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March 2019



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GreenbankParish
CHURCH

Parish Register

DEATHS

19/1/19	Miss Astrid Yeates, 10 Woodburn Avenue, Giffnock
31/1/19	Mr John Syme, 39 Linnpark Court, Linnpark Avenue, Netherlee
1/2/19	Mr John Gemmell, 29 Flenders Road, Clarkston
9/2/19	Mrs Margaret MacKay, Mearnskirk Hospital, Millbrae, Old Mearns Road
13/2/19	Mrs Isobel Gardner, 47 Greenholm Avenue, Clarkston



"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

1 st March	4.00pm	Messy Church
	7.30pm	Preparatory Service
3 rd March	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion [Sunday Club meets in the halls]
	6.30pm	Family Communion Service
10 th March	10.30am	Worship Group
17 th March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
	6.30pm	Prayers for Healing Service
24 th March	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Sunday Club
31 st March	10.30am	Family Worship

FLOWER LIST FOR MARCH 2019

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
3 rd March	P. Gillespie	John Meek	
10 th March	S. Mowat	S. Matthews	
17 th March	J. Brown	M. Innes	P. Gillespie
24 th March	E. MacDonald	A. Stewart	
31 st March	Time Out	E. Carr	A. Stewart

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.

Elizabeth Cross (638 5162)

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent, which begins on 6th March this year is the period leading up to Easter in which we are encouraged to focus our attention on the self-sacrifice of Jesus and rid ourselves of those things that make us fall short of what we are meant to be as His followers. For some, this simply means fasting or abstaining from luxuries. For others, rather than giving something up it means taking something on.

Recently I came across a 'Forty Days Lenten Challenge' called 'Forty Days - Forty Items'. In each day of Lent the challenge was for people to remove one item of clothing from their wardrobe and put it into a bin bag. At the end of the forty days these items have to be donated to charity or a place that can share them with someone who really needs them. That might be a Lenten Challenge worth considering.

Another challenge worthy of consideration is giving up one hour of your time each week during Lent to join a Lenten Study Group. This year 'Clarkston Churches Together' thought it would be a good idea for all of our churches to take part in a study together at various locations and times during each week.

The study chosen has been prepared by The Mission Theology Advisory Group of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland [CBTI]. In 2017 this group ran a mission project for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It was called, 'The 95 missional theses project', and every day for 95 days before the anniversary on 31st October 2017, the group issued a statement, based on the five marks of mission, about the sort of church in which people might believe. [Details of this can be found on the CBTI website at <https://ctbi.org.uk/>]. The statement that, overwhelmingly, got the most attention was: 'We believe in a church that is more concerned with the mystery that is God than with its own success'. Based on this statement, a Lenten Study called the 'Mystery of God' was prepared to help people delve more deeply into the mystery of God and to help them try to rediscover what draws them in their search for God.

The study and the dates and times of all the locations will be made available at every Clarkston Together Church from Sunday 24th February. Unless they want to, no one has to go to the same location each week; you can mix and match as it suits your own plans. Extensive biblical knowledge is not a prerequisite either – the only requirement is openness to our brothers and sisters in Christ and giving up an hour of time in each week of Lent.

Whatever you do in these Lenten weeks may it be a meaningful time for you and a useful time to reflect on your relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

Yours,



THE SHAWL MINISTRY - The next meeting of the Shawl Ministry Group takes place on Saturday, 2nd March at 10.30am at Garthamlock and Craigend Parish Church. 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.

SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB - The next meeting will be part of the Lenten Study groups and will take place on Saturday, 9th March. Details of all the Lenten study groups will be available from Sunday, 24th February.

KIRK SESSION – WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session met on 4th February with 54 members attending and they discussed a wide range of issues.

Worship: Among the worship s was one from the choir which held another successful Nine Lessons and Carols in December. As always new members are welcome to join. The choir meets on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Other Christmas services were also well attended including the Watchnight service and the participation of young people in the service was welcomed. Thanks were also expressed to Lorna Preece and her helpers at Messy Church for their continuing work. With the imminent closure of Mearnskirk Hospital, the final hospital service was held in December. Greenbank has participated in these services for over 40 years and still provides volunteers; join the rota at services held in Bonnyton, Williamwood House and Clarkston House.

Outreach: The Kirk Session noted that food donations to the Glasgow North East Foodbank showed a marked improvement in the weeks leading up to Christmas but that volunteer numbers are falling. The fantastic sum of £1,012 was raised from the sale of Christmas cards for the support of the Lodging House Mission. Saturday opening continues and 15 members of our congregation participate in the volunteer rota. Clarkston Community Choir has restarted and it was noted the choir was over 80 strong and still growing.

Finance: The Financial Position was updated but it is too short a period to draw any meaningful conclusions. Proceeds from the fabric element of the reappraisal were £8,067 from 166 returns against £9,630 from 198 returns in 2017. Fabric expenditure incurred since the November report totalled £10,055. Since the last report contributions have been received from The Guild, Friendship Café, Mother and Toddler Group and Timeout. External organisations who use our halls continue to generate useful income towards the upkeep of our halls. The Christmas Fayre raised £3,356 for church funds and the retiring offerings raised £720 for Erskine Hospital, £259 for Missionary Fund and £1,108 for CHAS. In addition, Legacies were received from the estates of Margaret Kirk and Jean Mather.

Fabric: The Kirk Session retrospectively approved the £6,260 emergency expenditure to repair the central heating system. Approval was also given to carry out tree pruning and tidying up the gardens before the spring growth starts.

Fellowship: It was reported that a healthy number of people are attending The Guild and Time Out but it was noted Lunch Club numbers had fallen and District Elders were asked to encourage folk to attend. The Burns Supper was another resounding success. It was noted that forthcoming events in March include a production by Greenbank Players and the annual Kirk Session coffee morning.

Youth: Reports were received from a number of organisations including SNAP youth club, Jam, Brownies and Guides and information was supplied on a training day for parents and youth workers hosted by Police Scotland and Cyber Security Challenge UK. Further information on this event can be obtained from the Church Office.

Legacy: The Kirk Session received updates on the legacy projects which can be found on the page opposite.

Other Matters: The Kirk Session dealt with a number of administrative matters including the following: The roll at 31st December 2018 was attested at 747 members. The Kirk Session approved a minute confirming adherence to the Safeguarding requirements of the Church of Scotland. Helen Howard was confirmed by Kirk Session as our Presbytery Elder for 2019/20 and as our representative to this year's General Assembly. The Kirk Session was advised that Jeanette MacKay will taking over as Liaison convenor from Jim Harvey. An appeal was made for elders to recruit District Visitors as there are currently 3 Districts without Good Neighbour distributors. **If you can help or wish more information contact the church office.**

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

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.

LEGACY UPDATE

For a number of reasons beyond our control, the Kirk Session has come to the view that proceeding with its preferred option of creating a new church on the site opposite Williamwood High School is likely to result in a high risk of delay and too large a funding gap to make it feasible. The Session however remains committed to the aim of creating a sustainable, worshipping congregation for future generations and so has gone back to the other options in the architect's original feasibility report, ie, building a new church on our existing site, probably on the manse site, or re-designing the current sanctuary building to increase its flexibility, replacing the old halls with a modern extension to the side sanctuary building. Feasibility work on the detail of these two options will continue and further information will follow in due course. Gordon Dickson, Chair-person, Legacy Group

MAYBOLE SUB GROUP FOLLOW UP

This update was presented at the Kirk Session meeting on 4th February 2019

The 5 characteristics which best captured what a sustainable, worshipping congregation might be for Greenbank Parish Church looking ahead to future generations have been identified as being:

- A community hub;
- Welcoming;
- Relevant;
- A 7 day a week church;
- Burden free.

From those 5 characteristics the 42 elders who visited Maybole in November 2017 identified 3 main challenges and I would like to take each of these in turn:

Firstly, ***how we help the congregation move away from a focus on buildings to one that looks at the whole mission of the church in our community.***

It is only by agreeing how we want our Church to be going forward and what our vision for it is in say 2040, which is only just over 20 years from now, that we can then turn our thoughts to deciding what layout, facilities and configuration of the space within our Church would best accommodate our needs.

We recognised the importance of protecting the 10.30am service in its present or slightly altered form but agreed it should not be the only form of worship that we offer. We intend visiting JAM to gain a better insight into the thinking of our young folk. We used to have a band playing some Sundays and we feel it may be worthwhile seeing if this could be reintroduced into some of the services or even having a separate service with that type of music at its heart.

Within our own congregation we could look at further developing our own faith and skills building on the expertise of the Worship Group, whose members make such an excellent contribution in leading our worship when required.

Our second challenge was ***to see what else we might do to create a sense of community not only within the congregation but also between the congregation and the wider community.***

We want to encourage the wider community to feel that they want to join with the Church Community. We felt that there was an opportunity to engage with some of the parents/carers when they come to the Church Halls to drop off their children for activities we already run, so we are proposing:

- Providing tea and coffee and perhaps newspapers for parents to read and encourage them to stay within the Hall of Friendship where we would have a TV screen showing films about faith and the work of the Church. We are also considering how we can organise activities in the community outwith the Church environment to enable us to build partnerships with non-Church organisations such as charities, civic organisations, local authorities and grant making bodies.
- We also discussed getting Clarkston Churches Together more involved in promoting each other's activities.
- The Christians against Poverty Charity or CAP Project which helps people budget and manage their finances is of interest to us; one or two of us are going to enrol on the basic course to be able to go out to schools and maybe within the Church Halls, to show how money and expenditure can be managed effectively. The CAP Project is a Christian organisation and those availing themselves of their services often become worshippers within the host Church.

Our third challenge was ***to consider how to keep relevant in this modern, fast moving world.***

We need to be forward thinking, even as far ahead as 2040 as mentioned, by looking at the bigger picture, thinking how the worshippers of the future will express their faith in different ways; there will most probably still be the traditional style of worship in Church on a Sunday, but the younger generation will be embracing new technologies. We as a Church need to listen and adapt to change whilst still holding on to our core beliefs.

The sub group would be delighted for feedback positive or negative on these proposals and would welcome any ideas or suggestions to add to its work to date.

Diane Adam

What's On

KIRK SESSION COFFEE MORNING

The Kirk Session Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 23rd March, from 10am to 12noon.

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

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

Thank you,

Alan Veitch (639 8138)

THE GUILD

2019

6 th March	2.15pm	Rev. Mark Johnstone <i>Balmoral and Crathie Church</i>
13 th March	2.15pm	Jill Liddell <i>Quiz and AGM</i>
20 th March	2.15pm	Harmony <i>Closing Meeting</i>

It is hard to believe another session of the Guild is almost over. It has been a successful year with good attendances on a Wednesday afternoon, but we always have room for more! Our major fund raising, the Bridge Afternoon, will be held on Monday, 18th March. This event is a lot of hard work for the organisers but is always a very successful and enjoyable afternoon.

The Guild would like to remind you of the annual World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, 1st March at 1am. This year the service is being held in St. Joseph's Church. Although conducted by Guild members, this service is open to all.

Enid Dron (Secretary)

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. There will be a brief meeting after church on Sunday 24th March for anyone who wants to join us for a wet, wacky week. Contact Alison Harvey 638 3679 07742282870

TIME OUT

7 March	Clothing Sale - Fundraiser
21 March	Reiki
4 April	Great Wall of China Presentation
18 April	A.G.M.

Time Out is having their annual fundraiser on Thursday 7 March at 7.30pm. This year it is a Fashion Show/Clothing Sale which promises to be an entertaining night! Tickets are £3 and this includes a glass of wine (or soft drink) and shortbread. All Church members and friends welcome. Contact Sharon Mitchell (079600 12991) or Moira McAldine (07793 252138).

THE LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club meets on 29th March. We serve soup, filled rolls, tea and coffee from 12noon till 1.15pm.. Please come along and enjoy the fellowship a warm welcome awaits. Maureen and Jan.

If you would like to know more details, or you require transport, please contact Jan on 258 4959 or Maureen on 639 5114.

FILM SOCIETY

Monday, 4th March at 7.30pm: 'Radio Days'

Starring Mia Farrow and Julie Kavner, directed by Woody Allen

A middle-aged man looks back on his childhood in Rockaway, N.Y., in a series of vignettes focused on the golden days of radio. Joe (Woody Allen), who narrates, is portrayed as a teenager in the film by Seth Green. Eccentric relatives and radio personalities inhabit various stories, including an unlucky aunt (Dianne Wiest), a cigarette girl (Mia Farrow) with career ambitions, and two burglars with excellent timing. Young Joe involves his friends in a scam to earn a decoder ring.

GREENBANK PLAYERS – BACK IN BUSINESS!

We present for your delight and delectation, "Murder at Maybole Manor"; a murder mystery supper taking place on Friday, 22nd and Saturday 23rd March 2019.

Tickets priced £10 are still available and can be from purchased from Alan Williams (644 1929)

We look forward to seeing you there!

June Alexander (644 2682)

CHRISTIAN AID

ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

The next fundraising activity is the 39th annual Art Exhibition and Sale on 9th March at the Carmichael Hall at Eastwood Park Leisure Centre next to the swimming pool; this is the same venue as last year. Please note the date in your diaries/phones. Entry will be by catalogue priced at £3 for adults and £1 for children. As I write, the artists are being invited to exhibit their work, and I hope that you will continue to support this popular annual event by coming along to view and to purchase some of the work on display; 1/3 of the sale price goes to support the work of Christian Aid. The entry to the exhibition includes a cup of tea or coffee in the tea room which is also a popular place to meet friends and view the work on display. In addition there will be a variety of craft stalls displaying their work and home baking will also available for purchase. We are also fortunate to have donations of work by artists for raffle prizes, so for a modest outlay you may also be able to win an original piece of work. I hope to see you at the event which runs from 10am to 4pm on 9th March 2019.

I can now provide the update for the money raised by all the participating churches at the sponsored swim at the end of last year. The total raised was £2,906 of which Greenbank contributed £167. I am also thankful to the Greenbank Guild for their donation of £50 to the Clarkston and District Christian Aid committee which will go towards helping those of all faiths and none.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week will take place from 12th - 18th May 2019 and volunteer collectors will be required to assist with the door to door collection of donations around the parish.

Further details of this annual event will follow nearer the time.

Mark Allan (638 3916)

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)

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.

Young People's Page



Hi Guys,

I was at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery last week. I'm sure most of you have been there at some time. I like to listen to the organ music that is played each day. Sometimes Peter, our organist, plays there. Last week, however, I was there for another reason. Dippy the Diplodocus is making a guest appearance in Glasgow.



Dippy was cast from a specimen found in America. Diplodocuses lived between 156 and 145 million years ago and belong to a group called sauropods, meaning 'lizard feet'. When railroad workers discovered one in 1898, it was advertised as the 'most colossal animal ever on Earth'. Andrew Carnegie, a Scottish millionaire, got the bones for his new museum. When King Edward VII saw a sketch of the diplodocus, he mentioned how much he'd like a similar specimen for the animal galleries of the Natural History Museum.

Carnegie obliged by commissioning a replica cast of his dinosaur. It was first unveiled in London to the public in 1905. The skeleton has 292 bones, is an impressive 21.3 metres long, 4.3 metres wide and 4.25 metres high! All that and he only ever ate grass! Wow!!!!

Al the Ed

Welcome to Joe's Cafe Holiday Club



Where? Greenbank Church
When? Monday 8th – Friday 12th April, 10am to 12pm
Who? Anyone from P1 to P5
Why? Fun and frolics, crafts and creations, songs and stories

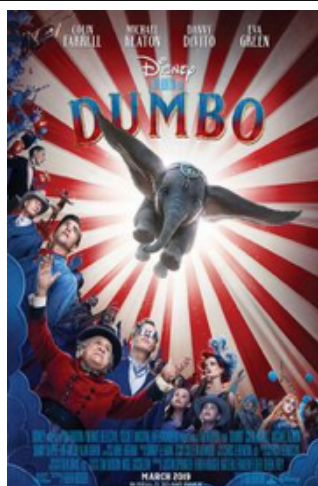
Holiday Club is here again so be prepared to be sweaty. A wet, wacky week filled with fun and frolics, crafts and creations, stories and songs.

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@tiscalli.co.uk



Thanks to the Monday night Brownie pack for their great Recycling Posters, made as part of the Zero Waste Badge. Find them on the Eco notice board and in the corridor outside the halls. Well done girls.



SOMETHING FOR THE HOLS

Looking for something to do over the Easter hols? Then why not go to Disney's new release *Dumbo*.

Circus owner, Max Medici, enlists Holt to care for a newborn elephant whose oversized ears make him a laughingstock in an already struggling circus. But when Holt's children discover that Dumbo can fly, persuasive entrepreneur V.A. Vandevere and an aerial artist named Colette Marchant swoop in to make the peculiar pachyderm a star. Released on 29/03/19. Starring Colin Farrell, Danny DeVito, Eva Green.

Prayer Diary

'March bustles in on windy feet
And sweeps my doorstep and my street.
She washes and cleans with pounding rains,
Scrubbing the earth of winter stains.
She shakes the grime from carpet green
Till naught but fresh new blades are seen.
Then, house in order, all neat as a pin,
She ushers gentle springtime in.'
(*'Spring Cleaning'*, Susan Reiner)

I always think March is a funny month - sometimes still very wintery and sometimes already carrying hints of spring. We can't be sure we won't still be hit with falls of snow, but we're starting to feel it's time it started to heat up a bit. I think this is a nice time to say thank you for all the little things: the days slowly getting longer, the first signs of life in the garden, trying something new, spending time with friends, taking the dog for a long walk, or relaxing with a good book.

Keep in your prayers all those who are less able and all those who are unwell. Ask for strength for those who have received bad news; who are dealing with illness or side-effects from treatment; whose lives have altered dramatically; or who are grieving. Say a special prayer for everyone trying to cope with mental health problems, that those around them will be sympathetic and helpful with someone who is not visibly ill. And pray also for the many people who suffer from dementia, and that the strain it puts on their loved ones may be eased.

Pray for the people of our country as we cope with the changes we are going through; that we will pull together to make the best of whatever comes our way.

Pray for the Legacy group in our church as they strive to gather as much information as they can to enable us to decide on our best future path, and say thank you for all the hard work they have put into that.

Pray for those whose lives have been twisted and torn by the actions of others, whose selfishness and lack of care for those around them can only be described as evil.

And say thank you for all the people across the Church of Scotland who devote so much time and energy to helping others in so many different ways, both here and abroad.

'God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.' (Psalm 46:1)

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

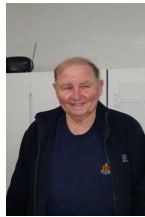
SNAP COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

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.

WHO DO YOU THINK THEY ARE? [meet the B.B. Boys]

Name John Baird
Over 21? 73 in February
Fav food Omelette
Fav T.V. Sport
Fav actor Lee Marvin
Fav film Empire Strikes Back
Fav music Scottish music



Fav joke: What do you call a man in a brown paper suit?
Russell

Name Bobby Bisset
Over 21? Just
Fav food Chicken Bhoona
Fav T.V. Only Fools and Horses
Fav actor Judy Dench
Fav film Highlander
Fav music Queen



Fav joke: What do you call a man with a spade on his head? Doug



Name Daniel Bisset
Over 21? Working on it
Fav food Cheese pizza
Fav T.V. Sport
Fav actor Van Diesel
Fav film Inbetweeners
Fav music Tom Greenan

Fav joke: Stephen Bisset!!!!



Name Stephen Bisset
Over 21? Unfortunately
Fav food Lasagne
Fav TV Sport
Fav actor John Wayne
Fav film Star Wars
Fav music The Beatles

Fav Joke: What biscuit flies? A wee plane one!!!

Name Chris Adams
Over 21? You're as old as you feel
Fav food Sea food
Fav T.V. David Attenborough
Fav actor Tom Hanks
Fav film Forest Gump
Fav music Rythmn and Blues
Fav joke What do you call a Vicar on a moped? Rev!



GREENBANK COLOUR CIRCLE ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE

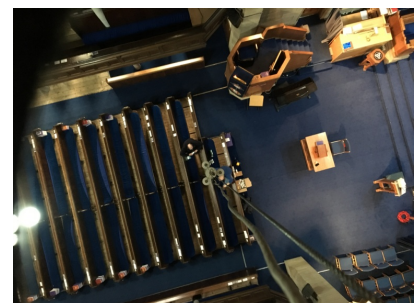
A huge thank you to everyone who supported The Colour Circle annual Art Exhibition & Sale, which took place on Saturday 9th February. 22 paintings were sold and although final totals are not in yet, early signs indicate that nearly £1000 was raised. All proceeds go to CHAS.

[Belated Happy Birthday to Bert who spent the day organising the sale]



HOW MANY ELDERS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB?

This is the view Douglas Carswell had when changing the light bulbs in the Church. Not a job for the faint hearted!!





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ED LINES

Hi Folks,

Do you, like me, enjoy using social media? Donna first introduced me to it a number of years ago when she was away on her world trip. It was great as it let me know she was safe and I could follow her adventures. Now I use it to keep up with family and friends at the other end of the country and in different parts of the world. It helps me to make new friends and reconnect with old ones. It's a useful tool, if used properly. Unfortunately this is not always the case. More and more often we hear of people being bullied and trolled through social media. Only last week the boss of Instagram admitted that social media companies have a duty of care to those who use it; that they had spent years focusing on the good while negating the risks. It's a powerful weapon when abused. It's not just the social media companies. Big companies, councils, governments, and you and I all have a "duty of care," a social responsibility. We have a duty of care for the young, the old, the sick and the homeless. We have a duty of care for each other. Communities and neighbours used to look out for each other but, as busy lives take over, this seems to have fallen by the wayside. A Samaritan picked up a traveller who was lying by the roadside, bandaged his wounds and paid for his board and lodgings. The Samaritan was no different to those who had gone before and those who came after but he recognised his duty of care, his social responsibility, and acted on it; something we should all be encouraged to do.

Alison

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Many congratulations to Nancy and Tom Matthews who celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary at the end of February.

AN EASY WAY TO HELP GREENBANK'S SNAP COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

ASDA has chosen SNAP community youth club as one of 3 nominees for the current green token scheme for local good causes which runs from now till the 31st March.

It is hoped that members of the congregation or friends of Greenbank who are shopping instore will pop their green tokens in our box. If we win ASDA donate £500 to our funds or 2nd and 3rd earns us £200 which would help to boost our funds.

Lindy Dallas

STAMPS

IMPORTANT CHANGE

Please note that in future ordinary blue second class and red first class stamps are no longer wanted. This has arisen because the post office has realised that there are a great many fraudulently recycled stamps in circulation and have a number of court actions on the go. There is an attempt being made to compromise charities on the grounds that they must have known about this misuse when selling them to perpetrators because there is no other market for them. Needless to say we do not want to become involved! This only applies to these two common stamps. Collectors still want the special commemorative stamps issued every month by the post office and all foreign stamps are still wanted so please keep this in mind.

Duncan McIntyre

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)

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Homelessness Sunday Service

On the evening of Sunday, 3rd February 7 members of Greenbank joined a huge congregation at the Lodging House Mission Service to mark Homelessness Sunday.

The service this year was, as always, very uplifting. The welcome and benediction were by Rev Louis Reddick, a Board Member. The LHM choir "Mission Voices" participated with enthusiasm by singing two pieces - "You've got a Friend" and "I'll Fly Away". LHM clients and volunteers read poetry, prayers, and the bible reading in contribution to the service. The bible reading was John 4: 1 - 42, which tells the story of "Jesus and the Samaritan Woman". We sang "Longing for Light" and "When I needed a Neighbour".

The Rt Rev Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, gave an inspiring address. Having invited us to introduce ourselves to someone nearby with whom we were not already acquainted, she used this to highlight the fact that we sometimes make up our mind about a person within a few seconds of being introduced. This can cause us to have prejudice, and to jump to conclusions. Referring to the bible reading from John's gospel, she explained that the long conversation that Jesus had with the woman was a lesson in taking time to enjoy, and to get to know, the people we meet, and not to judge them, but instead to show love and respect for them. She drew parallels with this approach and with the work done at LHM.

Her hope was that the world would be a happier, kinder, fairer place if we lived our lives believing that we are all equally loved by God, just as we are, and urged us to "Make it happen".

Sale of Toiletries

LHM received a huge amount of donations of toiletries over the festive period, some of which were surplus to their requirements. We will be selling these boxed sets of toiletries at the Kirk Session Friendship Coffee Morning to raise further useful funds for the Lodging House Mission.

Alison Allan

MESSY CHURCH

February's Messy Church was lots of fun. We spoke about how disappointing it is to receive a toy at Christmas, that makes crazy noises and flashes lights, only to find that it hasn't come with batteries and you can't get it to work. We all have talents given to us by God but unless we have love, we are nothing.

One of the little girls who attends Messy Church lives on the same street as me. Last week when I was walking my dog, I passed her house. She knocked on the window and waved at me with such enthusiasm it made me smile all the way home. We decided that Valentine's day shouldn't be just about giving a card to the boy or girl in our class that we might have a secret fancy for, but that we should try to smile, wave or have a pleasant remark for all the people we come across, in the hope that we cheer up their day and make them feel loved.

So go on everyone, take hold of your Duracell and brighten up someone's day!

Our next Messy Church is on the 1st March. We'd love you to come along, whether you are young, old or somewhere in between, with family, friends or on your own. Everyone is welcome.

If anyone would like to be added to the WhatsApp group to be kept informed of what's happening at future Messys, please send your mobile number and name to me at 07970192541. Lorna Preece.

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

The BKA Championships have been announced for the 24th March 2019 and already we have a number of students who have started preparing.

A new grading syllabus has been issued by the Association and our instructors are busy teaching the new techniques at class.

Finally from the success, last year, of our mediation class with a Buddhist Monk – we have another class arranged and we are looking forward to the night.

Best wishes,

John Elliot, Bushido Karate Association Chairman

CHURCH HOUSE

At our Gift service in December, we were treated to an inspirational speech by Angela from Church House (one of the recipients of our gifts) telling us about Church House and the work it does. If you were unlucky to miss it, please turn the page for a brief résumé about their work.

CHURCH HOUSE, BRIDGETON

Church House, Bridgeton was set up in 1942 in the former London Road East Church in Boden Street by the local parish minister in response to the poverty and deprivation in the area and the lack of opportunities for young people. For over 76 years Church House has sought to build positive relationships with the children and young people in the surrounding area, providing facilities, activities and opportunities to help enable the staff and volunteers to get alongside and encourage the young members to grow and develop, at their own pace, into young adults. In 2014, following a detailed review of the work of Church House and an assessment of the needs within the local area, it was agreed to develop Church House into an Integrated Family Support Centre that will deliver support to children, young people and their families. Following a successful RCGF bid, Church House moved into a new purpose built family support centre that is connected physically to Bridgeton, St. Francis-in-the-East Church of Scotland in July 2016 from where it continues to develop into an Integrated Family Support Centre.

Church House exists to help children, young people and families in Bridgeton and surrounding areas of Glasgow to find fullness of life (physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally and socially) through recreational activities and informal education. It has been in the community for over 76 years working alongside children, young people and families.

Our warm and welcoming purpose built Family Support Centre is open seven days per week and provides an outward looking and inclusive service conducted in a safe environment, reflecting and developing the original ethos of Church House.

At the heart of all of the work Church House does with young people and their families is the development of lasting positive relationships. These relationships are developed through honest conversations, shared experiences and of course the odd cup of tea! Over the past few years, our service has developed to be open seven days per week delivering 25 group sessions per week. Ranging from age specific youth groups from primary one through to S3 where the young people take part in a range of activities including cooking, sports, drama, art and informal education among others. We also deliver the duke of Edinburgh award, parent and toddlers groups, a family group on a Saturday night, and PALS group for those who have retired among many other groups. We also run a Saturday night drop in youth space providing young people with a safe place to socialise at the weekend in place of hanging around the streets. Here at Church House we are huge fans of the outdoors and one of the key aims of our project is to provide young people with new positive experiences and in order to do this we believe that outdoor activities are incredibly valuable. It is clear that experience of the outdoors and outdoor activities has the potential to confer a multitude of benefits on young people's physical development, emotional development as well as improving social skills. The young people we work with in the last year have taken part in a wide range of outdoor activities including skiing, wakeboarding, climbing, abseiling, kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding, white-water rafting and hill walking among many others. All of these activities challenge the young people and help develop their confidence, resilience and team work skills as they work together in order to achieve success.

These outdoor activities are regularly included in our residential programme. In 2018, we ran 10 'residentials' for young people ranging in length from 1 to 4 night trips. Residentials are incredibly valuable to the work we do and provide incredible experiences and memories for the young people who take part. On residential the young people are encouraged to take on varying levels of responsibility for themselves depending on their age and this helps them to develop their independence.



Church House is run by a small staff team of two full time members of staff and three part time members of staff who are only able to deliver such a wide-ranging programme of activities thanks to the fantastic team of volunteers who support our work. The staff and volunteer team are incredibly passionate about working alongside young people and their families to achieve positive outcomes and it is this passion that makes Churchy such a joyful place for everyone to be involved in.

Our volunteer team are already inspiring the next generation of Church House leaders with over 11 young people aged 16 – 18 now volunteering to support our work as part of their Duke of Edinburgh and CARITAS awards. We also have a young leaders group made up of 8 young people aged 11 – 13 who are learning the skills needed to be youth workers of the future and are again supporting the work that Church House delivers. These young leaders are fantastic role models to the other young people who attend Churchy and will continue to develop their own skills whilst supporting others in doing the same.

2019 promises to be another exciting year as we continue to run our range of activities whilst developing our family support service. We have recently appointed a new Health and Wellbeing youth worker and we look forward to seeing how this new member of staff develops the service we offer so as we can provide the best support possible to young people and their families. We also have the exciting prospect of a group of young people taking part in a trip to Paris, the young people have been fundraising for over a year to take part in this and it promises to be a fantastic and memorable experience for all involved.

Church House continues to receive great support from the Church of Scotland and the congregations of various Churches from across the country. We hugely appreciate this support and thank those who have donated funds and prayed in support of our work.

Greenbank Players

present

MURDER AT MAYBOLE MANOR



**Friday 22nd and
Saturday 23rd March**

**Tickets cost £10
and include wine & a light supper
as well as fun evening of sleuthing**



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. Whether
it's for one morning or five,
your help would be
appreciated. There will be a
brief meeting after church
on Sunday 24th March for
anyone who wants to join us
for a wet, wacky week.**
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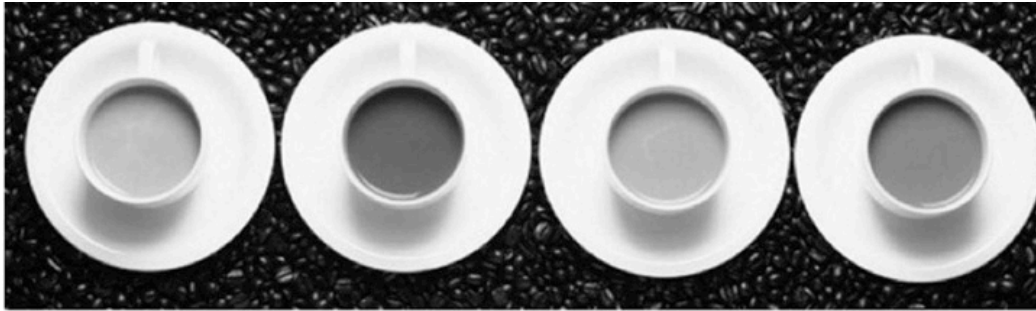
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Kirk Session Coffee Morning
Saturday 23rd March
10am- 12am

Adults £2

Children £1



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