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June 2019



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GreenbankParish  
CHURCH

# Parish Register

## WEDDING

4/5/19 Emma Gowler and Chic Ramsay, Ivy Gardens, Paisley

*"[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."*

*Corinthians 13:7 NIV*

## BAPTISM

5/5/19 Lachlan Crawford Brysland, Fotheringay Road, Pollokshields

Lachlan was born in the RAH Paisley on Thursday the 14th March at 5.45am and weighed 7lb 6oz. His big brother, Anderson, was christened at Greenbank in Oct 2017, as were his mum and Aunt Gaby. His grandmother (Marlene Anderson) also attends Greenbank. He also has three big half sisters and a half brother from his dad's previous marriage. So he is part of a big happy family!

We were delighted that Lachlan stayed quiet during the service, which was surprising as he is only 7 weeks old! His big brother was also fairly well behaved. We always enjoy how welcome we are made at Greenbank which is a church that has been part of our childhood and all of our significant family occasions. Interestingly, Lachlan's Great Aunt Effie was Effie Irvine, who was the first woman to hold a parish in the Church of Scotland.

*"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

7/5/19 Mr James McFadyen, 48 Hillend Crescent, Clarkston

9/5/19 Mr Alasdair McCulloch, 12 Knollpark Drive, 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 NIV*

## PULPIT DIARY

31 <sup>st</sup> May	7.30pm	Preparatory Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion & Sunday Club
	6.30pm	Family Communion Service
9 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club/JAM Prize Giving
	6.30pm	Prayers for Healing
14 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00pm	Messy Church
16 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
30 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Summer Family Worship

During the summer months, from 30<sup>th</sup> June until 18<sup>th</sup> August, join us for Summer Family Worship which will take place at the usual time of 10.30am. On 18<sup>th</sup> August the Sunday Club will resume and our services will revert to the term time format. Please note that there will be no Prayers for Healing Services in July or August.

## MESSY CHURCH

### Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm

The last Messy before summer takes place on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Lorna Preece

Dear Friends,

In these weeks after Easter we remember the question Jesus asked Peter after his resurrection, 'Do you love me?' Three times Peter answered, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you" and Jesus final words to Peter were: "Follow me" [John 21 15-21]. Peter's affirmative response meant that he had to turn himself from a focus on the past and commit himself to a way of living that made his love for Jesus the central and guiding principle of not only his own life but also the central and guiding principle of the church that was to come.

For the last few years, as I have represented Glasgow Presbytery by visiting various churches, I have discovered that every congregation, although very different, is doing interesting and worthwhile work. I also discovered that most of those churches contained furnishings and features that people loved and clearly sanctified, so much so that it sometimes seemed that their love for those things was more important than their love for Jesus. In many churches I had conversations with people about their love for their stained glass windows, pews, organisations and their grand history but, apart from one time, I never had a conversation with anyone about what their love for Jesus meant to them.

I wonder if there is anything in Greenbank church that you love more than Jesus? The message to Peter was very clear: if we say we love Jesus and say "Yes" to His invitation to follow him, we must selflessly turn our heads away from the past and the things of life that do not last and do everything that we can to play our part in making our love for Jesus the focus of our lives and our church.

"Do you love me?" As we enter the summer season, it is perhaps fitting that we take the time to reflect on Jesus' question and the consequences of what it might mean for our own lives and for our church in everything that the future holds for us.

May you have a blessed summer filled with faith, hope and, most of all, love for Jesus.

Yours,



## FLOWER LIST FOR JUNE AND JULY 2019

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Communion	Communion	Communion
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Jean Carswell	Bob Swandells	
16 <sup>th</sup> June			
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Jan Christie	Howard family	
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Christine Baird	Jean Gailey	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Anne Margetts	Betty Ritchie	Diane Adam
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Fay Thompson		
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Rachel Mackay		
28 <sup>th</sup> July		Margaret Miller	

### 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)

# Prayer Diary

'A bird in the boughs sang 'June',  
And 'June' hummed a bee  
In a Bacchic glee  
As he tumbled over and over  
Drunk with the honey-dew.'  
(Clinton Scollard 1860-1932)

As I was thinking about everybody winding down for summer, I remembered about the end of term school service, and started singing a hymn that we often sang then:

Summer suns are glowing over land and sea,  
happy light is flowing bountiful and free.  
Everything rejoices in the mellow rays,  
all earth's thousand voices swell the psalm of praise.  
God's free mercy streameth over all the world,  
and his banner gleameth, everywhere unfurled.  
Broad and deep and glorious as the heaven above,  
shines in might victorious his eternal love.  
(William Walsham How - 1871)

It's good to try to put our cares aside for a while and relax, to step back from all the busyness of our day to day lives; and I hope that you're able to do that this summer. A quote which always makes me think of summer is:

'If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.' (Marcus Tullius Cicero). There's nothing more pleasant than sitting out in the garden with a good book, with the bees buzzing and the birds flitting about, ignoring the weeding.

## A Summer Prayer (David Johnson)

Dear God,  
Let us revel in summer,  
Let us soak up the long days and warm sun.  
May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies.  
May we listen to and marvel at the singing of the birds, and stop to watch blissful children at play.  
This summer, God, may our breathing slow and our hearts open.  
God help us to be present to all that is, so that we might best see all that might be.  
Amen

Perhaps we could pray for a summer of peace, a summer of reflection and calm. A respite for those in pain or burdened with grief; for those who can see no way out of their troubles.

'When my body is weary grant me peace.  
When my soul is weary grant me faith.  
When my spirit is weary grant me joy.'  
(unknown)

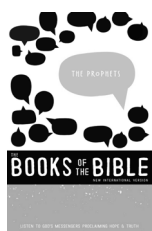
## PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYERS FOR HEALING

If you need prayer for yourself, a loved one or a friend please use the Greenbank Church Card [see reverse side] which can be found at the end of the church pews, and place it in the box at the front door of the church. Alternatively, prayer requests can be given to our Minister, Rev. Jeanne Roddick. Those for whom prayers have been requested will be prayed for at the monthly Prayers for Healing Service and throughout the month by members of the Prayer Group.

A Prayers for Healing service takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month in the church at 6.30pm. (Enter by Link building). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Gillian Foy (638 6245)

# What's On



## **SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB**

Room A

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month

Beginning on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 'THE SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB' will be starting to read 'The Books of the Bible – The Prophets' which is a fresh yet ancient presentation of Scripture, using the full NIV text using an 8 month reading plan.

Eliminating many distractions, this version of the bible from [biblica.com](http://biblica.com) helps everyone to experience Scripture in the way its authors intended. Chapter and verse numbers, study notes, cross references, footnotes and red letters have been removed and natural section breaks have been restored.

The Books of the Bible are arranged in an order that helps everyone see the unfolding drama more easily. Book introductions are included to prepare you for a more in-depth reading experience. The Bible text is presented in a clear single-column format and an easy-to-read font size.

The New International Version (NIV) is an accurate, readable and clear translation with the goal of delivering the same Bible reading experience today that the first recipients of Scripture would have had in their native languages.

In The Books of the Bible, The Prophets readers will read about God's messengers proclaiming hope and truth by reading the Hebrew prophets in an historical order. The Bible books included are, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Obadiah, Ezekiel, Haggai, Zechariah, Joel and Malachi.

Meeting last one hour and breakfast refreshments are served from 8.45am for a 9am start. If you would like to come along and be part of this informal friendly and welcoming group a book [accompanied by a reading plan] can be purchased from the church office or after church on Sundays at a cost of £5. Audio and ebook versions can be downloaded at a cost of £4 and £3 respectively at:

<https://www.biblicaeurope.com/bible-resources/category/community-bible-experience>

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

Arrangements are well underway for our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion dinner. This will be held at the Redhurst Hotel, Williamwood on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The date has been chosen as the evening before the youth service the next day at Greenbank which celebrates Founders Day and at which our current B.B. Company will be parading. All ex-members are of course very welcome to attend the Founders Day service and march past with the boys. We have set ourselves a very ambitious target for attendees at the dinner and to achieve this we need to reach out to as many of our ex-members as possible, wherever they may now be. So if you know of any relative or friend who was in the 223<sup>rd</sup> Greenbank B.B. Company please pass their details to John Meek ([john.meek@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.meek@ntlworld.com)) so we can add them to our mailing list. The date for the dinner may seem a long way away but it will come round quickly. All 223<sup>rd</sup> B.B. ex – members are warmly invited to attend and hopefully catch up with former friends and colleagues from the Company.

Chris Adam

Chairman, 223<sup>rd</sup> B.B. Company Ex-members Association

## **CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT**

The Clarkston Community choir will be performing their summer charity concert on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 and can be purchased from choir members or you can also pay at the door on the night.

## **SNAP COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB**

There will be 4 more dates (the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of June) when SNAP meets before our Summer break. SNAP will resume on the 24<sup>th</sup> August when anyone from P7 to S3 will be welcome to come along (7pm-9pm).

There will be a thank you lunch on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June for all the volunteers who helped during the session.

We are also delighted to report that SNAP won £200 from the ASDA Green Token Challenge and would like to thank everyone who supported us.

Lindy Dallas

## ECHO MEETING OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD

The annual Echo meeting of the Church of Scotland Guild will take place on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June in Queen's Park/Govanhill Church at 7.30pm. The preacher will be Rev. Jan Mathieson of Williamwood Parish Church.

## TIME OUT

Summer is here and Time Out will continue to meet fortnightly. However we will be meeting in the café at Greenbank Gardens, from 8-10pm, on the following dates:

Thursday 13 June

Thursday 27 June

Thursday 11 July

Thursday 25 July

Thursday 8 August

On Thursday 22 August we will be venturing out for a meal somewhere.

As usual everyone is welcome.

Sharon Mitchell (079600 12991) Email: sharonemitchell@hotmail.co.uk

## 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.

22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Isle of Bute	8.30am
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Mugdock Country Park	9.30am
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Conic Hill	9.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Erskine/Overton House	10am
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Strathaven	9.30am

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

## 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](mailto:snap@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) or call Lindy Dallas on 638 2362.

## LODGING HOUSE MISSION

### SATURDAY OPENING

Greenbank will provide a team for Saturday opening at the LHM on Saturday, 29th June. The team members will be Bill Stein, Elizabeth McKenzie, Lindy Dallas, and Susan Wilkie. Matthew Wilkie will also attend on 29th June - he will be doing community volunteering there for his Queen's Badge at Boys' Brigade and has already been helping with some gardening work at LHM.

### APPEAL FOR SUGAR

The appeal for sugar continues. Sugar donations can be left in the large blue bucket in the Link Building.

Thanks again for all your support. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

Alison Allan

## BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

We are in the grading season with our students going for their next belt for which they have all been training hard.

At the end of the year (March) we had to submit our student numbers to the Scottish Karate Governing Body and again we have been recognised as one of the largest Associations in Scotland. Our Association is very traditional compared to some Associations where they concentrate on Sport Karate, which accounts for less than 2% of students who participate in Karate.

During the summer holidays we keep our Karate classes going as it is important to give the opportunity for our students to continue training at the high level that they do. If anyone would like to come along for a taster session, please feel free to contact me. Karate is a great activity for all ages. I also note that at the next Association Grading the average age of our seniors going for Black Belt is 45 – so it's never too late!

Best wishes,

John Elliot, Bushido Karate Association Chairman

# Young People's

Hi Guys

Looking forward to your summer hols? Me too. Let's hope for some nice sunny weather so we can get out and about. What could be better than to go down to Rouken Glen or go to the seaside with a picnic? National Picnic Week starts on the 21st of June and lasts for a week but you can have a picnic at anytime and in any place. One of the best picnics I had was in my back garden or, when I was wee, under the kitchen table! Seemingly, the idea of having a picnic originated in France. It comes from the French term "pique-nique", which describes diners who brought their own wine. It is reckoned that in this country we picnic at least 3 times a year. That's 94 million picnics! Some favourite foods for taking on a picnic are chicken drumsticks and mini sausages. Some people like pork pies or Scotch eggs (which is a boiled egg wrapped in sausagemeat). Some people take a hamper with plates and cutlery so they can have an outdoor meal but by far the favourite is the humble sandwich. You can fill it with anything you like from cheese and ham to chocolate spread and jam! Hopefully, if you're really lucky, there will be an ice cream van nearby. Here's hoping for some sunshine and I'll see you at the park.

Have a good summer.

Al the Ed

## FIND THE WORDS

sandwich cheese sausage picnic france seaside  
chicken pork pies scotch eggs hamper garden  
table kitchen

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



to Lauren Armstrong, Jennifer Dallas, Finlay Mallon, Ruth Leckie, Jennifer Rae, Catriona Rae, Steven Carswell, Jack Houston, Erin Leckie, Kerry Preece, SORCHA MacRae, Brooke Roberts, Leah Gall, Rebecca Preece, Daniel Bisset, Millie Simpson, Molly Gardner, Sophie Buchan and Ross Loudon, all of whom have a birthday this summer. Hope you all have a great day and the sun shines.

## TOY STORY 4

Release date: 21 June 2019

2019 · Adventure/Comedy · 1h 29m



Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the rest of the gang embark on a road trip with Bonnie and a new toy named Forky. The adventurous journey turns into an unexpected reunion as Woody's slight detour leads him to his long-lost friend Bo Peep. As Woody and Bo discuss the old days, they soon start to realize that they're worlds apart when it comes to what they want from life as a toy.

## JOKE CORNER

Where do beef burgers go to dance?  
The meatball.

What do you call a T-Rex that's asleep?  
Dino-snore.

Why do birds fly to warmer climates in the winter?  
It's much easier than walking!

## PICNIC FACTS

Research shows the average family spends £26 per picnic, totalling £2,479,720,000.

The most popular picnic snack 50 years ago was the cheese sandwich. Now, it's crisps.

Whatever yours is - enjoy!







## MEET SOME CHOIR MEMBERS

Name? Calder Watson  
Over 21 You could say  
Fav food Mince and tatties  
Fav TV Shetland  
Fav actor Liam Neeson  
Fav film By Crimson Tide  
Fav music James Last



Fav joke What do you call a guy with a rubber toe?  
Roberto!!

Name? Joyce Clark  
Over 21 Getting there  
Fav food Chinese  
Fav TV Endeavour  
Fav actor Denzel Washington  
Fav film Rain Man  
Fav music Ry Cooder



Fav joke What did the fish say when he swam into a wall?  
Dam

Name? Carol Inglis  
Over 21 Wouldn't like to say  
Fav food Fish  
Fav TV NCIS  
Fav actor Paul Newman  
Fav film The Way We Were  
Fav music Anything with a tune!



Fav joke Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?  
Because he was a little shellfish

Name? Peter Howard  
Over 21 Yup  
Fav food Italian  
Fav TV Still Game  
Fav actor Mel Gibson  
Fav film Shawshank Redemption  
Fav music Rachmaninoff



Fav joke How does a train eat?  
It goes chew chew

## COSY CAFÉ

Volunteers are urgently needed for the next session of Cosy Café. Your time commitment would be one Friday afternoon roughly every 6 weeks from 2.45pm till 4pm. Three adult volunteers help each week as well as young volunteers. You would be required to make hot chocolate and toast for the young people (secondary school age) and interact with them.

If you think this is something you can help with please contact the church office as soon as possible on 644 1841 (please leave a message if you call out with office hours) or email: [greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk)

## JAM

JAM (Jesus and Me) meet when Sunday Club is on in the room above the pulpit and is open to anyone from S1 upwards. We always have hot chocolate, toast and games and include a chat about that week's Bible passage. This year we've been exploring less familiar stories in the bible with the Spill the Beans material.

Several of the young people helped out with face painting and glitter tattoos at the Christmas Fair and we had our annual Christmas brunch at Cafe Roma in December. We made the props for the nativity with a couple of the young people narrating too. During Easter we took part in the Clarkston Churches Together Youth Holy Week service and the young people spoke very well.

Last month we helped out at the Plant Sale and this month we have Prize Giving and our annual trip to Greenbank Gardens before we finish. Allison Preece is also off to Malawi with Williamwood School this summer and we wish her all the best for that.

Susan

## 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)



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# News and updates

## ED LINES

Hi Folks,

I've been doing a bit of cycling recently. I'm in training for the "Nightrider Challenge". (More about that later.) I tend to use the back roads and the cycle paths and the farthest I've been so far is Troon. The 30 miles there lulled me into a false sense of security so I thought I would cycle back, though not in the same day - I'm not that mad. Mistake! It was blowing a hooly and I had to fight a head wind all the way home! Mostly, I cycle round about Eaglesham and surrounding area. Yesterday I went to Strathaven. The country roads take you through some lovely villages and beautiful countryside. As I followed my usual route, I was a bit perplexed to come across a road closed and diversion sign. Diversion signs in my experience, tend to peter out and leave me lost and bewildered in the middle of nowhere! I needn't have worried though; I followed the sign down roads I hadn't been before. I saw new sights, went through different villages and ended up where I wanted to be.

When going on holiday, we tend to put the postcode into the Sat Nav and it takes us straight to our destination. No mess, no fuss and generally no detours but sometimes we miss a lot of what is in between. Sometimes we need a wee diversion to take us off the straight and narrow and help us to see new things and have new experiences.

So this summer, switch off the Sat Nav. Don't take the quickest or most direct way. Try the scenic route and enjoy the journey more ... and if you hear of a caravan stuck down a narrow lane in the Kent area ... that will be us!!

Have a good summer.

Alison

**ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY  
SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST PLEASE**

## STATED ANNUAL MEETING

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards flowers and visited me after my hip operation. My aim was to be back to church on Easter Sunday which I achieved. It's so comforting to know I was being thought of by my friends in the church. Jan Millar

John and Christine Baird would like to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes they received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The kindness was greatly appreciated on what was such a meaningful and memorable time.

## SUNDAY CLUB PLANT SALE

A very big THANK YOU from the Sunday Club to everyone who came along and supported our annual Plant Sale on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Once again, we were blessed with a lovely sunny day. We reached a total of £1800, including a profit of approximately £600. This will be used to buy resources for Sunday Club and JAM and also to help other Sunday Schools across Glasgow.

Grateful thanks are due to everyone who helped out by setting out the plants, selling plants, helping in the kitchen or setting up the tea-room and clearing up afterwards. It was great to have so many ex-Sunday Club people helping out. Particular thanks are due to Liz Allan and her family, Sheena and Robert, for all their time and effort in organising the order, delivery and return of plants, and of course to John Meek for setting up the halls. All of your help is greatly appreciated. Let's hope for good gardening weather so we can enjoy our plants!!

Helen Howard, Sunday Club Superintendent

## 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.

We are delighted to be able to tell you that, because of your great support, along with the money we give to the church we were able to donate to our local Age Concern. We were also able to donate to Crohn's & Colitis U.K. by contacting the Simpson family in the church. We have already been sent a 'Thank You' card for thinking of them which we very much appreciate.

We are working on a new 'Murder Mystery' for next year and look forward to welcoming you to it.

Thank you again for your continued support without which none of this would be possible. Diana Sim

## KIRK SESSION – WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session met on 15<sup>th</sup> April with 41 members attending and they discussed a wide range of issues.

**Worship:** Greenbank held Lenten Bible Studies following the topic, “The Mystery of God”, chosen by Clarkston Churches Together. The group met on a Saturday morning and enjoyed a lively discussion with warm fellowship. Similar Groups met in churches on different days and times and in the White Cart and Overlee. The idea being that you could attend any of the venues at a time or day that suited you best.

**Outreach:** The Kirk Session noted the minutes of the Kwenderana Partnership Group meetings held in Giffnock South Church and Greenbank Church in February and March respectively. The Scottish committee has been reformed and an updated Covenant is being redrawn by Carol Finlay of World Mission in conjunction with Kwenderana Ekwendeni, Glasgow Presbytery, and the Law Department. School Fees for 71 students were paid for during the year and other initiatives are being explored including a visit later this year by 3 people from Ekwendeni and a reciprocal trip in 2020. The Kirk Session also noted upgrades to Williamwood House, and the success of the Community Choir who was runner up in its category at the “I love Clarkston Community Awards”. In a report from the AGM of the Glasgow North East Foodbank it was noted 29.7 tonnes had been distributed with 23.5 tonnes collected – the shortfall being met by the reserve of cash donations. The total number of people fed was 12,152 adults and 5,991 children. The report from the Lodging House Mission noted the visit of the Moderator, Right Rev Susan Brown, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February and the fact that there were now 19 churches, including Greenbank, participating in the Saturday opening rota. Greenbank raised £1,762 of the £6,310 made by the Sponsored Cycle in aid of LHM funds and further donations have been made from the sale of greeting cards on a Sunday morning and toiletries at the BB Book Sale and the Kirk Session Coffee morning. The Christian Aid Art Exhibition on 9<sup>th</sup> March was well supported with an increased contribution to Christian Aid Funds compared to the previous year.

**Finance:** The Financial Position was updated and it was noted that Offering Income had decreased by 6.6% for the 13 weeks to 31<sup>st</sup> March which was disappointing. Fabric expenditure for the current year totalled £3,948 and £2,000 had been paid from the Crisis Fund to the Disasters Emergency Committee in respect of Cyclone IDAI appeal in Mozambique. Since the last report contributions have been received from The Guild, Friendship Café, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Clarkston Brownies. External organisations who use our halls continue to generate useful income towards the upkeep of our halls. The Burns supper raised £507, the Greenbank Craft Fair £241 Good Neighbour Advertising to date £1,560 for church funds and the Kirk Session Coffee morning raised £1,140 of which half will go to the Ekwendeni Project. The Retiring Offering for Age Concern raised £334.

**Fabric:** The Fabric report noted that the majority of the tree pruning work in the Church grounds had been completed and a new contractor had been employed for the fortnightly cutting of the grass. The 5 yearly Electrical Inspection will take place shortly.

**Fellowship:** The Kirk Session noted the successful year had by Time Out and the Friendship Cafe, the Greenbank Players successful production in March, and the continued popularity of the Colour Circle which still has a waiting list. The Walking Group has continued throughout the winter, is looking forward to the lighter nights and has welcomed some new members.

**Youth:** Reports were received from a number of organisations. Snap Youth Club is currently in the process of expanding how they programme by more young people’s suggestions and aims to fundraise to become more self-sustaining. The 1<sup>st</sup> Clarkston Guides have 31 Guides, 3 young leaders and 2 adult leaders. They are working hard to complete some of the new skill builder badges and are planning a camp in June. JAM currently has 16 on the roll and a regular attendance of 8-10 each week. They are taking part in the Wednesday Holy Week Service this Easter. Cosy Café has 30-40 young people who come along each week during term time after school for tea and buns. The Kirk Session expresses thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work and help in befriending the young people from the Clarkston community.

**Legacy:** The Kirk Session received an update on the legacy project and this was published in May Good Neighbour.

**Other Matters:** The Kirk Session dealt with a number of administrative matters including the following:-

Annual Inspection of Records, Food Hygiene certificates, and approved a request from Jim Clegg to join the retired list of elders. Jim was thanked by the moderator for his service as a district elder and work within the Kirk Session.

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

## FOOD HYGIENE CERTIFICATES

As it is the practice to use the kitchen to serve food, our Food Hygiene certificates need to be updated. The Kirk Session will arrange this, but we need names. Would each organisation consider this and submit names ASAP.

This test can be done online, in your own time, but within three months from starting.

Please forward names to the church office at: [greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk) or phone Anna Maclure on 571 0756.

## LOCAL HISTORY

While Greenbank Church choir has had our “One Hundred Best Hymns”, this is not the first in the district. It is recorded that before Busby West church opened in 1836, Sunday evening services were held in Mr. Gemmel’s school in Sheddens and that the favourite was St.Cyprian’s, led by “an old man, Mr. Thomas Stevenson”. Now you know!

Duncan McIntyre

## NIGHT RIDER CHALLENGE

Hi Folks,

This year, and this year only, I am taking part in the Nightrider Challenge. It is a 100k cycle, which take place during the night and comprises of two loops. The first one starts at the Quay at 10.30pm, goes past Ibrox and out towards Giffnock; up to Mearns and down through Waterfoot to the church before heading up over the Cathkin Braes, Rutherglen and back to the Quay. The second loop is in the north side of the city.

I am trying to raise some funds for Barnardo's Adoption Services, a charity which has been of tremendous support to my brother and myself. Unfortunately Bruce has gammy knees so I'm taking the hit for team McGee!! I should manage to do the first loop but the second will be more challenging. If anyone would like to sponsor me or make a donation, I'd be delighted if you approach me. By the way I'm up for double or quits!!!!

Thank you,

Alison

## TIME FOR A LITTLE SPRINGTIME GARDENING

Excerpt from Christian Life Ministry – with James Kaiser

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

Plant Three Rows of Peas

Peace of Mind  
Peace of Heart  
Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

Squash Gossip  
Squash Indifference  
Squash Grumbling  
Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

Lettuce be Faithful  
Lettuce be Kind  
Lettuce be Patient  
Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnip

Turnip for Meetings  
Turnip for Service  
Turnip to Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden we must have Thyme

Thyme for Each Other  
Thyme for Family  
Thyme for Friends

Water freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap  
what you sow.  
Pass it on xxx

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## MEETING OF COMMITTEE HELD IN BUSBY CHURCH ON 25 APRIL 2019

**Shena Dougall** – following the celebration of Shena's life that had taken place on 25<sup>th</sup> April in Williamwood Church, all those who had attended the service were keen to say how lovely it had been. Jan Mathieson (who led the service) and Carol Finlay's contributions were commended; Shena is widely regarded as the inspiration behind Kwenderana's foundation. Part of the letter sent from Ekwendeni Congregation was included as part of Carol's eulogy. Chris McKenna [school trip leader] agreed to take an order of service with him on 12<sup>th</sup> June, when students from both Williamwood and St Ninian's High Schools will be visiting and doing work in the Primary School and the area surrounding Ekwendeni.

Payments continue to be made to both the *Porridge Fund and for School Fees*.

Three World Mission Faithshare grants have been awarded to prospective visitors from Ekwendeni.

**Proposed programme of events:** A brainstorming of possible activities our guests might be most interested to participate in took place. A number of possible activities were listed. A focus on Church and Community links was decided on, and the importance of involving members of our congregations as much as possible was highlighted; that it was not to be 'a holiday' and visitors should not arrange any visits not programmed. An 'official' meeting to discuss views on the future of the Kwenderana partnership and renewal of the covenant would also take place during the visit.

## THE LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club has held its final meeting of the 2018-19 Session. It has been another successful year in which members, visitors and friends have enjoyed a good chin-wag over a light lunch. The Club is lucky to have a very loyal group of preparers, servers and customers who have continued to give their support. It has been great to have had the pleasure of welcoming some new "regulars" into our midst. While the number attending has dropped this year, the volume of the chatter seems to have remained high!

Our takings have declined this session, but we are still expecting to be able to donate £350 to the church funds - a great effort from all concerned!

Some months this session, preparation of lunch would have proved impossible were it not for the "extras" drafted in at short notice - thank you for answering the distress signal!

The team is urgently seeking some extra help! If you feel you could spare an hour or two on the last Friday of September - November, and January - May, please get in touch with Jan on 258 4959 or Maureen on 639 5114 - you will be allowed an occasional day off for good behaviour!

## **STAMPS AND POST CARDS**

Although ordinary first and second class stamps are no longer wanted all other stamps are, so please keep handing them in.

There will be a notice on the hall notice board indicating which cause the Church of Scotland is supporting this year with the money raised from stamp sales.

With the drastic reduction in postcards in use there is more demand than ever for them. Please hand them in rather than treating them as waste paper!

Duncan McIntyre

## **CHRISTIAN AID**

Big Brekkie

Thank you to all who supported our Big Brekkie fundraising event for Christian Aid. It was great to see so many of the congregation enjoying bacon rolls and pancakes after church on 12th May.

The willingness of local store managers to respond to requests for donations of food for the event was heartening and encouraging. We are extremely grateful to our neighbour Co-op, who provided toppings for our pancakes; and to our local Tesco Express, who not only donated 240 rashers of bacon, but who also made contact on our behalf with McGhees Family Bakers, who subsequently donated all of our rolls!

Sincere thanks to our kitchen team - a happy bunch who enjoyed great fellowship whilst preparing the simple feast - thanks Jill, Anna, Susan, Jennifer, and Debbie.

Thanks also to JAM members for serving; to ladies of the Guild for our teas and coffees on the day; to John for all his help setting up; and to Graham for cleaning the BBQ.

The wonderful total of £538.23 was raised for Christian Aid - a great result. Thanks everyone!

Alison and Mark Allan

## **BOOKBUG SESSIONS**

Bookbug sessions are held on Thursday morning starting at 9.30am during school term time. Elizabeth Wishart, Elaine McNeill and Helen Howard are the trained Bookbug leaders. We also have a team of helpers who organise tea, coffee and biscuits. The sessions involve action songs, rhymes and stories for children aged 0-4. We usually have 25 adults and 35 children but this can increase to 31 adults with 42 children. Over the 4 years we have been running Bookbug, we have built up a strong relationship with our parents, childminders, grans, grandads, aunts and uncles. Adults love the opportunity to socialise at the beginning and end of the session. Many new friendships have been made in our relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Some of the children have been with us from babies so we are very proud of our very successful Bookbug sessions. A warm welcome awaits anyone who wants to join us.

Information on Bookbug sessions can be found at [scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug](http://scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug)

## **GREENBANK CHURCH OF SCOTLAND F.C.**

Are in their 10th season; in the last couple years they have gone through some serious squad changes. It has been a difficult time. However after a slow start this season the new squad additions have started to gel resulting in a 4 game unbeaten run including a 3 - 0 win in their last fixture. For the first time in a number of seasons they hope to finish above the bottom three. Come on Greenbank. The only way is up!



# Social Events

Welcome to the new social events section of Good Neighbour. The Kirk Session has a social events committee (which anyone from the church is more than welcome to join) that plans and runs a number of events each year which allow us as a church and our community to get together and, at times, raise some money for the church funds. Here are some dates for your diary:

## COMMUNITY FUN DAY

### SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 1PM – 4PM

Many of you will remember this from previous years. Everyone is invited to come along and join in some fun activities. We will be having the huge inflatable assault course in the Cowley Hall while the Fraser Hall will be filled with face painting, temporary tattoos, cupcake decorating for children, sunflower measuring, a tombola and a tuck shop. There will also be garden games and a bouncy castle for pre-school children. In the church, things will be a little less hectic with tea, coffee, home baking and music on offer in the chancel. Entry is £1 and tickets will be for sale over the summer and on the day.

We would be very grateful if you could help by donating tombola prizes and home baking. Greenbank's home baking is legendary so a plentiful supply would be most appreciated. Prizes can be handed in and placed in the box in the Hall of Friendship in at any time over the summer. Baking can be handed in on the morning of the 31<sup>st</sup>.

## GREENBANK'S 135<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION EVENING

### SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FROM 6.30PM

What a great excuse for a get together! We are at the planning stage but shopping, eating, games and entertainment are on the agenda. We will let you know more details as we firm up our ideas so watch this space in the September edition of Good Neighbour and put the date in your diary.

## GREENBANK'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

### SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

The date of the Annual Christmas Fair this year is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 10am until 1pm.

All the usual stalls will be there including the Christmas tearoom for that welcome cuppa and Christmas goodies. Stalls will include home baking, Christmas stall, brick a brac, chocolate tombola, toiletries/jewellery, unwanted gifts and many more as well as the children's zone. Details of all stalls and more information will be given in September's Good Neighbour.

Make a note of the date in your diary and together let's make this year's Fair the most successful to date.

## DO YOU RECEIVE YOUR GOOD NEIGHBOUR BY POST?

If so please consider if any of the options listed below would be a suitable alternative way for you to receive your Good Neighbour:

**By email** - send your email address to the church office ([greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk)) and you will receive your magazine by email each month.

**View it on our website** at [www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk](http://www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk)

**Pick up a copy** from the transept window sill when you are in church.

Of course, you can also opt to continue to have Good Neighbour sent by post.

Please contact the church secretary at [greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk) or call her on 0141 644 1841 to let her know which is your preferred option. If you call out with office hours you can leave a message.



# ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE



**Saturday 8th June 2019**

**10am – 12noon**

in

**GREENBANK PARISH CHURCH**

**EAGLESHAM ROAD, CLARKSTON, GLASGOW, G76 7DJ**

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

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

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

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**The 223<sup>rd</sup> Boys Brigade would be grateful for help with all aspects of the event.**

**If you can help, please fill in the form below and return it to**

**John Meek, 34 Eaglesham Road, Clarkston, Glasgow, G76 7DJ**

**or telephone 0141 644 2839**

Day	Morning 9-11am	Afternoon 1-3pm	Evening 7-10pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>			
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>			

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

Day	CAR	VAN	LORRY
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>			
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>			

Name	Address	Tel. no.

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## Clarkston Churches Together

*Pentecost*

**PRAISE**

*Night*

## Sons of Thunder

Williamwood Parish Church | 9<sup>th</sup> June | 7.00pm

Retiral collection for HIV Aids Orphan Care Programme, Ekwendeni, Malawi



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