

# THE RECORD



**NOVEMBER  
DECEMBER**

**2019**





# A Word from your Minister

## Children and young people matter

During November we very much hope that our new children, families and youth worker shall begin with us. More details will be given just as soon as necessary pre-employment checks are completed. This might be a good time to remember why we're doing this. Put simply, it's because children and young people matter to God.

We're not primarily engaging someone to increase the number of young people attending Sunday worship. While we would love to see more, and are delighted to welcome any families and teenagers who join with us, we recognise the world has changed and Sunday mornings, for many people – but by no means all – are not associated with worship.

We're not entrusting all our work with younger members of our fellowship to someone else, so that we can breathe with some relief and pass the buck. Just as it takes a whole village to raise a child it takes a whole congregation to encourage a young person in faith. Our specialist support for this area of ministry is intended to help us engage better with our young people, and others.

We give priority to this work because we recognise that the church, and Jesus himself, does so. He put a child in the midst of the disciples as an example of child-like – though not childish – faith, and rebuked those who tried to prevent families bringing their young ones to be blessed by him.

Perhaps we will see greater activity among younger people at different times of the week: we would positively welcome that. We may not see transformational development in the next few months, but we will be excited to see whether, in a decade's time, our work now will have an impact on other congregations - and ours.

In all this, we recognise the privilege of mission: that we are invited to discern what God is doing, and join in. There is no doubt that young lives matter to God; as we express in a tangible way our commitment to those in our congregation and community, we look to see what God is doing among them, that we may join in. Who knows what we might all discover. How might we grow together in faith and creative service?

Your Minister  
Grant Barclay.

# On the Cover

## Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

## Nothing Gold can stay

Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf,  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day  
Nothing gold can stay."

*Robert Frost (1923)*

## Octave at Christmas



Octave, the award-winning singing group led by D known in Orchardhill having performed a few fu church over the years.

The group will perform 'Octave at Christmas' on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Dalziel St Andrew's Church in Motherwell. This will be an evening of festive favourites along with some community carol singing.

Tickets, priced £10 (including refreshments) are available from David or Shona Fisher (01698 721607 or [Shona.fisher2@mail.com](mailto:Shona.fisher2@mail.com)) All proceeds from this event will go to the Hamilton Advertiser Christmas Toy Appeal which supports families in South Lanarkshire ensuring that many children and young people, who would otherwise have nothing or very little, have something to open on Christmas morning.



# Inter-generational project with Giffnock Primary

The  
Generation  
Story



Our inter-generational project with Giffnock Primary School and Nursery is now in its second year and is going from strength to strength. This year we have a new group of P6/7 boys and girls who we meet on a Tuesday afternoon. We have

been researching the history of the school and the church as we collect information and articles for the Old Schoolroom Museum, which we are developing in the lower tower room,

but they have also enjoyed visiting The Orchard Café and meeting new friends. We have also been invited to share skills with the P2/3 children at their craft tables and our *people with experience* are greatly appreciated by the teachers.

This year there are two Nursery groups who we meet each Thursday.



A group of '*morning children*' have been coming to The Orchard Café for juice, biscuits and Bookbug sessions, which are friendly and fun-filled sessions involving song, stories and rhymes, and open to all café dwellers (see Café article on p7). Later in the day a group of '*afternoon children*' meet with their Orchardhill buddies to try playing old playground games and learn Glasgow street songs. Both age groups are having lots of fun as we learn new skills and share stories. #generationstory



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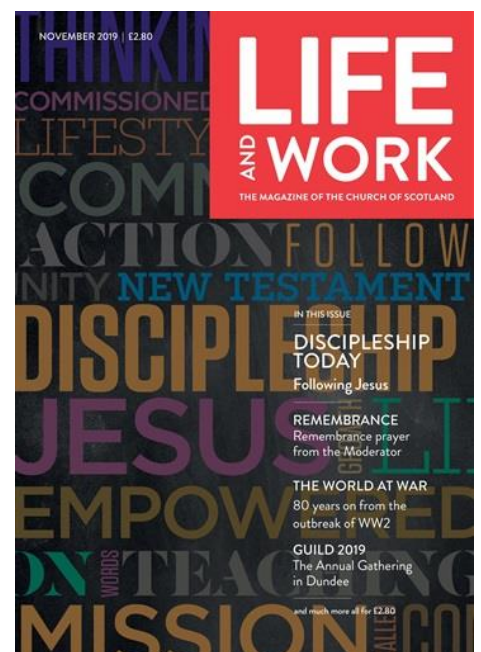
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# ANNA BLAIR - An Appreciation

*Anna Blair*



12TH FEBRUARY 1927 - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2017

With the recent passing of Anna Blair, Orchardhill has lost a most gracious lady, and its pre-eminent historian.

She first attended this Church as a 4 year-old in 1931, having moved from Mosspark to Giffnock with her parents and elder brother. After joining the Sunday School, and later becoming a Communicant member, she trained as a P.E. teacher during the latter part of World War 2, then met and married Matt, who was 12 years her senior. They taught together in the Sunday School for some 30 years, albeit time off was required for the births of David in 1955, and Dorothy in 1957.

Always keen on writing, Anna took the opportunity of a 4-month period of immobilization after spinal fusion in 1972, to gather her thoughts and papers, which had accumulated on the subject of Matt's family tree, from Covenanting times in rural Ayrshire, up until the time of his birth in 1915. A trilogy of novels resulted from this work, and she went on to write several books of Scottish short stories, including 'Tea at Miss Cranston's', 'More Tea at Miss Cranston's', 'Croft and Creel' and 'The Goose Girl of Eriska'. She was much in demand to speak at Book Festivals, and at meetings of the Guild in this, and a number of other Churches.

'The Kirk on the Hill', her history book of Orchardhill and the Giffnock community, was first published in 1990, 10 years before the centenary, then written up with an extra chapter in 2000, to mark 100 years since the building was opened for worship. It was a labour of love for Anna, but a time-consuming labour nevertheless, which has been deeply appreciated by her fellow members, and not least by our ministers, then and since.

After this work, she was the obvious choice to write the text for our centenary pageant in 1999-2000, not only helping as author, but also as producer and director, in collaboration with Marion Simpson, and the late Jinty Graham. It was titled 'Passing on the Cross', and required her firm but kind instructions to improve the diction and stagecraft of those performing.

She followed Matt in being ordained an Elder in 1994, and made cogent and constructive contributions to Kirk Session meetings, as well as taking to the pulpit from time to time, to lead services. Hers was a well-informed, and very firm faith, such that her long life was fully committed to the Christian Church, and, in particular, to the Church of Scotland at Orchardhill. May she rest in the peace of her Lord, Jesus Christ.

# Tree of Kindness



It's that time of year again when we ask 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 third 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,

We live on the outskirts of Scotland's largest city where **37% of all children** are estimated to be living in poverty – **that's over 46,600 children** – and so I'm asking you to do a small thing that will make a big difference in another person's life. Last year we distributed presents to over 600 children and this year we're delighted that **Giffnock**

**Primary School** have decided to take part by having their own tree in the school hall.

The living tree beside the church tower entrance is being designated the **Tree of Kindness** and so please stop by **the Church** and

Step 1: choose a card by looking at the person's details on the card

Step 2: go out and buy a suitable gift for the person on the card

Step 3: bring the gift to Orchardhill Church Office with the card attached

Step 4: tell a friend about **Tree of Kindness**

The organisations being supported this year are:

## **Glasgow Care Foundation.**

For 140 years this organisation has been supporting and caring for people in Glasgow. They strive to help people turn their lives around and give them a chance. They do this by meeting the urgent needs of those referred to them by Social Services and other agencies. Their support is very practical and includes helping families with gifts at Christmas.

## **Quarriers Family Resource Centre, Ruchazie**

The Centre works with families experiencing difficulties. These difficulties can arise as a result of a range of issues such as poverty, domestic abuse or mental health issues. To achieve a more balanced family life, the Centre offers programmes to aid bonding, attachment and the building of positive relationships.

## **Family Addiction Support Services**

FASS was started by parents in Glasgow in 1986 who were concerned by the growing drug problem in the city. Since then FASS has helped countless families and individuals to cope with the effects of addiction. FASS offers free one to one support to family members affected by alcohol or drug problems.

## **Glasgow's Young Persons Befriending Service**

This service provides support to isolated and vulnerable 8-18 year olds living in the Glasgow area. The service matches young people who are experiencing difficulties with adult volunteers. The young people get the opportunity to have fun but also to build a relationship with a supportive adult, experience personal development and have access to activities and community resources otherwise outwith their reach.

## **Aberlour Trust**

This charity has a very long and impressive history and today works with children, young people and families across Scotland helping to transform their lives for the better. They help children and young people overcome significant challenges such as growing up and leaving care, living with a disability and dealing with the impact of drugs and alcohol on family life. Giving children the best start possible is at the heart of what they do.

## **Women and Children First in Paisley**

This organisation provides a range of support services to women and children who have experienced rape, sexual assault, physical abuse, harassment and/ or child sexual abuse, whether at home or in the wider community.

## **Falkirk Social Services**

The contact with FSS is through a lady called Lorraine Hanlon, who always goes beyond the requirements of her job description to meet the needs of the families she seeks to help. She works with families who really are suffering, including travelling people and asylum seekers.

# **What's happening at The Orchard Community Café?**

We have had the great pleasure of Giffnock Primary pupils visiting the Café again this year. The Nursery boys and girls have been enjoying Bookbug sessions listening to stories and joining in songs and rhymes. These have been much enjoyed by some of our older ladies and gentlemen who seem to know the words very well! Primary six youngsters also came for juice and biscuits and a chance to chat with many customers about their school and lives.



The charity this month is Tearfund who are asking for money to provide toilets and good sanitation together with education about cholera and other diseases. Almost 1 in 3 people in the world do not have a safe place to go to the toilet. Let us help them as much as we can!

We now have a 'Happy to chat' table where anyone may go and sit and share stories or just listen. Come and join us there!



# Scottish Huntington's Association's Big Sing



We are delighted to announce the return of Scottish Huntington's Association's Big Sing on Sunday, 1 December 2019 at 6.30pm – 9.00pm, following its great success last year. It promises to be just as wonderful this time around, with performances from the Falkirk Junior Gaelic Choir, Giffnock Primary School Choir and the amazing Rock Choir.

Tickets cost just £10 (u-16s are free) and all proceeds will help to change the lives of families in Scotland who are living with Huntington's disease, a serious neurological condition that damages the brain. The disease affects thinking processes, personality and mood, and can lead to serious mental health problems. Physically, the symptoms include jerky, uncontrollable movements, mobility difficulties and the loss of ability to eat, drink, and speak. Many people with Huntington's disease need 24-hour care, meaning they are no longer able to stay in their own homes.

The toll on families is compounded by the reality that each child of an HD positive parent is at 50% risk of inheriting the gene that leads to the disease.

Set up by families in 1989, Scottish Huntington's Association is a world leader in the support of HD families while working towards equal care for everyone in Scotland whose life is affected by Huntington's disease.

That commitment led to the world's first National Care Framework for Huntington's disease, supported by the Scottish Government. With local frameworks in place across Scotland, families and health and social care providers now have a blueprint to deliver improved, joined-up, multi-agency support.

Every day, the charity delivers three core services across Scotland. Our HD Specialists work directly with families and carers to co-ordinate care and support, and provide information and guidance. A specialist youth team reaches children who are living with the genetic risk and are often caring for an ill parent, and the Financial Wellbeing Service supports those facing hardship as a result of the disease.

These three services are enhanced by a network of family support groups to reduce the isolation felt as a result of the stigma that, even today, surrounds Huntington's disease.

By supporting the Big Sing, you will help SHA to move closer still to reaching every individual and family in Scotland, especially those in areas of the country who don't have access to the charity's lifeline services.

Come along, sing up, and together we will raise the roof for HD families all over Scotland!



# SoundWaves-Making a Joyful Sound



SoundWaves is a music group for children in primary 3 to secondary 1, where they can enjoy singing and learning to play music. We meet on a Tuesday evening from 6.15-8pm in the Church Hall, where we spend the first half learning to play instruments and the second half singing songs. Our instrument groups include recorders of various sizes and both tuned and non-tuned percussion instruments, giving the children the chance to play anything from a xylophone to a tambourine, tubular bells to glockenspiels.

SoundWaves children's music group began in November 1990 with 33 boys and girls and its first stage show, "Holy Moses" was in May 1991. The emphasis has been to encourage children to develop their musical talents and enjoy being part of various sized musical groups. There are also opportunities for solos in our public performances. We want the children to have fun and develop a lifelong interest in music. Some of our present leaders were members, and four of our former members are now professional musicians!

Some of the youngsters are involved with the Church in other ways. SoundWaves has contributed to many Sunday services and every December in the Church we present the Christmas story and message. More recently, we have also been part of the Orchardhill Christmas Fayre and once again this year will be performing some Christmas favourites at 1pm on Saturday 23rd November. This year, "Celebrate Christmas with SoundWaves" is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the Church. We need your continued support, so why not come along to both these events and join in our Christmas celebrations.

SoundWaves has also donated a huge amount to various charities, linked to Church of Scotland projects and other good causes, from monies raised from show profits and specific fundraisers. A sum in excess of £19,000 has been donated over the years.

Our big event of the year is our stage production at the end of March. Watch this space for details of our next exciting performance and make sure you don't miss out on your tickets! Box office opens February!

Our numbers have hugely grown this year, which is fantastic for our group and we are always looking for extra helpers. From costumes to props, from scenery building to technical team, or even just wanting to get involved, please get in touch at [soundwaves@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:soundwaves@orchardhill.org.uk).



# Orchardhill Junior Badminton Club

In 1968 the Junior Club was started by Mary Russell and Will Taylor. They asked a young Anne Birrell, a member of the senior club, if she could help out on a Saturday morning from 10 till 12noon. The children were, and still are, aged between 10 and 16, and consist of beginners up to some more accomplished players.

Anne gained her coaching award in 1973 and was “hooked by the flight of the shuttlecock”. From September to April each year since 1968, she has helped 20 to 26 youngsters from the community clear, smash and drop the shuttle over the net while having fun and making friends.



Anne’s dedicated service to badminton was recently recognised on her retirement by East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure when she was presented by the Provost of Eastwood, Jim Fletcher, with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteering.

By coincidence the club was holding its own surprise “Thank You” celebration the following morning. Euan Murray, our Badminton Scotland representative, our Elder, Colin Williamson, the Minister and many present and former members gathered to celebrate

Anne’s years at the club. There was coffee and cake to be enjoyed and memories shared. As Anne said in her speech, seeing children and young people enjoying their badminton and learning to cope with winning and losing meant such a lot to her. Lessons are learned during every session (typical schoolteacher!) relating to their future lives, as children who play badminton - or any sport - should have fun, make friends, exercise, practise skills, learn to work as a team, and importantly learn to play fair and by the rules.

Anne’s hope was that every child grow up in some kind of sport promoting these aims: she has helped more children than can be counted, to achieve that goal.

Thank you, Anne.



# Who's Who In Our Church

Norma Hannah (60) works as a G.P receptionist. Moving to Giffnock, two of her children knew people in Greenbank Parish Church, but the youngest knew people who came to Orchardhill and, as it was the closest Church to her, she has been coming to the Church for 25 years.

Norma's favourite feature in the Church is the Seasons' window, as this shows life is always changing and that we in Scotland are fortunate enough not to have extremes in our weather (or not as yet).

Norma serves on the Congregational Board and does the collection rotas. Doing the rotas is like second nature to Norma as she started all this with her dad at a Church in Rutherglen as a teenager. Also, another duty she carries out with care and attention is the delivery of the Church flowers, with a few other volunteers who put their names on the list.

Anyone can do this, as it is simply taking the flowers after the service, putting them into bunches, and delivering them to people who are delighted to receive them. If you can help, speak to Norma on a Sunday.

When I asked for an interesting fact, she said there was nothing, but, speaking to Norma, it is obvious she loves spending time and doing things for her family.



## Guild Syllabus 2019-2020

*Guild Theme: "Companions on the Road"*

The Guild meets on Monday afternoons at 2pm in the Fellowship Room.

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| <b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov (2pm)</b>  | "Hi-Lites" – Houston Choir           |
| <b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov (2pm)</b> | "Royal Security" – Mr Ian Thomson    |
| <b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec (2pm)</b>  | Christmas Lunch – Dalmeny Park Hotel |

## For Your Diary

**INAUGURAL CHRISTMAS DINNER- FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 7.30pm**

It is hoped that this event will be the first of what will become an annual event. Outside caterers will be used for this evening and so it is essential that we know who is coming AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. In addition to the delicious food, there will be a few surprises to ensure the evening goes off with a bang. The tickets will be available very soon and the price will be confirmed then. It will be a BYOB event.

Let's make this a really special event with a really good turn out. Plan now before diaries get full with other events. **CONTACT SHONA COOK (07981 970054) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT THESE EVENTS**

# Thinking Allowed – TED Talks



## TED TALK 1 Anne Lamott “12 truths I learned from life and writing”

A few days before she turned 61, writer Anne Lamott decided to write down everything she knew for sure. She dives into the nuances of being a human who lives in a confusing, beautiful, emotional world, offering her characteristic life-affirming wisdom and humor on family, writing, the meaning of God, death and more.

This talk has been viewed by over 4.7 million people

## TED TALK 2 Mystery speaker talking about relationships -

"Let us help each other to remember that the 'other' is not a statistic, or a number"

This speaker has a lot of followers and gives an engaging and thought provoking TED Talk. Better known than many TED speakers, it may come as a surprise that this person agreed to do a TED talk. Although to date this talk has received fewer views than Anne Lamott we think you'll find it interesting.

This talk has been viewed by over 3.2 million people.



Entry is free - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

## Deadline for February's Orchardhill Record

Look out for the Christmas Special Edition of the Orchardhill Record; this will incorporate our Christmas message and be distributed to our local community.

Sunday 12<sup>h</sup> January 2020 is the deadline for the February 2020 edition of the *Orchardhill Record*.

Contributions should be sent by email to [Record-Team@Orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:Record-Team@Orchardhill.org.uk) before 1.00pm or left in the relevant slot in the rack in the church corridor no later than 10.30am. Using that email address ensures that every contribution goes to the editorial team not just the editor.

We prefer contributions to be sent by email, and we cannot accept any handwritten or typed item that does not identify the source. Nor can we accept pdf files. A photograph or logo **must not be embedded** in the article. Please send photos and the like as separate attachments to allow flexibility in laying out pages.

You are required to ensure anyone featured in your article(s) has given consent to be identified either for the specific article, club, group or more generally for Orchardhill Record.

The editor acknowledges every contribution. Contact them before the deadline if you have not received confirmation of your contribution.

# Rice Challenge



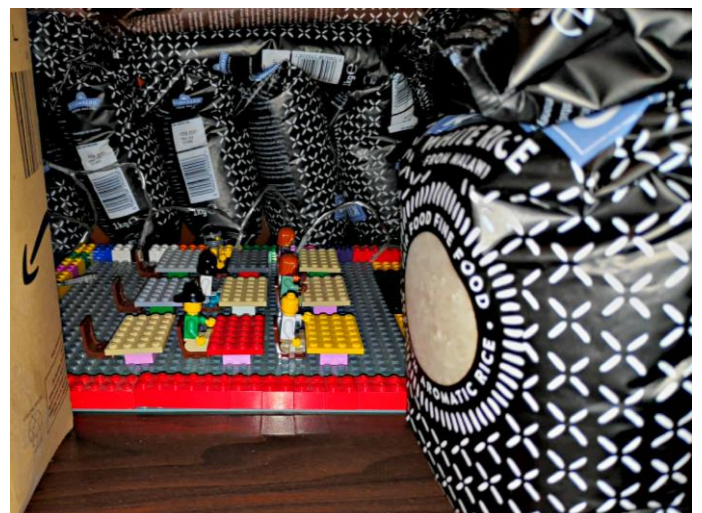
Thank you to everyone to participated in this year's Rice Challenge, which was to raise money for schooling children in Malawi.

It costs a farmer in Malawi £450 a year to send a child to school.

Some members invited family members for dinner, and some charged there grandchildren for their dinner...that's the price of child minding for them.....cheap at the price!!!

Orchardhill key rings are also available to purchase.

Thank you also to Joyce Winning for the Malawi school display.



# Welcomers

Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
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## NOVEMBER

3	Jo Weir	Dave Thomson	Irene Kinniburgh
10	Evelyn Borland	Dave Thomson	Isabel Vance
17	Shona Cook	Dave Thomson	Evelyn Borland
24	Anne Barr	Norma Hannah	Willie Hendry

## DECEMBER

1	Shona Cook	Norma Hannah	Anne Craig
8	Willie Hendry	Fiona Bissett	Anne Barr
15	Jim McKinnon	Fiona Bissett	Shona Cook
22	Anne Craig	Fiona Bissett	Shona Fletcher
29	Willie Hendry	Fiona Bissett	Gordon Thomson

# Offering Teams

## NOVEMBER

3	Dave Thomson	Ian Brown	Hilary Kennedy
10	Dave Thomson	Ian Brown	Jim Blair
17	Dave Thomson	Ian Brown	Jim Blair
24	Norma Hannah	Ian Brown	Jim Blair

## DECEMBER

1	Norma Hannah	Roseanne Henderson	Jim Blair
8	Fiona Bissett	Andrew Flockhart	Richard Park
15	Fiona Bissett	Andrew Flockhart	Richard Park
22	Fiona Bissett	Andrew Flockhart	Richard Park
29	Fiona Bissett	Andrew Flockhart	Richard Park

# Scripture Readers

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY	
3	Shona Cook	1	Angela Peacock	5	tba
10	Ian Cartlidge	8	Ian Anderson	12	tba
17	Margaret Howard	15	Marion Simpson	19	tba
24	Willie Hendry	22	David Howard	26	tba
		29	Judy Byrne		

# Congregational Register

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

On 7 October – Alex Shields

# Fun Time!



## Answers to October Quiz

Answer 1. Westminster Abbey

Answer 2. York Minister

Answer 3. Turin Cathedral

Answer 4. Glasgow Cathedral

## November Quiz

This Fibonacci sequence of seven numbers adds to 126.

There are sixty-six books of the bible; Genesis 1 to Revelation 66.

Take the numbers of the sequence and apply these to the relevant books of the bible: list the first letters of books and then substitute one of these letters, representing the first letter of one of the pair of protagonists, with the first letter of the other in one of the books which forms the list.

### Questions :-

1. What is the Fibonacci sequence. (numbers) 2 points
2. What is the revised list of the letters. 2 points

**Using the revised list answer the following, use letters only once.**

3. A European capital city. (6 letters) 1 point
4. A small hill in an otherwise flat terrain (especially in the African Veld) (5 letters) 1 point
5. 1978 was the year of three .....what? (5 letters) 1 point
6. This quiz is certainly not a .....what (4 letters) 1 point

If you get all answers correct there are 2 bonus points making 10 points available in total.

Entries should be sent either by tearing off the slip below and placing in the quiz box at the tower door or by direct email to the [record-team@orchardhill.org.uk](mailto:record-team@orchardhill.org.uk)

Answers will be given the following month.

If there are two entrants with top scores, a draw will decide the winner

# Orchardhill Calendar

NOVEMBER				
Sunday	3	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Jamie Milliken
Tuesday	5	10.00am	Orchard Café	Church Hall
Thursday	7	10.00am	Orchard Café	Session Room
Saturday	9	7.30pm	Orchardhill's TOP 10	
Sunday	10	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday	Rev James Whyte
Tuesday	12	10.00am	Orchard Café	Church Hall
Thursday	14	10.00am	Orchard Café	Session Room
Sunday	17	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Sunday	17	6.30pm	Bereavement Service	
Tuesday	19	10.00am	Orchard Café	Church Hall
Tuesday	19	7.30pm	Kirk Session	Session Room
Thursday	21	10.00am	Orchard Café	Session Room
Thursday	21	7.30pm	Thinking Allowed	Sanctuary
Saturday	23	11.00am	Christmas Fair	Sanctuary
Sunday	24	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	26	10.00am	Orchard Café	Church Hall
Tuesday	26	1.00pm	Afternoon Communion	Sanctuary
Thursday	28	10.00am	Orchard Café	Session Room
DECEMBER				
Sunday	1	10.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Rev Grant Barclay
Sunday	1	6.30pm	Scottish Huntington's Association Big Sing	Sanctuary

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