

THE RECORD



September

2021



A Word from Gillian Rooney

Gillian's Letter



Much has happened over these usually quiet summer months; COVID restrictions have continued to relax, we have been able to gather in greater numbers, and thankfully we are now able to sing again. These changes have been very much welcomed at Orchardhill, but we are aware that not all our number are comfortable with these changes. We are continuing to maintain a one metre distance between household groups and still have an

area at the back of the sanctuary where a greater distance can be maintained. I hope that this will reassure you that we continue to take your comfort and safety seriously.

As we all know, these have been hard months for many in our community: restrictions, loss of loved ones, freedom, and income. This is something that should not be quickly glossed over and forgotten as we move forward. It is important to take time to process the events of the last 18 months. Not everyone is comfortable coming to in-person worship or talking about their feelings, so, with this in mind, over the summer months a small group of people have been working to prepare an outside prayer and contemplation space. This can be found at the Claremont side of the church, and you are welcome to use this space in any way that you find helpful. There are words of faith to encourage us, stones painted with the beauty of God's creation, beautiful flowers, and other interesting items to help us pray or to think. This is a temporary space that will be added to over the next weeks, so please come and visit and take a moment of peace as our world looks to return to its usual hectic pace.

Just like that, summer is over. As I write we are in full flow of preparing to send the children back to school. It has been a busy time for me as the probationer minister and the rest of the team at Orchardhill; we have continued running the Orchard Tots group for carers and their little ones, and that has been well used and appreciated. We have a faithful band of volunteers who come and make the tea and coffee, but we are always looking for more people to join us. Coffee at Rouken Glen has continued also, and we have had a lovely time making new friends and sustaining old ones. We meet at the Garden Centre on a Wednesday morning at 11am and enjoy a time of coffee and catching up - please come along and join us.

We continue to emerge from the restrictions that the pandemic has placed upon us; we do so in the knowledge that we have all been changed by our experiences. Give thanks though for our God, who has remained steadfast in His love for us, through Jesus Christ.

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From Interim Moderator Rev John Miller

Dear Members and Friends of Orchardhill,

On Sunday 15 August Donald Carmichael revealed to the congregation the name of the person who the Nominating Committee had invited to be Sole Nominee for the post of minister of Giffnock: Orchardhill. It is the Probationer here, Gillian Rooney. Gillian has accepted the invitation. Enthusiastic applause greeted the news.

Preaching as Sole Nominee

Gillian will preach as Sole Nominee here at Orchardhill on Sunday 5 September at 10-30 am. However, from last Sunday (15 August) until she preaches as Sole Nominee, Gillian will not be in her accustomed place in Orchardhill. Instead, Gillian will be attached to Eastwood congregation, where her Probation Supervisor the Rev Jim Teasdale is minister. She will return to Orchardhill to preach on 5 September.

Voting on the Sole Nominee

After the Service on 5 September, the congregation will vote on whether or not to endorse the Committee's choice, and to seek to call Gillian to be the minister. If you are present at the Service that day, and if you are on the Electoral Register as a member or as an adherent of the congregation, you will be given a Voting paper, and your vote will be gathered in. When the Votes are all cast, the Kirk Session will meet to witness the counting of the Votes, and will validate the process. The result will be conveyed immediately to Gillian and to the congregation.

Service of Ordination and Induction

If the vote confirms Gillian as the minister-elect, she will continue to be here at Orchardhill until the Presbytery conduct a Service of Ordination and Induction on Thursday December 2nd.

A document known as 'The Call'

Some people who are on the Electoral Register may be unable to be present on Sunday 5 September. Alas, the Church does not allow proxy or postal voting for the response to a Sole Nominee.

However, in the Service of Ordination and Induction on 2 December, the Presbytery will give the new minister, 'The Call'. This document is the invitation from the congregation to their new minister. **'The Call' has the signatures of all the people in the congregation who want to call the candidate to be their minister.** 'The Call' will have been made available on a number of Sundays and other days for people to register their signature. **Even if you have been unable to take part in the Vote on 5 September, you can endorse the call by your signature on 'The Call'.**

It is a pleasure for me to be back in Orchardhill, and it has been a privilege to have accompanied the Nominating Committee as they undertook their work of inviting a Sole Nominee. Orchardhill will remain in my prayers as this important process of calling a new minister continues.

John Miller

Church Grounds Update.

A big thank you to everyone on the rota for looking after all the container plants beside the memorial hall and at the Claremount entrance. This has been ongoing since May, and although the sunflowers are past their best now, the bees are still enjoying them, as well as the marigolds.

The Church of Scotland would like churches to achieve carbon neutral status by 2030, and has invited congregations to take part in a project developed jointly between the Church of Scotland and Napier University in Edinburgh. A data base of trees in sacred spaces is being created, and we submitted details of our trees. This project is a major step in raising awareness of the benefit of trees, which have a positive effect on mental and physical health, regulate air quality and provide safe havens for humans and wildlife. We must look after our existing trees, and consider planting longer-lived native trees, that thrive in our environment and soil type. This increases biodiversity, improves carbon capture and decreases the chance of plant disease.

During the autumn, we hope to turn our attention to the shrubbery between the upper and lower car parks, where shrubs require some attention. Thereafter, it may be possible to plant a few small trees.

In this connection, and for general garden maintenance, a work party is proposed for Saturday 11th September.

Recent floods, wildfires and collapsing coastlines have now been linked directly to carbon in the atmosphere, and we must make every effort to maintain our grounds, with protecting the planet uppermost in our minds.



Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the generous gift I received for 20 years' service at Orchardhill - to say I was a shocked would be an understatement.

I cannot believe it has been 20 years, as I feel Lynda, Andrew and I have just always been a part of the Orchardhill family. It is a huge privilege and pleasure to serve the congregation of such an amazing church.

God bless
Isabella

Orchardhill Junior Badminton Club



We are hoping to start Junior Badminton Club on Saturday 30th October. This is later than usual, but we are waiting until school has returned and we have seen what effect, if any, that has.

The Junior Club meets every Saturday morning from 10am to 12 noon, from October to the end of March, and we would love to see you there. All standards are catered for, and anyone aged 10 to 15 is welcome to join. If you wish to join could you email your name, date of birth and a phone number to

Barbara Mackenzie, barbaramackenzie525@gmail.com, or phone 638 0591.

Macmillan Cancer Support

This year the MacMillan coffee morning will be held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 24th September, 10am - 12 noon. I hope you can come along and show your support as you have done in previous years.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Isabella

Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Glasgow Street Pastors & Glasgow Presbytery Serving at COP 26

(1-12 November 2021)

During COP 26, Glasgow City Centre will be busy with guests from across the world attending the conference. Glasgow Street Pastors have been 'listening, caring and helping' on the streets of Glasgow for the past 12 years, assisting individuals who become vulnerable or require assistance for a variety of reasons. The work is done by committed Christians, minimum age 18, from a wide range of church backgrounds, united in a desire to demonstrate the love and compassion of God in very practical acts of service.

Volunteers from churches in the Glasgow Presbytery are invited to join with Street Pastors to provide an additional caring presence on the city streets. Working with experienced Street Pastors, you will have the opportunity to be involved in a two-hour afternoon patrol (1-3pm) or three-hour evening patrol. (8-11pm)

An application form can be obtained from this email. Your minister or church leader will be contacted for a brief comment in support of your application. A training day has been arranged on **Saturday 2 October at Sandyford Henderson Memorial Church from 10:00-15:00**. Attendance is essential.

Further information is available from the Session Clerk.

Saffron Project

Thank you to those who donated their Working From Home tax relief to the Saffron Project. We have had a thank you message from Norma Taylor, Depute Director of Southside Housing Association which runs the Saffron Project:

"Thank you so much for sending the cheque from members of Orchardhill Parish Church. This is very generous of you all. I also appreciate your kind words about the Saffron Project. You are right to observe that young people have had a very challenging time over the past year, especially some of our Saffron tenants who have little or no family contact, and have had to limit contact with friends. Some of our tenants are also mothers of babies and infants, and this has added to the challenges they have had to face. We have not decided how we will use the money, however please rest assured that it will directly benefit individual Saffron tenants. Could I please ask you to pass on our thanks to all those who contributed."

Social Bite – Break the Cycle

Social Bite came about in 2012, with a café in Edinburgh's Rose Street introducing a 'Pay Forward' system, where customers could buy food in advance for homeless people. There are now cafés in Glasgow and Aberdeen also, and a Social Bite Village in Leith, now in its fourth year of providing safe clean accommodation for homeless people.

On Sunday 5th September I will be cycling with my friend Fiona (and Sir Chris Hoy) from Glasgow to Edinburgh, raising money for further Social Bite villages in Glasgow and London.

If you feel able to donate to breaking the cycle of homelessness, please visit my fundraising page:

<https://breakthecycle.enthuse.com/pf/the-cyclistas-glasgow-edinburgh-3140f>

Thank you in anticipation.

Dorothy Cartlidge

Church Choir



It is with great delight, that I can announce the Choir will be restarting practices on Wednesday 8th September at 7.30pm.

I look forward to welcoming new members, who may have missed singing over the last eighteen months, and of course our regular members, as we start our 2021/2022 session.

Although restrictions had silenced choirs all over the world, Orchardhill Choir did not allow a pandemic to get in the way!

With recording devices and technology we were heard online and in the Church with our isolation recordings.

My thanks to the full Choir for taking part, and, of course, to Connor Going, for supplying his wonderful voice to over 150 hymns!

We have also enjoyed a small ensemble of singers at our Sunday services, who bravely took to the chancel and sang into the microphones.

It was wonderful to have such a pool of singers both from the Choir and Crosswords, and my thanks to each and every one of them.

David Fisher

Psalm 95:1 - 'Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation'

LIFE AND WORK

September 2021

FORWARD IN FAITH

In the first of a two-part series, Jackie Macadam looks at the six new projects supported by the Church of Scotland Guild over the next three years.

'GOD HAS BEEN GUIDING ME'

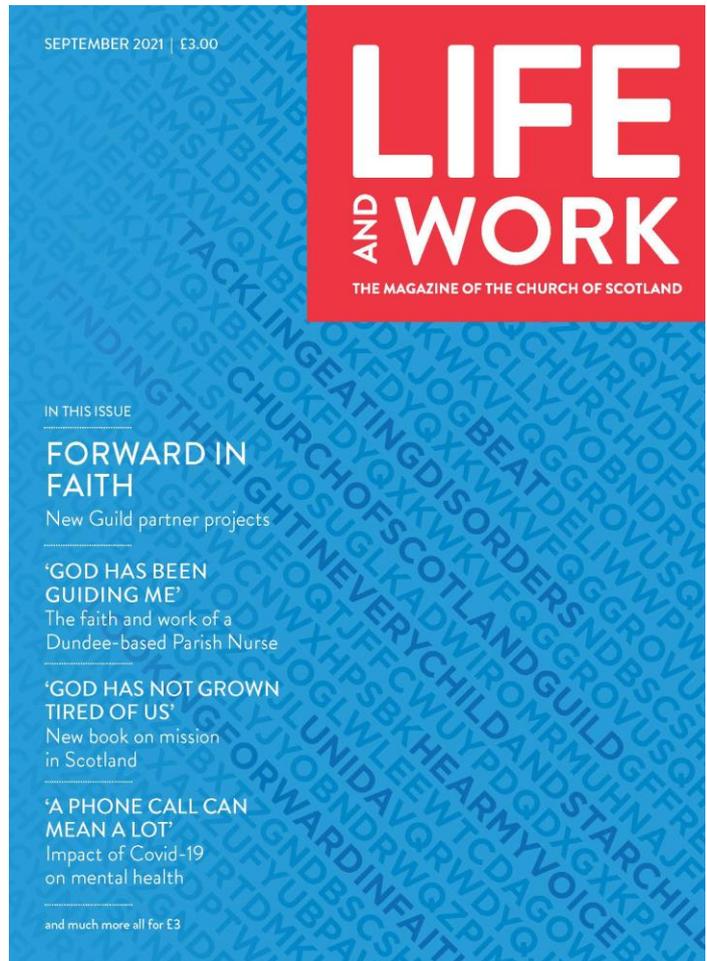
Jackie Macadam learns about the faith and work of Dundee-based parish nurse Barbara MacFarlane.

'GOD HAS NOT GROWN TIRED OF US'

The Rev Liam Fraser outlines the background and basis for his new book, Mission in Contemporary Scotland.

'A PHONE CALL CAN MEAN A LOT'

Dr Sally Bonnar, a retired consultant psychiatrist, tells Jackie Macadam about the potential impact of the covid-19 pandemic on mental health.



Orchardhill Record

The deadline for inclusion of articles for the October edition of the Orchardhill Record is Sunday 12th September 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

Congregational Roll

DEATHS

Alison McKellar 21 June

Alison Kinniburgh 3 June

Rina Dale 20 August

We also take time to remember Rev Tom Houston who passed away recently. Tom was Locum Minister at Orchardhill for a short time in 2014.

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

BAPTISMS

Emily daughter of Angela and Andrew Burton 18 July 2021

Sophie daughter of Emma and Jamie Murray 8 August 2021

READING ROTA

SEPTEMBER	
5	Gillian Irvine
12	Jim Blair
19	Garry Crosbie
26	Colin Williamson

PRAYER

SEPTEMBER	
5	Judy Byrne
12	Linda Moir
19	Lindsay Barr
26	Irene Kinniburgh

WELCOME ROTA

SEPTEMBER	
5	George Robertson Gillian Irvine Judy Byrne
12	George Roberson Valerie Clark Gordon Ross
19	George Robertson Valerie Clark Gordon Ross
26	George Robertson Colin Williamson Maureen Van De Gevel

For The Children

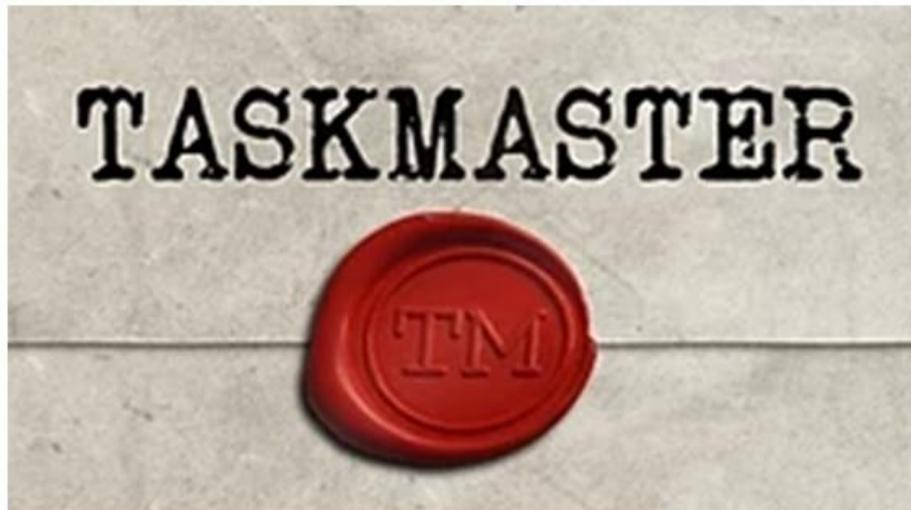


We have been absolutely delighted to be able to hold our Orchard Holiday club this year.

We went on an adventure to the jungle and had great fun learning bible stories and songs, rock painting, singing, hunting for clues, making slime, breaking an Orchardhill record with the longest banana split ever made at the church (that we know of!) and generally having fun with friends old and new

As always the people of Orchardhill stepped up and helped make the club possible, with many donations and assistance in varying forms over the week. Thank you to everyone who donated food items or their time





CHIPS Master 2021 was a great evening

We were tasked with very random tasks such as drawing a self-portrait while blindfolded and seeing how much ice-cream we could squeeze into a bottle.

That, along with some cheesy games, pizza and ice cream made for a brilliant night of fun, food and friendship.

1)What is the collective name for a group of lions?

2)What is the fastest land animal?

3)What colour is a giraffe's tongue?

4)Are jungles usually cold and dry or warm and rainy?

5)What animal is known as king of the jungle?

6)What animal eats bamboo?

7)What colour are flamingos?

8)Who has more bones in their neck - a human or a giraffe?

9)What special talent do chameleons have?

10)What is bigger - an ostrich's eye or an ostrich's brain?

Answers over page

JUNGLE CREATURES WORDSEARCH



ALLIGATOR

ANTEATER

CHAMELEON

CHEETAH

CHIMPANZEE

CROCODILE

ELEPHANT

FROG

GIRAFFE

GORILLA

HIPPO

JAGUAR

LEOPARD

LION

MACAW

ORANGUTAN

OSTRICH

PANDA

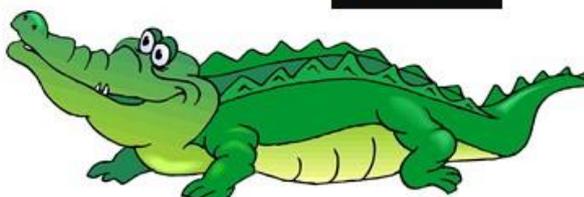
PARROT

RHINO

TIGER

TOUCAN

ZEBRA



JUNGLE QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1) Pride
- 2) Cheetah
- 3) Blue
- 4) Warm and rainy
- 5) Lion
- 6) Panda
- 7) Pink
- 8) Both have 7
- 9) Change colour to blend in with surroundings
- 10) Eye



Why is it hard to play games in the jungle?

Because of all the cheetahs

What is a crocodile's favourite game?

Snap

What do you call an elephant in a Phone box?

Stuck

What kind of snake is good at maths?

An adder

What do you get if you cross a porcupine with a caterpillar?

A walkie-talkie



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