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March 2016



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GreenbankParish
CHURCH

Parish Register

DEATHS

23/1/16	Mr Peter Oram, Newton Mearns
28/1/16	Mrs Dorothy Stevens, Clarkston
28/1/16	Mrs Nancy Burns, Clarkston
5/2/16	Miss Joan Stewart, Clarkston
15/2/16	Mrs Isabel Joan Hunter, Ayr
15/2/16	Mrs Isa Bell Pender, Oban

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

STATED ANNUAL MEETING

The Stated Annual Meeting of Greenbank Parish Church will take place on Sunday 13th March 2016, commencing immediately after the morning service. Minutes of the Stated Annual Meeting of 2015 along with copies of the report and accounts for 2015 will be available at the church doors before the meeting.

PULPIT DIARY

4 th March	4.00pm	Messy Church
	7.30pm	Preparatory Service
6 th March	10.00am	Sacrament of Holy Communion & Sunday Club (in halls)
	6.30pm	All Age Communion
13 th March	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Sunday Club
	3.00pm	Sacrament of Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Prayers for Healing Service
20 th March	10.30am	Palm Sunday Worship & Sunday Club
21 st March	7.00pm	Holy Monday Service (led by the Sunday Club)
22 nd March	7.00pm	Holy Tuesday Service (led by the Guild)
25 th March	7am-3pm	Good Friday Pilgrimage (tea stop at Greenbank at 10am)
	7.00pm	Good Friday Service (when we will be joined by Busby & Williamwood)
27 th March	10.30am	Easter Day Family Celebration (with egg hunt for the children) followed by Easter Day Communion

On Wednesday 23rd March our congregation is invited to worship at Busby Church at 7pm (along with the congregation of Williamwood).

On Maundy Thursday our congregation is invited to worship at Williamwood Church at 7pm (along with the congregation of Busby).

MESSY CHURCH FRIDAY 4th MARCH, 4PM – 6PM

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

Dear Friends,

One of my favourite books is 'Pillars of the Earth' written by Ken Follet. The story is set in the middle of 12th century England. Set against historical events, the book explores the development of the medieval architecture and building work which produced the great European Cathedrals. Ken Follet writes about the architects and builders taking a lifetime to build the Cathedrals without the technology we take for granted today. Most of the architects and builders didn't live to see their buildings completed but many future generations, including ours, have benefited from a legacy which has stood the test of time.

Those 12th century people built on a legacy which began on the first Easter evening when frightened disciples hid in a locked room following the unimaginable death and resurrection of Jesus. Every one of those disciples had let Jesus down in some way, yet the risen Jesus still came back to ask his friends to continue the church He had started building. In Acts 2, we get a wonderful glimpse of this church in its earliest days where people are united, everyone is attentive to the disciple's teachings, there are enough volunteers for every task, people are giving generously to support the church, and people are lining up to join. If you know your Bible and the story of the church, though, you know this does not last. Soon the church was dealing with all sorts of difficulties. Despite this Jesus' church legacy continued to grow and change many people's lives.

For 132 years, Greenbank Parish Church has been trying to pass on this legacy. Of course, we could be doing so much more and that's why we are currently trying to determine what our legacy might be in this place and time. Architects have been appointed to look at whether the creation of suitable space and the establishing of a secure financial future might be found in the better use of our land and buildings. Kirk Session appointed groups are also considering Greenbank's engagement with young people, the growing disengagement of those under the age of 50 and how any identified needs within the community and beyond might be best served by this church. Every member of the congregation will have an opportunity to get involved in the discussions about these issues in the months to come.

It is now our turn to build on the legacy which began on the first Easter evening. This is not just a corporate challenge for Greenbank church – as those who have gone before us – we are all individually challenged by our faith in the Risen Jesus, to choose what legacy of faith we want to leave behind for future generations.

May God guide our church and each one of us, to both receive and offer legacies that may stand the test of time.

I wish you a blessed Easter.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, personal feel.

What's On

THE GUILD

Diary

2 nd March	2.15pm	<i>The Other Marigold Hotel</i> Sandra and Angus McKinnon
9 th March	2.15pm	<i>Annual General Meeting and Beetle Drive</i> Just Us
16 th March	2.15pm	<i>Closing Meeting</i> Greenbank Choir

It is hard to believe another session of the Guild is almost over. However, we look forward to our major fund-raising event, our annual Bridge Afternoon, to be held on Monday, 21st March. This is always a very enjoyable and successful afternoon. For information regarding the event please contact Esmae MacEwan.

The Guild would like to remind you again that this year Greenbank Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer service on Friday, 4th March at 10.30am. Although this service is organised by the Guild, it is open to ALL members of the congregation. We hope for a good attendance and to welcoming friends from the seven other local churches who will be taking part. The service this year has been written by the women of Cuba. Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

Enid Dron
Secretary

THE LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch Club will be held in the church halls on Friday, 26th February and, to avoid Good Friday, the following one will take place on Friday, 1st April. Everyone will be made most welcome. Come and enjoy a plate of soup, a filled roll, a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit (or two) coupled with a friendly chat.

Members of the group are happy to offer transport to anyone who needs a lift to the church hall - if this includes you, or someone you know, then please contact Jan or Maureen and a lift will be organised.

KIRK SESSION COFFEE MORNING

The Kirk Session Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 19th March from 10am to 12noon. Tickets price £2 (Children £1) can be obtained from Elders or Associate Members of the Session or at the door.

It is hoped that the Congregation and friends of Greenbank will give their usual support to this event which is again in aid of our Crisis Fund as well as supporting our Ekwendeni Partnership in Malawi.

Bill Allan

LADIES' FAIR TRADE NIGHT

4TH MARCH, 8pm-10pm, Newton Mearns Baptist Church

From Ghana to Greenock! Come and hear the inspirational story behind Carishea.

"We work with communities in Ghana where women harvest shea nuts to produce butter which is handcrafted into luxurious products by our workers from disadvantaged communities in Scotland."

You will have the opportunity to try out this fair trade skin care range, sample fair trade savoury snacks and baking and browse craft and food stalls with fair trade products from Traidcraft and Rainbow Turtle shop.

Every product has a story to tell and you can have a part to play in the story too.

This is a free event but donations can be made on the night to Traidcraft whose vision is "a world freed from the scandal of poverty, where trade is just and people and communities can flourish."

GREENBANK PLAYERS PRESENT A 'MURDER MYSTERY'

on Saturday 19th March at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Tickets costing £10 are on sale now. This includes your supper and wine.

Come along with your friends for a fun night and see if you can guess 'Whodunnit'!



DOWN'S SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

The charity that is closest to my heart is Down's Syndrome Scotland (DSS). Sixteen years ago, on Sunday 21st February, my sister gave birth to her third child, Amy, and soon after was told by the doctors at Yorkhill Hospital that Amy had Down's Syndrome. My sister's world was turned upside down. She had to grieve for the child that for 9 months she thought she was having and start accepting an uncertain future.

Down's Syndrome Scotland is a charity based in Edinburgh that gives invaluable support and advice to families like my sister's. As I have since found out, it's difficult enough bringing up three young ones, never mind adding in a diagnosis of special needs to the equation. Amy is now a young adult, a huge asset to our family and achieving more than we could ever have dreamed of.

Down's Syndrome Awareness Week starts on Monday 21st March and DSS ask that to bring awareness, people wear wacky socks! I am doing this a week early. **On Monday 14th March**, I invite my regular attendees and anyone else who fancies joining us to come to my fitness class in the **Cowley Hall for 1pm. Entry requirement – WACKY SOCKS!** Class usually costs £4 but any money that is put in the box that day will be going to Down's Syndrome Scotland with a huge big "thanks" from me for helping my sister's and many other families over the last 16 years.

Lorna Preece

TIME OUT

On Thursday, 3rd March we are having a taste and try and swap shop. Bring along a dish, sweet or savoury, for others to try, as well as your unwanted gifts to swap for something new. The evening will start at 8pm in the church hall. Tea and coffee will be served.

On Thursday, 17th March we will be holding our AGM at Clarkston Bowling and Tennis Club from 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to join us on any of our evenings will be made most welcome. For further information, please phone Catherine Hart or Moira McAldine for more details.

STORM IN A TEA CUP

A BIG thanks to everyone for their help and support. It was a very successful day, enjoyed by many. We are delighted to say that we have raised a profit of £600, which will be split equally between The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, Erskine Homes and Glasgow Street Pastors.

WORLD BOOK DAY AT BUSBY LIBRARY

Busby Library is having an event to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. We have a local author who is going to come along and talk about some important information that we may or may not be aware of. She has written books focusing on "Tips when visiting someone in hospital" and "Tips when caring for someone at home." Throughout these books she has highlighted how these tips could act as a guide for others enduring hospitals, visiting hospitals and caring for their loved ones at home in order to collectively help their healing and reduce their stress levels. She will also be giving advice on Power of Attorney and Wills.

If anyone is interested please contact me at Busby Library for a place.

June Lamont

Busby Community Library

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HELP, HELP, HELP, HELP, HELP! Holiday Club time is here again! Get your winter woollies out and join the Polar Explorers. The Holiday Club is on from Monday the 11th till Friday 15th April. If you can help out, even for just one day, we would be delighted to have you. **There will be a short meeting with lunch for anyone who wants to join us, after church on Sunday 13th March.** All Welcome.

Please contact Alison Harvey.

News and Updates

ED LINES

Hi Folks

We've just bought a new dishwasher. It came with a guarantee that if it wasn't perfect we could change it for another model. The only guarantee I was looking for was a guarantee that it wouldn't break down half way through a cycle! Life doesn't come with guarantees. If it did, it would be perfect but is that what we really want? If I did, I'd be three children and a husband down by now and they would certainly have ditched me a long time ago! If everything was perfect would we lose the impetus to improve things? If things never went wrong, how would we appreciate when they go right? If we never had dark days, how could we enjoy the light nights? In the film "Parenthood" life is likened to a rollercoaster, which could be frightening and scary yet thrilling all at the same time. So if you're looking for perfection you will probably be disappointed. We would get bored with living in Utopia. We have to have the ups and downs, the highs and the lows, the rough with the smooth. It is only after we experience those that we can appreciate the sunshine that comes after the rain.
Alison

**ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH PLEASE**



A very "Happy Birthday" to Sandra Williams who will be celebrating a significant birthday on the 15th March. Hope you have a great day!

CHRISTIAN AID

The total sum raised by the Sponsored Swimmers from Greenbank was £864, and certificates were presented to all the participants at a Sunday service just before Christmas. The total raised by all the participating churches was £3019. The next fundraising activity is the 36th annual Art Exhibition and sale on **March 12th** from 10am to 4pm at the **Carmichael Hall at Eastwood Park Leisure Centre** next to the swimming pool. This is a new venue this year since the Clarkston halls are being redecorated at this time. Please note the date in your diaries/phones and the change of venue. Entry will be by catalogue, priced at £2 for adults and 50p for children, payable at the door. Your admission price also includes tea, coffee or juice. Home baking and craft stalls will also be present to tempt you with some shopping. I hope that you will continue to support this popular annual event by coming along to view and to purchase some of the paintings on display since 1/3 of the sale price goes to help the work of Christian Aid.

Mark Allan

GOOD NEIGHBOUR RECORDINGS ON CD

Do you have difficulty reading "Good Neighbour" because you have eyesight problems?

"Good Neighbour" is available every month on a CD disc. If you feel that you would benefit if you could have a copy on CD, please contact Douglas Paterson or speak to your Elder or District Visitor on his or her next visit.

FLOWER LIST FOR MARCH 2016

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
6 th March	P. Gillespie	Mr & Mrs Meek	
13 th March		S. Mowat	
20 th March	J. Brown	M. Innes	S. Matthews
27 th March		E. Carr	

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 Flower Committee is holding a meeting in Room A on Tuesday, 15th March at 7.30pm. We would like to recruit some new members to the committee and invite any ladies of the congregation who are interested to come along and join us on that evening. You will be made very welcome.

AGEING WELL TRAINING DAY (FREE EVENT)

Glasgow City Chambers Banqueting Room

Friday 11 March 2016, 9.30am – 3.00pm

Open to Ministers, Deacons, MDS staff and people in congregations either actively involved in working with older people or interested in starting work in their church with older people.

This practical training day will help churches better support the spiritual needs of older people and will help you discover how other people are tackling similar issues near you

Sessions include:

New For Old – Faith in Community Scotland

How to go about setting up a new initiative that benefits the health and wellbeing of older people in the community

Dementia Friendly Church – Faith in Older People Scotland

How to audit your church for being dementia friendly and a step by step guide for making changes that make a positive impact for people living with dementia.

Poverty and Older People – Age Scotland

Discover the reality of pension, fuel, funeral poverty and welfare cuts.

Golden Age Project – Iain Whyte – The Guild

A step by step workshop on how to use the Golden Age resource at a congregational level.

Caring for Carers – The Alliance

There are more than 600,000 people registered as carers in Scotland. This workshop will explore some of their needs and identify ways the local church could provide help and support.

Mission and Older People – Colin Sinclair – Mission and Discipleship

This workshop will give church leaders a chance to try out the Mission and Older People toolkit. Ideal for congregations wanting a deeper theological look at the role of older people.

Working with Care Homes – FIOPS and Crossreach

How to better support the spiritual needs of older people living in the care home setting, particularly those living with dementia.

Living with Dementia – The Alliance

A practical workshop that goes beyond the headlines and provides an insight to the challenges presented by this illness for both those living with the condition and their families.

You will be able to participate in 2 out of the 8 possible sessions above. Please contact the Presbytery Office on 0141 332 6606 to book your place.

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Homelessness Sunday Service

I attended the Homelessness Sunday service on the evening of Sunday, 31st January at the Lodging House Mission. The service, which was led by the LHM chaplain, Gus McKay in the upstairs church, was well supported. The opening praise was: "O God of Bethel," and other hymns were "A Place at the Table" and "Just as I am". There were two readings, one from Micah, chapter 6:1-7, and the other from Luke, chapter 14: 7-14, which were ably read by clients of the LHM. A poem about homelessness was read by Angela Vance, support worker, and there were two prayers. The prayers were read by Stan Smith and Eric Cooper who are both volunteers. The sermon was by Rev Tom Pollock, current Moderator of The Presbytery of Glasgow. This was humorous, entertaining and meaningful, as he compared the food, fellowship and love provided by the LHM with the hospitality and love provided to him and his friends by his Granny in Partick.

I was also able to see the Lodging House Mission as I have never seen it before, set up to host the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter. The downstairs hall floor was completely covered with mattresses, with the authorised capacity to sleep 40 people each night. There was a separate section for women with supervision being provided at all times. This is a wonderful initiative.

Greetings cards

The sale of greetings cards has resumed. Since commencing this venture, a total of £350 has been donated to the Lodging House Mission; £50 has been donated to Mary's Meals; and approximately £90 has gone to church funds (from individual Christmas cards sold at two Christmas Fairs).

Alison Allan

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

Last month we started our course concentrating on karate techniques, combinations and training methods in preparation for up and coming competitions throughout the year. The course has been very successful and well attended and the progress of the students has been great. This progress has been seen in the increase in fitness levels, the improved ability/agility of the student moving with their sparring partner on the mat and the improvement in speed of execution of techniques has been amazing.

In our advanced class we have been concentrating on advanced Kata (a Japanese word describing detailed patterns of movements). At class we have been performing 20 different Kata on a single night and if each one has on average 30-35 moves, the senior students are performing over 700 moves in detailed patterns. Each of the moves has to be executed in a certain way – positioning, power, and focus so overall Karate is beneficial mentally and all our students find this beneficial outside of the class at home, work and school.

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.

Val Scholfield (638 2146) Alison Harvey (638 3679)

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