3: bring it back to the Church, with the card attached, so that it can be delivered to young people in need during the Christmas Season

Step 4: tell friends about the **Tree of Kindness**

Gifts should be returned unwrapped or in a gift bag please, with the tag attached, to the Church during opening hours: 10am – 12noon Mondays & Wednesdays or 7pm – 9pm Thursdays before 28 November.

We will be helping 14 organisations this year: -

Croftfoot Primary School; Quarriers Family Resource Centre, Ruchazie; Glasgow Association for Mental Health; Aberlour Child Care Trust; Women and Children First, Paisley; Falkirk Social Services; Castlemilk Parish Church; Glasgow's No.1 Baby & Family Support Group; RAMH (Recovery Across Mental Health); Ferguslie Park Nurseries; Crookston Medical Centre; Nitshill & Priesthill Parish Church; Ruchazie Parish Church; Carnwadric Parish Church.

Your Help is Needed

TEA & COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE

During the quieter times in the church, Lorna Buchan and Margo Ritchie have very kindly stepped up and made teas/coffees on Sunday mornings after the services. We are looking for people to help serve tea and coffee 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 Carnwadric 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.

Carols Service

Orchardhill Parish Church Choir

Would like to invite you to our

Christmas Carols

Service

Traditional Carols for all to sing

Christmas Readings

Followed by coffee/tea, mince pies and homebaking

ALL Welcome

Orchardhill Parish Church

Sunday 19th December 6.30pm



What's Good for the Goose!

The Editorial Team came across some insights from the bird world which we'd like to share with you:

Matthew 6.26: 'Look at the birds of the air' (1)

Speaking to an anxiety-ridden crowd, Jesus said, 'I tell you not to worry about your life... Look at the birds of the air!' You may say, 'What can I learn from looking at birds?' In Scotland at this time of year, you'll perhaps have seen the wonderful sight in the skies as honking formations of geese arrive from the north, to find their winter roosts near Scotland's shores or around our lochs. In this edition of the Orchardhill Record, we'll print two of five little insights into the behaviour of these birds – with the other three to come in the next edition. There's quite a lot to learn from geese!

Geese fly united; they don't fly separately, in random style, because no goose alone can go that distance. They're designed to fly in their characteristic 'V' formation. When a bird flaps its wings the air movement created provides an uplift, easing the workload of the bird behind it. Together, their flight range increases about 71 per cent. Even the youngest, weakest and oldest geese can make the trip. They accomplish together what they could never accomplish separately. There's a lesson here: when the Bible says, 'Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...' (Hebrews 10:25), it means, 'Stay in fellowship with one another, and enjoy the uplift it provides.' You're not called to fly solo. 'The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"' (1 Corinthians 12:21). Occasionally a goose strays off on its own but soon becomes exhausted, loses altitude and ultimately pulls wearily back into the formation. 'Look at the birds', and learn.

Matthew 6.26: 'Look at the birds of the air' (2)

Every formation has to have a 'point goose' out front, who leads and sets the pace for the others. It's a tough position because the point goose cuts the headwinds, meets the changing weather conditions, and is first to feel the rain in its face, the snow in its eyes and the ice on its wings. It keeps the formation on target whatever the situation. It's hard, exhausting and lonely at times because there's nobody ahead of it to be the wind beneath its wings. The formation depends on it to persevere, stay on track and get the skein safely to its destination.

You might say that every church has its point goose: the minister. Each part of the work also has its point geese: youth, finance, property, pastoral care, outreach, and so on. They lead, set the pace and give direction to those who follow. There are two common roles in the church – the under-employed and the over-functioning. Point ministries are the latter, so they tend towards burning out. Just before the point goose is exhausted, a space opens in the formation and it slips back into it while another bird replaces it, seamlessly becoming the next point goose. Standing in for each other preserves the life of the formation. This is what is meant: 'The whole body [is] held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part...' (Ephesians 4:16).

Don't be content to be a consumer; instead, be a producer! A great church isn't just about paid staff; rather, it's about volunteers willing to stand in whenever needed.

LIFE AND WORK

November 2021

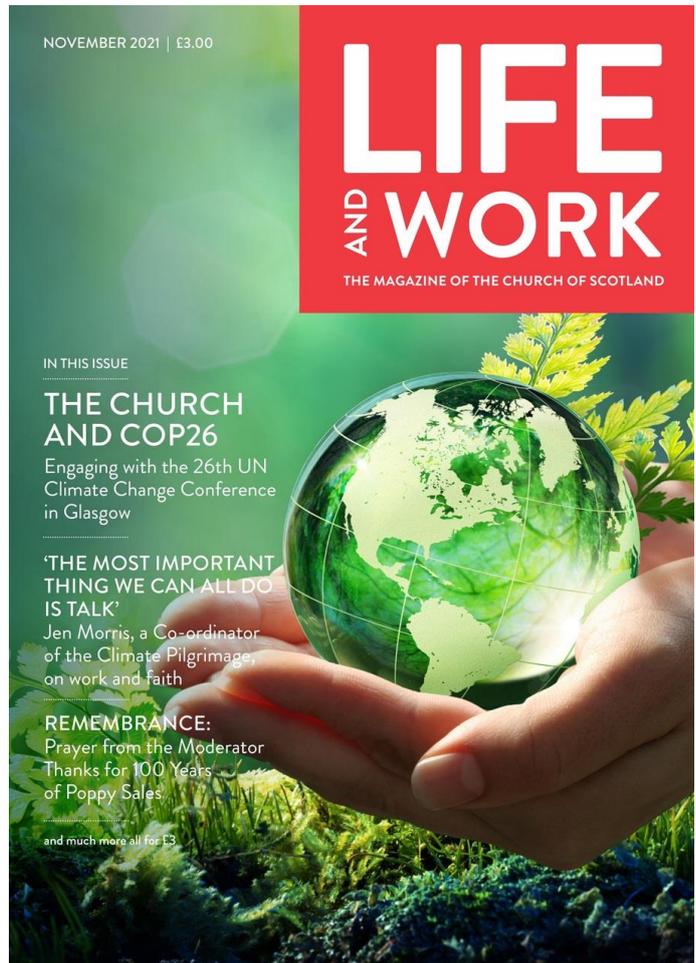
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'THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN ALL DO IS TALK' Jen Morris, a Co-coordinator of the Climate Pilgrimage.

REMEMBRANCE: Prayer from the Moderator Thanks for 100 years of Poppy Sales

And much more across 52 pages....



Orchardhill Record

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the December edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 14th November 2021.

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

www.orchardhill.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

November

- 7 10.30am Family Service
6.30pm - Bereavement Service
- 14 10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service
- 21 10.30am - Christ the King Sunday led by Orchardhill Choir
- 28 10.30am 1st Sunday of Advent – Service led by CrossWords

December

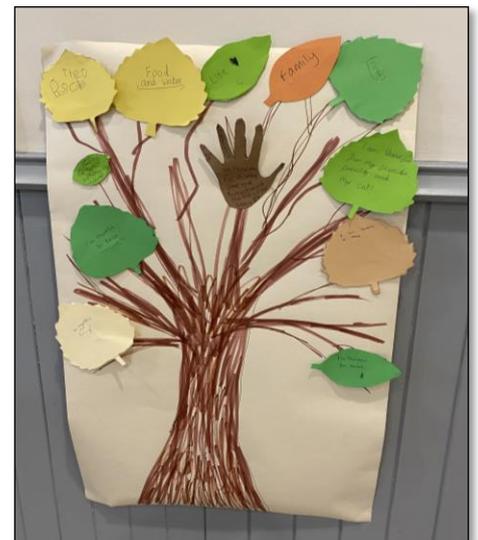
- 5 10.30am - 2nd Sunday of Advent – Service led by Jim Teasdale
- 12 10.30am - 3rd Sunday of Advent – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
6.30pm – Christmas with Soundwaves
- 19 10.30am - 4th Sunday of Advent – Nativity Sunday
6.30pm - Christmas Carols Service *with the Choir.*
- 24 6.30pm – Children's Christmas Service
11.15pm – Watchnight Service
- 25 10.30am - Christmas Day Service
- 26 10.30am – Family Worship Service

Messy Church



What a great time was had by all at Orchardhill's first Messy Church. We learned about the significance of Harvest and how, as Christians, it is important to share what we are blessed to have.

Lots of crafts followed, and we made leaf rubbings, trees out of handprints, pumpkin face balloons, leaves with thankful thoughts, and then the real messy event - bird feeders.



Messy wouldn't be right without food, so the children all enjoyed packed teas – sandwiches, crisps, yoghurt, juice and a chocolate treat. We would absolutely love to see more families at our future Messy Churches. We will be running on the first Friday of the month (except January). For catering purposes, it would be great if you could email youthandfamily@orchardhill.org.uk to let us know if you will be coming along: -

Friday 5 November

Friday 3 December

Friday 4 February

Friday 4 March

Friday 1 April



Church Rotas

READING ROTA

NOVEMBER	
7	Marion Simpson
14	David Howard
21	Maureen Van de Gavel
28	Gillian Irvine

DECEMBER	
5	Margaret Howard
12	Colin Williamson
19	Garry Crosbie
26	TBC

WELCOME ROTA

NOVEMBER	
7	George Robertson Jim Kerr Dave Evans
14	George Roberson Ann Pope Norma Hannah
21	George Robertson Maureen Van de Gevel Norma Hannah
28	George Robertson Bruce Paterson Roseanne Henderson

DECEMBER	
5	George Robertson Jim Kerr Dave Evans
12	George Roberson Ann Pope Norma Hannah
19	George Robertson Maureen Van de Gavel Norma Hannah
26	George Robertson Valerie Clark Susan McQuilter

PRAYER ROTA

NOVEMBER	
7	Lorna McLean
14	Graham Cartlidge
21	TBC
28	Evelyn Borland

DECEMBER	
5	Linda Moir
12	Lindsay Barr
19	Irene Kinniburgh
26	Joyce Winning

For the Children

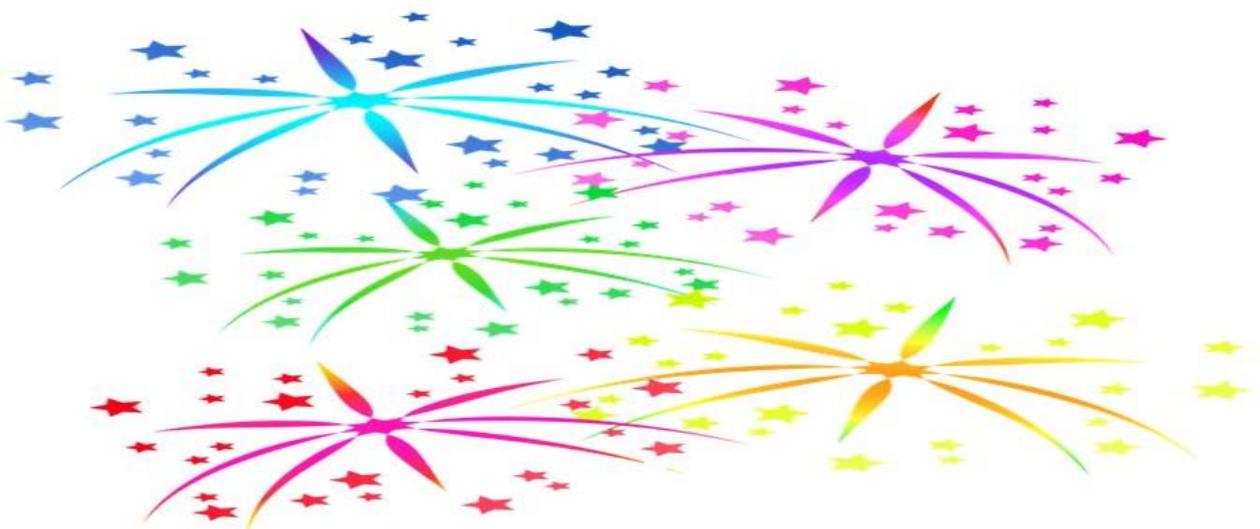
Now that the October holidays are over it is a long, long time until the next holiday!

Luckily there are some exciting dates coming up to keep us entertained.

Firstly we have Halloween on 31st October. What will you all be dressing up as? Feel free children (and adults if they wish) to come along to church on that day in fancy dress.

Our Ghosty Giffnock celebrations are in the church from 2pm. Come and join in the fun.

The 5th November is renowned for fireworks celebrations. Also on that date is our Messy Church. It would be lovely to see lots of our Orchardhill families there – 4-6pm



**What monster plays tricks on Halloween?
Prank-enstein**

**What is a witches favourite subject in school?
Spelling**

**What is a monster's favourite dessert?
I-Scream**

**What happens when a ghost gets lost in
the fog?
He is mist**

**What happens when a vampire goes out in
the snow?
He gets frostbite**

**What room does a ghost not need?
A living room**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Amy turns 6 on 11th November
Martha turns 7 on 12th November

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