

# thegoodneighbour

June 2018



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**GreenbankParish**  
CHURCH

# Parish Register

## BAPTISM

6/5/18 Sophie Clare Buchan, Brodick Place, Newton Mearns

My birthday is on the 3rd of August. I'm seven. My godparents are my Auntie Jennifer and Uncle Ross. Uncle Ross is my mummy's brother. I got a new dress for my baptism. It was mostly pink. I got new shoes too. They were cream. My Granny and Papa were there, so were my cousins. Oh, and Rebecca and Josh were there too (that's my sister and brother). We went back to my house for a party. It was really sunny and the dog ran about mad. I got a bible and a silver locket. I'm going to put a picture of my mum and dad in my locket. I had a lovely time with all my family and friends.

Sophie Buchan

## PULPIT DIARY

1st June	4.00pm	Messy Church
	7.30pm	Preparatory Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion & Sunday Club [meets in halls]
	6.30pm	All Age Communion & Thanksgiving Service
10 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Family Worship & Sunday Club Rev George Cowie, Presbytery Clerk of Glasgow
17 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Family Worship & Sunday Club
24 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Summer Family Worship [Greenbank Worship Group]
1 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am	Summer Family Worship & Sacrament of Holy Baptism
8 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Summer Family Worship
	6.30pm	Prayers for Healing Service
15 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Summer Family Worship
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	10.30am	Summer Family Worship
29 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Summer Family Worship
5 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Summer Family Worship
12 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Summer Family Worship
	6.30pm	Prayers for Healing Service
19 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
26 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club

## FLOWER LIST FOR JUNE 2018

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Communion	Mr & Mrs Gardiner	
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Christine Baird	Bob Swandells	
17 <sup>th</sup> June		Barbara Low	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Jan Christie	The Howard family	Jean Gailey

During the months of July and August the flowers in Church will be donated by:

Anne Margetts, Charlie Cairns, Rachel Mackay, Aileen McKinlay, Derek Christie, Alison Harvey, Betty Ritchie, Margaret Miller, Bill Robertson, Diane Adam and Pat Gillespie.

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)

Dear Friends,

When attending the General Assembly on Tuesday 22nd May I joined women in ministry, as well as friends and colleagues, to process up the mound in Edinburgh into the quadrant of New College to pay tribute to women's role in the church and to honour the women and men who fought for many, many years for women to be accepted as Church of Scotland ministers. I owe all those women and men a huge debt of gratitude.

There are still a very few people who believe that there is no role for women in Church of Scotland ministry; I disagree with them because I believe that women have always played an important role in the history of our Christian faith. The book of Acts and some of Paul's letters make it clear that the first Christian churches met in homes hosted by woman of faith. In 1 Timothy 2:12, Paul expresses his opinion about women in ministry when he says, "I do not allow women to teach or to have authority over men; they must keep quiet." Paul personally preferred to practice his faith this way. However, it seems that while Paul preferred woman to keep quiet, Jesus never made that distinction. The story of Easter tells us that women stayed with Jesus at his crucifixion and that they were the first to receive and share the good news of his resurrection. This meant they were the first ministers of the New Testament.

On Wednesday 22 May 1968, the General Assembly passed the deliverance that allowed women to become eligible for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament on the same terms and conditions as men. This decision changed the Churches Scotland forever. Today, around 30% of ordained ministers in the Church of Scotland are women. On Tuesday 22 May, this year, the Church of Scotland celebrated the historic 50th anniversary of the decision to ordain women as ministers on the exact date of the anniversary.

I feel greatly privileged and humbled to be able to take part in such celebrations as a women minister in the Church of Scotland. I thank God for the faith and courage of those who made my ministry possible for me, by their commitment to the belief that the role of leadership in the Church is not, and was never meant to be, exclusive to one gender.

As this is the final Good Neighbour for a couple of months, I wish you all an enjoyable summer that will refresh, renew and inspire you to play your part in the work of the church, here at Greenbank or further afield, that God is calling you to play your part in.

Yours,



## **SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9am for one hour with breakfast refreshments being served from 8.45am in Room A. The group will be reading and reflecting 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. At the next meeting, the Book Club will be discussing Psalms, book 2.

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?

Subsequent dates will be 7<sup>th</sup> July (read Psalms, Book 3) and 4<sup>th</sup> August (read Psalms, Book 4)



## **THE SHAWL MINISTRY**

The next meeting of the Shawl Ministry Group takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 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.

## KIRK SESSION – WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session met on 9<sup>th</sup> April with 45 members attending who discussed a wide range of issues.

**Worship:** The Kirk Session received reports on Messy Church which continues to have a healthy attendance, and on the Lenten House Groups which met on various days during Lent.

**Outreach:** The Kirk Session received an update from the Lodging House Mission noting the introduction of opening on a Sunday throughout the year. Greenbank has inherited a large stock of cards and proceeds from the sale of these at the Craft Fair will go to the Lodging House Mission. The success of the 38<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Art Exhibition on 10<sup>th</sup> March was noted with an estimated profit of £7,200. The Kirk Session was encouraged to lend support to Christian Aid Week appeal and "Big Brekkie". The Kirk Session also received reports from Williamwood House and the Glasgow North East Foodbank and noted the dates of the forthcoming Clarkston Community Choir concerts.

**Finance:** The Financial Position was updated and this showed a small increase in offerings for the first three months of the year. Since the last report contributions have been received from the Friendship Café, Mother & Toddler Group, Sunday Club and Film Society. Enquiries from external organisations for hall space continue and current lets generate useful income towards the upkeep of our halls. The Kirk Session Coffee morning raised around £1,300 and Good Neighbour advertising a further £260 and it was agreed this money should go towards new office equipment. It was agreed that additional publicity will be given to retiring offerings to improve the level of donations to these worthy causes.

**Fabric:** The Property convenor advised the Kirk Session that repairs had been made to flat roof of the Fraser Hall to stop water ingress. Plans are in hand to redecorate some areas of the halls and church over the summer. Due to a recent break in and theft from the Manse porch the installation of a new front door and CCTV system were approved part of which will be paid for by an insurance claim in respect of the damage. Plans are in hand to address vehicles unnecessarily using the Church driveway and grounds and members of the Kirk Session and organisation leaders were encouraged to set an example.

**Fellowship:** The Kirk Session noted a request for Easter Holiday Club helpers and that 40 children had now registered for this club. Volunteers are required for Bookbug training or for the tea rota on a Thursday morning. The Badminton Club would welcome new members to its meetings on a Tuesday or Thursday night. The Kirk Session approved and noted a number of forthcoming events including a craft sale on 14<sup>th</sup> April, the Stated Annual Meeting on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, afternoon Tea at Hawthorn Court on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, Clarkston Community Choir concert on 4<sup>th</sup> June, Something for Everyone Day on 8<sup>th</sup> September, Christmas Fair on 10<sup>th</sup> November, and Greenbank Burns supper on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Youth:** The Kirk Session received a report on the SNAP Youth Club which caters for young people in P7 to S3 on a Saturday night. Around 25 children attend and they are encouraged to feel a sense of belonging. The Kirk Session noted the recruitment of another sessional youth worker and approved the application of a grant to the Go For It Fund.

**Health & Safety:** The Health and Safety officer advised that a Health & Safety toolkit had been received from the Church of Scotland which he had translated into an action plan. He reminded Session that as Charity Trustees they had collective responsibility for Health & Safety at Greenbank.

**Other Matters:** The Kirk Session dealt with a number of administrative matters including the following: The Kirk Session approved an increase in working hours for the Church Secretary with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August and a change to the duties and hourly rate of pay for the church cleaner who will now assist in cleaning parts of the halls. The Kirk Session also approved participating in the "Battles Over World War I Memorial Day" on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war. Thanks were expressed to Malcolm Pickard who has taken over the role of Duty Team Co-ordinator.

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

## 223<sup>rd</sup> GREENBANK BOYS' BRIGADE – 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER

This is a follow up to the article from John Meek in the May issue of Good Neighbour. We have a date for our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner, the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019, and we now have a venue. A reservation has now been made with the *Redhurst Hotel* which proved a popular venue for our last reunion dinner in 2014. As John intimated last month we are very keen to reach out to as many of our ex-members as possible wherever they may now be. So if you know of any relative or friend who was in the 223<sup>rd</sup> Greenbank BB company please pass their details to John Meek, ([john.meek@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.meek@ntlworld.com)) so we can add them to our mailing list. The date for the dinner may seem a long way away but these events take time to organise and so our organising committee are getting ahead of the game.

As further arrangements are made these will be notified in future issues of Good Neighbour.

Chris Adam, Chairman, 223<sup>rd</sup> BB Company Ex-members Association

# What's On

## **FUNDRAISING AFTERNOON TEA – 18<sup>TH</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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
Unwanted toiletries	Books
Empty gift bags	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

## **TUESDAY NIGHT WALKING GROUP**

We meet on Tuesdays at 7pm prompt (weather permitting) and walk around the local area chatting all the way. Our walks usually last an hour. Feel free to join us on any Tuesday.

Evelyn Clelland

07762 065507

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018** **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Plans are now being made for the Annual Christmas Fair which is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

All the usual stalls will be there and if you have any ideas for new stalls please let us know.

Full details will appear in the September issue of God Neighbour.

Once again we look forward to another successful day.

Wishing you a relaxing summer,

Anna Martin, Eleanor Johnstone, Elizabeth Cross

## **CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERTS**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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! The Concert starts at 7:30pm and tickets cost £5 and 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 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm.

## **BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB**

Recently a number of students were graded on their Karate journey and I am pleased to say that they all passed with flying colours. They all showed great skill during their grading (exam) which is down to their commitment and the coaching of their instructors.

We also have a number of courses coming up, for example a course designed to support our junior black belts on coaching and also Sensei Morris has designed a course "Bushido against Bullying" which will be rolled out to our instructors and then to our students.

At the end of the year (March) we had to submit our student numbers to the Scottish Karate Governing Body and again we are recognized as one of the largest Associations in Scotland.

During the summer holidays we keep our Karate classes going as it is important to give the opportunity for our students to continue training at the high level that they do. If anyone would like to come along for a taster session please feel free to contact me – Karate is a great activity for all ages.

Best wishes,

John Elliot, Bushido Karate Association Chairman

# News and Updates

## ED LINES

Hi Folks,

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> June is Father's Day. Even though it is just over 25 years since my dad died, I've been thinking about him a lot lately. Recently, someone told me I have my father's hair! This has caused me no small amount of consternation. I keep looking in the mirror for a bald spot as my dad was as bald as a coot!!

I distinctly remember a teacher at school asking the difference between a matador and a picador, "My dad will know," I said. At the age of six, my dad knew it all and could do no wrong. At the age of sixteen, he knew nothing and could do no right! That said, he was the one who walked five miles in blistering heat to get me ointment and gauze for my badly burnt shoulders on our last family holiday. By the age of twenty six, I was aware he didn't know it all but he was back to being my hero; "I'm not always right but I'm never wrong," was a favourite phrase. I have yet to meet a daughter who can't wrap their father round their little fingers. When I hear Donna on the phone asking to speak to "Daddy," I know she either wants or needs something.

I spoke to some of the youth at JAM on Sunday. They were telling me some of their dads' achievements. Someone's dad was hoping to attain his black belt in karate, another said his father had just climbed Goatfell and cycled round Arran. One girl said her dad didn't do anything much, he just cleaned out the garden shed, but he was always there. Can a father attain a higher accolade than that?

I am extremely fortunate not just to have had one, but to have had two loving Fathers. Both of whom have nurtured me; guided and supported me; comforted and protected me. So this month, when I utter the words, "Our Father who art in Heaven" it will be twice as meaningful.

Have a good summer,

Alison

## ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST PLEASE



Many Congratulations to Elaine and Ronnie McNeill who celebrate their Ruby wedding anniversary on the 1st of July this year - 40 years of married bliss! Elaine deserves a medal. (Ronnie said that - not me!)

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> June.

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has enjoyed another successful year. We have a regular group of children who come along usually arriving clean and leaving covered in paint, glue and a concoction of many 'messy' things! We learn about stories from the bible through play, drama and song and we always finish with a prayer and meal.

Can I take this opportunity to thank Maureen who shops and organises the food along with Shauna, Pat and Anne and Karen who brings some fantastic ideas for arts and crafts and who takes the pressure off me by helping me run Messy. Alison and Jeanne step in and help when required and the parents always stay to help clear up too. All in all, a great team!

Our final Messy before summer is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June and it's going to be so much fun!! It would be great to see everyone together before we enjoy a couple of months of sunshine. Contact the church office or email [messygreenbank@gmail.com](mailto:messygreenbank@gmail.com) for more details.





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8 May 2018

Dear Alison,

I am writing to thank the congregation of Greenbank Parish Church most sincerely for their generous donation of £300 from the sale of cards towards our work here at the Lodging House Mission. Be assured that this donation will be spent wisely to help improve the lives of the homeless and underprivileged who utilise our services.

We had a busy winter period, exacerbated by the unusually harsh weather, but were extremely blessed by the generosity of the many people who donated money, food and clothing not to mention our faithful volunteers who help us at the Day Centre. For the third consecutive year, we hosted the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter which provided overnight shelter for up to 40 rough sleepers each night. This was vital refuge during some of the toughest winter weather conditions in years.

Now we are well into Spring, we have decided to continue our initiative to stay open seven days a week which is proving popular with our service users whose complex needs sadly do not alleviate over weekends.

We are very aware that we can only offer the services we do thanks to the unstinting generosity of supporters such as yourselves, so on behalf of our staff, Board and especially our service users please accept our grateful thanks for everything you do for us at Greenbank.

Yours sincerely,

Director & Trustee

## 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](mailto: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

## LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club volunteers would like to thank everyone who has given loyal support during this last session - our venture would not be a success without our faithful customers. Once more our profits will be given to church funds.

Sometimes we have suffered serious staffing issues this year, but we have been very fortunate to have found willing "stand ins" and we are very grateful that these people were able to give their time at short notice. Staffing is becoming a serious issue. We would be very glad to welcome new helpers. Please give it some thought over the summer months. If you would like more information about what is involved, please contact Jan on 258 4959 or Maureen on 639 5114.

Our first meeting next session will be on Friday 28th September. We hope to serve you then!

## GREENBANK PLAYERS

The Greenbank Players are looking for someone who might be able to make a compilation DVD from the collection of Videos and some DVDs of the past productions (not all 70 years!)

Any offers of help please contact June Alexander on 644 2682.

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, 28<sup>th</sup> September at Cathcart Castle Golf Club and hope all past members will keep the date. If you are still in contact with past members not still with Greenbank Parish, please let them and us know!!

June Alexander (644 2682)

## SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club extend a very big THANK YOU to everyone who came along and supported our annual Plant Sale on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. We were blessed with a lovely sunny day and a sum of £2000+ was realised, with over £700 of this being profit. This money will be used to pay for Sunday Club and JAM resources and will also be used to help other Sunday Schools across Glasgow.

Grateful thanks are also due to everyone who helped out by setting out the plants, selling plants, helping in the kitchen or tea room and clearing up afterwards. Special thanks are due to John Meek for setting up the halls and of course to Liz Allan and her family, Sheena and Robert, for all their work in organising the order, delivery and return of plants. All of your work is greatly appreciated. Happy gardening everyone!!

Helen Howard

(Sunday Club Superintendent)



## 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.

Weekend Away, 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> June	Fife Coastal Path	TBN
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Maidens to Culzean	9.30am

This walk forms part of the recently created Ayrshire Coastal Path. It starts along the shore at Maidens and cuts through the NTS property of Culzean. At this point several routes can be chosen, heading north to sample the pleasures of Culzean.

The path then descends to the beach at Culzean Bay.

18 <sup>th</sup> August	Millport	9am
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Millport is the only town on the island of Great Cumbrae in the Firth of Clyde off the coast of North Ayrshire. The town is 4 miles south from the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry slipway.

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

## CHRISTIAN AID

At the time of writing, the annual door to door collection for Christian Aid week is under way. This is the biggest part of the income gathered by Christian Aid during the year, and the help of all the collectors and counters at Greenbank is much appreciated. A huge thank you is due to all our volunteers for distributing and collecting envelopes, and for counting the contents of the envelopes.

The start of Christian Aid week was marked with our very successful Big Brekkie event after the service on Sunday, 13th May. This is the third year that we have held this event, and again a small team worked hard to prepare bacon rolls and fresh pancakes for the congregation. Through their hard work and the generous donations of the congregation the splendid sum of £527 was raised for Christian Aid; a great start to the week.

We are extremely grateful this year for the support from local businesses who donated provisions for the Big Brekkie. Our local Tesco donated the pancake ingredients, butter, bananas, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, syrup, jam, and chocolate spread, and arranged for 10 dozen rolls to be donated by McGhee's Family Bakers. Our local Co-op donated a quantity of the bacon required for the rolls. This level of support was very encouraging and meant that expenses were reduced, with more money raised for Christian Aid.

As we break for the summer season, I would like to thank everyone involved with the fundraising for Christian Aid including the Sponsored swim; Art Exhibition and sale; and for volunteering throughout Christian Aid week. Through your efforts, some of the poorest and most vulnerable people around the world will benefit.

Mark Allan

## LODGING HOUSE MISSION

The card sale, which took place at the Craft and Card Sale on Saturday, 14th April and after church on Sunday, 15th April, was a great success, raising £192.07 for the Lodging House Mission. Thanks are due to all who supported it by helpful suggestions, sorting, lifting crates, and purchasing cards. I have been able to supplement this amount with money raised from the weekly sale of cards, and I am pleased to report that a total donation of £300 was made to LHM on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### SATURDAY OPENING

Greenbank will next be on duty at LHM on Saturday, 14th July. If you would like to be part of the Greenbank pool of volunteers (which currently numbers 14) please let me know. Our church is on a rota with 14 other churches. Each Saturday, one church provides a team of 4 people to do a duty at LHM. This, combined with the large Greenbank pool, means that a duty on a Saturday is quite infrequent for each Greenbank volunteer. Our involvement, however, makes Saturday opening at LHM possible.

### VOLUNTEERS

Lodging House Mission is seeking volunteers to help in their 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](tel:01415520285) or email [enquiries@lhm-glasgow.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lhm-glasgow.org.uk)

### OTHER DONATIONS

The LHM continues to be very appreciative of our ongoing donations of sugar. LHM is also very grateful for the support of our Boys' Brigade Junior Section for donating tea, coffee and sugar. Our congregation is very thoughtful and generous towards the LHM in so many ways, including giving of time on a Saturday, or through cash and other donations, and LHM is exceedingly grateful for all of the ways in which the congregation of Greenbank supports it.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support the work of the LHM. Your support means that the wonderful work taking place at the Lodging House Mission can continue, which in turn has the potential to transform the lives of those in need in our city.

Have a great summer, Alison Allan

## **ANNUAL EASTWOOD INTER CHURCHES BOWLS AFTERNOON**

Details for the Eastwood Inter Churches Bowls event on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June are now available. Entry is £4 per player and players are asked to be at Giffnock Bowling Club by 1.45pm for a 2 pm start. Afternoon tea will be served. I have received two team entries so far. If you cannot put a team together, please turn up on the day and you will get a game. Any further team entries should be given to me by phone on 585 0008 or e-mail at [w.robertson4@ntlworld.com](mailto:w.robertson4@ntlworld.com)

## **2ND CLARKSTON RAINBOW UNIT**

I am delighted to say that I have had several people who have come forward over the last 8 months to help me run the unit and keep it open. I have been overwhelmed by their support, encouragement and dedication from 2 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, to having 2 girls from the Girl Guides in Greenbank working towards their Service Flash award, to a rota of fantastic parent helpers, and 2 wonderful new adult volunteers, without their help I wouldn't have been able to keep the unit going.

Due to this fantastic support I have decided to stay on running the 2nd Clarkston Unit for another couple of years.  
June Lamont

(Now that the Rainbows are sorted for a wee while, can we help the Brownies?)

## **1ST CLARKSTON BROWNIES**

1st Clarkston Brownies is looking for a leader or group of leaders to help with our pack. We meet in the Greenbank Church Halls on a Monday evening and have over girls between the ages of 7 and 10. We are a large pack and have a healthy waiting list.

We have a lot of fun and do many varied crafts and activities. We are looking for someone to be our "Brown Owl." If you are over the age of 18 and think you can help, then please contact Christine Bryden at [christinabryden@yahoo.com](mailto:christinabryden@yahoo.com) or 07786314779.

If we manage to get someone to take over, I would stay on for a while to help them settle in if requested.

## **3RD A CLARKSTON GUIDES**

After 18 years in the unit I will be handing over my neckie and whistle to Kirsten McCormick at the end of May. Kirsten has been a 3rd A Clarkston guide, a patrol leader, a young leader and my assistant guider, whom I have relied on heavily in the past years. I know she will continue with the girlguiding principles and be an excellent unit leader. Alongside Kirsten, Laura Goodwin will finish her adult leadership qualification and assist Kirsten with the task of keeping the girls safe and delivering the principles of girlguiding in a fun filled way.

Yours in guiding,

Halina

(Many thanks Halina for all your hard work over the last 18 years. Hope you enjoy your "retirement").

## **TIME OUT**

We have had a very varied and interesting year. We started with the obligatory Cheese and Wine night. Throughout the session we have had talks on protecting ourselves from scammers, the RNLI, keeping active in later years, making the most of our wardrobe and the Ethiopia Medical Project. We have also had some in-house entertainment in the form of a Christmas Craft Night and a Burns Night. Our fundraiser this year was a Beetle Drive and we thank all those who supported this night. We finished off with our annual weekend away - this time we took ourselves to Pitlochry - where much food and drink was consumed.

Time Out - Summer Meetings 2018

Our summer meetings are in full swing. We will meet out with the church on the following Thursday evenings: 7 June, 21 June, 5 July, 19 July, 2 August, 16 August and 30 August. For further details please contact Sharon Mitchell on 079600 12991 or [sharonemitchell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharonemitchell@hotmail.co.uk)

Time Out - Looking Forward to 2018/19

Our first meeting will be Thursday 6th September in the Church Halls at 8pm. This will be an informal Cheese and Wine night where we will be happy to welcome any new members.

# Prayer Diary



"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken." (James Dent)

Summer has been a long time coming this year. It almost feels like we've only just got to spring, which makes it hard to believe that we're now into June.

I hope that we have a real summery summer, with some heat and some good days to draw us all out into the fresh air. I hope you're able to slow down and live life at a gentler pace, so that even if the weather's bad you still feel the benefit of summer.

A summer prayer - Fr Austin Fleming

Come summer with me, Lord;  
summer deep down in my soul;  
restore my faith in summer's time,  
in rest, in joy, in play, in You...

Summer in my heart, Lord,  
and dwell there  
as if time would never end,  
as if all time were children's time, eternal time  
when school is always out and joy is ever in...

And let others summer in my shade, Lord,  
and share whatever summer's peace is mine to give,  
whatever summer's light is mine to shed,  
whatever summer's warmth is mine to share...

Good God of every season and every day of every week,  
come summer with me, Lord, and let the child in my heart  
spend this summer in your love...

Amen.

I hope you all have a lovely, relaxing summer, and remember...

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." (St Francis of Assisi)

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

When I say, "I am a Christian"

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"  
I'm whispering, "I get lost sometimes  
that's why I chose this way".

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak with human pride  
I'm confessing that I stumble -  
needing God to be my guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success  
I'm admitting that I've failed  
and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't think I know it all  
I submit to my confusion  
asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect  
My flaws are far too visible  
but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain  
I have my share of heartache  
which is why I seek God's name.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I do not wish to judge  
I have no authority  
I only know I'm loved.

This poem was written by Carol Wimmer in 1988

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# **Something for Everyone Day**

8<sup>th</sup> September

1.00 – 4.00pm

Tickets £1

## **COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN**

Huge Bouncy Castle  
Small Children's Games & Small Bouncy Castle  
Garden Games, BBQ – Burgers and Hotdogs  
Afternoon Teas & Music  
Face Painting, Nail Painting, Tattoos

## **COMPETITIONS**

For Adults – Best flower, Best Preserve, Best scone, Best tablet,  
Best home grown veg.

For Children - Best cupcake, Best Sunflower

**SO GET BAKING AND GROWING! TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**



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## ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE



**Saturday 9th June 2018**  
**10am – 12noon**  
 in  
**GREENBANK PARISH CHURCH**  
**EAGLESHAM ROAD, CLARKSTON, GLASGOW, G76 7DJ**

The boys can collect jumble from Tuesday 5th June until Friday 8th June between 7pm and 9.30pm.

If you have large items you wish us to uplift, please call the church halls on 644 4878 to arrange collection.

Alternatively, items can be handed in to the Church from 9am-12noon or 1pm-3pm Tuesday to Friday.

*Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any large electrical goods i.e. box TV sets, washing machines, cookers, fridges. We are also unable to accept beds due to new regulations. **We can take slim TV sets.***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**The 223<sup>rd</sup> Boys Brigade would be grateful for help with all aspects of the event.**  
**If you can help, please fill in the form below and return it to**  
**John Meek, 34 Eaglesham Road, Clarkston, Glasgow, G76 7DJ**  
**or telephone 0141 644 2839**

Day	Morning 9-11 am	Afternoon 1-3pm	Evening 7-10pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>			
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 9th			

If you can supply transport, please use the following form.

Day	CAR	VAN	LORRY
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>			
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 9th			

Name	Address	Tel. no.