

THE RECORD



**June
2021**



A Word from Gillian Rooney



Gillian's Letter

This past month has been all about growth and growing for me - my eldest daughters celebrated their 11th birthdays and one of them asked for seeds and plant pots to start growing flowers and vegetables. I have had a crash course on the basics, and together we have planted some of the seeds that she was given by a kind member of Orchardhill. We are eagerly anticipating the growth and are anxiously tending to the row of plant pots in the study. For some of us, faith was a seed that was planted in us by our families, and we have perhaps not really paid much attention to its growth and development since.

As I was potting these tiny little seeds with my daughter, I was thinking about how wonderful things may come from these really unassuming little pods. These seeds just need the right conditions and care to grow. Our faith is also something worth nurturing, worth paying attention to. There are many opportunities to nurture your faith at Orchardhill - join by Zoom to the Quiet time service which is a contemplative midweek time or join us on a Sunday, in person or online, as we worship together. The details are on the website. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

An important part of our faith is in the sharing of the Lord's Supper. This is something that we have been unable to do in person for some time. As restrictions have eased, we are now able to gather once again at the Table. We would be delighted if you would join us on the 13th June, when we will offer as many services as are necessary to ensure that all, who wish to participate, will be able to do so safely. Tickets will be available on the Church website, and I would encourage you to book as soon as possible so that we can make the final seating and timing arrangements. We look forward to continuing to grow and nourish our faith together.

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Progress Of Vacancy

Good news on the progress of the vacancy process.

We have received all the nominations for the committee that will search for our next minister - there were 13 nominations. This is the maximum number that the Church of Scotland allows such a committee to be. If we had more than 13 people nominated, then there would have to have been an election to pick the 13 people for the committee, but as we have the maximum number of people allowed, all can be on the Nominating committee, and their work can proceed without further delay.

The 13 people who are now the nominating committee are (in alphabetical order)

Anne Anderson
Stephen Bennett
Evelyn Borland
Donald Carmichael
Dorothy Cartlidge
Garry Crosbie
Shona Fisher
Gillian Irvine
Jim Kerr
Fiona McAslan
Linda Moir
George Robertson
Dave Thomson

As Orchardhill does not need to have an election, this will save us weeks in the process of searching for our next minister.

Orchardhill Record

There will be no Orchardhill Record published in July or August, but we return in September 2021.

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the September edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 15th August 2021.

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

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86th Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade



Although we have been in lockdown, the younger boys have been kept quite busy doing challenging activities at home, courtesy of BB @home and activity sheets coming from Glasgow Battalion, for which we have been very grateful. This has meant that most of them have managed to keep abreast of their various activities, with the anchor Boys having to complete 22 activities to gain their Badge, and the older boys in Junior Section having to complete 28 activities - no mean feat especially when we have not been meeting.

For the last three weeks we have managed to meet in Huntly Park, face to face, for games and organised activities, and soon we will be able to meet indoors.

We plan to finish in June with a water night, which the boys should enjoy.

Thanks to Dr. Richard Park, our Elder, for his continued support in the anchor Boys and Junior Section despite the fact we are not meeting in the Halls.

Company Section Boys, especially the younger ones have enjoyed being up at Huntly Park for games and football.

Margaret Howard
86th Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade



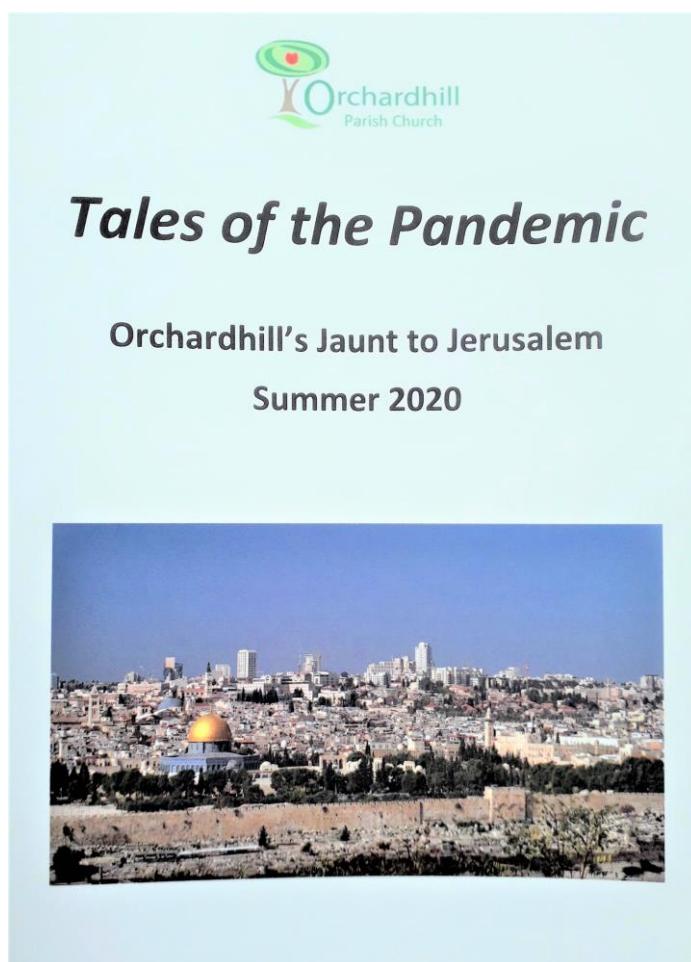
Jaunt to Jerusalem

Our Jaunt to Jerusalem may have finished many months ago but the pilgrimage has one more surprise! This is to let you know that our *Tales of the Pandemic* have now been brought together in the form of a booklet. Because there was too much text to fit into an A5 format, it has been printed in an A4 format and in full colour! Many thanks to those of you who gave your permission for your *Tales* to be included. Over the next few weeks we will distribute a copy to each of you. Should you wish more than one copy, please do let us know and we can easily arrange that.

The booklets are free of charge for everyone, whether or not you took part in the pilgrimage. You may wish, however, to consider making a donation to the Church. While the Church has not incurred any expense in the printing of the booklets, you will appreciate that Orchardhill has lost much-needed income during the pandemic. The church roof is in need of constant repair, and eventually will require replacement. It would be sensible for the church to start building up reserves for this purpose, therefore any donations generously made will be specifically allocated to Orchardhill's restricted 'Roof Fund'. It would be helpful if your donations could be referenced 'RF' to indicate the 'Roof Fund'. Any such donations would be very welcome indeed.

Many thanks once again for being such eager pilgrims last summer. We hope that reading the *Tales* will bring back happy memories of our 'Jaunt to Jerusalem' together!

Richard and Maureen



LIFE AND WORK

JUNE 2021

Women and Livingstone

The reopening of the David Livingstone Centre in Lanarkshire offers the chance of a fresh appraisal of the explorer's life, and particularly the role of his wife, Mary.

Building a Different World

Interview with Carolyn Merry, new director of the mediation charity Place for Hope

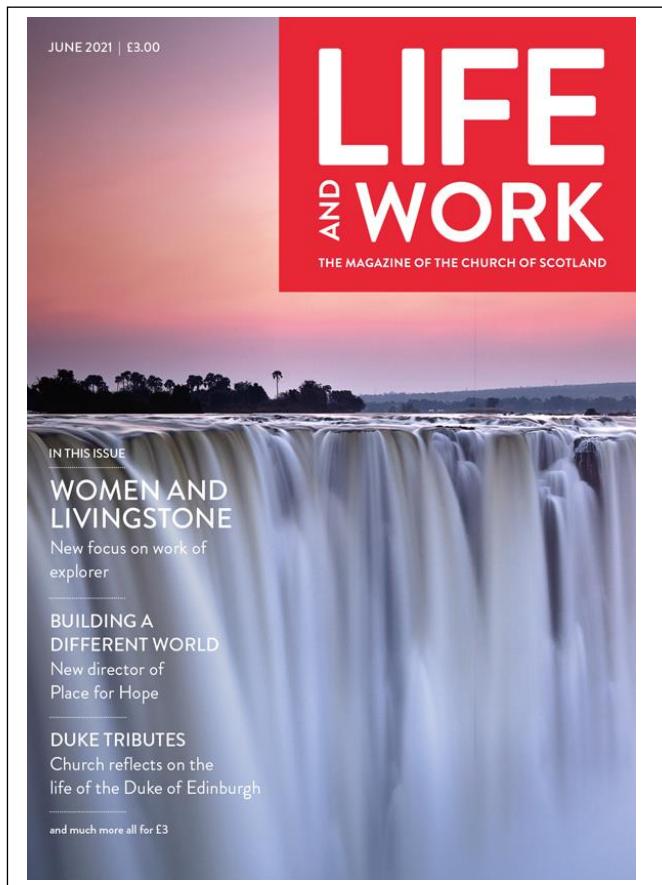
Tributes to the Duke of Edinburgh

Church of Scotland figures pay tribute to Prince Phillip

Assembly 2021

More reports to this year's General Assembly

An Unforgettable Experience



John R Hume remembers a personal experience in a village churchyard

Looking For Deep Spiritual Truth

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers reflects on the spiritual themes in an Oscar-winning movie.

A Pleasure to Serve

In this month's youth column, Catriona Munro introduces her new role within the Church of Scotland Faith Impact Forum.

Online

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

Our Trees: Exploring Church Land with Citizen Science

“Our Trees: Exploring Church Land with Citizen Science” is a project developed jointly between the Church of Scotland and two Edinburgh Napier University MSc students (Maddy Richards and Victoria Cochrane). Trees in sacred spaces are seldom studied, yet they provide incredible benefits including, but not limited to, mental and physical health, regulating air quality and carbon storage, and providing safe havens for humans and wildlife. Currently there is no existing database recording the trees in our Scottish sacred spaces, and we are hoping that, with your help, we can create one. This would be particularly beneficial to congregations when looking at how to make your church carbon neutral, which the Church of Scotland is looking to achieve by 2030.

We are inviting congregations throughout Scotland to take part in this citizen science project - could you be one of the first congregations to be part of the database of trees? You will also help us learn more about your community's relationships with nature and the impact of environmental education. Taking part is quite simple - you will be asked to visit the land owned by your church to identify and measure trees and return the data to us. Before and after data collection, we ask that you also complete a short survey. Don't worry if you are brand new to identifying trees - we will give you all the tools you need.

‘Our Trees’ is expected to launch in late April and will run until mid-July. If you have any questions or want to participate and would like to be kept in touch with developments, please contact Maddy and Victoria at ourtrees.citizenscience@gmail.com.

Anyone who would like to be involved with this project to help the Church become carbon neutral, please contact Gillian and let her know.



Congregational Rotas

The Church building is open for Sunday Morning Worship. For details and how to book your seat please go to the website below.

READING ROTA

JUNE	
6	Jim Blair
13	Anne Barr
20	Lorna McLean
27	Lindsay Barr

WELCOME ROTA

JUNE	
6	George Robertson Maureen Van De Gavel Dave Thomson
13	George Robertson Maureen Van De Gavel Gordon Ross
20	George Robertson Bruce Paterson Donald Carmichael
27	George Robertson Bruce Paterson Susan McQuilter

PRAYER

JUNE	
6	Dave Thomson
13	David Howard
20	Donald Carmichael
27	Judy Byrne

Join us (virtually) as we continue to host many “gatherings” online, from prayers and reflection to coffee and a blether, with something to suit everyone. Details on the Church website.

A full service will be broadcast via the church website each Sunday from 10:30am.

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Bible Puzzle Answers

As promised in the May edition of Orchardhill Record, an answer to the Bible Puzzle is given with the books in bold below. Congratulations to those who found all 27 - a significant number, as it equals the number of books in our New Testament, and is the multiple of 3 and 9, there being 39 books in the Old Testament.

The Record Team take a break over the summer, but will be seeking articles for the September edition on or around 15th August.

Answer:

A worldly speaker once made a few unspiritual **remarks** about hidden books of the Bible to be found in a series of short paragraphs. This **lulu** kept some people looking intensely for **facts** and more clear **revelation**. Many listeners were in a **jam**, especially since the books were not capitalized, but their enthusiasm produced eternal **truths** that struck large **numbers** of readers. It seemed like a hard **job** at first, to look for these hidden books, but it quickly became **a most** fascinating opportunity.

Yes, there will be some real easy ones to spot, while others will be very difficult to locate. If this causes disagreements among our visitors, it may require **judges** to finally settle the matter before a mass **exodus** from these games occurs. We must admit **it** usually takes a minute or two to find some, and others might take several minutes. This often produces loud **lamentations** from at least one or two readers.

Jane was quick at finding book names. **She brews** her coffee and then places donuts on the table, so that she can eat and search at the same time. Her older brother Joe is a practical joker, a **mimic** ahead of his time who thinks looking for book names is too difficult, but he is very wrong, for any old **hag** gains a level of expertise in just reading these short paragraphs. **Joe** lets his personality get in the way. He lived in **johnstown** for a few years but moved to York after he tripped over a **hose**, and broke his leg falling into the flower bed. When he tried to learn to play the banjo, "nah, I'll never get it," was his reply. So, Joe left the big city and came back home. Meanwhile, Jane was dating a guy named Gene who likes to share his talents. **Gene's is** the personality that more people should have, because he writes poems, essays, **proverbs**, and adventure stories for her. Love is strong between them. Her younger brother **jud**, examines and proofs this literature before it is sent to the publisher, for it's not often that someone cares for your sister like that.

Well, this exercise is just about over. It would be interesting to **chronicle** some of the many things that you have been doing while reading. Did you eat a banana? **hum** a tune? Drop a pen? Rejoice in the Lord while **licking** some candy? Hopefully, you had a good time and found the names of many books of the Bible.

For The Children

Mark 13; 28

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree. As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near”

We may not have fig trees in our gardens to check but that does not mean that we cannot see other signs from God that we have reached summer

The sun is shining



The trees are blossoming



The flowers are blooming



The days are longer and hopefully warmer and we can take time off school to have fun and to meet friends

Happy Summer to you all - may it be full of sunshine, warmth and happiness



What do ghosts like to eat in Summer?
I Scream

Where do sheep go on holiday?
The Baa-Hamas

Where do sharks go on holiday?
Finland

What do you call seagulls that live near the bay?
Bagels

What did the beach say to the tide when it came in?
Long time no sea

Where do maths teachers like to go on holiday?
Times Square

What did the ocean say to the lifeguard?
Nothing - it just waved



See if you can find these words in the grid below;
One word is missing though – can you work out
what it is?

Beach
Flower
Holidays
Ice cream

Sunbathe
Suncream
Sunshade
Warm

Ice lollies
Plane
Pool
Sea
Sun

A	S	L	B	F	X	Y	R	T
S	U	N	S	H	A	D	E	J
Y	N	U	U	M	R	A	W	R
A	C	S	N	P	N	D	O	S
D	R	L	B	S	E	A	L	L
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1 What weather happens more in the summer because of the warm humid air



2 What flower thrives in summer because it loves the sun?



3 What is the date for the 1st day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere?



4 The month of June is named after which Roman Goddess?



5 The month of July was named after who?



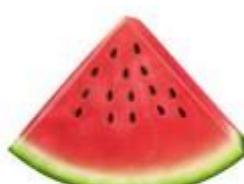
6 What day is celebrated in America every year on July 4th?



7 What tree does it say in the bible you should check to see if summer is near?



8 According to the Watermelon Board how many varieties of watermelon are there?



Birthday wishes over the summer to

Finlay who turns 8 on 3rd June

Eilidh who is 8 on 25th June

David who will be 11 on 16th July



ANSWERS

- 1 What weather happens more in the summer because of the warm humid air? Thunder
- 2 What flower thrives in summer because it loves the sun? Sunflower
- 3 What is the date for the 1st day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere? 21st June
- 4 The month of June is named after which Roman Goddess? Juno
- 5 The month of July was named after who? Julius Caesar
- 6 What day is celebrated in America every year on July 4th? Independence Day
- 7 What tree does it say in the bible you should check to see if summer is near? Fig tree
- 8 According to the Watermelon Board how many varieties of watermelon are there? Over 1200

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