

LENT

— 40 days of Renewal —

Parish Register

DEATHS

25/1/20	Miss J. Patricia Orr	69 Carolside Avenue, Clarkston
7/2/20	Mr Gordon Pasley	3 Victoria Crescent, 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

*On the noticeboard situated in the halls' corridor are Orders of Service of those whose funerals and weddings our minister has recently conducted. After a few weeks the orders are taken down but will still be available in the church office.

WEDDING

30/12/19 Claire Thomson and Scott Stephen, South Hedland, Western Australia

Scott and Claire met at Airdrie Police office where they both worked as police officers back in 2010. They were friends for a while before romance blossomed at Claire's birthday party. Scott got the opportunity to work and live in Western Australia in 2015 and they have been living there since then.

The wedding was booked and planned from Australia with help from Claire's parents. Claire's maid of honour was Lorna Ross and bridesmaids, sister in law, Kathryn Thomson, and friend, Suzanne MacKenzie. Scott's brother, Graeme Stephen, was best man with ushers, Craig Thomson and Craig Parker. The church looked beautiful with Christmas lights and candles. Jeanne, a close family friend, officiated and many family and friends, including ten from Australia, were able to come.

The reception was held in Gleddoch House and afterwards the couple went to Ballachullish before heading home.

Particularly memorable moments for Claire were walking down the aisle with her dad and saying her vows with Scott which she found hugely emotional. Claire's dad and his band wrote and recorded a song to mark the occasion. She commented, "We had the most incredible wedding day and could not thank our family and friends enough for their love, support and generosity! We miss them dearly every day we are away. We couldn't have asked for anything more."

PULPIT DIARY

28 th February	4.00pm	Messy Church
1 st March	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion [Sunday Club meets in the halls]
	6.00pm	Lenten Study: "Exploring the Question"
8 th March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
	6.00pm	Lenten Study: "Exploring the Question"
15 th March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
	6.00pm	Lenten Study: "Exploring the Question"
22 nd March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
	6.00pm	Lenten Study: "Exploring the Question"
29 th March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
	6.00pm	Lenten Study: "Exploring the Question"



SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

The club will resume after Easter in room A of the church halls, on the first Saturday of each month. Meetings last one hour and breakfast refreshments are served from 8.45am for a 9am start. All welcome.

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy of the Session takes place on Friday, 28th February starting at 4pm in the church halls.

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.

Subsequent Messy Church dates this session are as follows: 24th April and 5th June 2020.

Lorna Preece and Karen Martin

Dear Friends,

Since early times Lent, which begins on 26th February this year, has been a time of preparation that looks forward to Easter and a time when people give things up, such as chocolate, cakes, sweets or alcohol and sometimes something different like watching television or buying something new to wear. The idea of giving something up is meant to be a way of identifying with Jesus experience in the wilderness for 40 days as he prepared for his public ministry.

Giving things up, when we have plenty of things available to us is a valuable thing to do; it reminds us of what is truly necessary in our lives and it reminds us of the plenty and the choices that we have. However, we could also consider taking up something extra to do for Lent like reading a Christian book, or a book of the bible or attending the Lenten Sunday Night Series - 'Exploring the God Question'. We could also make a point of visiting or calling someone each week that we haven't been in contact with for a while or we could say a new prayer each morning to focus our day and our life on God.

A few weeks ago, in church, I mentioned the daily prayer of Fr Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest and fire chaplain in New York who was killed by falling debris whilst kneeling to pray with someone who was dying on the street. Perhaps we might make his prayer our daily one during Lent:

*Lord take me where you want me to go
Let me meet who you want me to meet
Tell me what you want me to say
And keep me out of your way*

Whatever you decide to do, or not do this Lent may it be a grace filled and blessed time.

Yours,



CLARKSTON CHURCHES TOGETHER @ GREENBANK from 1 MARCH 2020

'EXPLORING THE GOD QUESTION'

This very accessible and easily understandable '**Exploring the God Question**' series, will take place on six Sundays during Lent in the Fraser Hall beginning on Sunday 1 March. It will begin at 6pm and finish at 7.15 pm. The series takes as objective an approach as possible to Science, God and the Search for Truth. The series tests the claim that the existence of God is 'entirely lacking in evidence'. Six half hour DVD programmes bring world renowned contributors from both sides of the science/God debate to unpack the evidence found in the three broad topics of the Cosmos, Life and Evolution and the hidden depths of Mind and Consciousness. Each topic will be split into two and the overall format will be made up of segments of interviews linked by a story teller and interspersed with impressive visuals designed to encourage and support discussion afterwards about the content of the programme. The intended audience for the 'all age' series is people of faith as well as those with no religious faith – indeed anyone who is searching. The Lenten series encourages a thoughtful evidence-based search for truth about God, particularly in the light of what modern science is revealing about

- the origin of the universe
- the development of life on earth
- the sophistication of the human mind and brain

THE 'EXPLORING THE GOD QUESTION' IS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Prayer Diary

"Is the spring coming?" He said. "What is it like?"

"It is the sun shining on the rain, and the rain falling on the sunshine."

(Frances Hodgson Burnett)

I'm tempted to say that we've got off quite lightly this winter, but in March you never can tell - there's still time for snow. My privet hedges lost most of their leaves this year but there are tiny bright green spots waiting to explode into new life. As the mornings and evenings gradually get brighter our spirits start to lift too, and the long days of summer don't seem so far off.

Put a little thank you in your prayers for the small signs of new life all around; and ask that spring brings us a little warmth and sunshine to brighten our days.

I'm sure you have all been praying for everyone in China and beyond who has been affected by the Coronavirus. Please keep in your prayers the loved ones of those who have died, and those who are infected. Ask for strength for those who are enduring quarantine, and are having to quash fears that they and theirs could fall ill, as all they can do is sit and wait. Say thank you for all the staff who are caring for the sick and also that those who search for a vaccine and cure will be successful. Pray too that people will not panic and just lash out at anyone of oriental ethnicity.

Remember our partners in Malawi; ask that the help we can give them improves their lives, and that our teamwork stays strong for many more years.

Communities local and worldwide seem to be breaking apart. Ask that people are receptive to different ideas, and have a willingness to cooperate and to consider alternatives.

Please also keep the people of Australia in your prayers in their ongoing battle against the bushfires, and all the consequences that follow, for humanity, wildlife, and the whole ecosystem.

As ever, pray for Greenbank. Say thank you for Jeanne and all the work that she does; and for our elders, for everything that you see them do, and the many things that you don't. Say thank you for Steven's time with us and ask that both he and we benefit from this. Ask that all the events and activities that we run are well attended; and for people to be prepared to give up a little of their free time to help out, so that the burden doesn't fall on the same people all the time.

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love" (Marcus Aurelius)

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, Prayer Promoter (638 6245)

GOOD NEIGHBOUR ON CD

A recording of Good Neighbour is available on CD each month.

If you have a sight problem and would like to use this service, please speak to your elder or phone Douglas Paterson on 638 6350.

BEFRIENDERS

As many of you will know, the Befrienders group was set up to offer pastoral care to those members of the congregation whose circumstances mean that they are not able to get out very often and who would welcome a regular visit from an elder or other church member. In recent years this list has sadly dwindled away, but it is likely that there are a number of people in Greenbank at this time who would wish to be added to it.

I would appreciate it if you could let me know of anyone in the congregation who would like a visit from a befriender. Please either phone me direct or contact the church office on 644 1841 and let Jane Mayer know.

Thank you.

Jane Livingston (586 6272)

What's On

KIRK SESSION COFFEE MORNING

The Kirk Session Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 21st 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)

FRIENDSHIP CAFE

The Friendship Cafe is open from 10am every Friday (except the last one of the month when the Lunch club is on).

We were fairly small in number at the close of last session but big in spirit and welcome. Give us a shot and join us for tea/coffee and a blether. If you would like to lend a hand, contact Blair Miller on 0141 577 5449.

THE LUNCH CLUB

There will be a meeting of Lunch Club on Friday, 28th February. Lunch will be served from 12noon until 1.15pm. There will be a choice of homemade soup and various filled rolls. We value our regular customers, but numbers are declining so it would be great to welcome some new faces to boost our numbers! Please try to come along on the 28th. We meet in the Church halls. If you require transport to attend please contact Jan on 258 4959 or Maureen on 639 5114 and a lift will be arranged.

The following meeting will be on Friday 27th March

Maureen Moss and Jan Millar

THE GUILD

Diary

4 st March	2.15pm	<i>How to poison your spouse!</i> Dr. Ian Dale
11 th March	2.15pm	<i>Quiz and AGM</i> Jill Liddell
18 th March	2.15pm	<i>Closing Meeting</i> The Croy Boys

Another Guild year is almost over. We have had excellent attendances on a Wednesday afternoon and an interesting range of speakers. Our major fund raising event, the Bridge Afternoon, will be held on Monday, 16th March. We hope this event, which is a lot of hard work for the organisers, will be as successful as in the past.

The Guild would like to remind you of the annual World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, 6th March at 10.30am. This year the service is being held in St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. Although conducted by Guild members, this service is open to all.

Enid Dron, Secretary

TIME OUT

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way towards our tea/coffee fundraiser - from donations, home baking/baking, raffles, kitchen, hostessing, etc. We have managed to raise a total of £498 to send to our chosen charities (more about this next month).

Time Out meetings for March and April are as follows:

Thursday 5 March	Our speaker will be guiding us on "Packing for Holidays".
Thursday 19 March	We will be hearing about all aspects of Bee Keeping.
Thursday 2 April	The Session ends with our AGM which will be held in Clarkston Bowling & Tennis Club.
Friday 17 - 19 April	We are <i>on the road to Dundee</i> (Time Out weekend away)

As usual all are welcome to our Thursday meetings.

For more information contact Moira McAldine (busymoira@aol.com)

or Sharon Mitchell (sharonemitchell@hotmail.co.uk).

JOE'S CAFÉ, MONDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Greenbank's Easter Holiday Club will be running once again from Monday 13th until Friday 17th April and we need all the help we can get! This year we will be meeting Professor Potty and some of the superheroes of the Bible. Whether it's for one morning or five, your help would be appreciated. Come along and be a superhero too!

There will be a brief meeting after church on Sunday 15th March for anyone who wants to join us for another wet, wacky week. Contact Alison Harvey on 638 3679 or 07742282870.

CHRISTIAN AID

The 40th anniversary Christian Aid Art Exhibition and Sale will take place on 14th March 2020 at the Carmichael Hall, next to the swimming pool and Theatre at Eastwood Park, from 10am to 4pm. Entry is by catalogue - £3 for adults and £1 for children, payable at the door. You may also enjoy tea, coffee or juice along with home baking as part of your entry donation. As always, we are looking forward to the variety of excellent work produced by local artists who have kindly agreed to donate 1/3rd of the sale price of their original paintings to support Christian Aid. You will be sure of a warm welcome to this popular annual event which celebrates 40 years of fundraising for Christian Aid. Please note the date in your diaries, and come along and enjoy the event; you may even win an original work as a raffle prize at the end of the day.

Volunteers are also sought to help in the kitchen and tea room. If you are able to help with this, for part or all of the day, please contact Mark Allan (638 3916) or Ron Livingston (639 2798).

GREENBANK CHURCH FILM SOCIETY

The Committee of the Greenbank Film Society has decided, due to inclement weather that the showing of "The Man Who Knew Too Much", cancelled recently, will be postponed until a later date in the spring.

The next scheduled film is "Blue Jasmine", starring Cate Blanchett and Alec Baldwin and directed by Woody Allen, on Monday 2nd March, weather permitting. "Blue Jasmine": After her marriage to a wealthy businessman, Alec Baldwin, collapses, New York socialite, Jasmine, Cate Blanchett, flees to San Francisco and the modest apartment of her sister, Ginger, Sally Hawkins. Although she's in a fragile emotional state and lacks job skills, Jasmine still manages to voice her disapproval of Ginger's boyfriend, Chili. Jasmine begrudgingly takes a job in a dentist's office, while Ginger begins dating a man who's a step up from Chili.

The Society meets monthly on Monday evenings at 7.30pm from September to April in the Session House.

Jim Guy

SNAP COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

Any new members from P7 to S3 are very welcome to come along SNAP runs every Saturday (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. The SNAP team is looking forward to more games, crafts, baking and sports. Please feel free to register on the night or email: SNAP@greenbankglasgow.org.uk for more information.

LADIES BADMINTON

Ladies Badminton takes place on Thursday afternoons starting at 1.15pm - all welcome to join our friendly group for fun and games. Come along and make a racquet!! Telephone Margaret Kennedy 07806434321 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)

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Clarkston Community Choir meets every Wednesday from 7.30pm-9.30pm. This year's focus is on different kinds of folk music, with the choir working towards a performance at Greenbank on 27th May. All enthusiastic singers welcome - whether you've sung in a choir before, or just in the shower! No music reading/prior musical experience required.

For more information, you can get in touch with the choir director: richard.scholfield@yahoo.com

Young People's



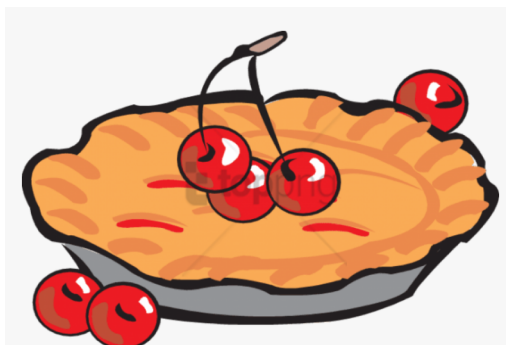
Hi Guys,

"Simple Simon met a pieman going to the fair. Said Simple Simon to the pieman, Let me taste your ware." Good news guys! The 2nd to the 8th of March is National Pie Week!

Pies have been around for years and years! The first recorded pie was made even before Jesus was born. The Egyptians first thought of the idea but it was the Romans who first made pastry - the earliest pies were filled with meat but people needed to find a way to make food last. Initially, the crust was not eaten but just used as a container to store the filling and to stop folk getting their hands messy. One of the most popular pies in the U.K is shepherd's pie but as that doesn't have any pastry round it so I don't think it counts. There doesn't seem to be any room on the list for scotch pies, haggis pies or macaroni pies. What is wrong with these people??? My personal favourite is apple pie, particularly with ice cream, but my family all prefer Lemon Meringue. What's yours? See you next month pie eaters!

Top Ten Favourite Pies

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| 1. Steak Pie | 6. Cherry |
| 2. Apple | 7. Fish |
| 3. Chicken | 8. Rhubarb |
| 4. Lemon Meringue | 9. Shepherd |
| 5. Cheese and Onion | 10. Banoffee |



Welcome to Joe's Cafe Holiday Club



Where? Greenbank Church
When? Monday 13th – Friday 17th April, 10am to 12pm
Who? Anyone from P1 to P7
Why? Come and meet some superheroes. Not all heroes wear costumes!!!

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. Come along and meet Professor Potty. If you are at Primary school, come and join us every day from Monday 13th April until Friday 17th April from 10am til 12pm. To register contact Greenbank Church office 644 1841 or email greenbank.office@tiscalli.co.uk

MOTHERS' DAY MESSAGES FOR

Laura Simpson: Thank you for being so amazing. Love from Millie, Harris and Ella

Andrina Hackett: Love you to the moon and back. Olivia

Juliette Gow: Happy Mother's Day, Mum. You're the best. Love from all of us. Edward, Rachel, Jenna and Luke

Carolyn MacRae: Love you mummy. Love from Sorcha and Marsaili

Katie Roddick: Happy Mother's Day Mummy. Love from Isla and Hamish



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS to Daniel Mackintosh, Cara Hood and Benjamin Wilson. Have a great time guys. Belated Happy Birthday to Harry McGowan who was 7 on the 22nd of January. Sorry I missed it Harry.

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News and updates

ED LINES

Hi Folks,

I'm going on holiday next week. Yes another one! I'll say it before you do. We're having a wee sojourn to Portugal.

I was speaking to a friend and asking her advice on where to go as she'd been to the vicinity recently. She suggested we visit a wee town called Vila Real St Antonia, which is near the Portugal/Spain border. When in Vila Real St Antonia you can hear the church clock chiming from a village across the border in Spain. Although they are only a few miles apart there is an hour time difference so when the clock strikes twelve in Vila Real St Antonia, it's already 1 o'clock in Spain. Wouldn't that be great: border hopping and travelling back in time! What a difference an hour could make. We could look back on the previous hour, re-live it and rectify any mistakes we have made. We could erase our stains or blemishes and turn into the perfect person. It wouldn't even have to be an hour, a couple of minutes would do it.

We were recently listening to the radio. Our radio in the kitchen plays a couple of minutes ahead of the digital one in the lounge. It's great we can now get 39 points, the perfect score in pop master! However, it's the mistakes we make that help us learn; the stains and blemishes that add character and make us into the people we become. Okay we might not be perfect, but then you don't have to be perfect to be wonderful!!!

Alison

ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY 15TH MARCH PLEASE



Greenbank is still searching for a BB Captain – could it be you – someone you know or even a group of you together? If you want to chat or want more information speak to the Minister asap - contact details on back of Good Neighbour.

LEGACY UPDATE

In the last legacy update in December I let you know that we had appointed a firm to market the north part of our site. That work is well underway, the purpose of which is to establish whether or not there is any commercial interest in developing the site and if there is, what the value of the site might be. We have also been working with organisations to establish what their needs might be in a renovated and extended church building in order to prepare a brief for an architect to come up with designs for us. At the same time a great deal of work has also been done on identifying organisations that provide capital funding for projects like our own. Once all this work is concluded we will be in a position to come to you with a firm recommendation as to how best we should proceed. Information meetings will be held so that you can hear what is planned and ask any questions you want, well before we make any final decision. There is still a good amount of work to be done but we are making steady progress, thanks in large part to the willing help offered by a number of elders.

Gordon Dickson
Legacy Project Group

THANK YOU

Colour Circle Art Exhibition

The Colour Circle artists were a bit anxious about the weather forecast for the Art exhibition however we were well supported by Greenbank family and friends. The club thank everyone who came along on a very blustery day to enjoy the variety of work and a good chat in the tea room with our home baking. C.H.A.S. has been sent the sum of £1,690.

Thank you again, Bert and Anna

Fundraising for SNAP Community Youth Club

Please keep supporting SNAP Community Youth Club's fundraising by signing up for a Co-op card and using it when you shop there. We are delighted with the current amount raised of £236 and would like to thank the friends of Greenbank for their continued support.

Many thanks, The SNAP Community Youth Club Committee

Burns Supper

Another fantastic Burns Supper! Thank you to Douglas for chairing, Ross for piping, Alan for carrying the haggis, Jim for addressing the haggis. Also to Steven for his Appreciation of Burns, Graeme for toasting the lasses, Helen for replying and Greg for his recitation of Tam O'Shanter. You were all superb!

A big thank you as well to Jan and Graham for organising it all again. Thanks also to Peter for accompanying our singing. Wonderful as always. We were blessed once again to have so much talent!



DO YOU WANT TO DO A SMALL THING THAT COULD HELP THE ENVIRONMENT? If so, then please read on.

In partnership with the Co-op on Eaglesham Road, Greenbank are entering into a food-share partnership with a view to reducing the amount of food going to landfill. Government estimates suggest that 260, 000 tonnes of food is wasted from the retail sector alone and all large supermarkets have signed up to tackle this issue.

But what can we do at Greenbank? Initially we will take food that cannot be sold that is still edible. Items such as bread, other baked goods, fruit and vegetables and pre-packaged foods which have reached their best before date won't be sold but can still be used.

Best before dates are a guide, unlike use-by dates which will automatically be disposed of. Other items such as tins that are bashed are often disposed of and these will be made available too.

A fridge, and other storage solutions, will be placed in the hall of friendship and all are encouraged to take items that they will be able to make use of. It is intended that this is for the whole community and as soon as we have the facilities in place we would ask that you share the information with other people too - not just those who come to church.

As the project develops we will continue to look at other ways the food can be used or re-distributed to avoid going to landfill. Anyone interested in helping with collecting food from the Co-op or with any ideas for this worthwhile project to develop further, please speak to the Student Assistant Minister, Steven Owens or email the office: greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk

Steven Owens, Student Assistant Minister

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Items that can and cannot be recycled are listed on the East Renfrewshire web site and also on the Eco-Congregation noticeboard. **Please check** as there have been a few changes since the four wheelie bins collection was introduced.

N.B. Each local authority has its own system so always check the East Renfrewshire list (or your home authority if outside the E.R. boundary).

The following are a few items you may be unsure about:

Recyclable:	Empty cleaner bottles including the trigger spray Washed bleach bottles Milk bottle tops with the rinsed milk bottle All aerosols/bottles must be empty
Non-Recyclable	Shiny /metallic wrapping paper The pump dispenser on hand-wash bottles (bottle can be recycled)

The advice is **WHEN IN DOUBT LEAVE IT OUT!**

Batteries: recycle at most supermarkets, hardware shops, library etc. **Not at church**

Spectacles recycle at church for use in Third World countries, sometimes enabling children to go to school or adults to work.

Ink cartridges recycle at church for a charity (more information to follow).

The collection bins are in the corridor by the toilets

The Eco Group, Grace Paterson and Audrey Thomson

GREENBANK CHURCH TRANSPORT

For over 40 years, Greenbank Church has operated a church transport service. Volunteer drivers collect church members who would otherwise find it difficult to come to church. This service is greatly appreciated by those who use it, and the volunteer drivers enjoy meeting new people.

Currently drivers are required to transport 3 passengers to church once every 5 weeks. Presently 20 drivers are on the rota, and their efforts support 12 very appreciative passengers every week. Due to the increased demand for the service, there is currently a waiting list of passengers wishing to use the service, and hence there is a need to recruit more drivers. If you could help by becoming a volunteer driver please contact Mark Allan (0141 638 3916).

In an effort to accommodate the increased number of passengers, I have been investigating the feasibility of the use of a 16 seat minibus, with electric lift, which is available for use on a Sunday morning. The main challenge is to recruit a small group of drivers who would be able and willing to drive the vehicle on a similar rota basis. For insurance purposes, it is also necessary to have a helper with each driver to assist with passenger safety. If you would be able to help, either as a minibus driver (aged under 70) or as a helper, please contact me on the number listed above or speak to me after the Sunday service.

Mark Allan

KIRK SESSION – WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session met on 3rd February with 54 members attending and they discussed a wide range of issues.

Worship: The Kirk Session noted the very successful Nine Lessons in Carols Service lead by the choir on the 15th December as well as the Family Service and Nativity the following Sunday. In addition the Christmas Eve Christingle Service, Watchnight Service and Christmas Day Service were all warmly appreciated and well supported. The Kirk Session approved the proposal that for this year all Holy Week Services will take place in Greenbank. It was also noted that a series of Sunday Night Lenten Studies focused on, “Exploring the God Question” will commence on Sunday, 1st March.

Outreach: The sale of Christmas cards to raise funds for the Lodging House Mission sold 203 packs of cards in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Greenbank will again provide a team at the Saturday opening of the Lodging House Mission on 18th April. A report was received from the Williamwood House representative noting the many and varied activities over the past few months and the improvements to the fabric of the building. Clarkston Community Choir has restarted its summer session and the summer concert takes place on the 27th May. New members welcome. A report was received from our Age Concern representative which advised that Age Concern was in a good financial position and our representative was a volunteer at one of the three lunch clubs run by Age Concern.

Finance: The Financial Position was updated and it was noted that Offering Income had decreased by 2.7% for the first three weeks of 2020. Proceeds from the fabric element of the annual reappraisal were £8,810 for 183 returns compared to last year’s total of £8,067 for 166 returns. Fabric expenditure since the last report totalled £7,904 all of which related to 2019. Since the last report contributions have been received from The Guild, Friendship Café, Mother and Toddler group, Colour Circle, Sunday Club and Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club. External organisations who use our halls continue to generate useful income towards the upkeep of our halls and enquires for new lets are received regularly. The retiring collections were as follows: Erskine House £295, Missionary Fund £234 and Chas £1,321. Monies raised for the Rice challenge totalled £288 and a further £138 was raised for the Emazinyeni Primary School. In addition the Christmas Fair raised £3,258 for church funds.

Fabric: The Property Convenor advised that the annual Portable Appliance Test on electrical items had been carried out and a new boiler had been installed in the Kitchen to replace the faulty one. In addition repairs had been carried out to the external church floodlighting. The manse cooker and a carpet had been replaced and new vinyl laid.

Fellowship: The Kirk Session received a number of reports including one from the Colour Circle which enjoyed Christmas fun with the Toddlers’ group. They are preparing for their annual art exhibition which is in aid of CHAS. The group is well attended and has a waiting list for new members. Reports were received from the Tuesday and Thursday evening Badminton clubs which are well attended and active in local competitions. Forthcoming events include the Greenbank Players murder mystery nights on 6th and 7th March and the Kirk Session Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st March.

Youth: The Kirk Session received 11 reports from youth organisations and noted the encouraging numbers attending most of them. Bookbug reports an average attendance of 20 adults and 30 under 5’s most weeks and requires one more person to help with the tea rota. Similarly Cosy Café needs a few more volunteers. **If you can help contact the Church Office.**

Legacy: The Kirk Session received an update on the Legacy Project details of which can be found elsewhere in Good Neighbour.

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

The roll at 31st December 2019 was attested at 726 members. The Kirk Session approved a minute confirming adherence to the Safeguarding requirements of the Church of Scotland. Helen Howard was thanked by the Moderator for her service as Presbytery Elder over the past few years. Christina Bryden confirmed by Kirk Session as our Presbytery Elder for 2020/21 and John Bryden as an additional Presbytery Elder. The Kirk Session was advised that our Student Assistant Minister, Steven Owens, would be the recipient of the Fulton Bequest. The Church Transport Convenor brought to the attention of the Session that more drivers were needed and that there was a waiting list for church transport. A number of alternative options are being explored. On a similar note the Christian Aid Representative advised that there were very few volunteers willing to collect door to door in the Parish during Christian Aid Week and further options are being explored. The Session Clerk advised that in the near future, due to falling Kirk Session numbers it would not be possible to visit all Districts and outlined a number of possible solutions. The Kirk Session agreed to consider this over the coming months.

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

MEMBERS’ EMAIL ADDRESSES

The Kirk Session, at the September meeting, agreed to ask members to add their email addresses to the roll records held by the church. This will allow faster communications with members and save on postage.

The data will not be disclosed to third parties.

Could you please send an email to the church office at greenbank.office@tiscali.co.uk along with your name and address to allow us to add your email to our records. Derek Christie (Session Clerk)

WHO DO YOU THINK THEY ARE? (Sunday Club Teachers Part 1)

Name? Sharon Leckie
Over 21 Sadly
Fav food Chinese
Fav TV Crime drama
Fav actor Bette Davis
Fav film Any Bond film
Fav music Coldplay
Fav joke Where are average things made?
The satisfactory!



Name? Lyndsay Hood
Over 21 Big birthday next year!
Fav food Steak and chips
Fav TV ER
Fav actor David Tennant
Fav film Rainman
Fav Music Everything But The Girl
Fav Joke Why did the tap dancer
give up? He kept falling in the sink.



Name? Lynn Armstrong
Over 21 Double it and a wee bit extra
Fav food Chicken satay
Fav TV Madam Secretary
Fav Actor Keanu Reeves
Fav Film Point break
Fav Music Take That
Fav Joke Hear about the policeman's
baby who wouldn't sleep?
He was charged with resisting arrest.



Name? Susan Johnston
Over 21 By a long way
Fav food Pasta
Fav TV Great Bake off
Fav actor Chris Pratt
Fav film Great Escape
Fav Music Pink
Fav Joke Why is it fun to play tricks on Humpty
Dumpty? Because he always falls for it!



LODGING HOUSE MISSION

HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY SERVICE

Lodging House Mission held their annual service to mark Homelessness Sunday at 6.30pm on Sunday, 26th January. This was a very well attended service, at which the guest speaker was The Right Rev Colin Sinclair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The service was led by Claire Herbert, LHM Chaplain, and there was participation by a Congregational Representative, who read the opening prayer; by a Lodging House Mission volunteer, who read a prayer of thanksgiving; by LHM guests who read bible readings; and by the LHM choir, "Mission Voices". The service was held upstairs - the downstairs hall was set out with mattresses on the floor for the Night Shelter visitors.

SATURDAY OPENING

Greenbank will next provide a team at LHM on Saturday, 18 April. The team members will be Susan Johnston, James Roddick, John Bryden and Christine Bryden. We, and LHM, are very grateful to them for giving of their time in this way.

VOLUNTEER COOK REQUIRED

LHM is in need of a cook to help with meal provision on a Saturday. The work involves cooking lunch (and possibly breakfast) in the busy kitchen. Other volunteers will give full assistance. Although LHM is open from 8am until 3pm, hours of work will be adjusted to accommodate your availability. If you are interested, or wish to find out more, please contact, in the first instance, Claire.Herbert@lhm-glasgow.org.uk or Stephen.mitchell@lhm-glasgow.org.uk or telephone 0141 552 0285.

Please consider helping LHM to make a difference.

Thank you,

Alison Allan (638 3916)

FLOWER LIST FOR MARCH 2020

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
1 st March	Pat Gillespie	John & Heather Meek	
8 th March		Sheila Matthews	
15 th March	Time Out	Susan Mowat	Pat Gillespie
22 nd March	Jane Brown	Moirra Innes	Susan Mowat
29 th March	Anne Stewart	Elaine Carr	

Please note:

The Flower Lists for 2020 are 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 in the week prior to this date.

Elizabeth Cross (638 5162)

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

It is a busy time of year for our club – we have just completed a number of gradings where our students were outstanding in their techniques and ability. We also had our Senior Dan grading where we had tremendous success with Helen Buchanan achieving her 3rd Dan, her daughter, Erin, 2nd Dan along with Chris McCabe and finally Lewis Young and Grace Allan (Head Girl at Williamwood High School) achieving 1st Dan. At our Junior Dan grading, Kirsty Kitchin, Ariana Voukelatos and Ruaridh Hamilton achieved their Black Belts.

Over the next few months we have the BKA Kumite (fighting) competition and course, and at club level we have guest instructors with a meditation class with a Buddhist Monk and a class with a Kung Fu Master.

Finally, every year the BKA have a competition to design a calendar (2020) and Ella Wilson (under 16) and Mirin Cowey (senior) won both sections.

Best wishes

John

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets every Thursday night from September to April. We have players of all ages with a junior section as well as seniors. Coaching is available for the juniors. We participate in competitions outside the club for both seniors and juniors. The seniors play in three different leagues - Glasgow, Dumbarton and SNCL. The SNCL is a Scottish league, which is based in Dunfermline and meets four times a year. As well as the obvious chess sets and boards, we are also equipped with chess clocks.

David McDonald

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Illustrating the Bible

Rev Dr Donald Orr

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All welcome



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