

Intimations

Minister's Absence January – February Family health issues (a type of radiotherapy treatment for Katie which is provided in the US) means Grant shan't be around in person the rest of January and almost all February. If you need to speak to a Minister in person, local colleagues are happy to assist:

Catherine Beattie - 258 7804 Calum Macdonald - 638 3023 Jan Mathieson - 579 9997

You can also still contact Grant both by email at minister@orchardhill.org.uk and by using the WhatsApp smartphone application - the relevant mobile number is +447506 549529. Please don't text, but do use WhatsApp both for text and voice calls. And if you wish to Skype, we can certainly try that, too!

The treatment is all pretty positive - whilst Katie does have cancer, the tumour has been removed and this treatment aims to eradicate any remaining cells. Your prayers are of course appreciated, but not in preference to others whose needs at this time are considerable. We'll keep you posted about progress.

Orchardhill Record Today is the deadline for contributions for the Orchardhill Record's February edition.

History Reading Group Meets in the Church Lounge next Monday, 15th January at 7.30pm to discuss pp. 689 - 769 of MacCulloch's History of Christianity.

The Orchard Café re-opens at 10.00am on Tuesday 16th January. Come along for tea, coffee and home baking. Soup and fresh bread served from 11.45am.

Being Involved in our Community There's a day conference in Orchardhill on Thursday 25th January from 11.00am until 3.00pm when Alan and Elaine from the local authority will help us plan the next steps we can take to become more involved in our community. This is one of our six vision areas and we would love to see you.

CHIPS A winter CHIPS is on Saturday 27th January 2018 for teens. If you want to join in the fun come to the memorial halls on "Chocolate Day" at 7.15pm

Orchardhill Vision You're invited to spend a little longer in church on 28th January over coffee to hear more about our six vision areas - and considering where you might fit in. We aim to finish by 12.15pm.

Life & Work A reminder to those who subscribe to Life & Work that the annual subscription of £30.00 is now due. Jim and Aileen Blair will be available in the Fellowship Room after the service on Sunday 28th January to collect the subscriptions. Payment may be made by cash or cheque (payable to Orchardhill Parish Church)

Robert Burns Day Celebrate with us on Monday 29th January from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for traditional Scottish fare, singing, poetry and good company hosted by the Guild. To book your place contact the office, 638 3604.

Knitting Group - starting Sunday 11th February 2018 in the church after the service from 12 noon to 1pm. Everyone is welcome. Project to be decided!

Pastoral Visiting Team If you are aware of anyone in our congregation or community you think might value regular contact by a member of our Visiting Team, in the first instance please email details to secretary@orchardhill.org.uk.

Brains of the Church Quiz 2018 Could you be the Orchardhill Eggheads? Or the Church Chaser? Or are you The Weakest Link? If you would like to battle it out for the title of "Brains of the Church 2018" your chance will be on the evening of Sunday 25th February.

Teams are invited to enter from any organisation/group around the Church; even a family or group of friends. Teams should consist of up to four members (secondary school age upwards). Any teams whose members are all under 21, can have up to five. As this is a fundraising event, the cost will be £20 per team (£10 for U-21 teams) which will include refreshments. This event (and the questions) is genuinely aimed at all ages – in fact last year's winners were a group from Fusion. Spectators will of course also be welcome on the night. Further details will be available nearer the time but if you would like to enter a team, please contact Shona Fisher (shona.fisher2@mail.com / 01698 721607).