



Parish Register

DEATH

5/3/19 Mrs Doris MacIver, Eastwood Court Care Home, Giffnock

"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so,
would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?"

John 14:2 N.I.V.

PULPIT DIARY

7 th April	10.30am	Family Worship
14 th April	10.30am 6.30pm	Palm Sunday Family Worship Prayers for Healing
15 th April	7.00pm	Holy Monday Service (St. Joseph's)
16 th April	7.00pm	Holy Tuesday Service (Cartsbridge, organised by Guilds)
17 th April	7.00pm	Holy Wednesday Service (Greenbank, organised by young people)
18 th April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service (St. Aidan's, Communion)
19 th April	7.00pm	Good Friday Service (Netherlee)
21 st April	10.30am	Easter Day Family Celebration (<i>Children's Easter egg hunt and making Easter bonnets</i>) Followed by Easter Day Communion
26 th April	4.00pm	Messy Church
28 th April	10.30am	Songs of Praise & Sunday Club

A Walk Through Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: 7am Netherlee; 8am Stamperland; 9am St. Aidan's; 10am Williamwood; 11am Greenbank;
12noon St. Joseph's; 1pm Catsbridge; 2pm Busby; 3pm Carmunnock

MESSY CHURCH

Our March Messy Church was themed around the Easter story; needless to say there was a fair amount of chocolate eaten! We had a fantastic number of people there sharing worship and a lot of fun and friendship.

There is no Messy Church at the beginning of April because some pesky person hogs the hall for a whole week....hmm I wonder who that could be? Seriously though, good luck with your Easter Club, the second week of the school holidays. I hope everyone has as much fun as always.

The next Messy Church takes place on Friday 26th April from 4pm.

Lorna Preece

Dear Friends,

The Apostle Paul wrote, *'When I was a child, my speech, feelings, and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am an adult, I have no more use for childish ways.'* [1 Corinthians 13:11]. I don't know who he was referring to but I happen to know lots of adults who still hold on to childish ways. I am thinking especially of all the people here at Greenbank who are getting ready for our annual holiday club for P1 to P7 children in the second week of April.

The Holiday Club is called, 'Joe's Café', because it is going to be based on the story of Joseph as told in the book of Genesis, chapters 37-50. I know the children who take part in the holiday club have great fun and thoroughly enjoy the experience, but I also know the adult volunteers love it too. It's a chance for grown-ups to play messy games, build up their repertoire of childish jokes and have lots of interesting conversations with children. It is also an opportunity to tell stories in enjoyable ways that help children to understand the bible is about the lives and experiences of real people just like us.

I heard a rumour that there is a possibility that the adult volunteers are all going to get very wet and covered in foam this year. Don't ask me where to find an example of this in the bible, but perhaps it is enough that it serves as a reminder of what it is like to be a child again. While we adults are not meant to have any use for childish things like self-centredness and petulance, a childlike spirit of innocence and happiness is perhaps worth adopting and holding on to.

So to all the Holiday Club volunteers this year – stay childish and keep teaching children about what it means to love God and others. Thank you for sharing the joy of the blessings we all enjoy as beloved children of God.

Yours,



THE SHAWL MINISTRY - The next meeting of the Shawl Ministry Group takes place on Saturday, 4th May at Greenbank. Anyone who would like to attend 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.

FLOWER LIST FOR APRIL 2019

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
7 th April			Chris Adam
14 th April	Sadie Gould	Sadie Gould	
21 st April	Marjorie Hamilton	Tom McMeeking	
28 th April	Etta Anderson	Eleanor Johnstone	

Please note:

The Flower Lists for 2019 are now on the transept windows and you are invited to put your name and telephone number on the list at the date of your choice.

A member of the flower committee will contact you during the week prior to this date.

Prayer Diary

Bunnies are cuddly
The large and the small
But I like chocolate ones
The best of them all
(Unknown)

Long before we get to Easter the shops are full of chicks, bunnies and eggs of all sorts, but especially chocolate ones. Creme eggs can now be found in various guises, and there are increasing numbers of eggs aimed at adults rather than children. And, as at Christmas, the real message is sometimes half-buried in a sea of indulgence.

However, here at Greenbank, we will as usual be joining with the other local churches in contemplation and celebration, and our annual Holiday Club opens our doors to all primary school age kids in our community for bible stories and fun.

I came across this children's prayer which I thought was rather sweet (no pun intended).

JELLY BEAN PRAYER

Little jelly beans
tell a story true.
A tale of Father's love
just for me and you.
GREEN is for the waving palms.
YELLOW is for the sun above.
BROWN is for the soft earth where
people sat hearing of HIS love.
A SPECKLED bean for fish and sand.
RED for precious wine
and BLACK is for the sin He washed
From your soul and mine.

PURPLE's for the sadness of
HIS family and friends, and
WHITE is for the glory
of the Day HE rose again.
Now that you've heard the story
You know what each colour means.
The story of our Father's love
told by some jelly beans.
So every morning take a bean.
They're really very yummy.
Something for the soul, you see.
And something for the tummy. (Unknown)

In your own prayers ask:

- that the joy of Easter shines out from our doors and our congregation so that others will come to see what it's all about.
- for comfort for all those affected by acts of terrorism or senseless violence.

Pray for:

- the most vulnerable members of our society, that there will always be someone willing to help.
- those who have let evil into their hearts, trampling over others to get what they want. Ask that a light shines in the darkness that makes them look again at their lives.

And say thank you as the days get longer, our gardens stir to life, and hopefully it gets a little warmer.

'Easter Week' by Charles Kingsley

See the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose.
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices;
Fields and gardens hail the spring;
Shaugh and woodlands ring with voices,
while the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted
Powers to those sweet birds unknown,
Use the craft by God implanted;
Use the reason not your own.
Here, while heaven and earth rejoices,
Each his Easter tribute bring-
Work of fingers, chant of voices,
Like the birds who build and sing.

I know that Brexit has loomed over our lives for endless months, and I don't know what will have happened by the time you're reading this, but say a prayer for our leaders and our country, that an acceptable solution can be found.

'And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For he departed, and behold, He is here.' (St Augustine)

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

JOE'S CAFE

Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Greenbank's Easter Holiday Club will be running once again from Monday 8th until Friday 12th April and we need all the help we can get! Whether it's for one morning or five, your help would be appreciated if you can join us for a wet, wacky week. Contact Alison Harvey 638 3679 or 07742282870

THE FRIENDSHIP CAFE

At a loose end on a Friday morning? Come along to the Friendship Cafe every Friday, 10am - 11am, in the Fraser Hall (except the last one of the month which is Lunch Club Friday) all more than welcome. Blair Miller (577 5449)

GOOD NEIGHBOUR ADVERTISING

Once again this year we have an almost full page of adverts in the Church magazine. (There is still one wee space left if you know anyone who'd be interested in it) This is a valuable source of income and has helped us to get a new printer. You might have noticed we can now include some colour pics. Thanks to all the advertisers who have supported and continued to support us over the years. If you contact any of our advertisers could you please mention that you saw them in the Good Neighbour and their support is appreciated. Thank you

Alison Harvey and Val Scholfield

CHURCH TRANSPORT - URGENT APPEAL

The church transport service has been running for 40 years, providing a necessary and much appreciated service to our members who would otherwise find it difficult to attend church.

We currently have a group of drivers, on a rota, who are required to bring their car to church once every 6 weeks. The church transport service urgently needs more drivers. Please consider volunteering for this. The commitment is just once every 6 weeks, and you can swap with other drivers if the rota dates do not suit. If you currently drive to church alone, please consider offering your services once every 6 weeks, to bring a car load of people to church. This would be much appreciated; it may allow new friendships to develop; and would complement our status as an Eco congregation.

If you do not normally drive to church, please consider doing so, just once every 6 weeks, to allow others to enjoy worshipping with us. Please contact Mark Allan 638 3916, if you are able to help.

What's On

GREENBANK WALKING GROUP

Programme 2019

We leave from the Church at the times shown. All dates are Saturdays. New members are warmly welcomed. Come along and enjoy good company and plenty of fresh air.

30 th March	Whitelees Wind Farm	10am
27 th April	Stirling Castle Walk	9.30am
25 th May	Dalmeny/South Queensferry	9am
22 nd June	Isle of Bute	8.30am
20 th July	Mugdock Country Park	9.30am
17 th August	Conic Hill	9.30am
14 th September	Erskine/Overton House	10am
19 th October	Strathaven	9.30am

For further details contact Allan McLaren (639 5848) or Douglas Paterson (638 6350)

THE LUNCH CLUB

There are only two more meetings of the Lunch Club this session! The next one will be held on Friday, 26th April; and the last one will be on Friday, 31st May. Please come along to the church hall and enjoy a time of fellowship and sample a bowl of soup and/or a filled roll followed by a cup of tea or coffee accompanied by a biscuit - if you are lucky, there will be some chocolate ones!

Lunch is served between 12noon and 1.15pm. Everyone is welcome. If you require a lift please phone Maureen on 639 5114.

GLASGOW STEDFAST ASSOCIATION

The Association is welcoming back the Sounds International Choir to Clincarthill Church at the corner of Battlefield Road/Cathcart Road on Thursday, 25th April at 7.30pm. As always, fundraising is for the work and the sponsoring of events for the Glasgow Battalion of the Boys' Brigade. Tickets are £8 each and can be obtained from Bill Robertson (585 0008) or can be paid for at the church door on the evening of the concert.

FILM SOCIETY

The final film on this year's Film Society calendar is Monday, 8th April.

Three Days of the Condor, starring Robert Redford and Faye Dunaway

On a seemingly ordinary day, Joe Turner (Robert Redford), a quiet CIA codebreaker, walks into his workplace and finds that all of his co-workers have been murdered. Horrified, Joe flees the scene and tries to tell his supervisors about the tragedy. Unfortunately, he soon learns that CIA higher-ups were involved in the murders. With no one to trust, and a merciless hit man (Max von Sydow) close on his tail, Joe must somehow survive long enough to figure out why his own agency wants him dead.

SNAP COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

Any new members from P7 to S3 are very welcome to come along on Saturdays (term time) from 7pm till 9pm. 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.

Young People's

Hi Guys,

Did you know the World Marble Championship takes place annually on Good Friday? This ancient event, which is believed to have started in 1588 and has been played in its current format since 1932. Teams of six players participate in a marbles knock-out tournament to win the title and a silver trophy. There is a list of rules which tells you the size of the playing ring (about 1.8m) and the size of the marble (1.5 cm round). The big marble or "tolley" has a diameter of 2cm. The object of the game is to knock one or more marbles off the ring by rolling a tolley against them. Taking it in turns, your aim is to knock out 25 of 49 marbles. You score one point for each marble taken out of play but none if your tolley rolls out too. Teams from all across the world play the World Marbles Championships, some from as far as the US Algeria and Germany. As always the referees decision is final.

Some things you might not know about marbles:

- Marbles are usually made of glass but sometimes steel, ceramic, plastic or clay are used.
- Marbles were invented thousands of years ago, and were popular in Ancient Egypt and Rome.
- Marbles contain coloured patterns including swirls and solid colours are also available.
- Marbles are often collected and can sell for up to £10,000
- Marbles are made by melting recycled glass and dropped onto rollers that allows the glass to form balls as they cool.
- Marbles, said to be named due to the stone that they were manufactured from in the past. . . .

And if anyone tells you I've lost my marbles don't believe them.



Happy Easter
Al the Ed

What's On this Easter?

WONDER PARK (PG)

Release date: 08 April 2019

Running time: 90 minutes

Wonder Park tells the story of a magnificent amusement park where the imagination of a wildly creative girl named June comes alive. One magical day, June is running through the woods to find her way home where she discovers an old rollercoaster car and climbs inside. She suddenly finds herself in Wonderland, an amusement park she had created in her mind and put aside. All of her rides and characters are brought to life but are falling into disarray without her. Now, with the help of her fun and lovable park characters, June will have to put the wonder back in Wonderland before it is lost forever.



WHITELEES WINDFARM VISITOR CENTRE

7pm - 9pm on - 10th April 2019 - FREE (no booking required).

Hop with us to our ponds in search of our elusive pond dwelling species like frogs, newts and toads. *Wrap up, don your wellies and bring a torch!

EASTWOOD PARK THEATRE

Saturday 13th April: Hop (£3)



10.30am
Blending state-of-the-art animation with live action, Hop tells the comic tale of Fred, an out-of-work slacker who accidentally injures the Easter Bunny and must take him in as he recovers. As



GREENBANK GARDENS

19th- 22nd April 11am - 4pm
£2 (usual entry prices apply to non-members. Bring the whole family together this Easter and treat your loved ones to the magic of our Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt! Follow bunny's clues and complete your adventure to win a delicious chocolatey prize.

Hi everyone,

April – what does April make you think of? School holidays? Easter eggs? I think April this year is a bit strange, because you're on school holidays from 1st – 14th April, then back to school for 4 days, then have Friday 19th and Monday 22nd off again for the Easter weekend. Although there's no Sunday Club on Easter Sunday (Sunday 21st) there will be an Easter Egg Hunt organised for any children who come to church that day. Hope you all have a great time over the school holidays and the Easter weekend – and don't eat too much chocolate!! Ha Ha!!

Here's our Sunday Club dates for April -

Sunday 7 th April	Sunday Club on holiday
Sunday 14 th April	Combined Sunday Club, all meet in Cowley Hall before church
Sunday 21 st April	Easter Sunday – Family service with Egg Hunt for children
Sunday 28 th April	Sunday Club as usual

Helen.

FIND THE WORDS

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tolley, world, Egypt, good, Rome,

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HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday to Eve Sanderson Jessica Martin Rachel Gow
and Arran Muir. Have a great time guys!



Congratulations to two of our Guides, **Allison and Rebecca Preece**, who were presented with their Baden Powell awards in Park Church Giffnock recently.



Congratulations to Amy Clark, one of our helpers at Greenbank events and niece of Lorna Preece, who took part in the recent Special Olympics held in Abu Dhabi as a member of the British team. Amy has proudly returned with 6 bronze medals. Well done Amy!

WELCOME TO JOE'S CAFÉ HOLIDAY CLUB!

Where? Greenbank Church
When? Monday 8th - Friday 12th April, 10am to 12pm
Who? Anyone from P1 - P7

Holiday Club is here again so be prepared to be sweaty. A wet, wacky week filled with fun and frolics, crafts and creations, stories and songs. If you are at Primary school, come and join us every day from Monday 8th April until Friday 12th April from 10am til 12pm.

To register contact Greenbank Church office on 644 1841 or email greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk.



WHO DO YOU THINK THEY ARE? [Meet the Time Out 'Girls']

Name? Moira McAlidine
 Over 21 No Way!
 Fav food Roast beef
 Fav TV Corrie
 Fav actor Meryl Streep
 Fav film Mamma Mia!
 Fav music Back Street Boys
 Fav joke What do you call a number that's always moving? A roamin' numberal!



Name? Karen McHugh
 Over 21 Yes, no point in lying!
 Fav food Mushroom pakora
 Fav TV Bake off
 Fav actor Alan McHugh
 Fav film Some Like it Hot
 Fav music Bruce Springstein
 Fav Joke Doctor, doctor, I think I'm a pair of curtains. Pull yourself together!



Name? Elizabeth Milne
 Over 21 Yes
 Fav food Curry
 Fav TV Holby City
 Fav actor Kevin Spacey
 Fav film Negotiator
 Fav music Michael Buble
 Fav joke What's round white and chuckles? A tickled onion



Name Sharon Mitchell
 Over 21? Only just
 Fav food Fillet steak
 Fav TV Two Doors down
 Fav actor John Wayne
 Fav film Star Wars
 Fav music George Michael
 Fav joke Hear about the scarecrow who won a medal in his sport? He was outstanding in his field.



PANCAKE TUESDAY

Here are the chaplains hard at work buttering pancakes for Williamwood pupils on Pancake Tuesday! Thanks to everyone who donated pancakes ☐



COMMUNITY CHOIR

Want to sing?

A warm welcome awaits you at the Community Choir which meets at Greenbank Parish Church, church halls on Wednesdays, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. All abilities welcome.

Richard Scholfield is our I Love Clarkston Community Awards Inspirational Leader finalist. Richard is the director of Clarkston Community Choir. He is currently studying for his masters at the Royal Conservatoire in Glasgow. Richard has doubled group numbers, and the choir continues to grow under his leadership. The choir accepts people



of all ages and abilities and Richard has been described as having endless patience, with his work instilling confidence in so many within the group.

Well done Richard and the Community Choir.



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News and updates

ED LINES

Hi Folks,

We have new neighbours. Although it's over 25 years since we moved into our home, I still remember the feeling of being the "newbie" and wondering to whom I could go if I ran out of sugar. So with that in mind I informed Stephen that I was going to introduce myself to the new people. 'How are you going to introduce yourself?' he asked. 'You could just say, I'm Alison and I'm your nosy neighbour!!' I thought I was being friendly.

My friend has just got a new kitchen. When she asked if I fancied meeting up for coffee, I agreed, but suggested we could go to hers so I could see her new kitchen. Nosy?? No, just interested and I thought she might enjoy showing it off.

A family friend is going through a tough time. Her husband has recently lost his job. They are struggling financially. He has lost his self-confidence and feels worthless. Although I know she will tell me if anything changes, I can't help phoning up to find out if they're ok. Nosy? Or concerned?

So where do you draw the line? When does interest become nosiness? If friendliness ebbs and you find yourself just looking for the low down or some gossip, then you've reached that line. If interest gives way to mere curiosity, then you've reached that line. Or, if genuine concern becomes prying, you've reached that line. People can be private and may want to keep things to themselves. You have to respect that and keep your own counsel. But if it's someone you care for, then that can be difficult. You need to reassure them that you are there, ready and willing to listen and support, if and when they want to talk.

So, is it friendly and neighbourly? Interested? Kind and caring? Or just plain nosy? I'll let you decide.

Alison

**ARTICLES FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED
BY SUNDAY 14TH APRIL PLEASE**



Congratulations to **Anne and Gordon Stewart** who celebrated their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** last month. 50 years of married bliss!!

Belated Happy Birthday to **Duncan McIntyre** who celebrated a **BIG birthday** last month. Hope you had a great day.

TIME OUT

The "girls" from Time Out would like to thank everyone who came along and supported them at their Fashion Show. A fun night was had by all and the girls managed to raise over £500 which will be divided amongst their charities. Well done girls.

GREENBANK QUIZ NIGHT

Another great night was had by all at the annual quiz night. With Jill Liddell asking the questions in her usual indomitable style and Alan Veitch keeping the scores on the doors, it was sure to be a winner. Congratulations to the B.B. Company Section who came out winners once again! It was a close run thing with Bushido Karate giving them a run for their money before they fell away in the final round. First place went to the B.B. Company Section, second to the B.B. Junior Section and in third place was the Walking group. Well done to all.

SNAP YOUTH CLUB

Snap Community Youth Club is still looking for volunteers to help on Saturday evenings between 6.30pm-9.30pm. If you can help, even for just one Saturday a year, please contact Jeanne, email snap@greenbankglasgow.org.uk or call Lindy Dallas on 638 2362.

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)

LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATE CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the officers of the 223rd Boys' Brigade Company who received long service certificates at the Youth service in February. Their combined service totals over 230 years. Silver certificates (over 20 years' service) went to Iain McCulloch, Gordon Campbell and Bobby Bisset; while Gold certificates (over 30 years' service) were awarded to John Meek, Tommy Gemmell and John Baird, as well as Peter Turner, who has served the B.B. for over 45 years.

Iain McCulloch

Iain joined Greenbank B.B. in 1984 and has been with them ever since. He has been an officer for 24 years. Iain's first B.B. Captain was Alister McCorquodale. He has made many lifelong friendships through the BB and has fond memories of camps in Redcar and Swanage. It has given him great satisfaction to see boys joining the company and leaving as men.

Words of Wisdom? The B.B. is a great place for friends and fellowship.

Gordon Campbell

Gordon joined Greenbank B.B. as a boy in 1980 and became an officer in 1998, although he has helped out at Greenbank since 1993. His first B.B. captain was Alister McCorquodale. One of his greatest achievements was becoming a Queen's man and, having done this, hopes he has smoothed the way to help other boys achieve this. He enjoyed B.B. camps in Banff and Belgium (no difference!) and played the trumpet/bugle in the B.B. band.

Words of Wisdom? Commit yourself and never be afraid to ask for help.

John Meek

John joined the 19th Castlemilk as a Life Boy in 1968. He became a fully-fledged officer in 1979. He has been with Greenbank B.B. since he became church officer here over 25 years ago. John's first B.B. Captain was George Pirrie, a man he held in high regard.

John first and foremost is there for the boys and will do all he can to help support and encourage them. Words of Wisdom? Come along and enjoy yourselves.

Tommy Gemmell

Tommy was never a B.B. boy! He joined as an officer to help a friend in the late seventies. His first company was 124 Shawlands. The Captain was Dick Fair. Tommy hopes he is always approachable. He always wants to be there for the boys and hopes they feel they can come and talk to him about anything. Tommy never went to B.B. camps but has enjoyed taking the boys to Team Ranch.

Words of Wisdom? Be prepared to give 100%

John Baird

John joined the 1st Newton Stewart in 1957 and became an officer in 1987. His first B.B. Captain was Alastair McDonald. John was Captain of the 223 for over 10 years, during which time he has seen hundreds of boys going through the ranks from Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company Section to become Queen's Men. He has also been heavily involved in the training of Queen's Men in the Glasgow area.

Words of Wisdom? Listen, encourage and don't write off anyone.

Peter Turner

Peter joined the 118 Kingspark B.B. when he was 7. He has been an officer for 48 years! His first B.B. Captain was David Todd. Peter has always been more involved with the sports side of the B.B. and was manager of the 223rd Greenbank football team for many years. He has great memories of camps in Anstruther, St Andrews and Holland.

Peter takes great pleasure in seeing the boys achieve more than they think is possible.

Words of Wisdom? Be ready to have a laugh and do your best.

Bobby Bisset

Bobby joined the 149 Toryglen B.B. at the tender age of 9. His first B.B. Captain was Bert Wilson. Bobby was the only boy in the 149 to gain his Queen's badge, quite an achievement at that time, as few boys managed this. We are very fortunate to have boys and officers at Greenbank who put in the effort. Bobby became an officer in 1995. Camps were always the best times and he had many adventures in Jersey and doing the West Lowland Hikes: a weekend away with a compass a map and basic provisions.

Words of Wisdom? It keeps you young!

CHRISTIAN AID

The recent 39th annual Christian Aid Art Exhibition and Sale took place in Carmichael Hall on Saturday 9th March. Once again it was well supported by local and invited artists who entered approximately 300 art works. The event was very busy with the Tea Room area well filled for much of the day. A particular thank you must deservedly go to the willing volunteers who helped serve many cups of tea and coffee throughout the event. Figures are still to be finalised for the total sales including home baking, craft stalls; and takings from the door, as well as expenses, but a total of 87 paintings were sold (compared to 77 last year). I hope to be able to provide final figures soon, as the artists donate one third of the sale price of their paintings to Christian Aid. This year saw a record total income of £18,835 compared to £16,644 last year. A big thank you to all who supported the event; well done. In the meantime, please consider becoming a volunteer collector for the annual Christian Aid Week appeal which will soon be upon us (May 12th to 18th). The challenge will be to cover as many streets as possible in our collection area - your help will be much appreciated.

Mark Allan
Ron Livingston

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Lodging House Mission will take place on Wednesday, 3rd April at 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow, commencing at 7pm.

SPONSORED CYCLE UPDATE

I am delighted to report that the final total raised by the team of cyclists from Greenbank was £1,762.02! This is a wonderful amount, and a great contribution to the overall total of £6,310 raised by the event.

SALE OF GREETINGS CARDS

A further £150, raised from the sale of greetings cards on Sundays during tea/coffee, has been donated to the Lodging House Mission. We have received a letter of thanks for this donation. A copy of the letter is on the noticeboard in the Hall of Friendship.

SATURDAY OPENING

Thanks to John Bryden, Christine Bryden, Ian Thomson and Lynn Thomson who were the Greenbank volunteers at LHM on Saturday, 16th February.

Alison Allan

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

Sensei Brendan Morris held a class on Karate "take downs" based on the original teachings of the Founder of Modern Karate, Gichin Funakoshi, which was a great course and all our students came away with a new learning experience.

"Karate is like boiling water: without heat, it returns to its tepid state." Gichin Funakoshi

We have 30 students entering the BKA KATA Championships and we look forward to a successful event.

"Once a kata has been learned, it must be practised repeatedly until it can be applied in an emergency, for knowledge of just the sequence of a kata in karate is useless." Gichin Funakoshi

A new study published in a medical journal shows that training in martial arts improves your attention span long term – so mentally and physically Karate has huge benefits.

"One of the most striking features of karate is that it may be engaged in by anybody, young or old, strong or weak, male or female." Gichin Funakoshi

Best wishes,

John Elliot, Bushido Karate Association Chairman

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Spring Craft Fair

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Saturday 27th April
2pm – 4pm

To book a table (£10 + raffle prize)
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Welcome to joe's Cafe
holiday Club

Holiday Club is here again so be prepared to be sweaty. A wet wacky week. Filled with fun and frolics, Crafts and creations, stories and songs. If you are at Primary school, come and join us every day from Monday 8th April until Friday 12th April from 10am til 12pm. To register contact Greenbank Church office 644 1841 or email greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk





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