

Intimations

Sunday 11 February

Minister's Absence 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! We'll keep you posted about progress.

Congregational Board will meet after church on Sunday 18th February for a short one item meeting.

Knitting Group will start after the service **today** from 12 noon to 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome, just bring along your knitting needles and wool. Project to be decided!

Orchardhill Record today is the deadline for the March edition contributions.

The Guild will hear from Iain Lowdon, and elder in Carmunnock Church, about his experiences of being a Clydesider at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. We look forward to welcoming everyone interested in this talk on Monday 12 February at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room.

Orchard Café will be closed on Tuesday 13th February as this is part of the school midterm holiday. We will be open again on Thursday 15th February from 10am till 12noon for tea, coffee and cakes.

Thinking Allowed during the next meeting on Thursday 15th February (doors open 7:30) we will watch and discuss two 15 minute TED talks on

Firstly - An African author gave a TED talk that has been watched by over 14 million people, Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. How prejudice is created and maintained.

Secondly TED talk - Do stories make the world a better place?

In this funny and thoughtful talk, Msimang questions our emphasis on storytelling and spotlights the decline of facts and the impact that this has.

Brains of the Church Quiz 2018 The "Brains of the Church 2018" title will be decided on Sunday 25th February at 7pm in the Church. A number of teams have already signed up but there is still space. Teams should consist of up to four members (secondary school age upwards). Any teams whose members are all under 21, can be up to five. If you are interested but only have part of a team, let me know and you can be paired up. The cost will be £20 per team (£10 for U-21 teams) which will include refreshments. Spectators will of course also be welcome on the night. If you would like to enter a team, please contact Shona Fisher (shona.fisher2@mail.com / 01698 721607). There will also be a 'gift exchange' stall on the night. If you have any donations, please bring them on the morning of 25th.

Wheelchairs required Do you have a wheelchair which you no longer require? The Church is looking for two wheelchairs to assist those with walking difficulties in the event of an evacuation of the church in an emergency. If you are in a position to help please contact David Howard, on 571 7854

The annual Pancake Afternoon at Giffnock United Reformed Church will be held in the large hall on Tuesday 13th February (Shrove Tuesday) at 2.30pm. Tea/coffee and freshly made pancakes will be served. Please come and enjoy the food and the company! It will be great!

Orchardhill is currently renewing it's anti Virus Protection software. We have some licence slots available for members and their families which are for 3 years protection.

This is an opportunity to get a fully professional business level Anti Virus protection on your computer and enjoy the special price the Church has negotiated for it's bulk licences. Every 3 years the church negotiates a special price for these licences and because it takes more than 30 licences the supplying company reduces down the price per licence. That price is then split amongst the remaining licences after the church has theirs and the net effect is the church gets it licences for free and the members get theirs at an unbeatable price. That price is £1 per month paid 3 years in advance at £36. If you are interested then please contact Dave Thomson :- Mobile 0787 941 2284 or by email Dave@G46.co.uk