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Parish Register

DEATHS

15/4/18 Mrs Angela Terry, 8 Mansefield Crescent, Clarkston

18/4/18 Mr Donald McShannon, 23 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"*

BAPTISM

1/4/18 Alexander John George Wilson, Moraine Drive, Clarkston

Alexander John George Wilson was born on 2nd October 2017 at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital at two minutes past midnight. He weighed 9lb 2.5 oz. His parents are Liz Wilson (nee Bryden) and James Wilson. His godparents are his aunt and uncle, Jen and Adam Brown. "We'll always remember the lovely service at Greenbank on Easter Sunday and the celebration with family and friends. Alexander was a bit unsettled in the Church but when he came into the church halls he treated the congregation to big grins. Afterwards we went to the Clarkston bowling and tennis club for lunch and a family celebration. Alexander had a wee nap in his pram woke up refreshed with lots of smiles for his guests."

PULPIT DIARY

6 th May	10.30am 6.30pm	Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Sunday Club Prayers for Healing Service
13 th May	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
20 th May	10.30am	Worship [led by the Worship Group] & Sunday Club
27 th May	10.30am	Family Worship

MESSY CHURCH - FRIDAY 1ST JUNE, 4PM - 6PM

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

STATED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION 'CELEBRATING THE BLESSINGS OF 2017/18'



Intimation is hereby given and an invitation is extended to all members of the congregation to 'The 134th Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation' on Sunday 13th May 2018 after church. This will be a Stated Annual Meeting with a difference! It will take place in conjunction with Christian Aid's Big Brekkie – the fundraising 'brunch' that marks the beginning of Christian Aid week. All groups and organisations within Greenbank have already been invited to make a display of the things that they believe are worth celebrating and which reveal how God has been good to them in 2017/18. Copies of Greenbank's Financial Accounts for 2017 will be available and the Treasurer will also be in attendance to answer any questions. Greenbank's Legacy work will be on display and representatives from the Legacy Group will be present to answer questions.



As Jeanne is on holiday for a couple of weeks, she has left it up to me to write her pastoral letter this month. So this month prepare yourselves for a double dose of the Editor.

Dear Friends,

Did you know that May is National Share a Story Month? No, I didn't either until I was web browsing to find some inspiration for the Youth Page.

As a child there was nothing I liked better than having my Mum or Dad read me a bed time story. On some occasions when my Gran or Grandma came over, we would snuggle up together on the settee and spend hours reading books and looking at the pictures. Jackanory was a favourite programme on the TV. There were many famous faces that used to sit in the storytelling chair and narrate stories from favourite books. As adults there is nothing better than relating stories and tales to our children or our children's children.

As you know we had the Easter Holiday Club last week. One part of the day comprised of Jeanne telling a Bible story. To see the rapt expression on the children's faces was a joy to behold. We heard the story of the Wise and Foolish Man, Martha and Mary, David and Jonathan and David and Goliath. It appeared that many of the children hadn't heard even the simple parables of Jesus.

We all have our favourites, be it the Good Samaritan, the Wedding in Cana or Zacchaeus, good, exciting stories, all of which make a point and teach us valuable lessons. We should be eager to pass these on to our friends, neighbours, families and our children. One parent told us that, when home from the Holiday Club, her son donned the helmet he'd made, pulled out his sword and related the whole story of David and Goliath to his younger brother. A mother, sitting in the Hall of Friendship, picked up a Bible and started reading it. She was enthralled! She came back every day and spent time reading the book. At the end of the week, Jeanne gave her the Bible to take home. She left hugging it.

Next month is National Share a Story Month. I have a friend, who along with others, goes to her local school to "Open the Book." They read and act out various Bible stories. Perhaps we should all take some time to open the book. Then we too, can read and share the greatest story of all time from the greatest story book of all time.

Yours,

Alison

EKWENDENI HOSPITAL & HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME

Our minister, Jeanne, has been in communication with Chawezi Katete from Ekwendeni Hospital and with L. Mahemane Chirwa from The Ekwendeni HIV/AIDS Programme to find out if there is anything needed that can be brought to them in June when she accompanies Williamwood school pupils to Malawi in her capacity as school chaplain. They have requested the following: menstrual cups, children's underwear, adult and paediatric analgesics such as paracetamol (550mg) aspirin (300mg) ibuprofen, vitamin b complex and other materials that may be required in the first aid Kits (bandages etc.) for the benefit of the HIV/AIDS patients, orphans and other vulnerable children of Ekwendeni Community. For the hospital hats; face masks; disposable gowns for theatre would be required.

A comprehensive list of all the monthly requirements for the hospital is available in the church office.

If anyone has access to or can supply any of these items can they email Jeanne ASAP at:

JRoddick@churchofscotland.org.uk



SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

The next meeting takes place on Saturday 4th May at 9am for one hour with breakfast refreshments being served from 8.45am in Room A. The group will be starting to read and reflect on 'The Writings' which is the third major division of the Old Testament. The books included are, Psalms, Lamentations, Song of Songs, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job, Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah, Esther and Daniel. 'The Writings' is arranged in an order that helps the reader see the unfolding drama more easily. Eliminating many distractions 'The Writings' enables the reader to experience Scripture the way its authors intended. Chapter and verse numbers, study notes, cross references, and footnotes have been removed and natural section breaks have been restored. Copies of the book have been placed in the Centenary Chapel and cost £2.50 [which can be paid at the Book Club meetings]. If you wish to take a book please put your name on the sheet provided. At the first meetings the Book Club will be discussing pages 1-46 and participants should read these beforehand. The Book Club is for everyone - no one had to have a great knowledge of the Bible to join in. It is just an opportunity to get to know the Old Testament better. Why not come along and give it a try?

GORDON BURNSIDE

Gordon Burnside, one of our elders died, on the 22nd of March 2018.

Gordon was born in Glasgow on 24th September 1947 and was brought up in Partick with his sister, Jean, who was 12 years older than him. For Gordon and his family, church was an important part of their lives. He joined the Boys' Brigade 22nd Glasgow Company in Partick and made his way up through the ranks to become a Queen's man. The BB had a positive influence on Gordon and throughout his life he continued to be very supportive of the organisation.

Gordon was a pupil at Hyndland Secondary School before joining the Glasgow Savings Bank in 1963. He sat the bank exams and worked his way up, becoming a branch manager at various branches throughout Glasgow. It was through a mutual friend at the bank that Gordon met Irene in 1967 and they were married in High Carntyne Church on 12th September 1970.

Their first home was in Dennistoun before moving to Garrowhill where their son Greig was born in 1974. They came to live in Clarkston in 1976 and their son Ross was born the following year.

Gordon left the TSB in 1992 and spent twenty very happy years working for Historic Scotland as a custodian at Glasgow Cathedral, until he retired just over 5 years ago.

Like his father before him, Gordon was a Rangers Football Club season ticket holder and regularly enjoyed going with his son, Ross, to watch Rangers play. He was also a member of Pollock Cricket Club and enjoyed trips to Old Trafford for test matches.

Gordon was a faithful member of Greenbank Parish Church. For a number of years he was the leader of the Bible Class. He was ordained as an elder in 1984 and was presented with his 30 year certificate in 2014. He was the district elder for the Highfield Drive area and was a Duty Team Leader. He also organised the rota of duty team lists and participated very actively in Kirk Session activities and committees over the years including 15 years in the Outreach Committee.

Above all else in his life, Gordon's affections were always firmly focused on his family. He was devoted to Irene with whom he had a wonderful marriage. They enjoyed one another's company and travelled all over the world together. Gordon was also a wonderful and enthusiastic dad, a great role model for his sons and adored his grandchildren, Anna and Max.

Everyone liked Gordon. He was a team player who was easy going, intelligent and a good judge of character. He was interested in other people and had a great sense of humour.

Today we give thanks to God for the life and service of Gordon Burnside and commend Irene, Greig, Ross and the wider family to the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What's On

MALAWI 2018 – MUSIC PARTY NIGHT - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Minister, Jeanne, along with Rev Catherine Beattie and Mr George Watson from Queen's Park Football Club, who are accompanying Williamwood High School to Ekwendeni in Malawi in June, are hosting a fundraising 'Music Party Night' at Lesser Hampden on **Friday 11th May from 7.30pm**. Details of those providing entertainment are nearly finalised and will be intimated soon. A light supper will also be provided. There will be a tombola and raffle and anyone who would like to donate an item should leave it at the church office, or with Greenbank's Church Officer, John Meek, or contact the minister at jroddick@churchofscotland.org.uk Tickets for the fundraising evening will be on sale soon at a cost of £10. Jeanne, Catherine and George hope to raise money that will enable them to further the work and care of children in the Ekwendeni area and would be greatly appreciate any offers of help and support.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 13TH - 19TH MAY

Volunteers are urgently needed to fulfil our target of visiting every home within the Parish to carry out door to door collections. If you would like to be a collector, please contact me or see me in the Fraser Hall following the service on **13th May** where you will receive an envelope containing all you will need to collect within your allocated street. Last year, unfortunately, we were unable to collect from many of the 87 streets in our district due to a shortage of volunteer collectors. Volunteers are also required to count the donations; details of these evenings will be intimated shortly. Additionally, following the success of the last two years' '**Big Brekkie**' events, it is hoped to **repeat this on the 13th May** after the service as **part of the Stated Annual Meeting**. A team of volunteers will serve bacon rolls and pancakes to accompany the normal tea and coffee in the Fraser Hall after the service. Please consider making a donation to Christian Aid for your participation in this event. Please also consider supporting Christian Aid either by collecting or by helping with the count. Your help will be invaluable, and will make a difference to some of those in greatest need throughout the world.

Mark Allan (638 3916) and Ron Livingston (639 2798)

CLARKSTON CHURCHES TOGETHER - PENTECOST QUIZ

Clarkston Churches Together is holding a Pentecost Quiz in Stamperland Parish Church on *Sunday 20th May* starting at 4.30pm in the afternoon, when there'll be some light hearted questions, with picture and music rounds, party food, and a prize appropriate to the occasion. No need to come as part of a team, and no need for too much by way of grey matter either. Donations to Christian Aid. All ages most welcome; this is a family friendly event.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERTS

On Monday 4th June the Clarkston Community Choir will be holding its annual summer charity concert, presenting a varied and eclectic mix of music alongside the fabulous Spitha Brass. From Broadway to Bill Withers, along with some items from our guest brass quintet, there's something for everyone! We start at 7.30pm, and tickets costing £5 are available on the door/from Greenbank Church Office/from choir members (includes tea and coffee after the concert in the church halls). If you are unable to attend this concert, or are so enthusiastic that you simply have to come and see us again, the choir will be giving a second concert in West Kirk Church in East Kilbride on Friday 8th June at 7.30pm.



THE SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Shawl Ministry Group takes place on Saturday 12th May at 10.30am here at Greenbank in Room A.

Anyone who would like to come along is warmly invited. The group has morning coffee, knits and chats for a while before offering a closing blessing on any completed items before they are sent to recipients. If you would like to knit a shawl or muff but can't manage the meetings the group would be delighted to receive any items that have been lovingly knitted and focused on the care and wellbeing of an anonymous recipient. Wool and knitting patterns for shawls and muffs are on the table outside the church office - please feel free to take some. Thank you to everyone who has donated needles, wool and work for the Shawl Ministry. Your kindness has already brought great comfort to many.

LUNCH CLUB

The last meeting for this session will be held on Friday 25th May. Soup, filled rolls, tea, coffee and biscuits will be served between 12noon and 1.15pm. The team will be ready to serve you with good food and a warm smile. Everyone will be made very welcome. If you would like to join us, but you feel you require transport or moral support, please contact either Jan on 258 4959 or Maureen on 639 5114.

BOYS' BRIGADE 95TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

223rd Boys' Brigade Ex-members Association is having a 95th anniversary dinner on 26th October 2019. Would members of the congregation please inform any family or friends who have been in 223rd B.B. Company. Please forward details of anyone who is interested in attending to John Meek on 0141 644 2839 or email: john.meek@ntlworld.com

GREENBANK CHURCH WALKING GROUP PROGRAMME 2018

All walks are on Saturdays. We leave from the Church at the times shown.

Come along and enjoy the fresh air and good company.

19th May Falls of Clyde 9.30am

This short walk along the Clyde from the World Heritage Site of New Lanark is a bona fide Scottish classic. Passing a powerful series of waterfalls as it passes up a beautiful wooded gorge, the route also leads past a peregrine falcon watching area before a more placid return route takes you through fields and woodland. The walk can be extended by following a waymarked additional route on the far side of the river.

For more information, contact Allan McLaren (639 5848) or Douglas Paterson (638 6350).

THE GUILD

The proceeds from our Bridge Afternoon in aid of church funds amounted to just over £1,000. Thanks to everyone who helped make the afternoon a success.

The Guild outing to Dumfries House will take place on Wednesday, 16th May. Buses will leave the church at 11am.

The Assembly Echo Meeting will be held in Clincarthill Church on Thursday, 7th June at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome at this meeting.

We hope by now the ladies of the congregation will have received Sunshine Bags. Even if the sun does not shine please be generous and put your small change in the bag which will be collected as usual in October.

Enid Dron (Guild Secretary)

FUNDRAISING AFTERNOON TEA – 18TH AUGUST

Rebecca Carmichael is travelling to Malawi in October. She will be working with the Betty Cunningham Foundation, to assist in a school in Kaponda. Jeanne has kindly agreed to let her use the church hall on August 18th, for a fundraising afternoon tea. She would love to see you there.

She would be most grateful for any of the following that you may be able to donate:

Raffle & tombola prizes

Unwanted toiletries

Empty gift bags

Books

Tombola prizes

Home baking

If you are at all able to assist please call me on 0781 289 3201 or Sandra Williams on 07855 141097 and we can happily collect from you.

Many thanks in advance,

Lorna Buchan and Rebecca Carmichael

ANNUAL EASTWOOD INTER CHURCHES BOWLS AFTERNOON

The annual Eastwood Inter Churches Bowls afternoon will be taking place on *Saturday, 30th June* at Giffnock Bowling Club. The organisers have asked each church to provide teams of mixed triples (two gents and a lady or two ladies and agent). Your teams should be given to me by mid-June. However, if you cannot put a team together, please turn up on the day and you will get a game in a team composed of players from other churches.

Starting time will likely be 2pm; cost per team is not available yet but I will have another article in the June edition of Good Neighbour finalising all the details.

Meanwhile send your entries to Bill Robertson by phone on 585 0008 or e-mail me on w.robertson4@ntlworld.com

News and Updates

ED LINES

Hi Folks,

Have you been watching Celebrity Bake Off? The contestants, following a recipe, put the ingredients in a bowl, mix it about a bit and end up with a complete mess. Yet, when Mary Berry does it, it turns out perfectly, like a work of art. I recently put my culinary expertise to the test, but even when I put in the right ingredients; my efforts seldom turn out to look like the pictures in the cookery books. Yet when Delia makes it, it looks amazing. It reminded me of the old Morecambe and Wise sketch with Andre Previn. Eric, plonking the piano keys stated, "I'm playing the right notes but not necessarily in the right order!" When Andre Previn played the right notes in the right order, he made beautiful music. It takes the right blend, be it notes or ingredients to turn out something special.

Last week we held Sweaty Church, our Easter Holiday Club. We had all the right ingredients. We had boys and girls. We had primary 1s to primary 7s. We had pupils from Carolside, St Joseph's, Netherlee and Busby primaries. And our helpers? Well, they were just amazing. We had helpers playing games; doing crafts and telling stories; making teas, giving out juice and biscuits and welcoming parents and children into our church. We had parents and children of all religions from all walks of life. We mixed them all together, played games, heard stories, made crafts and we had loads of fun and laughter. And when we came together at the end of the day, we discovered we had all the right ingredients. We sang the right notes, in the right order. It was the perfect blend. We made a glorious sound. A sound of peace, friendship, love and unity which turned out to be something very special indeed.

Alison

ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY 13TH MAY PLEASE

★ H A P P Y ★ B I R T H D A Y !



Warmest congratulations and best wishes to **David Ronaldson** who will celebrate his **100th birthday on 17th May**. David, formerly of Shaw Court, Newton Mearns, has recently moved to the Three Bridges Care Home.

LETTERS

THANKYOU

I would like to say a very big thank you to all for support throughout this awful time since Gordon took ill and to Jeanne for a wonderfully uplifting service.

The funeral collection for the British Heart Foundation amounted to the wonderful sum of £1215.

Irene Burnside and family

Thanks to everyone who gave their time and efforts to help at the holiday club this year. Some managed to come for the whole week, others for a day or two. However much time they gave their help was invaluable. We couldn't run it without them. Special thanks must go to Jan and Sheonagh who were the welcoming faces at the front door. Gillian, Debbie and Bert who did the crafts and Ronnie and Lynn who got cold wet and muddy! We also had a willing band of young people. Scott, Daniel, Lauren, Jennifer, Kerry, Rebecca, Allison (by the way Allison I'm the greatest!!), Ella and Rosie. We even had help from the younger ones Euan, Leah and Martin. Hope I haven't missed anyone out but if I have a BIG thank you to you too. Roll on next year.

Alison

HOLIDAY CLUB

It's wonderful that Greenbank run the holiday club every Easter. Mums and dads full of thanks for the great time children had. One Mum said her son put on his helmet and lifted his sword and sat down and retold the whole story of David and Goliath. I loved my part. Lovely well-behaved and mannered children a credit to all the parents.

Jan Millar

LEGACY

The March Good Neighbour carried a full piece on the Kirk Session's latest work and thinking about creating a sustainable, worshipping congregation of God's people for generations to come. The key characteristics of a church for the future in our community were listed and you were encouraged to submit your own thoughts. The characteristics were;

Being a community hub

Welcoming

Relevant

A seven-day a week church

Burden free

A fuller description of these characteristics was in the March article and is repeated in an updated display in the corridor outside the Fraser Hall. We hope to use these characteristics as a reference point when making future decisions, including decisions on our property needs.

The Session would be very interested in your own views on these characteristics. Do they seem to you to be the right ones to describe the kind of sustainable, worshipping congregation we all wish for in our community for years to come? If you use email then please email your thoughts to greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk. Alternatively you can send written comments to the church office. All views are welcome.

Gordon Dickson

Chair, Legacy Co-ordinating Group

CHANGES TO DISTRICT ELDERS

Jeanette MacKay and Fraser Simpson, two of our recently appointed elders, will become the district elders for districts 31 (Highfield Drive) and 42 (Flenders Avenue, Flenders Road, Sunbury Avenue and Mearns Road) respectively. Val Scholfield is now the elder for district 60 (Daleview Drive).

MALAWI 2018

As in past years, our Minister Jeanne would be delighted to receive any donations of paracetamol or Ibuprofen for the hospital pharmacy in Ekwendeni. Any donations should be left at the Church office or given to our Church Officer John Meek by 4th June.

SNAP YOUTH CLUB

By the time May's Good Neighbour is produced SNAP will have celebrated its 1st birthday with a party and a 'Bring A Friend' night. As always any young people from P7 to S3 are welcome to come along on a Saturday night from 7 till 9pm. We have a plea for any unwanted construction gear for example Lego, Kinexe or Meccano. It would need to be for ages 11 upwards. Also we are going to be having another volunteer recruitment drive soon so we would welcome any offers of assistance.

For more information please contact Lindy Dallas (638 2362) or Hilary Carswell (644 1099).

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

Our Association which is one of the largest Associations in Scotland held their annual Karate Championships on KUMITE (Fighting) at Eastwood High School.

Kumite (組手) literally translated means "grappling hands" and is one of the three main sections of KARATE training, along with KATA (Forms) and KIHON (Basics). Kumite is the part of karate in which a person trains against an adversary, using the techniques learned from the Kihon and Kata.

We had over 250 individual competitors from all our clubs in our Association. Greenbank had a fantastic day where we brought home a massive haul of medals with 10 Gold, 5 Silver and 12 Bronze across our junior and senior student categories.

We also have had a number of gradings where our students have been successful, showing the skills that they have developed.

We also have our Senior Black Belt Grading in May and look to put forward students attending.

Best wishes,

John Elliot, Bushido Karate Association Chairman

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

LHM IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Lodging House Mission is seeking volunteers to help in our kitchen and main hall. Duties are basic but the effect is huge.

Can you spare one day per week (or even a half day) to extend care and compassion to people who are on the margins of society by virtue of homelessness, mental health and addiction?

Contact Gus on 0141 552 0285 or email enquiries@lhm-glasgow.org.uk

GLASGOW WINTER NIGHT SHELTER/SUNDAY OPENING

The last night of the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter was Saturday, 31st March. LHM commenced Sunday opening for the duration of the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter, and Sunday opening has now become a permanent arrangement. Sunday opening hours are 8am – 3pm. This is a major step forward in the LHM's aim to provide food, warmth, security and a host of other services to Glasgow's poorest and socially excluded citizens.

SATURDAY OPENING

Saturday opening continues at the LHM with the support of 15 churches in Glasgow Presbytery. A rota is in operation which ensures that one church provides a team of 4 people on a Saturday to work from 10am – 3pm alongside Sharif, the volunteer chef, and two LHM employees. Greenbank had a duty on Saturday, 31st March when our team comprised Jeanne, Bill Stein, Mark Allan and me. Five hours passed very quickly. Our duties included food preparation; serving breakfast, lunch, teas and coffees; operating the industrial scale dishwasher (Bill Stein is a dab hand!); and cleaning the kitchen at the end of the day. The next duty date for Greenbank is Saturday, 14th July.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixteenth Annual General Meeting of The Lodging House Mission was held at 7pm on Wednesday, 4th April at their premises at 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev Louis Reddick, a director of LHM and minister at Shettleston New Parish Church. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 5th April 2017 were approved. The annual report presented by Ewan Mackie (chairman) was adopted. Existing directors Liz Ashmole, Barbara Normand and Rev Roger Sturrock were reelected, and the appointment of new directors Rev George Cowie and Rev Louis Reddick on 7th March 2018 was confirmed.

A review of the year was presented by Gus Smeaton. Gus is the LHM Treasurer and volunteer manager. He reported that over the past year LHM had served more than 30,000 main meals. Christmas Dinner was served to 86 people on Christmas Day. In addition to providing food, LHM provides a warm and safe environment for clients. Support for those with addictions is provided, along with advice on housing, benefits, and finance. They also provide suicide prevention support.

Many activities are on offer at the LHM, including art, computing, pool, darts, chess, table tennis, mindfulness and a movie club. Specialist help includes services from a counsellor, hairdresser, optician, pharmacist, dentist and a foot clinic. There is effective partnership working with a variety of agencies including the Addiction Centre at Jericho House, Greenock; The Marie Trust (a homelessness Charity); and the Glasgow Homeless Network.

We heard from LHM volunteer Hugh McLintock and LHM client Stevie Creighton. They each spoke of their experiences. Hugh explained why he volunteers. Stevie told us how important LHM is to him. His message to us was "Never give up on prayer".

The meeting ended with the LHM choir "Mission Voices" entertaining us.

CARD SALE

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the card sale which took place on Saturday, 14th and Sunday, 15th April. There were lots of bargains to be had, and cards were priced at 5 cards for £1. The total of £192.07 was raised for the Lodging House Mission – a wonderful result. Thank you to you all for planning ideas, sorting, lifting boxes, buying cards, donations, clearing up and help with storage. It was a fabulous team effort, great fun, hard work, and all worth it. Thank you!!

Alison Allan.

GREENBANK PLAYERS

As you know we have not been able to put on a production this year but the Club committee has not been idle.

We did not want our 70 years to go unmarked and so have been planning a "bit of a do".

We have secured Friday 28th September at Cathcart Castle Golf Club and hope all past members will keep the date free.

If you are still in contact with past members not still with Greenbank Parish please let them and us know!!

June Alexander (644 2682)

Prayer Diary



"Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the very lap of May;
but at length the season of summer does come." Thomas Carlyle

I'm writing this at the end of Holiday Club week. I think the main words I'd use to describe it are wet and sticky. Feel free to peel off any glue that we missed on the tables in the Fraser Hall. I think everyone involved enjoyed it and we got some lovely comments from the parents; a big thank you to everyone who handed in card for the crafts.

Many of our organisations will start to wind up during this month and the start of next. Say a heartfelt thank you for all the volunteers who make their existence possible.

Pray that some of the people who are brought through the doors by our many activities feel encouraged to come back and see what else we can offer them.

Take a look out the window and say thank you for the parks and gardens which are finally starting to come to life as the long winter slowly fades away.

Pray that in the wider world the recent actions by the US and allies doesn't escalate. Pray for those caught up in conflicts the world over - for those who have been living with the consequences of violence for years. For the children who have never known any way of life except war. For all those whose lives have been torn apart by events outside their control. Pray that in time to come the countries of the world will work together fighting famine, disease, homelessness and discrimination, rather than each other.

And say a little thank you for the good things in your life, however small.

"I will thank God for the pleasures given me through my senses, for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of the birds and the laughter of children....Truly, O Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!"

Edward King (1829-1910) Bishop of Lincoln

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

FLOWER LIST FOR MAY 2018

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
6 th May		Sheila Matthews	
13 th May	Muriel Beaton		
20 th May		Barbara Low	
27 th May	Howard Family	C. Armour	

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)

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store";
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere,
One handed me a basket and said, " My child, shop with care."
Everything a Christian needs was in the Grocery Store,
And all you couldn't carry, you come back next day for more.

First I got some PATIENCE; LOVE was in the same row,
Farther down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.
I couldn't miss the HOLY Ghost as it was all over the place.
I stopped for some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.
But then my basket was getting full but I remembered some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION for SALVATION IS FREE,
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
Then a started to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought that I had everything to do my MASTER'S will.
But in the aisle I noticed PRAYER and just had to put that in
for I know, when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the very last shelf.
SONGS and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself;
The I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe?"
He smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."
Again I said, "How much do I really owe?"
He smiled and said:

"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!"

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PLANT SALE

The annual Sunday Club plant sale and coffee morning will be held on the morning of **Saturday 12th May**. There will be the usual wide selection of bedding plants with a selection of herbaceous plants, alpines, etc.

The sale will be from 9.30am till 12noon and the hall will be open for donations of baking on the Friday evening or from 8.30 am on the Saturday.

This is the Sunday Club's main fundraising event and we appreciate all the help and support we get from parents and friends.

Anyone who'd like to help on the morning please contact Helen Howard (0141 585 7909)



Sunday 13th May

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our Big Brekkie**

& Celebrating our Blessings



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