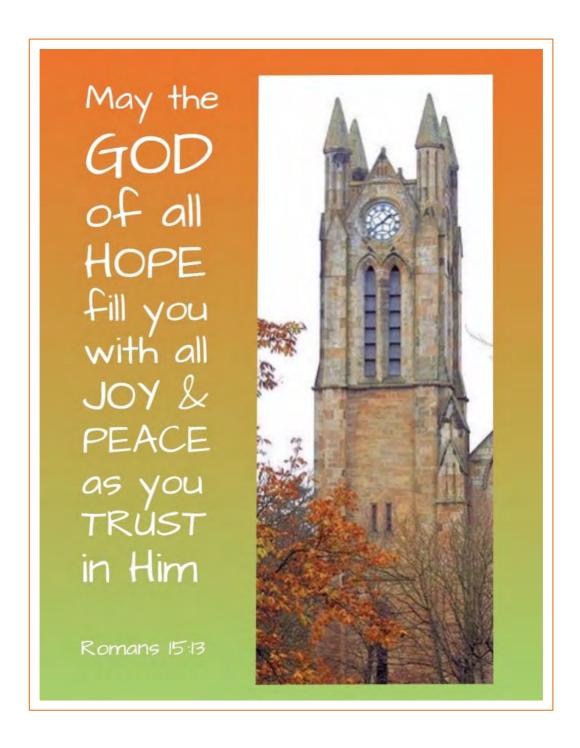
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September 2020



# **Parish Register**

### **DEATHS**

12/8/20 Mrs Elizabeth Carmichael, Clarkston House Care Home, Clarkston

23/8/20 Mr Walter Wilson, Eastwood Court Care Home, Giffnock

Walter Wilson

It is with sadness that we announce that Walter Wilson has died in Eastwood Court Care Home. Walter, an elder of Greenbank for over thirty years, and his wife, Glenys, lived in Mansefield Road for many years during which time Walter was also a dedicated Sunday School teacher. Our thoughts and prayers are with Glenys and the family.

"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



### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**Zoom Services each Sundays** @ **10.30am will continue meantime alongside Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary**. Help would be greatly appreciated to monitor and assess visual presentations [from home] before the start of each service.

The link for Sunday Services is <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/757322655">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/757322655</a> Meeting ID: 757 322 655

SUNDOWN REFLECTIONS on Wednesdays will stop at end of August. It is hoped to start another short evening reflection series on Zoom [possibly on Thursdays at 7pm] from the beginning of October. Participation and contributions from any member of the congregation would be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated – musicals requests/films can be accommodated and put together for anyone wishing to offer a reflection. Please contact the Minister if you would like to take part.

### Services can also be contacted into by phone

Participants can join a Zoom meeting via a traditional phone line. Participants in the Zoom meeting will hear the dial-in participants in exactly the same way as participants who join via a computer or mobile device app.

### To join a Zoom meeting via telephone dial one of the numbers given below

At the prompt, enter the Zoom meeting ID and press #.

Note: If the meeting has not started, you will be prompted to stay on the line until the meeting begins. To disconnect from the meeting, hang up the phone.

+44 330 088 5830 +44 203 481 5240 +44 208 080 6591 +44 131 460 1196 +44 203 481 5237 +44 208 080 6592

[For dialled Numbers: Meeting ID: 215 547 6371 Password: 439890]

Details of how to access worship will also be on Greenbank's Facebook page and website and for further details on how to join zoom view the video at <a href="https://www.greenbankglasgow.our.uk/live">www.greenbankglasgow.our.uk/live</a>

### **MEMBERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES**

The church office now holds the email addresses of many of our members. If we have not yet heard from you we would very much appreciate it if you could spare a minute of your time to send your email address to the church office at: <a href="mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk">office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk</a>

Thank you, Derek Christie Session Clerk

### Dear Friends,

As you know the Kirk Session decided to reopen our church for worship again on 9<sup>th</sup> August and since that time it has been good to worship alongside some familiar [albeit masked] faces in the sanctuary again. Worship is very different to what it used to be, as there is no singing of hymns and reciting the Lord's Prayer aloud during the service. Despite this it is heart-warming to worship together and to have our organist, Peter, playing music for us whilst others are still joining us on the Zoom link from home. I live in hope, that the technology will eventually be mastered to everyone's satisfaction!!

I am grateful to all those who made it possible for the Church to re-open, especially the reopening committee led by our Session Clerk, Derek Christie, and consisting of Douglas Carswell, Malcolm Pickard, Colin McAughtrie and Graham Vance. Special thanks must also go to our cleaner, Lesley Roberts, who thoroughly cleaned and disinfected the church before it reopened and who continues to follow infection prevention and control measures as she cleans the church premises each week.

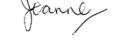
At present the Church of Scotland guidance only allows church premises to open for worship and essential services like after school care and food banks. We are pleased that Clarkston After School Care is now up and running each day in our Session House. They are adhering to stringent infection control procedures and have employed a daily cleaner to clean and disinfect all surfaces with which their group comes into contact.

Until the Church of Scotland guidance changes, groups and organisations who were using church premises at the March lockdown, are not being permitted to meet. As I write, conversations are taking place nationally about how, and when, restrictions can be relaxed. There is a lot to consider and it is becoming clear that even when restrictions are lifted, we won't simply be going back to the same church we had to retreat from in March. Some groups won't return; others will need to find new members and volunteers and our church's financial situation will need to improve, not just so we can get back to where we were, but so we can get back to where we need to be, if we are to move positively into the future. The direction our church will take, or need to take in future, will inevitably bring about changes beyond our control and we will also be faced with important decisions about changes to our Church buildings.

"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for" These words were written by the prophet Jeremiah about 2600 years ago to Babylonian exiles to encourage them to make a fresh start in Babylon. Remarkably, they believed Jeremiah's words and chose to make a fresh start and because of that decision the Judaism known today can be dated back to that time.

We find ourselves in times that could be likened to those of the Babylonian exiles, that is, in a place where we never expected to be. Yet we also find ourselves in a place where we are also being shown new innovative ways of worshipping and being the church in this 21st Century.

None of us know for certain what the future holds, but Jeremiah's words encourage us to see God's hope and promise in the place we now find ourselves. So may we be enabled, each in our different ways, to build together for the future God intends for Greenbank, open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and guided by the love of Jesus Christ, May God hold you and keep you safe.



### SATURDAY MORNING [BREAKFAST] BOOK CLUB

Following on from his book *The Invisible Church*, which the Saturday Morning Book Club read last year, Steve Aisthorpe has written a new book focused on the ecological concept of rewilding, an approach to the environment that allows nature to break free from the dulling effects of strategic control and bring wonder back into our lives.

Applying this thinking to the Church, Steve Aisthorpe imagines what might happen if we put less faith in our strategies and plans and resources, and allow the Spirit to lead us beyond our capacity to imagine. *Rewilding the Church* explores afresh the invitation of Jesus to 'Follow me' and the call to 'throw off everything that hinders and entangles'. It poses questions and issues a call to contribute to the great rewilding of the Church – and to be rewilded ourselves as we rediscover the adventure of faith.



Steve Aisthorpe is one the most original voices in the Church of Scotland today and we are delighted that he will be joining us to introduce his book at our first Zoom meeting on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. [8.50am for a chat and breakfast!!!].

Copies of the book can be purchased on the Amazon website or through St Andrews Press.

Future informal meetings to reflect on the reading of 'Rewilding the Church' will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 5<sup>th</sup> December at the same time.

The Zoom link is <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87333544421">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87333544421</a> ID: 873 3354 4421

The Book Club is open to everyone - bring your own breakfast refreshments!! Look forward to seeing you there.

# **Prayer Diary**

I can hear September's leaf following down the asphalt surface of Locust Street cartwheeling on pins when suddenly, it stops - just to see if I'll turn to look. (Unknown)



If I had to choose one word to describe this summer, I think it would be 'quiet'. It became normal to drive with hardly any traffic - not to have to stop at a junction, or to get onto a roundabout. When more people were finally able to get out it was strange having to go back to busyness. When the schools went back and there was lots of childish chatter as they headed home, it seemed very noisy and strange. I hope you have all found time to relax, and plenty of things to keep you busy too.

Things still feel strange. This month usually sees everything getting into full swing and, although we are heading in the right direction, there are still so many things which still aren't possible or are restricted.

Please say thank you for absolutely everyone who stayed at home and followed the guidelines to help bring us as far on as we are now. We have, of course, always been saying thank you for all the NHS staff and other carers, all those striving to find a viable vaccine, and the many, many others who have kept things ticking over and help out in whatever way they can.

Please also say thank you for Jeanne, who mastered new skills so that we've had the opportunity to stay connected. Ask that the time when we will all be able to come together again is not too far in the future.

Pray now that we don't let our guard down too soon, as Covid-19 is still alive and well. Pray that countries the world over will be willing to share their research and findings so that we can truly get on top of this virus. Pray that politics will take a back seat when millions of lives are on the line.

Please also take time to remember that while Covid-19 has seemed to be all-consuming, all the other problems of everyday life are still all around us. Keep in your prayers everyone who has lost a loved one for whatever reason; all those who are sick or dying; all those who have lost a job or their income; all those who are struggling to cope; those who don't have enough to eat, or a roof over their heads; those who are feeling disconnected and alone.

And finally ask, although we cannot know God's plans for us, that he looks after us, giving us peace of mind and strength to endure whatever comes our way.

"When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too." (From The Alchemist - Paulo Coelho)

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you need prayer for yourself, a loved one or a friend requests can be sent to our Minister, Rev. Jeanne Roddick at <u>JRoddick@churchofscotland.org.uk</u> or the Church Secretary at <u>office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk</u> Alternatively, you can phone our Prayer Promoter, Gillian Foy. Those for whom prayers have been requested will be prayed for throughout the following month by members of the Prayer Group.

Gillian Foy (0141 638 6245)

### **GREENBANK OFFICE**

Jane Mayer, our Church Secretary, is currently working from home and can be contacted at the new church email address: <a href="mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk">office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk</a> If you have any queries about anything to do with church please feel free to contact Jane or our minister Jeanne at 0141 644 1395 or <a href="mailto:jroddick@churchofscotland.org.uk">jroddick@churchofscotland.org.uk</a>

# **News and Updates**

### **ED LINES**

Hi Folks,

Back again! Hope you've all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Although it has been different, some things have remained the same. The weather's been rubbish since the children stopped school for their summer holidays. Hopefully it will turn again and we'll get some decent weather when they start back! That will suit me because as this magazine is being printed Stephen and I will be away in the caravan somewhere near Hastings. I hope the only battle there will have been the one in 1066 as I don't fancy battling through wind and rain to put up the awning! We're fortunate that we've managed to get away this year. Others have struggled to get a holiday and some are still struggling to get rebates for lost holidays from holiday companies, though fair's fair, it's been difficult for them too. Not knowing where's open, where you can fly to, or if you will have to quarantine on your return has put a spanner in the works for many. We visited Chester for a week back in July. Caravan sites were beginning to open and things starting to get back to normal. We went to Wales for the day, which was still closed. However they opened up two days after we left. Maybe they were trying to tell us something?!

Things are beginning to return to normal. It's taken a while but we're getting there. The Church opened its doors for the first time at the beginning of the month. Admittedly there are some stringent regulations in place; a strict limit on numbers, a one-way system and no singing, though in my case that might not be a bad thing. The Halls aren't open yet but hopefully they won't be too far behind. I'm sure I'm not the only one that longs to be "singing gladly as we worship the Lord together" and hearing the laughter and joyful voices of the children resounding through the church again.

In the outside world things should start to return to normal. There will be inquiries, reviews and inquests. Harsh words and insults will be thrown about like confetti. The blame game will start, and questions of who did, or didn't do what, where, why and when will need to be answered; but without the gift of hindsight, the governments and politicians of all countries made their decisions for better or worse.

Now we all have had 2020 vision, it's safe to say it's been a rough year. We've been there, we've lived through it and now we need to move on. Getting back to school and to church is a start but we need to continue to go forward and rebuild with confidence.

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go".

So tread onward Christian soldiers! . . . but carefully!!

Alison

# ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER PLEASE



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULTIONS



Congratulations to Alan and Sandra Williams on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Alan and Sandra were married in Greenbank Church on 2nd July 1970 by Sandra's uncle, the Rev Jack Lee. Unfortunately at that time Mr Fulton was in hospital. Their reception was held at The Stuart Hotel in East Kilbride. Bridesmaids were Sandra's sister, Trish, Alan's two sisters, Babs and Hazel and Sandra's friend, Aileen. Their page boy was Tom Young. The Best Man was Alan's friend Dougie Edwards. Both Trish and Babs competed in the Edinburgh Commonweath Games, where Babs wona silver medal for fencing. Also one of the ushers competed in the Triple Jump. Guess where the second week of our honeymoon was spent?





Ruby Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Stewart and Christine Miller. Stewart and Christine were married in the local Newmilns Church, Ayrshire by the Rev Edward Hewitt who was assisted by Rev Dr Angus T Stewart on probably the warmest day of the summer on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1980. The new Mr and Mrs Miller (nee Lang) then went to the Howard Park Hotel in Kilmarnock (since demolished) for their reception and the one memory most folk had was the heat in the hotel when they had to throw open all the hotel doors.

They stayed the night at the MacDonald Hotel, Eastwood Toll (also since demolished) before travelling on to spend a couple of days in London and then a week in the Admiral Hotel, Ostend, in Belgium (hopefully still standing).

They arrived home hoping all the summer farm work was finished but it had rained every day since they'd left so although they had 10 days holiday, the work was still waiting for them at home!!

### **ZOOM FOR NON-INTERNET HOMES**

I wanted to make you aware, if you are not already, that it is possible to use a smart phone as a WiFi hotspot. This provides an internet source if there is not already one in the home, and allows you to stream zoom from another device eg. iPad, laptop etc which has a bigger screen. I've recently been able to use my phone to run my iPad in my parents' home, thereby giving them the zoom video experience of the Greenbank online service.

I am currently on a PAYG tariff with Three, and have noted that the cost is approximately £3 per service. If you have a contract, your data allowance may cover this. I'm by no means an expert on this, but found it very easy to set up on my own phone.

You may find this helpful, allowing you to connect to our service with the help of a family member, or to share our service, or other zoom meetings, with friends, family, or neighbours who are perhaps not digitally connected.

Don't forget that it is also possible to connect to our Sunday service and Wednesday reflections by dialling in on a landline.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like any help with this.

Alison Allan (07779914364) alison.allan@ntlworld.com

### **THE GUILD**

With regret we have to announce that the Guild will not be holding any meetings until (we hope!) January 2021. It was felt that it would be very difficult for the Guild to comply with all the regulations now in force re Coronavirus. This has been a very trying few months for most of us but hopefully, if we continue to obey the rules, the situation will continue to improve. We have provisionally booked our Christmas Lunch at Cathcart Castle Golf Club for Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, but confirmation of this will be given nearer the time.

Sunshine Bags were not all delivered before Lockdown. The Guild depends on the income from these to give money to the Church and to the many charities we support. If you would care to make a donation in lieu of the sunshine bag, please put this in an envelope and post it through the halls' letter box marked, "Guild Sunshine Bag" and it will be passed on to us. If you did receive a bag, please hand this in to the Church during October. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Enid Dron** 

### DISTRICT ELDER INFORMATION

Kate Sanderson is now the district elder for members in Hillend Crescent and Beechlands Drive. Those members in Victoria Crescent who were formerly in Kate's district are now in Elizabeth Wishart's district and those members in Carolside Avenue and Busby Road who were also formerly in Kate's district are now in Marie Forster's district.

### **SUMMER OUIZZES**

Many thanks to Greenbank's quiz mistress of the year Jill Liddell who helped stimulate the old grey matter by keeping us all entertained and amused with the monthly quiz. The June quiz was won by Alan and Sandra Williams and the July quiz by the Howard family. Now, I don't want to take anything away from them or cast aspersions but they did have three in their team!!!

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR 2020**

Regrettably we have to let you know that the decision has been taken to cancel this year's Christmas Fair. We know how much everyone looks forward to the annual Christmas Fair but I am sure you will all agree that this is the correct decision in these uncertain times.

We look forward to holding the event next year.

Eleanor Johnstone and Anna Martin

### TIME OUT

Time Out has had a few "social distancing" meetings in our gardens when the weather has permitted. With the midges out and the nights drawing in, we will need to have a rethink! Do not hesitate to contact Moira McAldine (<a href="mailto:busymoira@aol.com">busymoira@aol.com</a>) or Sharon Mitchell (<a href="mailto:sharonemitchell@hotmail.co.uk">sharonemitchell@hotmail.co.uk</a>) if you want to be kept up to date with our plans.

### THE WALKING GROUP

The walking group walks programme has been cancelled this year.

This will be reviewed in 2021 and any walks will be advertised in Good Neighbour.

At this time, due to the coronavirus, organisations are unable to meet in the church halls, apart from Clarkston After School Care. Where appropriate some organisations are meeting online. Members of organisations should keep in touch with their organisations direct though we will try to update news of restarts each month in Good Neighbour.

### **WHAT'S ON SHEET 2020/21**

Minister	Rev. Jeanne Roddick, <u>iroddick@churchofscotland.org</u>	<u>ı.uk</u> 644 1395
Session Clerk	Derek Christie, 14 Greenhill Avenue, G46	638 0044
Depute Session Clerk	Peter Liddell, 9 Sunnyside Drive	638 7870
Treasurer	Alistair Smith, alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com	571 2676
Organist	Peter Howard, 80 Camphill Avenue, G41	3848181
Church Officer	John Meek, 34 Eaglesham Rd	644 2839
Church Secretary	Jane Mayer, office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk	644 1841
Church halls phone number		644 4878
Kirk Session Coordinators:		
Legacy Group	Gordon Dickson, g.c.a.dickson@btinternet.com	638 3226
Stewardship	Graham Vance, 9 Beechlands Drive	616 3009
Outreach	Ronnie McNeill, 38 Hillend Road	577 6503
Fellowship	Lindy Dallas, <u>lindy.dallas@btopenworld.com</u>	638 2362
Worship	Jane Livingston, 23A The Dell, G77	586 6272
Youth	Hilary Carswell hilary.carswell@strath.ac.uk	07796 465812
Child Protection	Graeme Rae, 108 Hillend Crescent	07748 068832
Befrienders	Jane Livingston, 23A The Dell, G77	586 6272
Christian Aid Reps:	Mark Allan, mark.allan3600@ntlworld.com	638 3916
	Ron Livingston, 17 Beech Crescent, G77	639 2798
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Prayer Promoter	Gillian Foy, 65 Greenwood Road	638 6245
Property Convener	Douglas Carswell, <u>doug.carswell@gmail.com</u>	07747 873468
Publicity Convener	Jill Liddell, 9 Sunnyside Drive	638 7870
Scripture Union Rep	Ron Livingston, 17 Beech Crescent, G77	639 2798
The Eco Team	Grace Paterson, 120 Kilpatrick Gardens	638 6350
W F O Convener	Colin McAughtrie, 6 Stewart Drive	638 1051
Sunday Club Departments		
Sunday Club Superintendent	Helen Howard, <u>h.howard@ntlworld.com</u>	585 7909
Crèche:	Wendy Fisher, 156 Busby Road	585 3440
Mini Trailblazers (Age 3-5)	Sharon Leckie, 110 Hillend Crescent	577 5534
Trailblazers (P1- P4)	Lynn Armstrong, 64 Hillend Road	571 3187
Sunday Squad (P5 - P7)	Sheena Hamilton, 61 Greenwood Road	585 3775
Jam Youth Group (S1)	Susan Johnston <u>susan.c.johnston@hotmail.co.uk</u>	07584 091745

# WHAT'S ON SHEET [CONT'D] 2020/21

<u>Pre-School</u>		
Toddlers' Group (Tuesday)	greenbanktoddlergroup@gmail.com	
Book Bug	Elizabeth Wishart <u>lizabethwishart@gmail.com</u>	644 4471
Moo Music (Tues afternoon)	Annie Wilson, annie@moo-music.co.uk	07951 355913
Boys' Brigade		
B.B. Company Section (Fri/Sat)	Iain McCulloch, 12 Knollpark Drive	638 5496
B.B. Junior Section (Wed)	John Meek, 34 Eaglesham Road	644 2839
B.B. Anchor Boys (Thurs)	Stephen Bisset, 9 Knollpark Drive	638 8214
B.B. Parents' Committee	John Meek, 34 Eaglesham Road	644 2839
B.B. Ex-Members' Assoc.	Chris Adam, 2 Kirkhill Gate, G77 5RH	616 0112
Rainbows/Brownies/Guides		
1st Clarkston Rainbows (Wed)	Carole Shields, 3 Rozelle Place, G77	616 3269
2nd Clarkston Rainbows (Tues)	June Lamont, 74 Lochlea, Calderwood, G74	07964 442417
1 <sup>st</sup> Brownies	Kerry Preece, <u>kerryp2000@googlemail.com</u>	07738 399557
1st A Brownies (Thurs)	Julia Sagasti, 22 Craighill Drive	07851034612
1st Guides (Mon)	Emma Hunter, <u>1stclarkstonguides@gmail.com</u>	638 4794
3rd A Clarkston	K. McCormick,kirstenmccormick@hotmail.co.uk	07450 374805
Guides & Brownies (Tues)	Laura Goodwin, lauragoodwin 1@live.co.uk	
Young People		
Clarkston After School Services	s Lesley Manson, <u>lesleymanson@clarkstonafterscho</u>	ool.com
Cosy Cafe (Fridays)	office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk	644 1841
Messy Church	Lorna Preece, 638 6157	07970 192541
SNAP CommunityYouth Club	Hilary Carswell, <u>hilary.carswell@strath.ac.uk</u>	07796 465812
<u>Adults</u>		
Badminton Club (Tues/Thurs)	Laura Williamson, lawilliamson@btinternet.com	07704 988528
Bushido Karate (Sat) (all ages)	John Elliot, <u>johnbka@virginmedia.com</u>	07788 418421
Chess Club (Thurs pm)	David McDonald, 76 Beechlands Drive	07836 650492
Choir (Thurs evening)	Peter Howard, 80 Camphill Avenue, G41	384 8181
Colour Circle	Anna Maclure, 39 Mansefield Road	571 0756
Community Choir (Wed pm)	Richard Scholfield, <u>richard.scholfield@yahoo.com</u>	07519 626373
Friendship Café	Blair Miller, 23 Viaduct Road	577 5449
Greenbank Players (Mon pm)	Diana Sim, 160 Hillside Road, G43	632 2795
G.bank Runners (Mon 6.30pm)	Alan Veitch, alan@partnersoft.co.uk	07872 124023
G.bank Walkers (Tues 7pm)	Evelyn Clelland <u>evelynclelland@hotmail.co.uk</u>	07762 065507
Keep Fit Mon pm/Thurs am	Lorna Preece, 45 Mansefield Crescent	638 6157
Ladies Badminton (Thurs)	Margaret Kennedy, <u>kennedym55@icloud.com</u>	07806 434321
The Film Society	Jim Guy, 1 The Beeches, Ayr Road, G77	390 9453
The Guild (Wed 2.15pm)		
Secretary:	Enid Dron, 25 Castle Court, 3 Broomhill Ave G77	639 8482
Syllabus:	Muriel Beaton, 34 Victoria Crescent	577 6195
Time Out	Moira McAldine, 140 Hillend Crescent	07793 252138
Yoga (Mon am)	Emma Field, emandmo@yahoo.co.uk	
Yoga (Tues pm/Fri am)	Lynsey McFarlane, <u>ltmcfarlane121@gmail.com</u>	07900 243466





















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# Young People's Page



### Hi Guys

Christopher Robin Milne, was born on 21st of August 1920 in Chelsea in London. Who, I hear you ask was Christopher Robin? Well, he was the son of A.A. Milne the author of "Winnie the Pooh". A.A. Milne got his inspiration for "Winnie the Pooh" from Christopher's toys. Christopher received a teddy bear for his first birthday called Edward Bear. It was renamed Winnie-the-Pooh after a Canadian black bear at London Zoo called Winnipeg and a swan in West Sussex called Pooh. Eeyore, Piglet, Tigger, Kanga and Roo, Winnie's best pals, were also Christopher's toys.



They shared many adventures together. In the stories, Winnie the Pooh is a honey-loving bear who lives in the Hundred Acre Wood. His friends are Eeeyore, a gloomy grey donkey, Piglet, a timid pig, Owl, a wise old bird, the nosey Rabbit and Kanga, the kangaroo, whose baby, Roo, lives in her pouch. I must admit though my favourite is the bouncy Tigger, and the wonderful about tiggers is tiggers are wonderful things! Pooh, gets himself into all kinds of sticky situations, like when he uses a balloon to pretend to be a cloud so he can get to the top of a honey tree. However, if it wasn't for Pooh we wouldn't have the fun of playing poohsticks! Pooh is second top of the bears' popularity list, just beaten to the title by Paddington and closely followed by Baloo, Rupert and Yogi but I think he's definitely the cuddliest! See you guys later. I'm off to throw some twigs into a stream!

### Al the Ed

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1. Teddy bears get their name from USA President, Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt.
- 2. Steiff made the first bear in 1902.
- 3. The furthest travelled bear was Magellan T Bear. Who went on the Space Shuttle in 1995.
- 4. The biggest teddy bear is massive. It's 55 feet tall.
- 5. A person who loves collecting teddy bears is called an Arctophile, this comes from the Greek words arctos (bear) and philos (loving/fond of).
- 6. English writer Robert Southey wrote 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' in 1834.
- 7. Prince Charles, allegedly still keeps his on his bed.
- 8. The record price for a teddy bear is \$2.1 million.
- 9. The tune of the Teddy Bears' Picnic was written in 1907 by American composer John W Bratton, although it took another 30 years for British writer Jimmy Kennedy to write the words.
- 10. A group of teddy bears is called a hug. Awwww!!!!

### **BEAR LAUGHS**

- Q. What bear goes around scaring other animals?
- A. Winnie the Boo!
- Q. What do you call a bear with no ear?
- A R
- Q. What do you call a bear with no teeth?
- A. A gummy bear!
- Q. Why did the bear cross the road?
- A. Because the chicken was on holiday!

### FIND THE WORDS

Pooh Tigger Piglet Owl Kanga Roo Rabbit Eeyore Paddington Baloo Rupert Yogi Christopher Robin Winnipeg

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Hi everyone,

This has been a strange summer, hasn't it? I think that the weather forgot it was summer too, as we seemed to have a lot of rain, especially during the school holidays!!

Most of you will be back at school now, and I hope that you are enjoying being able to be back together with your friends there, especially those you hadn't seen for a while.

If you have started at a new school, as a P1 or S1, or if you have moved house, I hope that you are getting used to the different adults, buildings and routines, and it's not seeming so strange as it did at first.

Some of you are also changing what section of Sunday Club you go to.

Sheena, Lorna and Sunday Squad are looking forward to welcoming Jenna Gow, and Susan and JAM, are looking forward to welcoming Grace Bradshaw, Leah Gall, Catriona Rae and Millie Simpson.

I saw this prayer on the Greenbank Facebook page recently and really liked it. I hope you do too.

Helen

### Dear Lord,

As our children go off to school, college or university, give them enquiring minds and discerning hearts, give them courage to persevere in all they undertake, give them the gift of joy and wonder in all things, give them laughter and love to share with all, give them protection and safety as they move out of our embrace, give them sure and certain knowledge of your unfailing love.

Amen

Diary

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August Trailblazers, Sunday Squad & JAM online at 11.15 am Sundays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> September: Trailblazers & Sunday Squad online at 11.15 am

JAM online at 11.45am

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Holiday



Although this is the first ever summer we have spent in 'lockdown' we have been making the most of it! Each Friday, we have been enjoying a family day out and have been exploring the great outdoors. We enjoyed a day at Culzean Castle featuring a picnic in the car due to the rain! We had a lovely time at Dean Castle in Kilmarnock and really enjoyed the adventure playground there. In 26 degree heat we enjoyed a fantastic morning at Chatelherault in Hamilton and we walked our socks off before enjoying some cake. We still plan to visit Calderglen Park and make the most of the final days of the holidays before returning to school. The best thing about the holidays has been a break from Google Classrooms and being able to see our family and friends again which has been wonderful!

Millie, Harris and Ella Simpson

On my holidays I went to Alton Towers (a theme park). My favourite part was getting a present for my big sister. I watched my brother and dad on the big scary rides. I went on a train roller coaster ride but I came off crying because I did not like it!

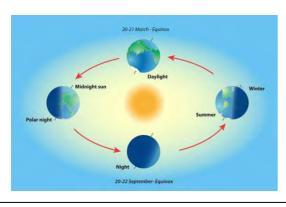
Sophie Buchan (I don't blame you Sophie, I don't like them either!!)



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lewis Creighton, Tom Lord & Ella Simpson



### **AUTUMN CHALLENGE**



The **autumnal equinox** happens twice a year when the sun is in line with equator making day and night equal lengths. The word equinox comes from two Latin words meaning equal night. In the Northern Hemisphere where Scotland is, this happens around September 22, while in the Southern Hemisphere where Australia it happens on March 20 or 21. (This date is the beginning of our Spring.)

Some people believe that on the days of the equinox you can stand an egg on its end without it falling over. Most people believe it's not possible. Try it out for yourself and if it works – without cheating – take a photo and let us know

### **LODGING HOUSE MISSION**

### **SUMMER FUNDRAISING**

Our summer fundraising for LHM has been a wonderful success, thanks to our enthusiastic participants and generous sponsors. Events to date have been a zoom quiz on 16th July, hosted by Susan Johnston; a 12 mile sponsored walk around East Renfrewshire on 18th July by Mark and me; a 30 mile cycle around East Renfrewshire on 21st July by Heather Allan; the climbing of Beinn Narnain on 31st July by Kate, Eve, and Scott Sanderson (see photo); and zoom quizzes on 2nd and 3rd August for family, friends and the Clarkston Community Choir, hosted by Jeanne and Graham. Our fundraising target of £1,500 has been exceeded, and at the time of writing, we have collectively raised the fantastic sum of £2,335.68, which becomes £2,757.04 with Gift Aid!



Thank you to everyone who has contributed, showing what a great team we are at Greenbank, and that even when we are apart we can do something amazing together.

### **SUNDAY DONATIONS**

LHM has been extremely grateful for our weekly donations of provisions and toiletries. These are used to supply the homeless community who have been housed in hotels during the coronavirus pandemic. Thanks to all who have donated; supervised the donation trolley outside the Link Building; and delivered our donations to LHM at the end of each week.

Please see the letter of thanks below for our donations and fundraising.

# Opening Doors to a brighter future for Glasgow's Homeless

5<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Alison,

Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission

I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you personally to express my sincerest gratitude for all that you and the congregation at Greenbank Parish do in support of our work here at Lodging House Mission.

At the time of writing, I note that your fundraising efforts on our behalf (at Virgin Money Giving) have now reached a total of £2,220 (exclusive of Gift aid) and which is already 148% of the target figure of £1,500. This is a really fantastic achievement and gesture and, of course, only a part of the support that Greenbank affords us. We are thankful too for the now weekly drop offs of food and toiletries that help us with the making up of emergency packs that we in turn supply to our frontline partner to deliver to those in need. In this regard, it has been lovely



getting to know some of the fellow parishioners who are involved in these drop offs: Scott and Kate (10/7); Susan and her son Matthew (17/7) see photo; Jill (24/7) and Kate and her son Keir (30/7). Truly, 'the Lord loves a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9:7) and the cheerful giving from Greenbank has clearly been in evidence! It is great to see such faith in action manifesting in these very practical and tangible ways in support of our mission.

We are thankful too for the congregation's ongoing prayers for our work and for those whom we seek to serve. Be assured of ours too for you, and all the good folks at Greenbank.

May the Lord richly bless and keep you all through these difficult and challenging times.

Yours sincerely, Stephen Mitchell Manager

### **SALE OF GREETINGS CARDS**

You may remember that, prior to lock down, greetings cards were being sold after church each Sunday to raise funds for LHM. Lodging House Mission was recently very grateful to receive our donation of £57.81, raised by those card sales. The letter of thanks can be found on the next page.

# Opening Doors to a brighter future for Glasgow's Homeless

27th July 2020

Dear Alison.

Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission



I am writing to acknowledge and thank you, and the congregation of Greenbank Church for their thoughtful donation of £57.81 raised through sales of greeting cards, to assist us in our work with homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded persons at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow. Throughout this Covid-19 pandemic, our service has continued to adapt and take account of changing Government guidance.

At LHM, we seek to make a positive impact on the lives of those who are homeless, vulnerable and socially isolated. We are doing so through our Chaplaincy phone line (07864 705 668) which aims to help combat the stress of social isolation and provide access to wider support services. Our dedicated volunteer team who continue, as we have done throughout the pandemic, to prepare emergency food parcels and essential toiletries packs to be distributed to those most in need through our frontline agency partners. We have a meal voucher scheme in operation, which is accessible through the Simon Community and Glasgow City Mission's Street outreach teams, making sure no one on the streets needs to go without a hot meal. We continue to monitor the provision of temporary accommodation for homelessness as current government funding comes to an end in August. We continue with God's grace to seek new and creative ways to meet the Mission aims.

We know none of this would be possible if it were not for the generous donations and prayers of support from congregations such as yourselves, so please accept our heartfelt thanks and know how encouraged we feel. May God bless you as you have blessed the least of these brothers and sisters of Christ. (Matthew 25:40)

Yours sincerely,

Deacon Claire Herbert Chaplain LHM



### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR LODGING HOUSE MISSION

will take place outside the Link Building of the Church every Sunday from 12 noon to 1pm.



During this hour donations can be made of the following items which the LHM is running short of:

### TOILETRIES (all for males)

Shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, shaving foam, disposable razors, wet wipes / baby wipes. LHM were also supplying, up until recently, lightweight scarves that could be used for face shielding but the supply is now exhausted and so they will now be buying face masks instead – donations of new face coverings welcome.

### **FOOD ITEMS**

Tinned potatoes, tinned meals (example, macaroni & cheese or minced beef & onion, or beans & sausages etc.) tinned meat, jars of pasta sauce (but not the pasta itself), cereal, biscuits, cup-a-soups, pot noodles, coffee, tinned veg (but not beans).

Social distancing measures will apply in all instances. Gloves and sanitiser will also be available.

Volunteers are required at Greenbank on a rota basis to supervise the collections on Sundays between 12 noon and 1pm. Volunteers are also required to deliver collected food to LHM (Thursday or Friday of the same week before 3pm). Please get in touch with the church secretary at: <a href="mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk">office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk</a> if you can:

- Supervise the collection on a Sunday [on a rota basis].
- Collect items from Link building and deliver them to LHM [on a rota basis].

Any queries about these arrangements should be directed to the church office or by telephoning the Minister at 644 1395. The Church Officer should not be contacted at this time. Thank you.

### THE LATEST LHM UPDATE FROM CLAIRE HERBERT, LHM CHAPLAIN:

# Opening Doors to a brighter future for Glasgow's Homeless



35 East Campbell Street. Glasgow G1 5DT I. 0141 552 0285 e: enquiries@thm-glasgow.org.u

Dear Supporters,

As our churches begin to consider the steps to take towards opening up and programmes are being drawn up for the year ahead in organisations, such as the Guild, here is what is going on at LHM.

Here at LHM we are preparing and planning, as best we can, for the next steps. The continuation of temporary housing support for the homeless via Government funding is uncertain but we shall continue to respond dynamically to the unfolding situation by delivering pastoral, advocacy and sustenance support wherever we can.

Many of you will be aware, through our daily updates on our Facebook page that we continue to provide food and toiletries parcels to the frontline street outreach teams from our partner agencies. If you have not visited our page we would encourage you to 'like' and 'share' and help us to raise awareness of all the work going on to make a difference in the lives of individuals with a lived experience of homelessness across the city.

We ask for your continued prayers for:

- The Lodging House Mission Family; our staff team, our dedicated volunteers and our agency partners during this transition time.
- Our vulnerable client group, who face uncertain futures.
- Wisdom and compassion from those in positions of authority as they consider amending the temporary housing support for the homeless.
- Our wider church family and decision makers, as they consider what form Harvest worship and collections may take this year.

Let us look to the assurance of God's blessings amidst all the uncertainty.

Deacon Claire Herbert, Chaplain LHM

### **HARVEST**

The Harvest Appeal this year will take the form of a request for a financial donation. Please see the appeal below. Donations may be made via the LHM website

<u>www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk</u> (Click on the donate button. You will then be able to donate via Virgin money giving or Pay pal) or please make cheques payable to: Lodging House Mission and send to Lodging House Mission, 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow G1 5DT.

Thank you, Alison Allan

# LHM HARVEST APPEAL 2020 This coming Harvest-time, our LHM Harvest Appeal looks a little different, due to current restrictions placed upon us by the Covid-19 Pandemic and also due to limited storage availability within our Upper Sanctuary because of imminent building improvements works. OF COURSE THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT THE NEED TO FEED THE HUNGRY HAS DIMINISHED. SADLY NOT Congregation members are respectfully invited to make a financial donation to LHM, equivalent to the value of what they may otherwise have brought as harvest gifts to Church in normal times. All proceeds will be used to buy food to enable us to continue feeding the hungry throughout the autumn and winter in compliance with changing, Covid-related restrictions. Payments may be made online through our website or can be sent to our office at 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow G1 5DT Thank you Scottish Charity No SC017283

### **SUNDAY CLUB & JAM**

Sunday Club & JAM continued to meet separately online during May and June, but took a break over the usual school holiday period.

Despite not having our usual prize giving ceremony in church, we ensured that each member of Sunday Club and JAM received a Certificate of Attendance for Session 2019–2020. Children due to move on from Trailblazers to Sunday Squad, and from Sunday Squad to JAM will do so as normal.

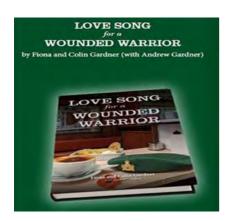
Sheena, Lorna and the Sunday Squad are looking forward to welcoming Jenna Gow, and Susan and JAM are looking forward to welcoming Grace Bradshaw, Leah Gall, Catriona Rae and Millie Simpson.

At the time of writing, we continue to await guidance as to when we will be able to return to meeting in the church halls. From Sunday 23rd August, we will meet again online via Zoom, after the morning service. Further details are on the Youth Page.

All the adults at Sunday Club look forward to being able to see our children and young people again on Zoom until we are able to meet again in person.

Helen Howard Sunday Club Superintendent

### LOVE SONG FOR A WOUNDED WARRIOR



We hear about soldiers facing war situations, but seldom hear their stories once they have returned to civilian life. This book is about one veteran and his family and the struggles he faced to live with his injuries to body and spirit. It asks how we can better support veterans as they reintegrate back into society. We train them for war, but what do we do when they return?

You are warmly invited to read this story.

Copies at £10 can be obtained from the author at <a href="mailto:woundedwarriorfg@gmail.com">woundedwarriorfg@gmail.com</a> or at 76 Victoria Park Drive North, Glasgow, G14
9PJ or from

https://buy.sanctusmedia.com/store/collections/handsel-press-store
All proceeds of the book go to charity split equally between Epilepsy
Connections and The Coming Home Centre, Govan

This book was written by Fiona Gardner whom many of us will remember from her time as assistant minister at Greenbank. Link to purchase is:

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### FREEWILL OFFERINGS DURING LOCKDOWN

Dear Friends,

Following the notice in the April Good Neighbour, a number of you have responded by remitting funds to the church, and I would like to thank you all for doing this. It is a great help to our church's finances at this time. There are two ways in which you can maintain your freewill offerings to the church during this period:

The first, and best way if possible, is to make a direct payment into the Church's bank account, putting your freewill offering number in the payment reference box. For those wishing to do this, please email me at: alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com and I will supply you with the church's bank account details.

Alternatively, you can send me a cheque made out to Greenbank Parish Church with your freewill offering number, and I will post it into our bank with other cheques received.

Following the responses to date, I am collating these on a weekly basis and sending these off to our bank.

My address is 26 Stewart Drive, Clarkston G76 7EZ.

Thank you for your support.

### Request from the Treasurer

If the last three digits of your eight digit bank account number are 268 can you please contact me as there is a query we have been unable to resolve.

My contact details are: telephone number 0141 571 2676, or mobile 07917 711 459 or email address:

alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com

Thanks,

Alistair Smith, Treasurer

### **FUNDRAISING FOR COSTA RICA** - running a marathon over 24 hours.

Next summer, Jill Carswell is going to volunteer in a small town called Quepos, in Costa Rica where she will be renovating schools. She is going with an organisation called Global Vision International, which aims to support and



promote the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This trip focuses on Quality Education. In Quepos, she will be doing basic maintenance to classrooms and playgrounds, building construction from scratch and renovation work, floor laying, painting and brightening up the classrooms with artwork. The overall goal is to make a long lasting difference to the community by improving access to education and wellness for Quepos community, increase environmental awareness in the local community, and improve English literacy levels in Quepos community and surrounded areas.

Jill, Steven and 2 friends took on the challenge of running 1.1 miles every hour for 24 hours. The aim was to run a marathon over 24 hours. They have completed 26 miles in 4hrs 17 mins actual running time over

24 hours, an amazing achievement. Thank you to all who sponsored them. If you would like to donate the link is below. https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraising-for-volunteering-in-costa-

rica?utm source=customer&utm medium=copy link&utm campaign=p cf+share-flow-1

### **CHRISTIAN AID**

The Clarkston and District Christian Aid committee held its first Zoom committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at which a number of matters were discussed. The annual Art Exhibition and sale, which took place one week before lockdown in March produced a profit of £3500 from the sale of the artists' work and other income from the event. Inevitably, the event was affected by the reduced attendance due to people concerned about the possible implications for them from attending an indoor event with many other people. Despite the numbers being down it was still an event which was much enjoyed by those who made it along and made a very worthwhile contribution to the ongoing work of Christian Aid.

Although the normal door to door collections for the annual Christian Aid Week were not possible this year, a sum of £810 was donated via the Greenbank Church online Just Giving page, as well as a further £166 from cash and cheques. Netherlee and Stamperland donated £5500 from their own reserves to match their collection figure from 2019. I understand further donations (amounts unspecified) were also donated from other churches to Christian Aid UK.

Due to the on-going lockdown restrictions, it won't be possible to run our annual sponsored swim event in October this year. Instead, I have proposed that a sponsored quiz night replace this event; further details to follow.

Some thought is also being given to the feasibility of holding next year's Art Exhibition and sale using a digital online platform, as it is quite likely that the normal physical format won't be able to go ahead. Anyone with thoughts and skills to enable this should contact me as this will be a new challenge for the committee to begin to work with.

Our next Zoom Committee meeting will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Mark Allan



# GREENBANK CHURCH OF SCOTLAND FOOTBALL CLUB



Like every other football club in the land, the Greenbank lads had their season cut short but at least they weren't depending on promotion or in the relegation area as the season finished. They finished somewhere mid table and are looking forward to improving on that as the new season begins. During lockdown the lads have been busy selecting a new badge for their strips. With 12 to choose from it was a difficult decision but the general consensus was that it was important to keep the Church connection to the fore. So, although the final decision has still to be agreed, the two main ones in contention are featured above. Hope whichever one they choose brings them luck for next season.

### **BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB**

Karate can play a significant role in promoting the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing. Karate, in itself, promotes mental health wellbeing as well as physical wellbeing. Beyond the technical skills that are taught, our system of training provides individuals with the benefits of self-development, self confidence, self esteem and helps to develop an overall positive attitude that can impact all other aspects of life. Having trained in Karate for 36 years, during these current times my experience in the art has helped me to be strong and see the light at the end of the tunnel become brighter where we are all back together.

Our ZOOM classes are still going well and we are working on a Risk Assessment to ensure all our students, instructors and parents are safe when we return.

Best wishes, John, BKA Chairman

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