



THE RECORD

Giving up or taking up?

Wednesday 6th March marks the start of Lent, a period often associated with self-denial. Many of us might 'give something up' for the period, but there is another way to take the time seriously: putting others' interests ahead of our own for these weeks. We can take things up, attempt new endeavours and offer ourselves in service in different ways for the good of people and planet. It may be that, particularly for Reformed people for whom activity is more attractive than quiet introspection, this is an attractive option.

If you're interested, I suggest you visit www.40acts.org.uk, a website provided by the Christian group Stewardship which offers a range of forty activities centred on serving others - with the encouragement of knowing that we're not alone in attempting them.

Each day in Lent (which always excludes the Sundays, just so you know) more than a hundred thousand people who sign up will be presented with a challenge, as individuals and as groups, to make a difference. What's significant for us is the possibility of engaging with our community. As Simon Fenn of Cromer Church said of the programme, "40acts has helped our church family to be more outwardly focussed and shown how simple acts of kindness can make a real difference to people's lives."

We're not strangers, in Orchardhill, to this way of thinking. Now, with a little help from some Christian friends we can develop a more outward focus, making a real difference through simple acts of kindness. I hope you might visit the website, sign up, join in - and tell us how you get on.

Giving up chocolate for six weeks might have its place. Yet taking up a practical interest in the well-being of others around us sounds pretty sweet, too.

What might you take up for Lent?

Your Minister,
Grant Barclay

Orchard Community Café

Last month we advertised for more helpers to bake for our café that runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are delighted that five new bakers have signed up making a total of fifteen bakers and easing the burden on our usual ladies. This brings the number of volunteers to a total of 35 staff, “soupers” and bakers from our congregation who willingly donate their time regularly to support our café. Well done Orchardhillers!

As well as providing tasty soup and delicious home baking we give a substantial amount of money to a new charity every month as well as supporting through ‘Compassion uk’ a young boy from Ethiopia in his education and wellbeing.

If you have never visited our café we are ready and waiting to meet up with you as soon as possible!

Knitting and Crochet Group



The group started back in January and we gather in the church after Sunday service to knit and crochet over a cuppa and a chat. We're a friendly bunch and are always keen to welcome new members.

Please feel free to drop by any Sunday to see if you may be interested in joining us, or just to discuss what we're working on. We are also looking for ideas on suitable good cause projects; so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

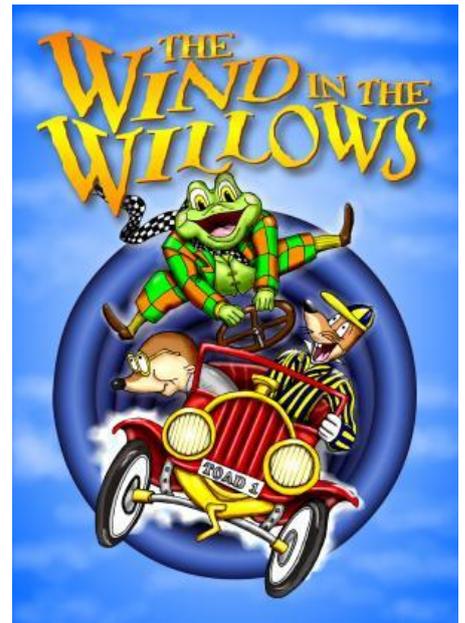
Completing your WFO envelope

Thank you to everyone donating by envelope, all contributions are very warmly received. When making your donation, please enter the amount in the space provided on the envelope; this helps make counting and recording more efficient and accurate.

Soundwaves

Soundwaves show this year is “The Wind in the Willows.” This will take place on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Halls. Tickets are £4 for adults and £3 for children and can be bought from Alexis Wallace 0141 585 7986, the church office or from any Soundwaves member. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support the children and have an enjoyable evening.

Alexis Wallace



Generation Story

The **Generation Story** project is inclusive, bringing together younger and older generations for a common purpose, and builds on the positive resources that younger and older people have to offer each other and those around them. Both parties have the opportunity to give as well as receive, to feel a sense of ownership and achievement, and it aims to put a smile on everyone’s face.

There’s no feeling in the world quite like companionship, don’t you agree? It makes us feel wanted, appreciated and improves our quality of life. That friendly face you can talk to. The chance to meet new people and being connected to your community.

We’re already noticing benefits for our older people (or “*people with experience*” as we prefer to call them) as they share their life stories and skills with young children between 3 and 12 years old in **Giffnock Nursery and Primary School** and the teachers are noticing an improvement in the social skills and confidence of the children.



Sharing skills

This is inclusive – no one is too old or too young! The greatest gift you can give someone is your time.

There are a number of opportunities to get involved, please pick up a leaflet, speak to Lindsay Barr or, alternatively, email generationstory@orchardhill.org.uk.

Junior Badminton/Tricia Murray Tournament

The annual Tricia Murray tournament took place on the 2nd February. Sixteen of our twenty members attended, playing in a two league round robin format. There were some great games and everyone played well in a friendly but competitive manner. Parents came along and enjoyed a chat and cup of coffee. Jim Kerr and Colin Williamson, our Church elders were also present and Colin presented the trophies to the winning couple, Lewis Griffin and Ali Malik. The runners-up were Gregor Dickov and Daniel Watson.



Junior Badminton Members



Tournament winners Ali and Lewis with Colin



Runners-up Gregor and Daniel with Colin

East Ren Good Causes

Orchardhill Church continues to work closely with ERGC donating to many people in need of help to acquire some of the basics of life too often taken for granted. Some of the causes already helped by Orchardhill include winter baby clothing for a family unable to meet the costs; half the cost of a new tumble drier for the family of a young boy with a life limiting condition and continence issues; helping an unemployed man meet the cost of badly needed clothing and footwear to help improve his appearance and chance of gaining employment.

ERCG are currently looking for contributions towards the cost of a washer/dryer for one client with health issues. A twin pram is needed for a young mother referred through Women's Aid, this will allow her to get out in the community. Orchardhill has been asked to contribute towards the cost of providing showering facilities for a woman with a number of health problems. A victim of a financial scam that left him with a debt problem needs help to pay repair costs to a toilet cistern.

THINKING ALLOWED

Speaker: Ross Greer MSP

"A revolutionary movement? Saving the Kirk"



Ross Greer is the youngest ever MSP, a Green Party Member of the Scottish Parliament for the West of Scotland region, elected at the 2016 election.

Ross is a member of the Church of Scotland National Youth Assembly, who at the Kirk's General Assembly, argued that the Church of Scotland needs to rage against and overthrow established hierarchies and be at the vanguard of creating a just world for people and planet

Ross Greer: "Young people are at the heart of the Church and every other faith community Scotland, making a huge contribution not just to their faith but to the wider community. In Scotland's Year of Young People we can not only raise the profile of that work but ensure that young people are genuinely empowered and respected in our society. We are after all, certainly not here to be seen but not heard!

Entry is free

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm Thursday 7th March 2019

Events in March

Friday 8th at 7.30pm in the Fellowship room.

Film Night "Hidden Figures".

Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Sanctuary/Church Hall.

"An Evening with David Fisher". Spend the evening being entertained by our organist as he looks back (in laughter) at his musical theatre career.

Wednesday 27th from 1.30-3.30pm in the Session Room.

Easter Crafts with "The Club formerly known as The Tuesday Club.

Welcomers' Rota

Entrance	Sanctuary	Greeters/Ushers
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March

3	Jo Weir	Dorothy Cartlidge	May Liddle
10	May Liddle	Dorothy Cartlidge	Jo Weir
17	Jo Weir	Ian Anderson	Marion Watson
24	Shona Cook	Ian Anderson	Anne Barr
31	Neil Mackenzie	Jim Kerr	Gordon Thomson

April

7	Marion Watson	Jim Kerr	Neil Mackenzie
14	Gordon Thomson	Joyce Winning	Marion Watson
21	Anne Barr	Joyce Winning	Alex Mall
28	Alex Mall	Fiona Thomson	Anne Barr

Offering Teams

MARCH

3 Dorothy Cartlidge; Hilary Kennedy; Lisel Tait
 10 Dorothy Cartlidge; Norma Hannah; Lisel Tait
 17 Ian Anderson; Norma Hannah; Bruce Paterson
 24 Ian Anderson; Irene Kinniburgh; Bruce Paterson
 31 Jim Kerr; Irene Kinniburgh; Susan McQuilter

APRIL

7 Jim Kerr; David Evans; Susan McQuilter
 14 Joyce Winning; David Evans; Ian Cartlidge
 21 Joyce Winning; Roseanne Henderson; Ian Cartlidge
 28 Fiona Thomson; Margaret Howard; Valerie Clarke

Scripture Readers

MARCH

3 Irene Kinniburgh 10 Andrew Flockhart 17 Joyce Winning 24 Willie Hendry
 31 Fiona Thomson

APRIL

7 Garry Crosbie 14 Marion Simpson 21 Ian Anderson 28 Linda Moir

Congregational Register

New members

Mrs Lizbeth and Neil Munro

10 Bulloch Avenue

Giffnock

G46 6NF

District 25

Disjunction

Mr Callum Hunter

5 Elliot Drive

Giffnock

G46 7NT

District 33

Death

Mrs Kareen Rogers

32 Evan Drive

Giffnock

G46 6NN

Date of Death Saturday 2 February

District 5

Deadline for April's Orchardhill Record

Sunday 17 March is the deadline for the March edition of the *Orchardhill Record*.

Contributions should be sent by email to record@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.

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

Orchardhill Calendar

MARCH

Sunday	3	10:30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
Thursday	7	7:30pm	Thinking Allowed - A Revolutionary Movement? Saving the Kirk	Ross Greer MSP
Sunday	10	10.30am	Family Worship Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	Rev Grant Barclay
Tuesday	12	1:00pm	Lunchtime Communion	
Sunday	17	10.30am	Family Worship with Stated Annual Meeting	Rev Grant Barclay
Sunday	24	10:30am	Family Worship	Rev Jamie Miliken
Friday	29	11:00am	Giffnock Primary School Spring Service	
Sunday	31	10:30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay

APRIL

Sunday	7	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Grant Barclay
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