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Parish Register

WEDDING

23rd March 2019 Kirsty Milne and Gavin Macphee, Airdale Avenue, Giffnock

Gavin and Kirsty met in 2011 on a night out in Glasgow, when apparently she chatted him up!!

They had four bridesmaids, Kirsty's sister, Lynsey, her oldest best friend, Gemma McLaughlin, and two best friends from university, Gemma Graham and Amy Paartalu. The best man was Matthew Cardosi,, who is Gavin's best friend from university. The ushers were Gavin's brothers, Russell, Kyle and Ewan, as well and his good friends, Alexander Allan and Ross McClymont. The reception was held at Harelaw Farm in Fenwick, a beautiful rustic bar just 15 minutes down the road from Greenbank.

Kirsty is a teacher, so they have chosen to go on honeymoon in the summer holidays and are off to South Africa and then Mauritius. They are setting up home in Giffnock.

Gavin and Kirsty said that their favourite part of the whole day was the church. Kirsty commented, "We were both so excited and I loved seeing Gavin's face as I walked through the door. He told me, he loved the moment he saw me. Jeanne did such a lovely service, and we were both just so happy and excited. We will both remember it forever".

"[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."
Corinthians 13: 7 NIV

BAPTISM

24th March 2019 Skye MacLaren, Picketlaw Road, Eaglesham

Skye MacLaren was born in the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital at 9.46am on the 23rd October 2018. She weighed 7lb 15oz. Skye's parents are Leanne and Steven. She has two brothers Max and Rocco. Her godparents are Steven's brother, Ian, and Leanne's cousin, Donna. Skye appeared to enjoy her day, especially her "walk" round the church when she was smiling at everyone. After the ceremony family and friends went to Busby Bowling club to celebrate the occasion.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"
Matthew 19:14 NIV

DEATHS

26/3/19 Mr Robert Gray, Erskine Care Home, Bishopton

2/4/19 Mrs Violet Hamilton Morrison, 3 Bridges Care Home, Carmunnock Road, Glasgow

11/4/19 Mrs Jean McNaught, Wellmeadow Lodge Care Home, Meadow Way, Newton Mearns

"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 NIV

PULPIT DIARY

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| 5 th May | 10.30am | Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Sunday Club |
| 12 th May | 10.30am | Worship & Sunday Club |
| | 6.30pm | Prayers for Healing |
| 19 th May | 10.30am | Worship & Sunday Club |
| 26 th May | 10.30am | Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Family Worship |

STATED ANNUAL MEETING

The Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place in the Cowley Hall at 12noon on Sunday, 2nd June. The only item of business is for the congregation to receive the Financial Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2018.

Dear Friends,

I can't believe that we have reached May already. It feels like we have gone from Christmas to Easter at an alarming rate this year. Whilst the months seem to be speeding ahead, some plans that I had at the beginning of the year seem to be moving very slowly, much slower than I had anticipated. Perhaps that's because nowadays I am so used to immediate results, like taking photographs at events and celebrations that I can share with friends and family straight away, or sending text messages expecting an immediate reply. However, making and achieving plans doesn't always work out like that and there will always be times when they don't happen fast enough, or in the way that I want them to.

Over the years that I have been a Minister, there have been times when I have thrown up my hands in frustration and confusion and added my voice to that of Moses, Jeremiah and other workers in God's church over the centuries, who have questioned why circumstances haven't turned out as they planned or imagined. I know that I am not alone in these thoughts, for everyone has times in life when the circumstances they plan for don't become the reality they hoped for. In the end, I believe that God will always come to my rescue, sometimes through the words of a bible passage or through the words of another person, to remind me that He has a plan and that those moments of frustration and confusion are part of the process of discovering His plan for me and for His church.

This has made me wonder if we might try, in this month of May, to recognise the things going on in one another's lives; the unfulfilled plans or changes of direction that we cannot possibly identify without digging a little deeper. The normal response to the question, "How are you?" is often "Oh, I'm fine!" and once these words have been exchanged we usually get on with whatever we are doing. It's a sad state of affairs if we are among others who could benefit from our care and concern and to whom we do not respond properly. Perhaps, we might take the time to ask the people we meet a different question, like, "How is life with you right now?" Of course they might just reply "nothing much happening", which really won't change the conversation. However, it could lead to a different kind of conversation that lifts someone's spirit and reminds them, and us, of the God who comes close, to assure us of His loving presence in all circumstances, the God who asks us to trust in His plan for our lives:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" [Jeremiah 29:11 NIV]

So may trust and blessings abound in this month of May and our conversations help make God's promises a reality in our lives and in the lives of others.

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.

MESSY CHURCH

The last MESSY before summer takes place on 4th June when we are having a roller skate disco and bouncy castle. If anyone would like to be added to the WhatsApp group or to be kept informed of what's happening at this and future Messys, please send your mobile number and name to me at 07970192541.

Prayer Diary

'A Sonnet for Spring' by Bob McKenty

Ah! Spring is here. The rabbits quit their dens,
The dormant grass begins once more to grow,
The trees release their airborne allergies.
It's time to tune the Toro and to mow,
To fertilize and lime and thatch and seed
As grovelling on dirty, servile knees -
You pluck the dreaded dandelion weed
And rub your itching eyes and start to sneeze.
Wherever grass encroaches, you must edge,
And don't forget to stir the compost heap
And trim the juniper's unruly hedge,
While forfeiting a needed hour of sleep.
Those poets penning praise to spring and tillage
Are domiciled in lofts in Greenwich Village.

It's lovely to get back out into the garden, but as usual I don't know what to do first. I hope all you ladies remembered the Mother Goose nursery rhyme:-

The fair maid who, the first of May
goes to the fields at break of day
And washes in dew from the hawthorn tree
Will ever after handsome be.

A little bit of sunshine and a little bit of heat brings a touch of lightness to the heart. It's lovely to stand outside and see the birds flitting about, and the touches of a new light green against the darker shades of old growth, and feel a breeze that's only slightly nippy. We live in a glorious world - may we learn to look after it as part of our praise.

As nature's year is just getting into full flow, so the schools and organisations are winding down. As ever, say thank you for everyone who gives of their time and talents in service to others, and for all the people that it brings through our doors here.

- Pray for all those sitting exams, that they keep a cool head and do the best they can
- And for all those who are there to support them.
- Continue to pray for our Government and politicians as they struggle to agree on our Brexit road. May they find wisdom, courage, courtesy and an ability to compromise.
- And pray for our world; for the places where evil reigns; for the oppressed, for the destitute, for the starving.
- Pray for those who are ill or dying, that they find a little ease.
- And pray for all those who look for a better way forward - in medicine, in better crops, in products that won't harm our environment, in simple things to help poorer communities live better lives.

"Just living is not enough," said the butterfly", one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower."

Hans Christian Andersen

'Breathe peace like a gentle breeze into my life; dispel the dust of unease and fear, bring release.' John Birch

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

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.

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 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)

FUN FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

4th May, 2-4pm @ Greenbank Church

Tea, Coffee & Home Baking

Face & Nail Painting, Kids Tattoos & Bouncy Castle

In support of Alison, Maria and Caron who are raising funds for Ekwendeni, Malawi



THE LUNCH CLUB

The final meeting of the Lunch Club this session will be held 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.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

The Clarkston Community choir will be performing their summer charity concert on 3rd June at 7.30pm in Greenbank Parish Church, presenting a programme of weather-related favourites. Come rain or come shine, even if you're feeling a little under the weather, the choir promise to get your feet tapping with music by the Beatles, the Proclaimers, Cliff Richard, and many more! The concert will also feature the fantastic Spitha Brass - a quintet of musicians from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland who will be performing some of their own sets in the concert, as well as accompanying the choir. Tickets £5, includes tea and coffee after the concert.

SNAP COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

Starts again after the Easter Holidays. 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 or SNAP@greenbankglasgow.org.uk for more information.

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)

THE FRIENDSHIP CAFE

Come along to the Friendship Cafe on Fridays, 10am - 11am, in the Fraser Hall. The remaining dates for this session are 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th May. Everyone is more than welcome.

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Young People's

Hi Guys,

A Day When You Can Eat Just What You Want? Perfect! Eat What You Want Day is held every year on May 11th. It's a day when you can choose to eat anything that takes your fancy. It's a nice change when everyone is telling us we eat too many sweets, put too much butter on our bread and don't eat enough fruit and vegetables! It seems like every week we're told about something else that's not good for us. Add to that all the health food fads that come and go, it's no surprise we get worried. Eat What You Want Day is a breath of fresh air but how did it come about?

It was a husband and wife team that came up with the idea of a day when you shouldn't be feeling guilty about what you eat. Thomas and Ruth Roy run a holiday business and had an idea to create a day when people could let go live a little. So what can you do to celebrate? Well that's easy - eat whatever you want! Don't worry about calories and have a day enjoying what you eat for a change. It could be a day scoffing pizza or a day filled with ice-cream. Don't do it alone. Invite your friends and enjoy the celebration. Me? I'm off for a big juicy hamburger followed by a good dollop of ice cream with loads of chocolate sauce. Yum!!!!

Al the Ed

Britain's top ten favourite foods

- is yours on the list???

1. Chocolate
2. Fish and chips
3. Bacon sandwich
4. Roast dinner
5. Crisps
6. Pizza
7. Cake
8. Full English breakfast
9. Ice cream
10. Biscuits



FIND THE WORDS

sweets butter bread fruit vegetables ice cream
chocolate hamburger healthy food pizza eat fancy

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**Give your jokes to
Alison for printing**

EASY CHEESY SNOWMAN GARLIC PIZZA BREADS



Ingredients:

3 English muffins, 1 clove garlic, 20g butter,
pinch finely chopped parsley, 60g grated mozzarella,
3 mini Pepperami sausages, 1/4 orange pepper.

Method:

- Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4.
- Split all three English muffins in half.
- Peel and crush or finely chop the garlic clove, then mix with the butter and parsley until well combined.
- Spread the garlic butter over the cut sides of the muffin halves and top with the grated mozzarella.
- Slice the mini pepperoni sausages into rounds. Cut 6 triangles from the orange pepper. Arrange them on the top of each muffin to form a snowman face design.
- Bake in the oven for 5-10 minutes until the cheese is melted and bubbling.
- If the toppings move around gently push them

MEET SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GUILD THIS MONTH

Name? Christine Baird
 Over 21 Just a bit
 Fav food Lemon meringue pie
 Fav TV Line of Duty
 Fav actor Audrey Hepburn
 Fav film Here to Eternity
 Fav song Moon River



Fav joke What do you call a fake noodle?
 An impasta

Name? Doreen Cunningham
 Over 21 Just
 Fav food Steak, medium rare
 Fav TV Vera
 Fav actor Julie Walters
 Fav film Breakfast at Tiffany's
 Fav music Frank Sinatra



Fav joke What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?
 You can't tuna fish

Name? Elizabeth Cross
 Over 21 Unfortunately
 Fav food Salmon
 Fav TV Shetland
 Fav actor Audrey Hepburn
 Fav film Mamma Mia!
 Fav music Beatles



Fav joke What do you call
 an elephant that doesn't matter?
 Irrelevant!!

Name? Elizabeth MacDonald
 Over 21 Only just
 Fav food I eat anything
 Fav TV Cold Feet
 Fav actor Robert Redford
 Fav film The Way We Were
 Fav music Gabriel's Oboe from
 'The Mission'



Fav joke How do you make an octopus laugh?
 With ten-tickles

Well done to all the Guild Ladies who raised a fabulous £1500 at their "world famous" Bridge Afternoon.

FLOWER LIST FOR MAY 2019

| | <u>Communion Table</u> | <u>Centenary Chapel</u> | <u>Side Windows</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 5 th May | Christine Armour | Sheila Matthews | Marlene Anderson |
| 12 th May | Muriel Beaton | Ina Valentine | Lesley Burgess |
| 19 th May | | Vera Reid | |
| 26 th May | Howard family | Barbara Low | |

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)



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ED LINES

Hi Folks,
Well that's it over!
Unfortunately, I don't mean

Brexit which seems as if it will be looming over us for the foreseeable future, but the Holiday Club. Another year done and dusted; I spoke to Jeanne about it and we are both a bit unsure as to how long we've been doing it, but reckon it's

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somewhere between 12 and 15 years! You'd think I would know what I'm doing by now, but every year I go through the usual angst of worrying whether we have enough helpers or whether any children will turn up. So far, touch wood, I've not been left on my own! The children keep coming and seem to enjoy it, although over the years the numbers have dropped slightly. It's maybe just a reflection on modern day living. Children now get a two week "Spring Break" so families can plan holidays, and in many families both parents work so children have to attend childcare. We now have trouble advertising the event as due to new privacy regulations schools are unable to give leaflets out to their pupils, so more and more we have to rely on word of mouth. Still this year we managed an average of 50 children on a daily basis.

We have been very fortunate with our helpers. Obviously we have Jeanne and if she can't make it Susan and Jill step in to fill her place. Somehow over the years, Jeanne always manages to arrange an appointment for a Friday afternoon so misses "paddling pool day!" (Maybe next year Jeanne?) Gillian, Debbie and Bert are the mainstay with the crafts and Ronnie helps me with the games. Over the years we have had Florence and Jan doing the reception duties. Sadly we lost Florence but Shona stepped into her rather large shoes and filled them admirably. Jan always provided the team with pancakes which for some of us constituted breakfast! This year we had two new "receptionists" Sandra and Janis. Although I was half joking, they provided us with home baking and tablet! We have been blessed with many helpers over the years far too many to mention them all by name and I'm frightened I might forget someone. John Meek, once again proved himself invaluable and it turns out he's not as grumpy as he seems!

The children keep coming but the thing that gives me the greatest satisfaction and encouragement is the young leaders. I have had the privilege of watching them grow up. Some of them came along to the Holiday Club as P1's and have just kept coming. This year we had 14 young people helping us. They are so good with the kids, the young ones and the old ones (i.e. me!!)

The young children love them and look up to them so much. This is obvious when you see them clinging on to their legs, jumping on their backs and giving them hugs. One young boy this year was visibly upset that he probably won't see his new big pal until next year! To these young people I'd like to say a huge thank you. You should be proud of yourselves. Your parents can be proud of you. We as a Church are proud of you and I am so proud of you all.

You are all truly magnificent. Thank you.

Alison

ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY 11TH MAY PLEASE



Congratulations to John and Christine Baird who celebrated 50 years of marriage on 26th April.

John and Christine met at the youth Fellowship in 1965. John popped the question in 1967 and the got married two years later. They were married in St John's Church, Newton Stewart by Rev T.J. Mc Vean and Rev J Ross. John's best man was Jim MacCormack and bridesmaids were Helen Wilson and Linda Baird.

They held their reception in the George Hotel, Stranraer, and honeymooned in Jersey before setting up home in Dixon Avenue. They are looking forward to celebrating with a family meal and get together.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alison,

It's been a few years since my girls were eligible to take part in the Easter Holiday Club, but it's fair to say that they enjoy it just as much now, as teenagers, than they did ten years ago. Kerry and Allison came bouncing through the door every lunchtime last week, soaked, but with enormous grins. I got an enthusiastic rundown of what you'd put the leaders through with messy games and how much they were enjoying solidifying some great friendships from all age groups. I would say another great success Alison. Well done!!

Lorna Preece

Alison,

I would like to thank all those who sponsored me for the recent event of the Zipslide Across the Clyde in aid of Accord Hospice in Paisley on 23rd March. I raised the amount of £509. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The event itself was most enjoyable and I look forward to doing this one again.

Thank you once again,

Lesley Burgess

LEGACY UPDATE

An update in February let you know that the Kirk Session had come to the view that proceeding with its preferred option of creating a new church on the site opposite Williamwood High School was likely to result in a high risk of delay and too large a funding gap to make it feasible. It went on to say that the Session had gone back to the other options in the original feasibility report, i.e. 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 sanctuary building. An architect has been appointed to examine these two options in detail, assess what we

might be able to do with remaining parts of the current site and to open discussion with the planners. We hope that the architect's report will be ready by the summer and once the Session has studied it, the intention is to pass as much information as we can to you in order that we can come to a decision about the best way forward. We remain committed, as I am sure you are also, to creating a sustainable, worshipping congregation for future generations and this work will help determine how best that might be achieved.

Gordon Dickson - Legacy Coordinating Group

ELDER & DISTRICT CHANGES

At the Kirk Session meeting in April, Jim Clegg requested that he be transferred to the retired list. Jim was thanked by the Moderator for his work as a District Elder and in the Kirk Session over many years.

Allison Allan has now taken over as District Elder for District 72 (Giffnock).

District 52 (Hillside Avenue) has now been absorbed into District 56 (part of Hillview Drive) with Stephen Blanchflower as the Elder.

District 23 (part of Mansefield Crescent) has now been integrated into District 19 (in which are our other members from Mansefield Crescent.) The Elder for District 19 is Jane Livingston.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We have had notification of bogus workmen operating in the Clarkston area recently so we thought it would be useful to advise everyone (whatever your age!!) of a few simple steps you can take to protect yourself from becoming a victim. It is unusual these days for reputable companies to go around knocking on doors looking for business so treat each caller with a huge dose of suspicion. **NEVER** agree on the doorstep to any work being done for you. **ALWAYS** tell the caller politely that you'll think about it and will talk to someone else before making a decision (this normally deters bogus callers). **NEVER** pay money up front unless you receive a proper invoice (check that there's a VAT registration number - the absence of one is a tell-tale sign that things aren't quite right) and never accept a lift to the bank to withdraw money. **ALWAYS** try and get the name of the individual and/or company - you can easily check them out by phoning East Renfrewshire Trading Standards on 0800 013 0076 (confidential helpline). It is always a good idea to pause and take time before making a decision. If possible ask a family member for their advice or phone a friend in Greenbank for their advice.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID

Following the recent success of the 39th Annual Christian Aid art exhibition and sale, the approximate sum of £7500 will go towards the work of Christian aid through the dedication and hard work of all who helped in so many ways.

Christian Aid week from 12th May to 18th May will once again require as many volunteer collectors to deliver and collect the donation envelopes through the doors of as many homes as possible in our area. Please consider volunteering as this annual collection is the main income for Christian Aid which supports people of all faiths and none, in some very difficult circumstances all over the world. If you are able to be a volunteer please see Mark Allan or Ron Livingston at the end of the service on 12th May to receive a collection pack which will contain further information about the appeal, and details of your delivery streets.

Once again, it is intended to run a '**Big Brekkie**' event after the Sunday morning service on 12th May at the start of Christian Aid week when cash donations will be gratefully received for pancakes and bacon rolls which will be served in the hall with Tea and Coffee. The **Big Brekkie** event has proved very popular and successful over the past few years, and I look forward to your support once again.

Mark Allan

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Lodging House Mission took place at 7pm on Wednesday, 3rd April. The meeting was opened with a prayer and welcome by Rev Roger Sturrock.

The annual report and accounts were presented by Ewen Mackie, Chairman. It was noted that LHM is now open 365 days per year, and that 21 churches now participate in the rota to provide Saturday opening. The contribution made

by churches was acknowledged. The period of the Winter Night Shelter has now ended. In the past year there has been improvement work carried out on the front of the building, and there are plans to install access for disabled visitors.

Existing Directors Ewen Mackie, Randal Findlay, and Gus Smeaton were re-elected, and Wylie and Bisset were re-appointed as auditors/independent examiners.

There were three further speakers - Stephen Mitchell, who has been employed at LHM for almost a year in the role of assistant manager, spoke of his first impressions and thoughts as a newcomer to LHM; Fergus Cook told us about his experiences as a volunteer at LHM; and Raymond, who is a guest at LHM, shared his story with us.

The LHM choir, "Mission Voices", entertained us with their singing.

GUS SMEATON

Gus has been performing the role of Manager at Lodging House Mission for five years as a volunteer. His commitment to LHM is exceptional. Gus has decided that the time is right for him to retire from this role, and Stephen Mitchell will assume the role of Manager from 1st May. Gus will, however, continue to support LHM as a Director and as Treasurer.

SATURDAY OPENING

Greenbank will provide a team for Saturday opening on 29th June. The team members will be Bill Stein, Lindy Dallas, Susan Wilkie, and Elizabeth McKenzie.

APPEAL FOR SUGAR

There has been a renewed appeal for sugar donations. These can be left in the large blue bucket in the Link Building.

Sincere thanks for the many ways that you continue to enthusiastically support the work of the LHM - through Saturday volunteering; by being a volunteer driver collecting donated provisions; through financial and other donations; and through your prayers. It is all very much appreciated.

Alison Allan

GREENBANK PLAYERS

We should once again like to thank you all for your constant support for our 'Murder Mystery' evenings. It looks like you all enjoyed our usual format. I know we all enjoy performing them. I'm pleased to say that we are very much hoping to bring you more 'Mysteries' next year in March.

Because of your great support we shall be able to donate again to the church and to some chosen charities.

We hope you have a great summer and look forward to welcoming you to another performance next year.

Diana Sim

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

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

Our Association, which is one of the largest Associations in Scotland, held their annual Karate Championships on KATA(Forms) at Eastwood High School. We had over 150 individual competitors from all our clubs in our Association. Greenbank had a fantastic day where we brought home a massive haul of 18 medals with 7 Gold, 6 Silver and 5 Bronze across our junior and senior student categories. Our students' display of their KATA are still being talked about in Karate circles around Glasgow – so proud of them all.

We are also planning a number of gradings where our students are working towards.

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

Best wishes,

John Elliot, Bushido Karate Association Chairman

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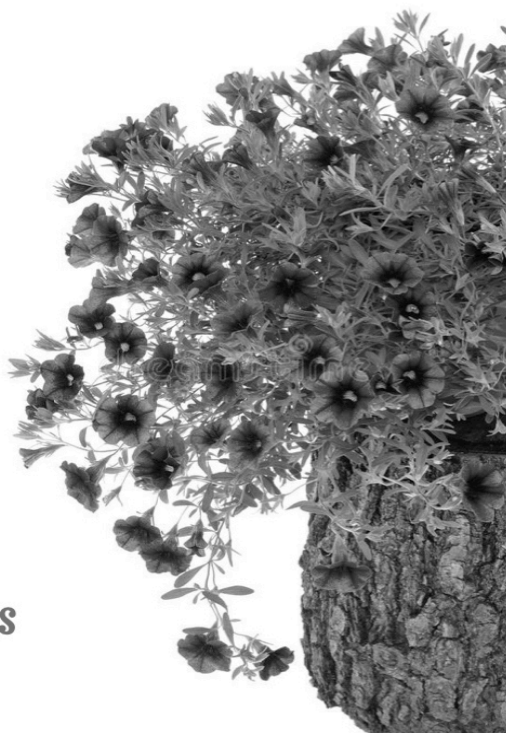
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& COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 11th May

9.30 – 12.00

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