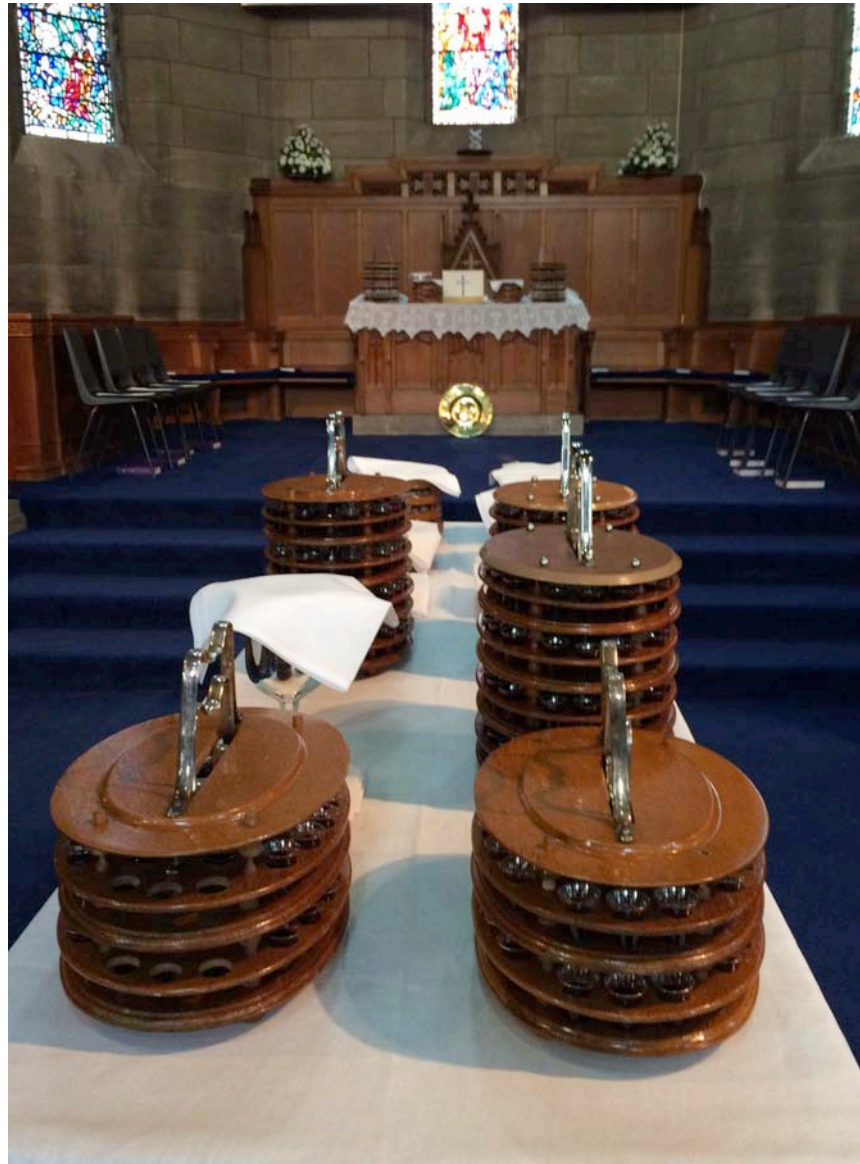


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March 2017



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# Parish Register

## NEW MEMBERS

February 2017 Mandy Mallon, 6 Woodburn Avenue, Clarkston

Mandy was a member at Williamwood but when she and her husband Brian moved to Woodburn Avenue she decided to come to Greenbank. Mandy and Brian have a son, Finlay, who is three years old. She works as an accountant. Her hobbies are going to the gym and keeping fit. She also likes to eat out and she and Brian enjoy their holidays, particularly in Italy. Mandy's claim to fame is that she was part of the first all-female team to complete the Caledonia Challenge, walking from Fort William to Inversnaid, a distance of 52 miles in the quickest time of 23 hours. Well done Mandy, we look forward to meeting you.

February 2017 Janice Common, 21 Fairfield Drive, Clarkston

## BAPTISM

15/1/17 Karis Emily Crichton, Walton Avenue Newton Mearns

Karis Emily Crichton was born at 1.25pm on 30th April 2016 in the Maternity Unit at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and weighed 9lb 6oz. Her parents are Laura and Kenneth Crichton and she has a big brother, Lewis, who is four. Karis' godparents are her aunt, Sarah Graham, and uncle, Kyle Diamond. Everyone enjoyed the day, especially Karis who took in everything that was going on. Laura and Kenneth will remember what a lovely atmosphere there was in the church and how friendly everyone was. They had a lovely afternoon back at their home where family and friends joined them.

## BLESSING

12/2/17 Isla Marie Roddick, 41 Newlands Road, Glasgow

## DEATH

29/1/17 Mrs Elizabeth Paton, 18 Mansefield Road, Clarkston

*Dependent on your bounteous breath, we seek your grace alone,  
In every stage of life and death, to keep us still your own"*

## PULPIT DIARY

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	4.00pm	Messy Church
	7.30pm	Preparatory Service
5 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion. Sunday Club meets in the Halls.
	6.30pm	All Age Communion
12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
	3.00pm	Sacrament of Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Prayers for Healing Service
19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club

## FLOWER LIST FOR MARCH 2017

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Pat Gillespie	Mr & Mrs Meek	
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Susan Mowat	Sheila Matthews	
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Jane Brown	Miora Innes	
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Time Out	Elaine Carr	

The Flower Lists for 2017 are now 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.

Elizabeth Cross (638 5162)



Dear Friends,

Since the earliest times of the Christian Church there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter. The early church father, Irenaeus of Lyons (c.130-c.200) wrote of this observance but back then it lasted only two or three days, not the 40 observed today. It wasn't until almost 150 years later that a 40-day Lenten season of fasting was customary throughout the Church. How those 40 days were counted varied depending on location. In the East, fasting took place only on week days. The western church's Lent was one week shorter, but included Saturdays. In both places, the observance was a time of very strict, in some cases almost complete abstinence. All merriment was taboo. All rich foods were forbidden. Only the most simple, unseasoned food was allowed.

These days, total abstinence is a thing of the past although many people still commit to giving up certain luxuries during Lent. As it had not been a practice carried out by the church I grew up in, I first became aware of the practice of 'giving up something for Lent' when I was an adult. Although I have given up certain things for Lent, in years gone by, for me Lent is more a time for reflection and consideration of faith in Jesus Christ. In this, I am helped this year, by the Mission and Discipleship Council of the Church of Scotland which has prepared a course called 'Sharing Faith' designed to explore how we might best convey, the difference following Jesus makes to our lives.

Through four sessions, and through a combination of Bible study, group discussion, activities, and prayer – the course explores practical issues to help share faith; through seeking to understand and unconditionally love people first; through looking at how sharing faith can be a natural overflow of discipleship in Jesus; through preparing to explain the difference faith in God makes in life; and through making sharing faith a natural habit – not just something for special occasions. A quick glance through the booklet has shown me that there will be plenty of opportunity for considering and reflecting how we might better aim **'to live out our faith through our actions at the heart of the community'**.

The Lenten Book group will meet in Room A during Lent for one hour on Saturday mornings at 9am [8.45am for breakfast refreshments] – on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March and 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April. For those who would like to take part, the 'Sharing Faith' books will be placed in the Centenary Chapel on Sunday mornings or can be obtained from the church office during the week.

If you are thinking about 'giving up' something this Lent, perhaps you might consider giving up four hours of your time to reflect on sharing your faith on Saturday mornings – for those 'giving up' something else for Lent, I wish you well. I shall be with you in spirit if not in practice.

Yours



A proposal has been received for a Greenbank Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a suggested date of 11-19 April 2018 led by our Minister, Rev Jeanne Roddick. The Rev Catherine Beattie and members of the congregation of Giffnock South would also like to take part in this Pilgrimage. The cost will be approximately £1,900. If you would like further information, please phone or email the Minister as soon as possible. [jroddick@churchofscotland.org.uk; 01416441395]

# What's On

## THE GUILD

### Diary

1 <sup>st</sup> March	2.15pm	<i>Scarves</i> Denise Winton
8 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15pm	<i>Guild Project: Caring for Mother</i> <i>Earth in Bolivia</i> Speaker: TBA
15 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15pm	<i>AGM and Quiz</i> Jill Liddell
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.15pm	<i>Westertones</i> Closing Meeting

The Guild has reached the end of another very successful year. Our meetings have been greatly enhanced by the attendance of our 12 new members who joined at the beginning of the session. These ladies all seem to enjoy the Guild experience and we hope for even more new members next year.

We look forward to our fundraising Bridge Afternoon Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. This has become our main event of the year and we thank everyone in advance for their support. Further information from Esmae MacEwan (638 8835).

The World Day of Prayer is being held in Stamperland Church on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome at this service.

Enid Dron

## KIRK SESSION COFFEE MORNING

The Kirk Session Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, from 10am to 12 noon.

Tickets are priced £2 (Children £1), and can be obtained from Elders or Associate members of the Kirk Session, or at the door.

It is hoped that the Congregation and friends of Greenbank will give their support to this event, which is again being held in aid of our Crisis Fund for emergencies at home and abroad, as well as supporting the Ekwendeni Partnership in Malawi.

## CHRISTIAN AID ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

The next fundraising activity is the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition and sale on March 11<sup>th</sup> in the Carmichael Hall at Eastwood Park Leisure Centre next to the swimming pool. This is the same venue as last year. Please note the date in your diaries/phones. Entry will be by catalogue, and further details will follow. Please watch for intimations and advertising posters. As I write the artists are being invited to exhibit their work and I hope that you will continue to support this popular annual event by coming along to view and to purchase some of the work on display. A percentage of the sale price goes to Christian Aid. The entry to the exhibition (£2.50 for adults, £1 for children), includes a cup of tea or coffee in the tea room which is also a popular place to meet friends and view the work on display.

Mark Allan

## TUESDAY EVENING WALKING GROUP

We have kept walking all winter - we are a hardy bunch! If you would like to join us we meet outside the church at 7pm and set off for 1 hour walk in local district. All welcome.

Contact Evelyn on 07762 065507 if you need more info.

## MESSY CHURCH FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 4PM – 6PM

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

## **LUNCH CLUB**

The next lunch club meeting will be on Friday March 24th from 12noon. We are a friendly bunch, very keen to ply you with soup, filled rolls, tea, coffee and the inevitable yummy biscuits. We were very pleased to welcome some new faces recently, but there would be room for you too, so please come and join us! If you would like more information, a lift to the church premises, or you feel you have the time and energy to join the catering team, please get in touch with either Jan on 258 4959 or Maureen on 639 5114. We look forward to seeing you on 25th!

## **SPRING CRAFT FAIR**

The Social Events committee is delighted that they already have over 30 stalls booked by local crafters and businesses for the Spring Craft Fair on Saturday 11th March from 2pm-4pm. Now that spring weather is hopefully here why not come along and show them your support and find some unusual gift ideas while enjoying a coffee and catch up with your friends. There are still a few tables available at £10 each plus a raffle donation. If you would be interested in taking a table please contact Susan Johnston at [susan.c.johnston@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susan.c.johnston@hotmail.co.uk) Tickets for the event are £2 which includes tea and coffee. They will be available each Sunday after church or simply pay at the door.

## **SAXOPHONE QUARTET RECITAL**

Saxophone Quartet Recital at Giffnock South Parish Church - 25th March, 1pm, tickets £5  
The Makaris Quartet visit Giffnock South Parish Church on the 25th March at 1pm, performing two prolific string quartets by Debussy and Shostakovich, arranged for saxophones. Tickets cost £5 and include tea and coffee after the recital in the halls. We would like to thank Giffnock South's events committee for kindly supplying these refreshments. The Makaris Quartet is a young, prize-winning saxophone quartet based in Glasgow. Formed in 2015 while studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, the quartet has quickly gained a reputation for its exciting and sensitive performances, winning the Governor's Recital Prize for Chamber Music and being awarded the Mary D Adams award for chamber music within its first year of performances.

## **CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Come along and join the Clarkston Community Choir as we prepare for our summer concert, this time themed around different countries of the world. We welcome all ages and abilities, no auditions - just come along and sing! Our rehearsals run on Wednesday nights 7.30 - 9:30pm in Greenbank Parish Church halls. If you want to join us but would feel uncomfortable singing in the upcoming concert in May, you're welcome to come along to rehearsals anyway and build your confidence. If you would like more information, just email [richard.scholfield@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.scholfield@yahoo.com)

## **THE FRIENDS OF EASTWOODHILL**

The Friends of Eastwoodhill will be running their annual Coffee Morning in Giffnock South Church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Liz Allan will have tickets (£2) on sale in the Fraser Hall after morning services. You can also contribute by entering the quiz. Entry forms are £1 and also available in the Fraser Hall. Any contributions of baking can be handed to Liz on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April (tel: 0141 644 1725 for arrangements). Thank you all for your anticipated participation (Try saying that three times quickly!)  
Liz Allan

## **THERE'S BEEN A MURDER!!!**

Tickets are now on sale for Greenbank Players' Murder Mystery - performance of 'Death on Delivery'. Tickets costing £10, which includes supper and refreshments can be purchased from any club member for either Friday 24th March or Saturday 25th March. Check your calendar to see which night you can come. Bring a friend - bring a few friends!  
Diana Sim (632 2795) Neil Scholfield (638 2146)

# News and Updates

## ED LINES

Hi Folks,

I'm on a bit of a fitness kick. Just trying to get myself into shape, preferable not a round one!

A few months ago, my friend, Val, and I went out on a bike ride. It was a beautiful day so we took our time and cycled up through Mearns to the Whitelees wind farm, back past Bonnyton Golf course, through Waterfoot and home. We managed to take in some beautiful views and stopped along the way if anything caught our eye. Not too far, not too strenuous; all in all a very pleasant cycle.

Last week I thought I'd cycle the route again by myself. Silly move! I didn't think I was ever going to make it back home! To begin with the weather wasn't as good. It was cold, cloudy and misty in places - positively dreich. The route was long, arduous - energy sapping. The roads were bumpy and full of potholes. The hills were steeper and the bends sharper. It was the same route but not nearly as enjoyable and much more difficult.

It just goes to show that no matter what road you take, whichever path you tread, it's so much easier and more enjoyable when travelled with friends.

Alison

**ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED  
BY SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH PLEASE**

## 102ND BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Doris McIver who celebrates her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup> March - have a great day Doris!

## DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bill and Isobel Blanchflower celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 16th March.

Bill and the then Miss Isobel Muckersie met at a dance at the Denniston Pally and were married in Denniston Baptist Church. The reception, a posh affair, was held at the Burlington in Bath Street. Isobel had two bridesmaids, her cousin, Evelyn Thomson, and a friend from work. Bill's best man was his brother, Eddy. They were going on honeymoon to Whitely Bay the following day but Isobel discovered she'd left her purse with the holiday money at the reception. She had to phone her dad to take it over to the North British where they were spending their wedding night. He wasn't allowed to hand it over as the reception staff told him that Mr and Mrs Blanchflower were too busy!!!! They plan to hold a family party to help them celebrate the event.

## BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

Belated congratulations to Jane Blanchflower who celebrated a rather large birthday on 31st January. Safe to say she'll not see 49 again!!

## HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

Help is needed. In whatever age, size or shape. Please come along and join us for some fun and Games at our Easter Holiday Club from 10am-12pm from Monday 10th April to Friday 14th April. We'd be pleased to see you anytime, on each or any day you can manage. A short meeting will take place after church on Sunday 19th March or phone Alison Harvey 638 3679/07742282870 for any further information.

## GREENBANK COUNTRY DANCE CLASS 1946 - 2017

On Wednesday evening 29th March 2017 the ladies attending this class will be putting on their dancing shoes for the very last time. The class has been part of the Greenbank Church Family for the past 70 years and it is with much sadness and regret we have to end this year. This is due to a lack of numbers, therefore making it impossible to continue.

During these 70 years, many ladies have come along on Wednesday evenings to enjoy the exercise, music, fun and friendship and one of our remaining ladies has had family connections with the class for most of these years.

The ladies would like to thank the Church for use of the hall and Mr John Meek for always being so helpful. With every blessing for the future,

Marilyn Fraser (Secretary)

## **LODGING HOUSE MISSION**

### HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY SERVICE

The annual Homelessness Sunday Service took place at the Lodging House Mission on Sunday, 29th January at 6.30pm. This short, half hour service was led by the Right Rev Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, who has a special interest in homelessness. The service was most enjoyable and was extremely well attended, with a congregation in excess of 120 in the upstairs church. Twelve people attended from Greenbank, including officers and boys from our 223rd Boys' Brigade Company. This was an excellent opportunity for the boys to learn more about the work of the LHM and to have a tour of the premises. They were also able to see the floor of the main hall of the LHM set out with mattresses to host the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter.

The service was opened with praise, "Beauty for Brokenness". Joe Carling led us in prayer, and the scripture reading, from John 21:15 - 19, was read by Jim Goldie. Donal McHugh gave a musical interlude, and this was followed by the address from The Moderator. Dr Barr explained that he wished particularly to highlight the issue of homelessness during his year as Moderator. He is the founder of Fresh Start, an Edinburgh churches charity which helps people who have been homeless by supporting them to make homes for themselves. He spoke of the work of Fresh Start and gave examples of how people were helped by the charity. It was heartening to hear that often people who had received help found ways to repay this help once they were in a position to do so.

Pat McLean led us in prayer, and the service ended with praise, "Inspired by Love and Anger", followed by the benediction.

Tea and coffee were served after the service. This was a very sociable time, giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy some fellowship.

### LHM SATURDAY OPENING/GLASGOW WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Saturday opening at the LHM continues successfully, thanks to the support of volunteers from churches in Glasgow Presbytery. Four volunteers from Greenbank were at the LHM on Saturday, 14th January. And all found this to be a well organised and worthwhile experience. Everyone enjoyed seeing around the premises. Our next team of John and Christine Bryden, Anne Muir and David Dowell will be on duty on Saturday, 25th March. We wish the team well on the 25th, and give sincere thanks to all who volunteered.

Please remember all LHM staff, volunteers and clients in your prayers.

Thank you for your continued support. It is always a pleasure to receive your phone calls, asking if certain items are suitable for donation.

Alison Allan

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED AT AIDAN'S VIEW**

One person is required to make tea and coffee for residents of Aidan's View independent living complex on a Wednesday morning from 10.30am (for half an hour) and it is hoped that a rota of volunteers can be set up for this purpose. If you think you can help please add your name and preferably your email address if you have one to the designated sheet in the Centenary Chapel.

## **GREENBANK COLOUR CIRCLE**

Greenbank Colour Circle would like to thank everyone who supported our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition. We were pleased to be able to present CHAS with a cheque for £1,076 and the CHAS stall realised another £300. Thank you again for all your support.

Bert McCrum and Anna Maclure

## **TIME OUT**

9 March - Guide Dogs for the Blind

23 March - AGM

Thursday evening meetings are held in the church hall and begin at 8pm.

Anyone wishing to join us on any of our evenings will be made most welcome.

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Coffee afternoon last month. We raised a magnificent sum of nearly £460 all of which will be donated to various charities. Thanks for your support.

For further information about Time Out please phone Catherine Hart tel. 639 9496 or Moira McAlidine tel. 639 5968 for more details.

## **VOLUNTEERING VOCATIONS**

Volunteering Vocations is a gap year project for young adults aged 18-25. It is a fantastic opportunity to gain experience of different types of work within a parish or a project in a supported environment, while exploring any potential call to serve the Church in the long term. A short film about the scheme can be viewed at [www.tomorrowcalling.org/first-steps/volunteering](http://www.tomorrowcalling.org/first-steps/volunteering).

Find out more by emailing [vocation@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:vocation@churchofscotland.org.uk). The closing date for applications is 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## **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.

## **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

John Meek would once again be happy to receive these vouchers for the BB.

## **BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB**

We have had a great start to the New Year with many new beginners who are already preparing for our KATA competition in March.

Our Association KATA competition is always a great day and our students have been preparing for the individual and team events. There are many categories beginning with our 5 year old white belts up to our senior categories where our oldest competitor has been 70. The team event also has an open category where we will be entering teams consisting of family members, which are always great to watch as the standard is very high.

Best wishes

John Elliot

Bushido Karate Association Chairman

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***The Stage Sound Equipment  
in the Cowley Hall  
requires replacing/upgrading***

***We have been using a donated home hi/fi  
which, after many years' service, has finally broadcast its last sound.***

***Do you have an unused hi/fi***

***or amplifier which you would be willing to donate?***

***Please contact [greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk) if you can help.***



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