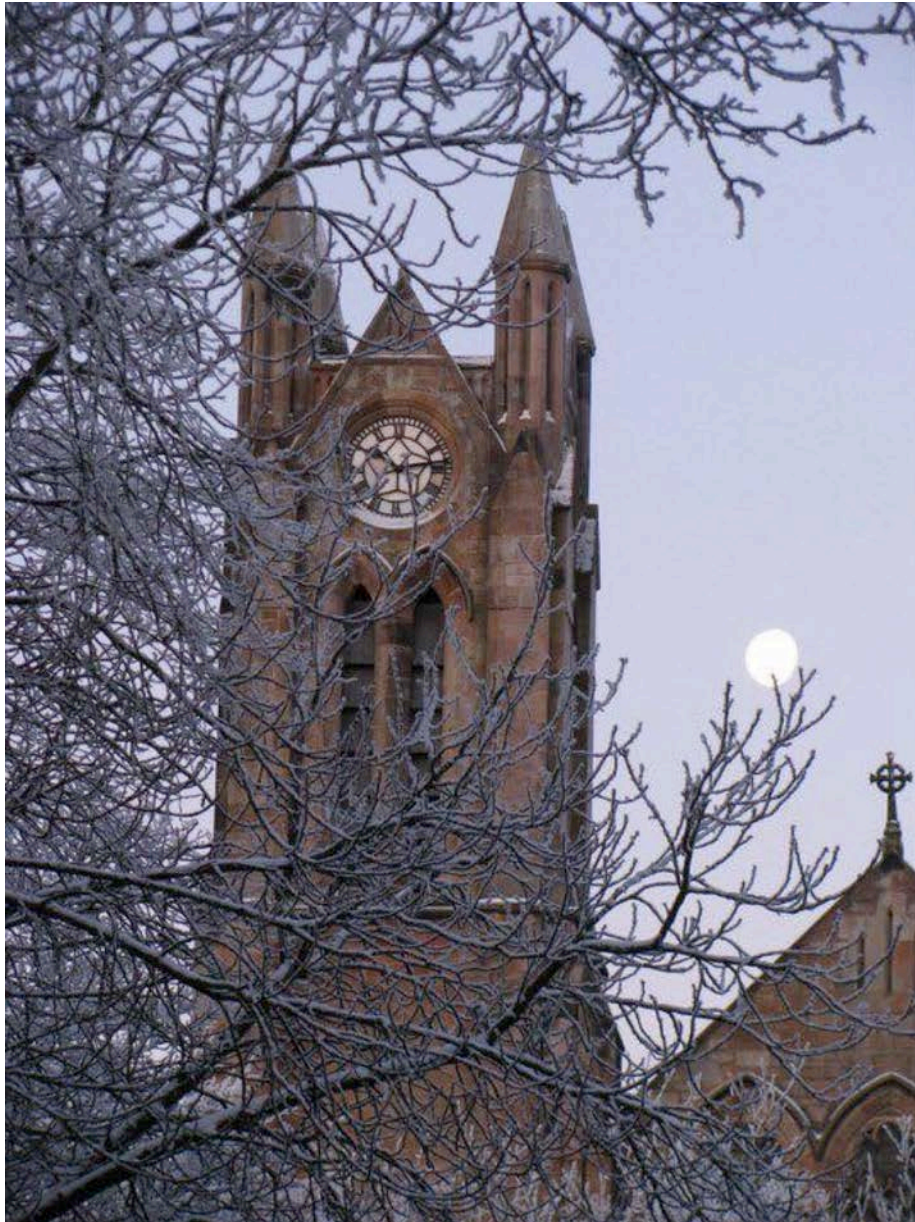


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February 2018



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NEW MEMBER

December 2017

Mrs Elaine MacPhee, 7 William Grange, Thorntonhall

BAPTISM

19/11/17 Ewan John Armet, The Oval, Clarkston

Ewan John Armet was born on 12th April 2017 at the Royal Alexandra, Paisley. He came into the world at 10.30am and weighed 7lb exactly. His parents are Neil and Victoria Armet. He has a brother Ross (6) and a sister Eva (3). His godmother is Victoria's sister, Anne. The family enjoyed the day and seeing everyone at church. It was especially nice to go into the Sunday Club. Afterwards they went to Cathcart Castle for lunch.

DEATHS

22/11/17 Mrs Shena Gilmour, Mearnskirk House, Old Mearns Road, Newton Mearns
17/12/17 Mr Peter Rutherford, 48 Mansefield Road, Clarkston
10/1/18 Mr Robert Henderson, 37 Greenholm Avenue, Clarkston
13/1/18 Mr Robert Fairley, Flat 7, Broom Court, 68 Broompark Drive, Newton Mearns

*"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

2 nd February	4.00pm	Messy Church
4 th February	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Sunday Club
11 th February	10.30am 6.30pm	Family Worship Prayers for Healing Service
18 th February	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
25 th February	10.30am	Youth Service

MESSY CHURCH FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, 4PM – 6PM

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

Dear Friends,

Despite the fact that it is now February and Christmas 2017 is now becoming a memory, I do not want to let the opportunity pass to express my sincere thanks to everyone who made Greenbank's Christmas services and events possible. There are too many people to name personally, but I want to thank everyone who willingly used their gifts, abilities, time and presence to strengthen the mission and ministry of this congregation. The lovely atmosphere you created was noted by many and you not only made it a happy and blessed time for this congregation but for the people and families who came through our Church doors at Christmas time.

Not much more than seven weeks after Christmas, this is one of the years when Easter falls early. This means that Lent begins this year on 14th February. Since early times Lent has been a time of preparation for Christians as they look forward to Easter. It is often a time when people 'give things up', often treats, such as chocolate, cakes, sweets or alcohol, but sometimes it is something. Some people give up watching television or driving the car when they can walk or buying any material possessions. The idea of giving something up for Lent is a way to identify with the fasting Jesus experienced in the wilderness for 40 days as his time of prayerful preparation before his public ministry. Giving things up in our culture of plenty is a valuable thing to do; it reminds us of what is truly necessary and it reminds us of how blessed we are to have lives with so many choices.


Alongside giving something up, some people also take the opportunity to take something on, or to do something new during Lent that helps them focus on the central event of the Christian faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus and what it means to them.

So, this year, in order to help us do that, I wondered if we might give House Groups a try here at Greenbank and to use them as a way to get close not only to the Lord who died for us, but also to one another. This would mean that in addition to the Greenbank Saturday morning group [meets in Room A at 8.45am for breakfast and a 9am start] and the Wednesday night House Groups normally associated with Greenbank, which meet at various venues [to be intimate] we would need some more volunteers to host house groups on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights during Lent. If you feel that you [or a group of people] could host one of these House Group evenings please leave your name with Jane at the Church Office [644 1841]. Please note that you don't need to have been involved in a house group before or have any special qualifications to participate, nor do you have to have a vast bible knowledge, you just have to be yourself!!! When a list of venues is known, everyone will be invited to sign up to a particular House Group, through the Sunday Morning intimation sheet and the church Facebook page. You can also leave your name at the church office saying which night you would prefer to attend, or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Centenary Chapel in the Church.

The bible study material being used during Lent has been compiled by 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland', partnered with the HOPE organisation. This clear and accessible material will provide House Group participants with the opportunity to walk with Jesus, and with one another, through Lent, learning from Mark's Gospel and from the lessons prisoners, ex-prisoners and chaplains have learned. There is also an accompanying booklet called '40 Stories Of Hope', which is a collection of 40 remarkable testimonies from prisoners, ex-prisoners and prison chaplains who speak powerfully about life-changing encounters with Jesus. The 40 faith-inspiring stories can be read daily during Lent and, with the accompanying weekly House Groups, will offers us all the opportunity to explore how we can find hope in Jesus, no matter who we are.

In each study and story there is much to draw on to refresh and encourage faith. I hope that you will join me in taking on something new, by creating space in your life during these 6 weeks to journey through Lent in the company of others in a Greenbank House Group.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne".

ALISON DICK

Alison Dick, one of our elders, died on 15th November 2017.

Alison was born in Pollokshields on 28th September 1946 and she was brought up with her older brother Neil, by her father Sydney and mother Jean. When she was a teenager her family moved to Clarkston where she was a pupil at Eastwood High School. On leaving school, she had a number of secretarial jobs including working for Anderson's of Newton Mearns and Clydeport.

Alison met her husband, Wallace, at Greenbank Youth Fellowship and they were married 43 years ago on 16th March 1974. Their first home was in Newton Mearns before moving to Giffnock and then to Sundale Avenue when their daughters, Gillian and Pamela, were older.

It was through Wallace and his parents that Alison got involved in the Trades House, both through the Incorporations, becoming Queen of the Wrights and through Wallace's involvement in the Trades House Masonic Lodge, where she was Mistress of Trades House Lodge. Alison was extremely supportive of Wallace and this meant a lot of entertaining which she immensely enjoyed. She was a very convivial hostess, with a keen memory for remembering people's names and being able to recall what people had said and done. Alison was made Presses of the Grand Antiquities Society at Trades House in 2007 and she was very proud of her work as an active member for three years on the Draper's Fund, which supported children's welfare. Alison worked in the cafe and gift shop of Trades House from 2002 until she moved to the offices at Trades House from 2004- 2009.

Alison was baptised in Greenbank by the Rev Archie Fulton and became a member when she was 18 years old. When she was 21 she joined the Congregational Board and in 1991 she was ordained as an elder. She was district Elder for part of Newton Mearns and was a Free Will Offering Registrar. When Alison was part of the Sunday morning duty team, at the front door of the church, it is fair to say that there was always a very light hearted friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Alison's affections were always firmly focused on her family, on Wallace and on her girls, Gillian and Pamela. Alison was the kind of mum who got involved in her daughters' lives and was very welcoming to all their friends who loved visiting her home and to whom Alison was a confidante. Alison always saw the big picture. She was fiercely loyal and protective, not only of her daughters, but also of all their friends. She was a devoted Gran to her grandsons and one of her great sadnesses was knowing that she would not be around to see them grow up.

Alison Dick led a very full and busy life. She was very brave and stoical in illness and more concerned about the effect it was having on her family than on herself. She was a sociable, friendly, bubbly, loving and unselfish woman who will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Today we give thanks to God for the life and service of Alison Dick and commend Wallace, Gillian and Pamela and the wider family to the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What's On

GREENBANK COLOUR CIRCLE 20TH ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE

You are invited to the Greenbank Colour Circle's Art Exhibition in aid of the Children's Hospice Association Scotland on Saturday 10th February, 10am – 2pm. There will be a tearoom in the Cowley Hall. Entry catalogue and tea tickets will be on sale from Colour Circle members or at the entry table at £2. This is our twentieth annual exhibition – come and see how we have matured over time . . . and bring a friend.

KIRK SESSION COFFEE MORNING

The Kirk Session Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 24th March, from 10am to 12noon.

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, that 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

Thank you

Alan Veitch (639 8138)

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club meets on Friday 23rd February 12noon till 1.15pm. We look forward to seeing you all for soup and filled rolls, friendship and fellowship.

If you wish to join us for lunch, but require a lift, please phone Jan (258 4959) or Maureen (639 5114).

SNAP YOUTH CLUB

SNAP Community Youth Club 7pm-9pm every Saturday night during term time. If you're P7-S3, come along for some Saturday night action packed fun and meet new friends -all are welcome. We do a range of indoor and outdoor activities from arts and crafts, board games and sports such as dodgy ball and badminton.

Please feel free to come along and register on the night or email:

SNAP@greenbankglasgow.org.uk<<mailto:SNAP@greenbankglasgow.org.uk>> for more information.

TIME OUT

After a very informative and interesting presentation on "Keeping Active For The Over 50s" by local physiotherapist Carol Gunn, 'Time Out' are up and running for 2018. Our next gathering is on Thursday 8th February when a speaker from Enable Scotland will be visiting us. On 22nd February we will be taking part in the Church Quiz.

On Thursday 8 March our speaker will be telling us about support for young females in third world countries - more details in the next Good Neighbour.

As always, we welcome all members of the congregation and friends to our meetings. For more details please contact Moira McAldine on 639 5968 or Sharon Mitchell on 644 2448.

CHRISTIAN AID

The next fundraising activity is the 38th Annual Art Exhibition and Sale on Saturday, March 10th from 10am to 4pm 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, priced at £3 for adults and £1 for children. 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; 1/3rd of the sale price is going to Christian Aid. The entry to the exhibition 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.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mark Allan

News and Updates

ED LINES

Hi Folks,

"They think it's all over. It is now." A well-known slogan and how true it is! Christmas has passed. The New Year has arrived, and 2017 has gone in the blink of an eye. It seems like only yesterday, when in fact it was a year ago that Donald Trump was inaugurated into the White House. He arrived full of bluster and bravado and what many of us saw as mad cap ideas. Over the last year he has made threats or promises that seem to have ostracised half the world and alienated the other half. Fortunately the threats to build a wall between America and Mexico and to ban Muslims from entering the USA, and other promises, have as yet failed to materialise.

I was heartened the other night to hear on the news that North and South Korea have resumed talks. They are competing in the Winter Olympics and are going to enter the arena side by side, something that a few years, months and even days ago, many thought would never happen. Some people think they are doing it in order to placate the U.N. and avoid sanctions. But does it really matter what the reason is? Finally, they are getting together. This should be welcomed and celebrated and not something on which we should be pouring cold water.

Let us hope that this is a good omen for the remainder of the year and that 2018 will be a year of building bridges and not erecting walls or fences.

Alison

ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY PLEASE

CONGRATULATIONS KATHLEEN BAIRD!

Baptised by Rev. A. T. Stewart, June 1987,

Married to Kevin McLeod by Rev. Jeanne Roddick, August 2008

Graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Bachelor of Engineering in Building Services Engineering with distinction, November 2017

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAYS to Sharon Mitchell who celebrated her BIG 50 on 9th January.

Also to our organist the very young Peter Howard who was 30 on 21st January.

THANK YOU

I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who included us in their prayers and thoughts in November - and are still remembering us now. So many people sent cards, flowers and letters during Bill's mercifully short illness before his very peaceful death on 19th November.

Laura, Jennifer and my new son-in-law Simon join me in appreciation of your love and care.

Janette Thomson

Dear Alison,

Please could you pass on our thanks to Jeanne for all her support to Peter and our family during his illness.

We would also like to thank everyone for cards, flowers and kind wishes following the passing of Peter.

Anne Rutherford

Dear Alison,

David and I send a huge thank you to all in Greenbank for the many, many get well cards, flowers, phone calls of concern and prayers we received. We have been overwhelmed and appreciate the kindness shown to us. David is now home and making good progress and hopefully will be able to join all of you soon.

We are very fortunate to be part of the Greenbank family.

With sincere thanks,

Anna and David Martin

BELOW IS AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE BROTHER OF GORDON PRINGLE, A FORMER ELDER, WHO SADLY DIED IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR.

Please thank Jeanne and all Gordon's friends at Greenbank Church for the wonderful flowers. That was very kind of you all. We also appreciate the letters and messages of support. Gordon greatly valued his friends in Greenbank. We are also deeply appreciative of this and it is of great comfort at this time when we feel Gordon's loss so much.

Yours sincerely,
Keith and Marie Pringle

THANK YOU FROM THE SPECIAL NEEDS IN PREGNANCY TEAM

Below is an extract from a letter of thanks from the Special Needs In Pregnancy Team at Princess Royal Maternity:

Dear Reverend Roddick,

This is a formal thank you for the wonderful gifts you gave our department to distribute among the women under our care. We and the patients were overwhelmed by the generosity of you, your colleagues and your parishioners in amassing such a volume of wonderful presents!

Together, with colleagues in the Social Work Department, we distributed most of the presents in the run up to Christmas, but held a few back to be distributed in the few weeks after the holiday period.

I can assure you that the women and their families were thrilled to receive these gifts not just because of their monetary value, but because of the compassion and support they represented. As you can imagine, such support is often unexpected but very much appreciated by the socially disadvantaged women under our care.

I would be grateful if you could convey our gratitude and that of my colleagues and the women under our care to all concerned for their generosity and hard work in collecting the gifts and delivering them to us.

Yours sincerely,
Midwife Angel Bowden

I very much enjoyed the recent service at church. The sermon, "The moment is now", focused on the wedding at Cana. Peter playing Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the retiral hymn brought a smile to many a face and was the icing on the cake! Thanks very much, Peter, for all the hard work and thought you put in throughout the year.

Thanks also to Jeanne who works hard and not just on a Sunday! Just want you to know that your efforts and hard work and not just over the Christmas period, are appreciated by all.

Alison

REALLOCATION OF DISTRICT

District 77 (Castle Court, Blair Atholl Gate and The Dell, Newton Mearns) has been reallocated as follows:

Castle Court becomes part of District 71, whose district Elder is Neil Scholfield

Blair Atholl Gate and The Dell are now in District 70, whose district Elder is Peter Howard.

RECORDED VERSION OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR

If you have eyesight problems and have difficulty reading "Good Neighbour" would you benefit by having a recorded version on CD sent to you by post? If so please contact your Elder or speak directly to Douglas Paterson on 638 6350.

GREENBANK PLAYERS

Sadly the Greenbank Players have to announce that there will be no show this coming March. We have been struggling for months to find a good play and enough members to both cast and direct it. We shall keep looking for new members and some good 'Murder Mysteries' and hopefully with your support, we shall be able to put on a performance next year.

Diana Sim (President)

LIFE AND WORK

Life and Work is the award-winning magazine of the Church of Scotland that offers sixty pages each month of features, news and opinions centring around Christian Life in Scotland.

Reader feedback is very important and warmly welcomed; while comment from interesting writers is very often informative and thoughtful.

Anyone interested in having Life and Work as a monthly read can be added on to our subscription list by contacting Ian Mc Turk on 638 4649 when it may be quite likely that home delivery can also be arranged. Annual cost of Life and Work is £30 for 12 issues (£2.50 per issue)

Ian Mc Turk

THE GUILD

Diary

7 th February	2.15pm	<i>Advanced Looking Good</i> Denise Winton
14 th February	2.15pm	<i>Working in Malawi</i> Rev. Catherine Beattie
21 st February	2.15pm	<i>Guild Project: Return to Bolivia</i> Ross McFarlane
28 th February	2.15pm	<i>A Saunter round the South Side</i> Tom Marchant

The second half of our session is now well under way with excellent attendances. We can now announce that the total raised from Sunshine Bags was £2,250 a little down on last year but still an excellent result. Again our heartfelt thanks to the ladies of the congregation for their generosity and to our Treasurer for counting the money! A list of the charities benefitting from this money is below.

SUNSHINE BAGS	£2,250
Mission and Renewal	800
Upkeep of Halls	400
Guild Project: Mother Earth Project, Bolivia	200
Erskine Hospital	100
Church House	100
Kwenderana Partnership Group	100
Guide Dogs for the Blind Assoc.	100
Christian Aid	50
Williamwood House	50
Scottish National Institution for War Blinded	50
Macular Degeneration	50
The Scripture Union	50
Scottish Bible Society	50
Motor Neurone Disease	50
Eastwood Dementia – the Stables	50
Richmond Hope	50

Enid Dron (Secretary)

GREENBANK CHURCH - NOW WE'RE LISTED

Last August we received a proposal from Historic Environment Scotland to list our church property (excluding the halls, manse, Church Officer's house and link building). This proposal has since been ratified meaning that the church is now a Grade C listed building which signifies it as having architectural or historical interest within a "local" context. (Grade A is the highest grading offering national importance, Grade B offers regional importance.)

Many of our neighbouring churches are listed and it almost seemed an anomaly that Greenbank has not been listed to date.

Greenbank has been listed because it is "*a good example of a Gothic Revival church built for a small parish [!]. Although modest in terms of scale and design, it is little-altered with some good detailing to both the interior and exterior*" and "*the main body of the church has been little altered since construction in the 1880s, and the chancel addition has undergone minimal change since it was added in the 1930s. Later interventions are relatively minor and do not detract from the overall character of the building.*"

All **External Alterations**, with some minor exceptions, will now involve us in formal applications to East Renfrewshire Council on each and every occasion. (Historic Environment Scotland will only be required to become involved if the local authority need expert advice on the listing). Historic Environment Scotland advise "we probably will not need listed building consent if we are replacing old materials for new on a 'like-for-like' basis and the repair work won't affect the character of the building".

Internal alterations - Whilst a church still operates as a church, internal alterations to a Church are covered by the Ecclesiastical Exemption. This exempts us from requiring listed building consent.

Douglas Carswell
(Fabric Convenor)

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

The Lodging House Mission is extremely grateful for all the ways that the congregation of Greenbank continues to support it. The list below gives an indication of how our congregation has shown support recently:-

To celebrate the centenary of the Junior Section of the BB, the Junior Section of our Boys' Brigade Company has been doing 100 challenges. As part of this the boys collected a large quantity of tea, coffee and sugar for the LHM.

Ladies attending the Age Concern Eastwood Dementia Project, which meets at The Stables in Eastwood Park, put together a beautifully decorated basket containing boxes of chocolates, which was much appreciated by the LHM.

First year pupils from Armadale Academy donated a large quantity of items, including toiletries, tinned food, sweets and a sleeping bag. They had been learning about homelessness in their personal and social class with their teacher, Maureen McAughtrie.

Sincere thanks to all who have donated sugar to the LHM. They use a lot of sugar at LHM, and are always very grateful for our donations.

Many thanks to all who supported the Lodging House Mission by purchasing Christmas cards. Card sales this year totalled £825, and you purchased a total of 237 packs! Thanks, also, for responding to the Christmas Appeal for cash donations.

News

The Glasgow Winter Night Shelter is in operation again, running from 1st December 2017 until 31st March 2018. This offers safe and warm refuge to rough sleepers during the harshest winter months and has a capacity of 40. Many of the overnight guests stay on at the Lodging House Mission the next day to partake of the free shower facilities, food and support services offered. At least for the duration of the Night Shelter, the Day Centre will be open 7 days a week to offer continuous daytime shelter, too.

Saturday opening at LHM continues to be supported by 15 churches in Glasgow Presbytery who provide a team of 4 people each Saturday on a rota basis. We are fortunate to have 12 people here at Greenbank who support this, and thank them for doing so. Our last date was Saturday, 16th December, when David Dowell, Elizabeth McKenzie, Anne Muir and Susan Wilkie were on duty. The next date for Greenbank will be Saturday, 31st March, when Jeanne, Bill Stein, Susan Johnston and myself will form a team. If you would like to be involved with this, please let me know.

The Lodging House Mission was open on Christmas Day to provide a 3 course Christmas meal and a small gift to around 100 people. A carol service was included in the Christmas Day programme.

All are invited to attend the Homelessness Sunday Service, which will take place at the Lodging House Mission, [35 East Campbell Street, on Sunday, 4th February at 6.30pm](#). The guest speaker this year is the Rt Rev Dr Derek Browning, the current Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. There will be an opportunity to have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee after the service. I will have some space in my car if anyone requires transport.

For those of you with computer access, the website for the Lodging House Mission can be found at www.lhmglasgow.org.uk. From here, you can access their Facebook page where you can see up to date photographs of activities.

Thank you all once again for supporting the LHM in so many ways.

Alison Allan (638 3916)

SLEEP IN THE PARK 2017

A mass sleep-out to end homelessness in Scotland. For Good.

On 9th December 2017, four undaunted Greenbankers, Jeanne Roddick, Alison Allan, Annrose Bisset and myself, braved the elements of a cold winter's night by sleeping out at sub-zero temperatures (-6 degrees centigrade). Why did we do this you ask? Organised by the charity, Social Bite, with the aim to eradicate homelessness in Scotland within a 5 year period, we joined over 8000 people who voluntarily slept under the stars in Princes St Gardens. The charity not only raised huge awareness of the enormity of the problem of homelessness in Scotland, but also managed to raise a massive sum of £4million, which will be invested in a nationwide jobs programme for the homeless; new housing and accommodation models; addiction rehabilitation facilities; and Social Bite food provision - all measures to try to end homelessness in Scotland.

Thanks to the generosity of many people in Greenbank, in the community, friends, family and work colleagues, the four of us raised £4437.50 including gift aid. This is tremendous support. Knowing we had this support behind us got us through the coldness of the night.

A big thank you to you all,

Hilary Carswell.

SUNDAY CLUB

First of all, can I say what a delight it is to be involved with the Sunday Club, Sunday Squad and JAM! The children, young people, leaders and helpers are just amazing. We are indeed very blessed.

When I became Superintendent it was at the start of one of the busiest periods of the Sunday Club year – rehearsals were underway for the Nativity, planning for the Gift Service, and distribution of the gifts, and the children's Christmas parties or outings. I imagined I would have a pretty busy time organising all of this – however I hadn't counted on the super-efficiency of the leaders, who had it all in hand. So a very BIG THANK YOU to you all for breaking me in gently.

An equally BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated gifts for the Gift Service. The Sunday Club and the organisations supported by this are deeply grateful and appreciative of your generosity.

Since Sunday Club resumed in January, we have been continuing to follow the Spill the Beans resource which links to the Narrative Lectionary that Jeanne bases our Sunday services on. The series is currently based on Jesus' ministry. So far we have learned about Jesus:

- inviting his disciples to follow him
- turning water into wine
- at the temple
- and Nicodemus
- and the Samaritan Woman.

I have enjoyed visiting each department and joining in activities over the past few Sundays – especially having great fun playing After Eight chocolate games at JAM, whilst enjoying a lovely warm mug of hot chocolate.

Helen Howard

2ND CLARKSTON RAINBOWS

After 14 years of service to the Guiding Movement within Greenbank Parish, I have decided to step down as Rainbow Leader of the 2nd Clarkston Rainbows Unit from May 2018. So we are actively looking for someone to take over the running of the unit from September 2018.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in taking over the Rainbows, please don't hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Sadly, if we don't find anyone to take over the unit it will close.

June Lamont (07964 442417)

GLASGOW NORTH EAST FOODBANK

The foodbank would like to wish all at Greenbank, a little belatedly, a Happy New Year and thank you for your support over the past year.

Greenbank has now been supporting this foodbank for four years and has donated a massive 1094Kg of food over that time. This does not include toiletries or Advent Calendar donations. This breaks down to providing 3280 meals for people in the east end of Glasgow and the assistance of the several volunteers who come along to help.

Originally we got engaged through our connection with Craigend Garthamlock Church who located the Bank in Garthamlock Community Centre but now, due to demolition, we are working from premises provided by Blairtummock Housing Association just along the road.

The main centre for the foodbank operation is in Calton Parkhead Church with St Francis in the East, Bridgeton, Sandyhills. St. Enoch Riddrie and Shettleston Old Churches along with Blairtummock in Easterhouse working in partnership to provide help along the eastern corridor of Glasgow.

Looking forward to your continued support

Alex Howie

Just for Laughs



The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Prayer Diary



I am a little fellow,
though I'm always up to date.
The days I hold within my hand are only twenty-eight;
But I just save my moments up,
and count them o'er and o'er,
till in four years I've saved enough to make up one day more.

(From 'February' in "St Nicholas", Pauline Frances Camp 1906)

February - the last month of winter. It can bring frost, sunshine, snow, rain, a biting wind to remind us that it is still winter, or a hint of warmth to signal the coming spring. The hustle and bustle of Christmas and New Year are distant memories. The long, dark days of January stretch out behind us as well. Those are the days when we give thanks for our warm, comfy homes; a steaming bowl of soup when we've come home soaked through; a lovely warm electric blanket or hot water bottle to take the chill off the bed.

As we go through the month, keep in your prayers all those living on the streets through the winter weather.

Pray for people who live alone and struggle to get out to meet other people, leaving them feeling isolated.

Pray for the fellowship that we're trying to build within our local community that will draw us all together.

Pray for all those that are living with a debilitating illness or injury, that they find the strength they need.

Continue to pray for all of us, as we strive to find the best way forward for our church.

Pray that this will be a good year. For ourselves, for all our family and friends, for all those coming to terms with tragedy, in whatever form, for all those trying to work together to solve problems in a peaceful and constructive way.

'I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for.' Jeremiah 29:11

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 Prayers for Healing Service and throughout the month by members of the Prayer Group.

A Prayers for Healing service takes place on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the church at 6.30pm. (Enter by Link building). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Gillian Foy (638 6245)

Prayer Promoter

LIFE AND WORK'S FEBRUARY PROFILE

Life and Work has taken as its February Profile our very own, Professor Gordon Dickson, one of our elders, who has recently retired as chairman of C.H.A.S. [Children's Hospices Across Scotland].

If anyone wishes to obtain a copy of this item I will provide photocopies as requested to me.

Ian Mc Turk (638 4649)

FLOWER LIST FOR FEBRUARY 2018

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
4 th February	Isobel Livingstone	Jan Millar	
11 th February			
18 th February	Christine Cobb		
25 th February	Aileen McKinlay		

Please Note:

The Flower Lists for 2018 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.

Elizabeth Cross (638 5162)

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

We finished off another great year with a number of our juniors receiving their Black Belts – congratulations to Kiara, Ben, Zac Meiklejohn, Haris Muhsan, John Watson, Mirin Cowey, Mark Thomson and Angus Hamilton. At their grading they showed great skill in performing their techniques and showed true Bushido spirit.

Also as we closed the year – our very own Nicola Meiklejohn became the new Scottish Kumite (Fighting) Champion when, in the final of the Scottish Karate Championships, she won 6-0 - an amazing achievement. Nicola has had highs and lows in the competition front but she has shown her real character and kept pushing and striving to be better – a great example of a Bushido Karate-Ka.

We have much happening with Sensei Brendan developing a course on Bushido against Bullying. We also have the BKA Championships coming up and in February as well as more gradings. Finally Sensei Stephen has started his next junior Black Belt programme.

Best wishes,

John, Bushido Karate Association Chairman

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