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April 2016



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GreenbankParish
CHURCH

Parish Register

BAPTISM

13/3/16 James George William Birks, Halifax, West Yorkshire

Jamie was born on Monday 15th December at 6.03am at Calderdale Hospital Halifax. He weighed 8lb 3.5 oz. His parents are Kirsty and Anthony Birks and he has a big sister, Alice. His godparents are Alastair Cowan, Kirsty's brother, and Kirsteen MacDonald, one of Kirsty's best friends from school. Everyone had a lovely day apart from perhaps Jamie who, it turned out, had a perforated eardrum! It was especially nice that Alastair came all the way from Australia to be his godfather.

DEATHS

21/2/16 Mr John Cross, Clarkston

5/3/16 Mr Joseph Gardiner, Lindsayfield Lodge Care Home, East Kilbride

*"Just as I am, thou will receive, will welcome pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because thy promise I believe, Oh Lamb of God, I come."*

PULPIT DIARY

3 rd April	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
10 th April	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Film Club
	6.30pm	Prayers for Healing Service
17 th April	10.30am	Holiday Club Worship & Film Club
24 th April	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
29 th April	4.00pm	Messy Church

FIFTY YEARS LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATE

Congratulations and grateful thanks to Alastair I. Smith of Fairfield Court who has recently been awarded a Long Service Certificate for fifty years of dedicated service as an Elder in Greenbank.

MESSY CHURCH FRIDAY 29TH APRIL, 4PM – 6PM

For more details, to book a place or offer help, please phone/text Lorna Preece
at 07970192541 or email: messygreenbank@gmail.com

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 5th MAY 2016 at 7.30pm

On Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm, a 60-strong choir from the Otto-Hahn-Gymnasium (High School) in Nagold, near Stuttgart, Germany will be performing in Greenbank. The youngsters are very musical and highly motivated and have already toured Europe with their choral repertoire.

Entry to the concert is free but a donation would be greatly appreciated. Please come along and support the young people. They have come a long way to entertain us so let's give them a special Greenbank welcome.



Dear Friends,

When I returned from the Holy Land two years ago I was given a beautiful book called "The Cross - Meditations and Images". Of all the world's religious images, the Cross is the most enduring and widespread and it has been an inspiration to millions for over two thousand years. One of the reflections on the cross contained in the book which I found inspirational was written by a man called Richard Hobbs. [1934-1993]

*Are you afraid to follow me to Calvary
in case you are involved
in something you cannot control?
I want friends who follow me even to the cross itself,
who accept even the most painful changes
in their comfortable lives.
I want each of you as an individual,
so do not slip back into the anonymity of your group,
like a timid person in the crowd
by the way of the cross in Jerusalem.
What part would you have played on that day?
Would you have spoken up for me?
Helped me to carry my cross?
Wiped my brow?
I loved everyone along the road,
those who jeered,
those who were afraid,
those who beat me.
I did not judge anyone.
There is no need to be afraid;
I was not recording
who was a friend and who was an enemy.
I loved them all and longed for their repentance
Come, follow me and do not fear nor judge.
I am for all.
All are welcome to follow me.*

Jesus' invitation to follow Him is freely offered in a world where so many other things draw our attention. His invitation fills every moment and every situation while waiting for us to share, to join hands, to serve and to bless in any and every way we can, no matter how small, and to refuse to hoard, to reject, to self-protect and to judge. No matter what public opinion may offer as truth or wisdom, no matter how fear may seek to paralyse us, the invitation of Jesus Christ rings out above it all. The challenge is not an easy one, but the alternative is unthinkable. If ever the church and the world needed it, the time is now for people to be inspired and to live out the blessing of the Cross.

Yours,

Jeanne



SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

During Lent a number of people came to the Lenten Book Club on Saturday mornings and we managed to read to the end of the book of Numbers. The conversations were informal, informative and enjoyable and those who took part decided that they would like the Book Club to continue. The Saturday Morning Book Club will therefore continue once a month. The dates set for each meeting in 2016 are 30th April, 28th May, and 25th June, with a break for holidays continuing on 17th September, 29th October, and 26th November. The Book Club will meet at 9am for one hour with breakfast refreshments being served from 8.45am. Beginning with Deuteronomy we will be reading from the OLD TESTAMENT COVENANT HISTORY - a fresh presentation of the Old Testament historical books. One book will be read each month in this order - Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel and Kings. The Book Club is for everyone - you don't have to have a great knowledge of the Bible to take part. It is just an opportunity to get to know the Old Testament better. Why not give it a try? If you would like a copy of the book we are reading please contact the Church office so one can be ordered for you. I look forward to seeing you there - Jeanne.

COPY OF TRIBUTE READ IN CHURCH ON 13th MARCH 2016

JOAN STEWART

Joan Stewart, one of our elders, died on the 5th of February.

Joan was born in Glasgow in November 1936 and was baptised in Greenbank Church on the 6th April 1937 whilst living in her grandparents' new house in Hillview Drive. Her mother had travelled from the Argentine with Joan's elder sisters, Peggy and Lillian, to ensure Joan was born in Scotland.

Joan's father, who worked as a quantity surveyor on the Argentine railways, came home on leave when she was a few months old and took the family back to live in a home he had designed and built himself outside Buenos Aires. Joan spent a happy childhood growing up in the Argentine in what was very much an outdoor life. She played hockey and badminton, went swimming and camping and enjoyed tap dancing classes for many years.

Most of Joan's schooling took place in the Argentine although, when she came back to stay with her grandparents during the school holidays, she was dismayed to discover that it wasn't the school holidays in Scotland and she was sent to Eastwood Academy to continue her education.

Joan and her family came back home to Scotland in 1956 when her father retired. Joan's first job in Scotland was in an office beside her sister, Peggy, who was working for Peacocks in the Icelandic Consulate. Joan moved on to working with the Venezuelan Consulate and in 1961 became the secretary to the director of Tharsis Sulphur and Copper Company. In all of these jobs Joan was able to use her fluent Spanish skills, as was the case when she worked as a secretary for Iberia Airlines. This helped with her love of travel as she was granted a free flight anywhere in the world every three years. Joan also worked as an interpreter in the Director's Box at Ibrox when Rangers were playing Spanish teams and as translator with the publisher Collins on their Spanish to English dictionary.

When Joan retired at the age of 59 she pursued her hobbies of playing badminton, skiing, collecting owls and playing Sudoku. With her sister, Peggy, she also carried out voluntary work for the WRVS meals on wheels service. Her retirement also allowed her more time to share the duties of looking after her mother, who lived with Peggy and herself.

Peggy and Joan were very close to their sister Lillian and her family and after Lillian's untimely death Peggy and Joan became surrogate mothers to her children, Stewart and Eileen, and grannies to Eileen's twins, Stewart and Blair. Joan and Peggy were always together and when Peggy died six years ago it was a source of great sadness for Joan and she herself suffered from a serious illness. Thankfully she recovered well from it and was able to visit the Argentine three more times, visit the Holyland, and much to her family's consternation, buy a car and start driving again.

Joan's faith was important to her and she was ordained as an elder in Greenbank in 1998. She was a faithful district elder right up to her death. Joan was a loyal supporter of the church and volunteered for many duties. She was a member of the Guild, the Walking Group and the Film Club. She was also the World Mission Council representative on the Kirk Session.

Joan Stewart was a quietly spoken, kind, generous and modest woman who couldn't see badness in anyone. She had a strong sense of humour and a twinkle in her eye. We all have our own special memories of Joan as she touched and enriched so many lives. Today we give thanks to God for the life and service of Joan Stewart and we commend Stewart, Eileen and the wider family to the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What's On

THE LUNCH CLUB

Please note lunch club will meet on 1st and 29th April. We will be happy to see you all for soup and rolls on those dates, 12noon – 2pm. Remember if you need transport we will gladly provide it.

Jan (639 0373) Maureen (639 5114) and all the Team.

GREENBANK PARISH STRIDERS (G.P.S.) NEED YOUR TRAINERS!

With you wearing them of course!

We're not Paula Radcliffe, Mo Farah, or even Jessica Ennis! But we enjoy our running, jogging, strolling and **STRIDING**.

We meet outside the church on a Monday evening at 6.30pm, and then we do a sociable run of anywhere between 2 miles and 10k. (That latter distance is of course a way to con you into doing 6 miles!) No, seriously, we are not serious, we run for fun. And we run at any speed, for any distance, depending on what the vote is amongst those who turn up.

No pressure, no timing, just a pleasant light training run, with lots of chat on route. . . . unless of course you prefer not to talk. That's OK too.

So what do you say? Try it one Monday and see how you like it?

Hope to see you soon,

Alan Veitch 0787 212 4023

WALKING GROUP PROGRAMME - 2016

The Walking Group programme for 2016 is shown below.

New members will be warmly welcomed. Come along and enjoy the fresh air and good company. All walks are on Saturdays except 20th November which is a Sunday.

We leave from the Church at the times shown:

23 rd April	Castle Semple (Lochwinnoch)	10am
21 st May	Dumbarton or Dunblane	10am
18 th June	Strathaven	10am
9 th July	Isle of Arran	8am
20 th August	West Highland Way (from Milngavie)	10am
17 th September	Maidens to Culzean	9.30am
15 th October	Water of Leith	9am
20 th November	Clyde Walkway (Glasgow)	1pm

For further information contact Allan McLaren (639-5848) or Douglas Paterson (638-6350).

EASTWOODHILL ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

This will be held in Giffnock South Parish Church halls from 10am till noon on Saturday 9th April.

The Friends of Eastwoodhill are hoping to raise enough through this event to buy a special chair for use by the residents. These cost around £1500 so we'd appreciate all the help you can give.

You can help in several ways:

1. Come to the coffee morning - tickets from me in the Fraser Hall after morning service (£2)
2. Complete the Lovehearts quiz - (£1) also available from me.
3. Donate to the stalls: bric-a-brac, toiletries, bakery, books and jigsaws. Again donations to me at church, at home or telephone me to collect.
4. Donate baking for the tables. Either phone me or leave in the Greenbank or Giffnock South kitchen on the evening of Friday 8th April.

Thanks very much, Liz Allan (Tel 0141 644 1725)

News and Updates

ED LINES

Hi Folks,

Terms and Conditions apply. How many times have we read that? It seems to be on everything from buying a car, buying insurance, returning faulty goods, to money off coupons at the supermarket. I don't know about you, but I either give up reading the terms and conditions halfway through or by the time I've got to the end, I've lost the will to live! Over the last few weeks we've celebrated three very special Sundays. The first, Valentine's Day (which just happened to be a Sunday this year) when a card or gift is given to express one's love to another. Secondly we had Mother's Day, celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Some say it is celebrated to honour the Virgin Mary. Others that it dates back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honour of the mother goddesses, Rhea and Cybele. Most of us use it as a way to express our love for our mothers and thank them for the love and support they have given us throughout the years. And last but definitely not least, Easter Sunday. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" John 3:16 - Love, given freely, unconditionally. When we get it we should accept it gladly, gratefully. Hopefully we will be able to return it as Terms and Conditions DON'T apply.

Alison

**ARTICLES FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY
SUNDAY 10TH APRIL PLEASE**



BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to Katrina McAldine and to Jennifer Bisset who both turned 21 in March.

Dear Alison,

I'd like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who came along to my Wacky Socks day on Monday 14th. Twenty four participants came with interesting ankle wear and we even played throw and catch with wacky socks. How funny it was when Alison soaked the socks for catching in water then threw them at everyone else. Bill jumped out of his skin, in fact I don't think I've ever seen him move so fast. We have managed to raise £180.40 for Down's Syndrome Scotland so well done everyone.



Lorna Preece

THANK YOU

What a lovely surprise, beautiful roses from Greenbank Church. Thank you so much. We had been to our little grandson Jamie's christening and lots of Kirsty and Anthony's friends and family had come up from Halifax. They were all delighted with the friendliness of the Greenbank congregation.

We had a great day and the flowers made it even more special.

Thank you again,

Anne and Stewart Cowan

THE GUILD

Another Guild Session is now over. Although our numbers are still falling the year was a success. However, if the Guild is to continue to play a major role in the life of Greenbank Church as it has done for 110 years, we desperately need new members. Please give joining the Guild your serious consideration over the summer months and come along and join us when we begin our new session on 21st September.

Sunshine Bags will be delivered to the ladies of the congregation during April. Your generosity means a great deal to the Church and to the charities we support. Please put your loose change in the bag regardless of the weather! We look forward to collecting full bags as usual during the month of October.

Our outing will be on 11th May to Holyrood Palace to see the exhibition of the Queen's wardrobe. High tea will be served at the Mount Royal Hotel. Details can be had from Enid Dron (639 8482).



Help still needed for the Easter Holiday Club. If you'd like to join us, even for just one morning, we'd be delighted to have you. Please contact Alison Harvey 07742282870 or email alih21@virginmedia.com

The Holiday Club is on from Monday the 11th till Friday 15th April, 10am-12noon.

THE COLOUR CIRCLE

Lions, tigers, beaches, mountains, meadows, forests, birds and flowers were just a small selection of paintings on display and sale from our accomplished artists in Greenbank last month.

The Colour Circle Art Club came about when Bert McCrum said, "When I retire I would like to start a wee art group in the church halls and we could share our knowledge"

That was 20 years ago! It started off with small steps, 2 hours every second Tuesday morning. Over the years we have grown. Now the class begins every Tuesday morning at 9am through till 3.30pm, with 40 amateur artists and always a waiting list. The joy of watching an artist taking up their brush for the first time in many years (probably from school time) to putting on an Art Show like last month is truly inspiring. If you have not visited us before, we will remind you for next year.

Bert and I would like to thank all who have supported us in whatever way over the years. Whether admiring, buying or just having a nice cuppa and blether with friends. The art class will carry on painting, sharing our knowledge and getting ourselves ready for next February and you just might see polar bears, ducklings, elephants, castles and flowers etc. etc.

Thank you again,

Anna Maclure

CHRISTIAN AID

The recent 36th annual Christian Aid Art Exhibition and Sale took place in Carmichael Hall on Saturday 12th March. Once again it was well supported by local and invited artists who entered approximately 300 art works. The event was very busy with the tea room area well filled for much of the day. A particular thank you must deservedly go to the willing volunteers who helped serve many cups of tea and coffee throughout the event. Figures are still to be finalised for the total sales including home baking, craft stalls, and takings from the door as well as expenses, but a total of 57 paintings were sold. I hope to be able to provide revenue figures soon. A big thank you to all who supported the event and well done. In the meantime, **please consider becoming a volunteer collector for the annual Christian Aid Week appeal which will soon be upon us (May 15th to 21st)**. The challenge will be to cover as many streets as possible in our collection area- your help will be much appreciated.

Mark Allan and Ron Livingston

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

EASTER APPEAL

Please support the Lodging House Mission this Easter by making a cash donation. The LHM regrets if it seems that they are repeatedly asking for money, but the reality of their work is that they can only continue to offer food and shelter to Glasgow's homeless and hungry through the kindness and generosity of churches like ours. This Easter, their numbers are likely to be significantly higher, given that the LHM has been hosting the Winter Night Shelter. Donations can be made by post (Lodging House Mission, 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow G1 5DT) telephone (0141 552 0285/0141 552 0285) online via their website www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk, or you can place your donation in a donation envelope. Envelopes are available at the front door of the church, in the link building, or from me.

The latest newsletter from the LHM, dated March 2016, is now on display on the noticeboard in the corridor outside the Fraser Hall.

Thank you for your continued support.

Alison Allan (638 3916)

Young People's Page

Hi Guys,

Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her 90th birthday on 21st April this year. At the age of 90 she is the oldest British monarch to sit on the throne. She became Queen in 1952 at the age of 26 and has ruled Great Britain and the Commonwealth for over 63 years beating Queen Victoria to become the longest serving monarch. Queen Elizabeth has four children, Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward. She has eight grand children and five great grand children. The Queen is not known to shirk away from getting her hands dirty. During the war she served in the ATS and has been seen changing a flat tyre or spark plugs on a car (although she doesn't have a driving licence!). Her favourite dog is a corgi or dorgi and she has had 30 since her reign began. The Queen also likes horses and horse racing, and owns 25 horses. She has had twelve serving prime ministers, (and 12 US Presidents): the first was Winston Churchill and the latest David Cameron. She has launched 23 ships, answered 3.5million letters, sent 175,000 telegrams and visited 129 countries.

Phew!!! Have a Happy 90th Birthday. You deserve it.

Al the Ed

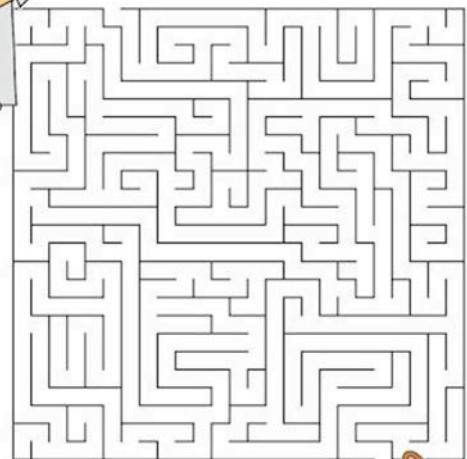
FIND THE WORDS

*Elizabeth, Charles, Anne, Andrew, Edward,
prime, minister, president, Winston, Churchill,
David, Cameron, horse, corgi*

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Hunt the Corgi!

The Queen has lost her favourite corgi!
Can you help her find him?



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A FILM FOR THE HOLIDAYS ZOOTOPIA (PG)

The modern mammal metropolis of Zootopia is a city like no other. It's a melting pot where animals from every environment live together—a place where no matter what you are or where you're from. But when rookie Officer Judy Hopps arrives, she discovers that being the first bunny on a police force of big, tough animals isn't so easy. Determined to prove herself, she jumps at the opportunity to crack a case, even if it means partnering with a fast-talking, scam-artist fox to solve the mystery.

Rating: PG (for some thematic elements, rude humour and action)

Genre: Action & Adventure, Animation, Comedy

In Cinemas: Mar 25, 2016

Runtime: 1 hr. 48 min.

GREENBANK SUNDAY CLUB . . . GIVE THEM A GOOD START

Our diary for the coming weeks:

Sunday 27th March – Easter Family Service (at 10:30am) with Easter Egg hunt

Sunday 3rd April - Sunday Club at 10:20am

Sunday 10th April – Spring Break film club at 10:20am

Sunday 17th April – Spring Break film club at 10:20am

Sunday 24th April - Sunday Club at 10:20am

Age 0 - 3

Age 3- pre-school

P1 – P4

P5 – P7

S1 – 5

CRECHE

MINI TRAILBLAZERS

TRAILBLAZERS

SUNDAY SQUAD

JAM

Creche Room 10:20– 11:30am

Cowley Hall 10:20am –11.30 am

Cowley Hall 10:20am-1130am

Meet in church. 10.20 -11.30 am

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Even if you haven't been for a few months it would be great to see you!



Polar Explorer Holiday Club

begins on

Monday 11th April until Friday 15th April.

Don't be afraid. Be brave and phone the church office
on 644 1841 to book your place.

After all what's the worst that can happen . . .

Oh yes, you'll get wet!!!!!!

YUMMY CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES

Ingredients

200g butter

200g plain chocolate

200g light soft brown sugar

2 eggs beaten

Topping

200g plain chocolate

100ml double cream, not fridge-cold

50g icing sugar

Sweets and sprinkles to decorate

1. Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3 and line a 12-hole muffin tin with cases. Gently melt the butter, chocolate, sugar and 100ml hot water together in a large saucepan, stirring occasionally, then set aside to cool a little while you weigh the other ingredients.

2. Stir the eggs and vanilla into the chocolate mixture. Put the flour into a large mixing bowl, then stir in the chocolate mixture until smooth. Spoon into cases until just over three-quarters full (you may have a little mixture leftover), then set aside for 5 mins before putting on a low shelf in the oven and baking for 20-22 mins. Leave to cool.

3. For the icing, melt the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of barely simmering water. Once melted, turn off the heat, stir in the double cream and sift in the icing sugar. When spreadable, top each cake with the mixture and decorate with your favourite sprinkles and sweets.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Millie McLellan, Alex Clark, Rachel Gow,

Catherine Carmichael,

Stephen Hughes,

Sarah McNeill, Tom Potter,

Cara Galt, Romy Smillie,

Blair O'Neill and Eve Sanderson.

JOKE CORNER

Q: Why did the snake cross the road?

A: To get to the other sssssside!

Q: What do you call a sleeping dinosaur?

A: A dino-snore!

Q: What did the farmer call the cow that had no milk?

A: An udder failure.

Q: Why do fish live in salt water?

A: Because pepper makes them sneeze!



KIRK SESSION – WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session met on 7th March with 55 members attending. They discussed a wide range of issues.

Worship: The Christmas services attracted strong support with over 200 people attending each of the 9 Lessons in Carols and Watchnight Service. Messy Church continues to flourish on the first Friday of the month from 4pm-6pm and an appeal was made for Kirk Session members to attend to meet the adults and children who attend but do not attend other worship services at Greenbank. We continue to provide teams for a rota to take short worship services at local care homes and more volunteers are required for the one hour on a Sunday four times each year. If you can help contact Jane Livingston or the Church office.

Outreach: The Kirk Session noted our support for the Lodging House Mission and over £400 was donated from the sale of Christmas cards. Alex Howie expressed his thanks for all the help and support given in connection with the Glasgow Northeast Foodbank. Donations of tinned and packet foods would be most welcome and can be left in the designated boxes in the link building.

Finance: The Financial Position was updated and it was noted our overall offerings continued to decrease in the first seven weeks of the year to 14th February by 1.3%. Recent contributions from church organisations have been received from the 1st Clarkston Guides, Time Out, Film Society, Friendship Café, Ladies Badminton Club and Sunday Club. External organisations continue to generate useful income. The treasurer presented the Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2015 (copies available in the church) and these were approved by the Kirk Session. The accounts showed a surplus of £17,000 but this was due to fabric expenditure last year having been below the planned level and a number of very costly major and essential projects being deferred.

Fabric: The property convenor advised the Kirk Session that there were stonework and roof repairs required to the church. He would advise in due course the costs involved. The boiler replacement is on hold pending the outcome of a grant application to the Whitelee Windfarm Fund. The property committee have set a budget and outlined tasks to be undertaken in 2016. There is an urgent need for members willing to help with smaller jobs – *if you can help, please contact Stephen Blanchflower, Property Convenor.*

Fellowship Events over the past few months have included a successful afternoon tea held by “Time Out” which raised over £600 for Street Pastors, CHAS, and the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. The Annual Greenbank Burns Supper was held in January and raised over £700 for Church Funds and the Church Quiz took place in February and was won by the Bushido Karate Club.

Youth: The Kirk Session received reports from the 1st Clarkston Guides, who continue to flourish and are planning their outdoor camp in May, and from JAM who meet regularly on a Sunday morning and have raised money by baking and crafts to buy furniture for the Crèche.

Local Church Review: This review of our activities, by Glasgow Presbytery, which replaces the previous system of quinquennial visits, will take place over the next few months culminating in a meeting with some members of Presbytery and Kirk Session in June. The Kirk Session approved a small committee to collect the relevant information.

Ekwendeni: The Minister advised the Kirk Session that, accompanied by the Minister of Giffnock South, she would be returning with pupils from Williamwood School to Ekwendeni this June. The visit, which has the backing of the Church of Scotland World Mission Council, will include a faith-based Bible Session afternoon for the children of the community.

Correspondence: Among letters and leaflets received were items from World Mission Council concerning Fair Trade Fortnight, the Ageing Well Conference, at which Alison Allan and the Minister were taking workshops - no correlation between the two implied - and a conference challenging Atheism and Defending and Declaring Faith in God.

Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery: The Kirk Session warmly congratulated the Minister on being appointed Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery, taking office in June, for the year 2016/17.

Other Matters: The Kirk Session attested the roll, agreed to admit new members, approved annual statements concerning Safeguarding of Children & Vulnerable Adults, the statement concerning the Data Protection Act, Easter Services, and forthcoming Kirk Session meetings and elder training. The Kirk Session also approved the continued appointment of Alison Allan who has agreed to act as Presbytery Elder for 2016/17.

(Please speak to your elder if you would like further information on any of the above.)

CHURCH QUIZ

Another great night was had at the Annual Church Quiz. Grateful and appreciative thanks go to our quiz compiler and "Queen of Mean" . . . Jill Liddell.

Congratulations to all who took part.

It was a close run thing with only three points separating first, second and third. Well done to Community Choir who took third place with 89 points, the B.B. Company Section who came second with 90 points . . . and the winners Bushido Karate Club who took first place with 92 points.

STAMPS

Please keep handing them in. All denominations and nationalities are wanted but please, please do not cut into the white band round most stamps. Doing this renders them useless and means they go straight in the paper sack.

Elizabeth MacDonald

POSTCARDS

As there has been a massive decline in the numbers of postcards being sent the need for them is greater than ever. All sorts are wanted - views comic, British and foreign, young or old!

Duncan McIntyre

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers are being collected by John Meek for B.B. equipment.

There is a designated box in the Hall of Friendship. Thank you.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS FOR MALAWI

Many thanks to everybody who has been saving milk bottle tops for Malawi. Although we have loads, more are needed, so keep them coming please. Pop them into the box provided in the link building.

Annrose Bisset

CALLING ALL RECYCLERS!

Can you recycle your 4pt/2lt plastic milk bottles (preferably washed) into the bag in the Hall of Friendship as we need them for the Holiday Club. We'll make sure the tops go to Malawi once we're finished with them! Thanks,

Alison

SPOONS FOR MALAWI

The 3rd Clarkston Guides are still collecting spoons for Malawi. If you have any loose ones you don't need please put them in the box in the Link Building.

CO-ORDINATOR / TRAINER FOR VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

This is a fixed (1 year) part time post. The purpose of this post is to work closely with the Youth Development Coordinator, developing and delivering a volunteer training programme across Presbytery:

- Supporting local congregations in their Children, Youth & Family ministry.
- Equipping volunteers to be available to congregations to assist them in the strategic planning for Children, Youth and Family ministry.

If you would be interested in this post please contact the church office (644 1841) for more information.

TIME OUT GROUP

Our AGM will be held at Clarkston Bowling and Tennis Club from 7.30pm on Thursday, 24th March and anyone wishing to come along will be most welcome. After that, our formal fortnightly meetings will come to an end for this session, but we will still be getting together once a fortnight for a chat and some refreshments.

If you would like to come along, please phone Catherine Hart tel. 639 9496 or Moira McAldine tel. 639 5968 for more details.

FLOWER LIST FOR APRIL 2016

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
3 rd April	Time Out	A. Stewart	
10 th April	S. Gould	S. Gould	C. Adam
17 th April	E Anderson	E MacDonald	
24 th April	E Johnstone		

The Flower Lists for 2016 are on the transept windows; you are invited to put your name and telephone number on a list to donate flowers on the date of your choice. A member of the Flower Committee will contact you during the week prior to this date.

THE SHAWL MINISTRY

The second meeting of the Shawl Ministry Group in conjunctions with our twinning partners, Craigend East and Garthamlock Parish Church, took place on Saturday 12th March at Greenbank where we heard some inspirational stories about the creation of the shawls. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before shawls are sent on their way accompanied by a written prayer/blessing for a recipient. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it onto someone in need. Thus, the blessing of the shawl ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of our loving God! Three people from Greenbank joined the group on the 12th March and it is wonderful to see this ministry growing. The next meeting of the group will take place at Craigend East and Garthamlock Parish Church on Saturday 23rd April at 10.30am. If you would like to come along please contact the church office – lifts can be arranged. If you would like to knit a shawl but can't manage the meetings the group would be delighted to receive any shawl knitted lovingly and focused on the care and wellbeing of its anonymous recipient. A blessing will be offered over any completed shawl by the Shawl Ministry group before being sent on its way. The knitting pattern being used for the shawls is 81 stitches, knit 3, purl 3 – beginning each row with knit 3, using 300 grams of double knitting and using 6mm, 7mm or 8mm needles. Finished shawls are fringed by those who make them in a way they wish. Thank you to everyone who has donated needles and wool for this Ministry your kindness has already brought a great amount of comfort to people.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYERS FOR HEALING

If you need prayer for yourself, a loved one or a friend please use the Greenbank Church Card [see reverse side] which can be found at the end of the church pews, and place it in the box at the front door of the church. Alternatively, prayer requests can be given to our Minister, Rev. Jeanne Roddick. Those for whom prayers have been requested will be prayed for at the monthly at the Prayers for Healing Service and throughout the month by members of the Prayer Group.

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

We had an amazing and successful day at our Association Kumite (fighting) Championships. The event involved 300 competitors from across our Association and there were great displays of technique combinations executed throughout the day.

Our own club came away with 30 medals. Our very own Josh Kelly in the 5 year old category started the day when he achieved Gold and at the end of the day Nicola Meiklejohn achieved Gold in the Senior Female category and was crowned Senior Female Champion. On a special note, Nicola's children Kiara, Ben and Zac came away with two Golds and a Silver – the family will be celebrating for a while.

All our students were fantastic and showed great spirit and character. During the day they made friends with many others in the Association.

Looking forward, we have a Junior Black Belt Grading coming up and we have more guest instructors visiting our club which is always exciting. Best wishes,

John Elliot, Bushido Karate Association Chairman

ADVERTISING INITIATIVE

Over the last few years, the Good Neighbour has been running adverts in the centre page, which has provided important income for the Church. We have two adverts fewer this year due to recent shop closures and the increase in businesses using social media to advertise their products. Can we appeal to members of the congregation using those who advertise with us to let them know that you have seen their advert in the Good Neighbour. If you know of anyone or any company who would like to take the opportunity of advertising, please let us know.

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30th April 2016
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36 Eaglesham Rd, Clarkston



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