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October 2020



His eye is in the sparrow and I know He watches me

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GreenbankParish
CHURCH

Worship at Greenbank

SUNDOWN THURSDAYS

All are welcome to join a new zoom service commencing on 8th October and taking place every Thursday at 7pm [for around 15 minutes] thereafter. Please see below for information on how to join in.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Zoom Services each Sunday @ 10.30am will continue 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 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/757322655>
Meeting ID: 757 322 655

SUNDOWN THURSDAYS

Zoom Services each Thursday @ 7pm [with a duration of around 15 minutes] **will commence on 8th October**

The link for Sundown Thursdays is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85703523045>

Meeting ID: 857 0352 3045

Participation and contributions from any member of the congregation would be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated – musical 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.

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PHYSICALLY COME TO CHURCH?

Bookings are still open till the end of November if you wish to attend a church service. Please note that if you wish to attend November communion it is vital to book a place as the congregation is still restricted to 50 people.

To book a place please complete the online form at www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk/worship-booking

If you do not have email, please write stating your name and the names of those wishing to attend with you (max 3 others) with your telephone number and the date/s you wish to attend. The letter should be sent to the church office.

You should receive an email or a phone call on the Monday prior to the requested Sunday inviting you to attend. Of course this is dependent on the numbers who have requested to attend on that particular Sunday.

Unfortunately, masks still have to be worn for the duration of the service, singing is still not allowed and speaking the Lord's prayer is not permitted.

Obviously, if you or any members of your family have any Covid 19 symptoms you must not attend church.



Dear Friends,

At the beginning of the lockdown in March when we began Zoom services I thought they might be needed for a few weeks. Six months in, I now realise that the new life and worship we have discovered through our computer screens is going to be with us for some time to come. I think it is fair to say that for the foreseeable future church will continue to be very different to what it was in the past. At the time of writing, we are following Version 7 of Church of Scotland guidelines with regard to the reopening of our church premises. The Church is now open for worship on a Sunday, and a group, appointed by the Kirk Session, is engaged in ongoing discussions as to when and how it will be safe for our church halls to reopen completely.

Last week I was able to make a small film for school assemblies at our local schools in which I spoke about the importance of holding on to hope amidst the challenge and difficulty of these times. I told the pupils how, on the final Thursday evening when we stopped applauding the National Health Service on our doorsteps, I sowed some wildflower seeds in the Manse garden. The seeds were sent to me by 'Seeds of Hope Scotland' who wanted to give people something to tend and nurture and encourage them to think about things that gave them hope. I suggested to the pupils that no matter what life brings, whether good or bad or somewhere in between, there is always hope. This hope is not about denying challenge or difficulty instead it is determined by positive and purposeful thoughts and actions.

Patiently and under difficult circumstances, the seeds in the Manse garden grew to offer a hopeful sign that pointed to a good future. The place where the seeds were sown is not in very good condition yet the flowers managed to push their way through and now those flowers are producing many more seeds, which mean that this part of the garden will be filled with wildflowers for many years to come.

Offering hopeful signs, holding on to the promises of God and allowing them to unfold and take shape in ways that grow faith – this is the gospel we believe in and are called to share as a church together. Appropriate to this belief, is the fact that our Legacy Group has unwearingly continued its work throughout the difficult and trying circumstances of the last few months, doing its very best to try and grow a good future for Greenbank and the community our church serves – a future that will be determined not only by the Legacy Group but more importantly by the hopes of the members of our congregation.

The hope we are called to as followers of Jesus is so aptly summed up by the words of Natalie Sleeth's hymn called 'Hymn of Promise' [H727] which say;

***In the bulb there is a flower
In the seed an apple tree
In cocoons a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see***

So may we all give thanks for the message of hope that lies at the heart of the gospel and may God bless us with the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things as yet unseen.

Yours,



SATURDAY MORNING [BREAKFAST] BOOK CLUB

The Saturday Book Club will meet for the second time on Saturday 3rd October at 9am [8.50am for a chat and breakfast] to reflect on the first three chapters of *Rewilding the Church*. At their first meeting, Steve Aisthorpe, one of the most original voices in the Church of Scotland, introduced his book, *Rewilding the Church*, which focuses 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. A couple of discussions about the book are available; one is with the Moderator, Rev Martin Fair and can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-3GZMHEG5c>

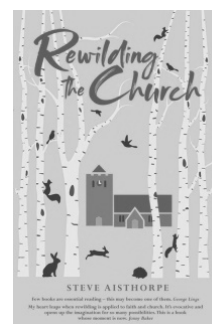
The other is a conversation with people involved in the Fresh Expressions movement and can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bds7CWY4JRg&t=2786s>

Copies of *Rewilding the Church* can be purchased on the Amazon website or through St Andrews Press.

Subsequent meetings of the book club will take place on 7th November and 5th December at the same time.

The Zoom link to join the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87333544421> ID: 873 3354 4421

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



Prayer Diary

Looking out my window
In October's golden light,
I see a beauty unsurpassed,
A truly lovely sight.

Leaves are saying soft good-byes
As they come floating down
To make a nature's carpet
Of yellow, red and brown.

Mountain tops, now turned to white,
Forewarn of winter chills,
While trees, like golden rivers,
Wind their way up through the hills.

Throughout our world's creation
You will ever find it thus.
Kaleidoscopes of colour,
In God's hand, the artist's brush.

('Portrait of Fall', Alora M Knight)

In recent months, many people have had to watch the world go by through their windows. This year we have had time to watch nature unfold before us, to see the clouds form a thousand shapes as they roll by, and to observe the minutiae of the life outside our doors. Our "October things" such as school holidays and hallowe'en will be much more subdued this year, but maybe that will allow us to be more creative in how we celebrate them.

Ask in your prayers that people try to suppress their frustration at the ongoing restrictions, that they be understanding of the need to clamp down on any spread of the infection, and find alternative ways of doing what they need to and of keeping themselves occupied. Pray that governing bodies the world over will consider their options very carefully. People's lives should come before all else.

Give thanks that we are able to allow limited numbers of people into the church for the Sunday service, and also that many others are able to participate online; not only for the service, but also for organisations to keep in touch and retain some form of normality.

Pray for the days ahead, with unavoidable job losses causing hardship for many; with people still being infected, and possibly losing their lives or suffering from ongoing symptoms; and for the many people being left on their own for such a long time period without being able to go out safely. Ask our Lord to look after and comfort each one.

I see the birds gathering on the rooftops ready to fly south for the winter, and I ask you to give thanks for the wonderful world we have been given, and for all the people who are fighting to stop us abusing it; and for those who are working to find viable alternatives for us that will be kinder to our planet. May they all be listened to and taken seriously.

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

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 JRoddick@churchofscotland.org.uk or the Church Secretary at office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk 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: office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk 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 jroddick@churchofscotland.org.uk

News and Updates

LEGACY UPDATE

My last Legacy update in June let you know that we were entering into discussion with our preferred purchaser of the land to the north of the church and had also appointed Page and Park as our architect to work on the renovation and extension of the church. As Jeanne has said in her letter in this edition of Good Neighbour we have made significant progress and I want to bring you up to date on that progress and give some advance notice of future events.

Discussion with the purchaser of the land is a very detailed piece of work and is now nearing completion. There are a few final points being worked through and it is hoped that we will reach agreement shortly. This is important work, not least because it will show us how much we can expect from the sale of the land and hence how much we have to raise from other sources.

Several meetings have taken place with the architect over the last couple of months and we have now almost completed the design for the renovation of the church itself and the extension. These designs are now being costed by a quantity surveyor. The main change for the church is that the pews will be removed and the floor levelled to give us a much more flexible space. This is our main worship space but the removal of the pews means that it can be used for other activities during the week while maintaining the beauty and memories associated with the building. We have recognised for some time that we can't have a building that lies empty for most of the week and what is planned brings us into line with very many churches that have come to the same conclusion.

The extension, to the Mansefield Road side of the church, will include an attractive entrance or gathering space, a hall large enough for the activities we currently run, a smaller hall, a modern kitchen, toilets and an office. All together it will provide an attractive and welcoming space for everyone. The entrance will be from a new road in from Mansefield Road giving us level access and provision for five parking spaces so that those with disabilities will have level access into the extension and through to the sanctuary. All of this is of course subject to planning permission and while discussions have taken place we will not actually know if we can proceed or not until a formal planning application is submitted.

The next step is that the Kirk Session hopes to meet in mid-October to consider all the relevant information and to decide whether or not to recommend to the congregation that we proceed. Were they to agree to do so, then full information would be sent to all members as soon after that as possible. This information will also include an invitation to attend one of a number of information sessions over the latter part of October at which all your questions can be asked. It is hoped to hold a congregational meeting after the service one Sunday early in November, in order to make our collective decision. This will all be confirmed in the information you receive after the session meeting.

In the meantime if you have any questions or points you want to raise then please let the Legacy Project Group know either by writing or emailing at office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk

I should end with a caveat. A number of uncertainties lie ahead and most are outwith our control. We hope everything will work out but there is always the risk that it won't for one reason or another. If that were to happen we would of course let you know as soon as we can.

Gordon Dickson
Legacy Project Group

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: office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk

Derek Christie, Session Clerk

ZOOM FOR NON-INTERNET HOMES

I wanted to make you aware 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 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 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 or family, who are perhaps not digitally connected.

Don't forget that it is also possible to connect to our Sunday service and Sundown Thursday 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

ED LINES

Hi Folks,

We've recently returned from our sojourn to the south of England. The only thing that was predictable about the typical British weather was its 'unpredictability! One day we were soaking up 30 degree heat and sunshine, the next we were just soaking! On one of the wetter days, travelling back on a minor road from a local village, we encountered a puddle the size of a small lake. The puddle spread across the entire road with no way round it. On the other side was a lady who was looking rather perplexed. After carefully driving through it, Stephen stopped and played the modern day Sir Galahad. "Jump in!" he said. "I'll reverse back and take you to the other side." Maybe not the best move in the time of Covid but sometimes rules need to be broken. The offer was accepted with much appreciation and gratitude. "You'll get your reward in Heaven." Fortunately we didn't have to wait that long!

The following week we were walking in the Lake District when we came across a rather large bull straddling the path on which we were walking. (Stephen said it was a cow, but with horns that size, you don't argue with it whatever it is!) We quickly retraced our steps but not before we'd been seen. The animal took off, charging in our direction. Suddenly a car stopped. "How fast can you run?" asked the driver. Well, wasn't sure but certainly not as fast as the bovine creature. "Jump in," the driver offered, "and I'll take you to the other side of the cattle grid." The offer was accepted with much appreciation, gratitude and a huge sense of relief! It is simple acts of kindness and thoughtfulness like this that help to make the world a nicer place in which to live and it certainly made my day!

One of the many slogans this year is "Be Kind". There is a "National Kindness Day" in November and an "Acts of Random Kindness Day" in February. It's a shame that we need all this to encourage people to do something, which should, I hope, come naturally to all of us. It takes me back to my days as a Brownie. The Brownie Guide Law: to think of others before yourself and do a good turn every day. Not a bad law to live by and hopefully we'll get our reward before we get to Heaven.

Alison

**ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY
SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER PLEASE**



EMERALD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS



Sheila and Duncan McIntyre recently celebrated their Emerald Wedding Anniversary.

Duncan commented: "We owe grateful thanks to the 8.16am train from Clarkston station!!!"

This was where they met and were both obviously on the right track as they celebrated 55 years of happy marriage on Friday, 11th September. Duncan explained, "At the rehearsal, the minister, Mr Goudie of Stamperland Church, had me married to the bridesmaid! I have often wondered!!!!!!" Better not say that to Sheila!

Congratulations to you both.

HOLIDAY MEMORIES

Hi Alison,

Loved your article in Good Neighbour about your holidays to North Berwick - we must surely have been there at the same time all those years ago!

We went every year, and stayed with my Dad's cousin in Craighleith Avenue, up behind The Lodge. My Mum, too, sent a wicker hamper in advance, containing clothes and tins of food to feed us.

Our journey was by train, Greenock to Glasgow Central; then Glasgow Queen Street to Edinburgh; then Edinburgh to North Berwick - quite an expedition for me, my three sisters and Mum and Dad!

And Luca's ice cream (always to this day strawberry for me) with chocolate sprinkles! And a long walk every evening, ending with a bag of chips!

I still love to visit Nth B, and climb The Law etc. It's one of my favourite places.

Happy days!

Alison Allan

STOP PRESS

Calling all knitters to knit [or crochet] some Greenbank Christmas Angels

Angels will have a brief Christmas message of hope attached and will then be distributed around Parish during Advent for people to find and keep.

Patterns available from Church Office and wool available behind Manse storm door.



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR LODGING HOUSE MISSION

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



LHM continues to be grateful for our weekly donations of toiletries and food items. Thanks are due to Liz and Alistair Smith pictured here and everyone else who has volunteered to supervise the trolley collection on a Sunday (12noon till 1pm) and deliver the collected food to LHM (Thursday or Friday of the same week before 3pm).

Please get in touch with the church secretary at: office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk if you can join the rotas to:

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

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.

HARVEST – SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

This year Greenbank is celebrating Harvest Sunday on 4th October. Donations of food (see list above) or money (cheques can be made payable to Lodging House Mission) can be brought to the link building on that day.

Alternatively, answer the LHM Harvest Appeal which this year takes the form of a request for a financial donation. Please see the appeal below. You may still donate via the LHM website www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk (Click on the donate button. You will then be able to donate via Virgin money giving or Pay pal). If you wish to send a cheque and are unable to come to the link building on 4th October, you can send cheques directly to: Lodging House Mission, 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow G1 5DT.

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



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KIRK SESSION – WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session held a virtual on line Zoom meeting on 7th September with 55 members attending and they received updates on a range of issues.

Worship: The Session noted that Zoom services were continuing each Sunday alongside Sunday morning worship. The Sundown services each Wednesday on zoom had proved very successful and it was hoped in October to start another reflective series on Zoom possibly on a Thursday. Participation and contributions from any member of the congregation would be welcomed and musical requests/films could be accommodated. **Please contact the minister if you would like to take part.**

Attention was drawn to the Saturday Morning Breakfast Book Club, which meets on the first Saturday of each month – see page 1 of Good Neighbour for the Zoom Link.

Outreach: The Session noted that Clarkston & District Christian Aid committee had held its first Zoom meeting and that proceeds of the art exhibition held in March just before lockdown amounted to £3,500. Door to door collections had not been possible but Greenbank raised £810 via the Greenbank Church online giving page as well as £166 from cash and cheques. The committee is looking at other online fundraising activities for the future.

The Glasgow North east Foodbank has resumed normal opening times and there have been continuous food donations and sufficient volunteers to handle them.

The Lodging House Mission remains closed but work is continuing with volunteers and other agencies to provide food and toiletries to those in need who have been housed in temporary accommodation. Six sponsored events took place raising £2335 mainly online using the Virgin Money platform.

Finance: The Financial Position was updated and it was noted that Offering Income had decreased by 4.9% for the period to 23rd August. Due to the high proportion of offerings made by standing order the impact of the coronavirus had been mitigated affecting only weekly freewill and ordinary offering income. Fabric expenditure for the year to date totalled £3,726 and Legacy Group expenditure for the current year was £3,211. Since the closure of the church buildings there have been contributions from Timeout and external users have contributed £355 including from Clarkston After School Care, which was permitted by the Scottish government to restart on 17th August. As at 23rd August the closure of halls has resulted in £16,000 of lost revenue mitigated by reduced fabric maintenance, lower heating bills and the contribution from the employee furlough scheme.

Fabric: The Property Convenor advised that the usual safety checks and maintenance were being carried out in the church buildings and grounds. The Kirk Session approved work to repair water seeping from the manse garden into the church grounds near the pedestrian entrance. The property convenor appealed for a church member to act as his deputy and assist in the management of the church building and grounds. **If you can help please email the church office.**

Fellowship: The Kirk Session noted that although there have been few opportunities to meet in Fellowship groups including The Guild and Timeout have been keeping in touch in other ways. The Fellowship co-ordinator highlighted that the Befrienders had recruited a few more volunteers and encouraged elders to identify district members who would benefit from a Befriender's visit.

Youth: The youth convenor reported Sunday Club and Jam had resumed meeting on zoom. Other groups including some guides and brownies are meeting occasionally outdoors and SNAP Youth club will review the position after the school October holiday week.

Church Reopening: The Session Clerk reported that the Sunday Morning worship in church and on zoom was working well and that a new socially distanced duty team system was now operating and likely to continue well into the future.

It was noted that face coverings could now be removed when seated in church during the service. Clarkston After School Care had resumed in the halls and were employing a cleaner but many Congregational organisations had no immediate plans to resume. The reopening committee were examining priorities when general reopening became permitted.

Legacy: The Kirk Session received an update on the Legacy Project, details of which are elsewhere in Good Neighbour.

Communion: The Minister advised the Kirk Session she hopes to conduct a communion service in the church and by Zoom on Sunday 1st November. It is hoped to purchase Communion sets, which include bread and wine in a sealed cup for those taking the elements in church.

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

The membership roll was revised and changes to elders' districts noted. The resignations of two elders, Allan and Ishbel McLaren, had been received and a note of thanks had been sent to them for their long service as District Elders and for the work they had carried out for Christian Aid on behalf of Greenbank.

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

TIPS ON AVOIDING SCAMS

The local council hopes more people will take advantage of a new toolkit on how to stay safe and avoid scams. The toolkit is issued by Trading Standards and has some simple steps to help people protect themselves from fraud. It is estimated that £9B is lost by individuals to fraud. The toolkit contains useful information on doorstep crime, email crime, covid scams, online shopping and much more. To view this toolkit go to: www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/prevention

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Hi Guys,

Ghoulies and ghosties and long legged beasties and things that go bump in the night!
It's Halloween again so time to look out your witches hats, carve your lanterns and get on your broomsticks! Halloween or All Hallow's Eve is on the 31st of October, the day before All Saints Day, which falls on the 1st of November. It is thought that Halloween has its roots in an old Scottish festival called Samhain, which marked the end of summer - though sometimes we struggle to know when it starts! People used to dress up in scary clothes to frighten off any spooks! Now it's just great fun to get dressed up! Some people like scary costumes such as ghosts, witches, or skeletons, but a lot of people dress up in fun costumes like superheroes, movie stars, or cartoon characters. This year we might not be able to go out guising or have parties but that doesn't mean we have to miss out on the fun. There are still loads of games we can play in the house like dooking for apples or eating sticky treacle scones. Pumpkin bowling is fun or you could pin the legs on a spider - you'd have 8 chances of getting it right! Whatever you do this Halloween, have fun. And if you see a figure flying through the skies on a Nimbus 2000, give me a wave!



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JOKE CORNER

On which day are ghosts most scary? Fright-day!
What do witches put in their hair? Scare spray!
What do ghosts with poor eyesight wear? Spook-tacles!
What day do ghosts do their howling? On Moan-day!
How did the vampire race finish? Neck and neck!
Where does the witch's frog sit? On atoadstool.

GOOSEBUMPS (PG)



Fancy a scary movie for this Halloween? For the older ones amongst you try Goosebumps. Upset about moving from the big city to a small town, young Zach Cooper finds a silver lining when he meets his beautiful neighbour Hannah. The teen is surprised to learn that Hannah's mysterious father is R.L. Stine (Jack Black), the

famous author of the best-selling "Goosebumps" series. When Zach accidentally unleashes the monsters from the fantastic tales, it's up to Stine, his daughter and Cooper to return the beasts back to the books.

THE LITTLE VAMPIRE



Tony Thompson is an American on vacation in Transylvania with his family. Tony is obsessed with vampires. After the Thompsons stop for the night in an old castle, Tony gets more than he bargained for when he meets Rudolph, a vampire who has just escaped his family to avoid the drudgery of celebrating his 13th birthday for the 300th time.

Rookery and Maney, a pair of bumbling yet evil vampire hunters, want nothing more than to eradicate Rudy's family. Tony agrees to help Rudy save his family but Rudy's family must find a way to get over their distrust of humans.

Hello again everyone,

I'm hoping you've all got used to being back at school now, and all the new ways of doing things there. I hope you've enjoyed getting back together with the others in your classes.

The Sunday Club and JAM leaders and I have all been saying that it's been lovely to see some of you online on Zoom again. It's been great to see your happy, smiling faces, and hear some of your news. We've also enjoyed seeing you doing the activities we've given you too.

In October, we continue learning about some of the stories (parables) that Jesus told. We'll hear about The Tenants in the Vineyard, the Wedding Feast, the Question about Paying Taxes and The Greatest Commandment.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Sunday Club and JAM Zoom sessions,
Helen

Please remember to add your painted stones to our Sunday Club Caterpillar in the church grounds!!

DIARY

Sunday 4th October – Sunday Club on Zoom

Sunday 11th October – Holiday

Sunday 18th October – Family Quiz -Trailblazers, Sunday Squad & JAM combined

Sunday 25th October – Sunday Club on Zoom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



to Emily Lord, Ethan Geldard, Euan Armstrong and Harris Simpson who celebrate their birthdays in October.

LOGIC PUZZLES

1. The day before two days after the day before tomorrow is Saturday. What day is today?
2. Five people were eating apples. A finished before B, but behind C. D finished before E, but behind B. What was the finishing order? (Answers next month!)

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN

1. Orange is the traditional colour of Halloween it represents the harvest and autumn leaves.
2. Harry Houdini, a famous escape artist, died on Halloween night in 1926.
3. Lanterns were originally carved from turnips and potatoes.
4. The biggest pumpkin in the world tipped the scales at a whopping 1300 kilos.
5. The word "witch" comes from the Old English wicce, meaning "wise woman."
6. Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.
7. Pumpkins are classified as a fruit, not as a vegetable.
8. Scottish girls believed they could see their future husband if they hung wet sheets in front of the fire on Halloween.
9. If you wear your clothes inside out and walks backwards, you will see a witch at midnight!
10. It was believed that witches could turn into black cats!! Spooky!!!

IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE CLOCKS AGAIN!

On the last Sunday of October the clocks 'fall back': they go back by one hour. It may feel like a long time since the blue skies of summer, but this marks the end of British Summer Time (BST). Thankfully most smart phones, computers, and other devices connected to the internet, normally update the time automatically. An American politician and inventor called Benjamin Franklin first came up with the idea while in Paris in 1784. He suggested that if people got up earlier, when it was lighter, then it would save on candles. It was actually first introduced by the Germans in World War One, just before the UK did it.

During World War Two, the UK actually used what was called British Double Summer Time (BDST), when the clocks were ahead by an extra hour during the summer. But this didn't last for very long. Now, the UK's clocks always go back by one hour on the last Sunday in October and forward by one hour on the last Sunday in March. During World War Two, the UK actually used what was called British Double Summer Time (BDST), when the **clocks** were ahead by an extra **hour** during the summer. ... Now, the **UK's clocks** always **go back** by one **hour** on the last Sunday in October which is just brilliant - we get another hour in bed!!!!

LOCKDOWN LIBRARY

I am looking for people to donate books they're finished with, preferably in great condition and ones they really think other people will be eager to read. The books will be wiped down then placed in a plastic bag for 72 hours before they are given back out.

Those who are interested in buying or donating books can get in touch with me by email at: Lo.preece@btinternet.com or call 0141 638 6157. Money raised will go to church funds.

MIND AND BODY CLASS

I will be offering a Mind and Body class via Zoom once a week. These classes will be on a Wednesday evening at 7pm and will last about 40 minutes. I will take 10 people at a time and ask them to commit to a six week course at a cost of £30. If anyone is interested again they can contact me at Lo.preece@btinternet.com or call 01416386157. Again all money raised will go to church funds.

2ND CLARKSTON RAINBOW UNIT

By this time in our Rainbow programme we would be welcoming new Rainbows into our unit and preparing them for their Promise Ceremonies in the coming weeks, as well as looking forward to arranging Halloween and Christmas party dates. However sadly we are still unable to do this at the moment.

If your daughter was due to start Rainbows with us this year, we will be in contact with you when it is safe for us to bring the girls back to the hall.

Any questions regarding the unit please don't hesitate in contacting me on the following number 07964442417.

Kindest wishes,

June, Joanne and Pauline xx

BEAT THE STREET EAST RENFREWSHIRE

Beat the Street is back!! It is a fun, free game that will see communities in East Renfrewshire transformed into a giant game! See how far you can walk, cycle and run in just 6 weeks! Beat the Street is a free, interactive game that encourages people of all ages to ditch the car and see how far they can walk, cycle or run in a bid to win prizes for their community or school team.

Beeping and flashing sensors called Beat Boxes will be placed on lampposts around the area for the duration of the game. The game starts on the 30th September until 16th November.

You can pick up a contactless card from a distribution point; a list of these is available on the website. At the moment the distribution points are Giffnock and Mearns libraries. Players then walk or cycle between the Beat Boxes which are spaced half a mile apart – tapping the fobs or cards as they go. The further players travel, the more points they score.

Covid Safety Measures:

Beat the Street is low-risk, contactless and easy to play whilst maintaining social distancing. It is created by *Intelligent Health*, a team of physical health experts led by Dr William Bird, a GP working on the NHS frontline against Covid-19.

We are operating strict safety measures including:

- Beat Boxes are now extra sensitive so they are now 'contactless' - there is no need to touch the Boxes with your card or fob.
- You'll notice more signs and 2 metre markers to remind players to keep their distance. We ask that you wait patiently for your turn at the Beat Box and give players space if there are others waiting for their turn at the Box.
- Do not share or touch each other's cards or fobs.
- As always, wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds when you return home.

We hope to enrol a team for Greenbank (we need 12 players to make a team.) So, get your card, sign up and get points for Team Greenbank. Visit beatthestreet.me/eastrenfrewshire to keep up to date with the leaderboards and find out more.

SNAP YOUTH CLUB

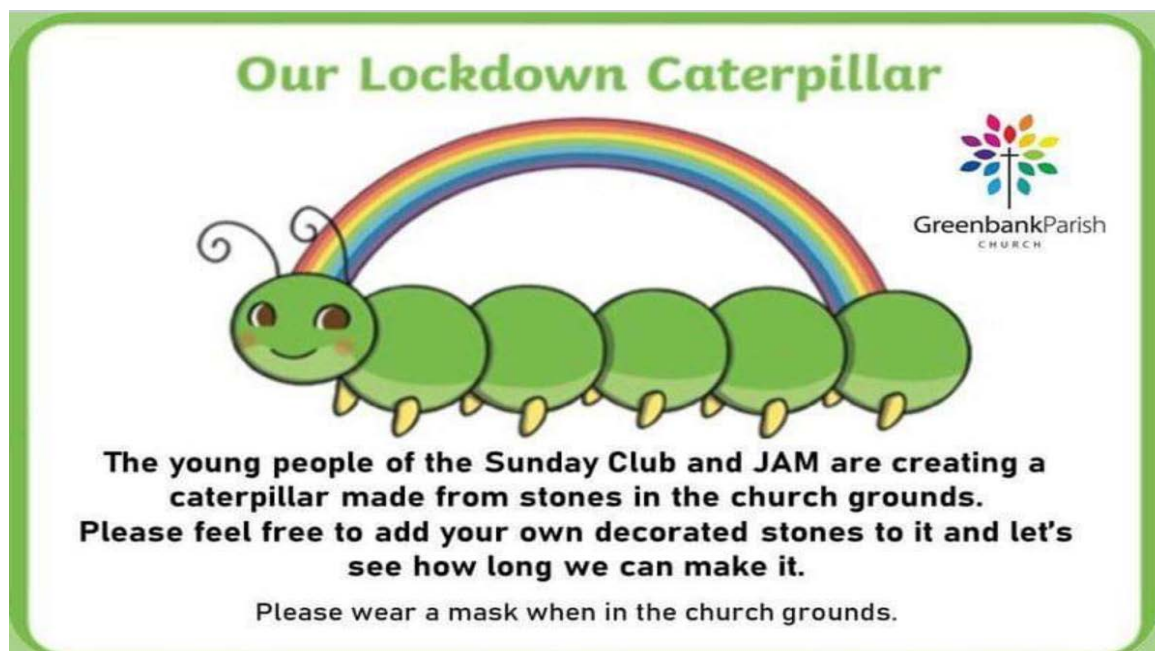
To date we have raised the fantastic amount of £926.60 with the support of Co-op fundraising. It is clear that many more of us are choosing to shop locally during the current situation. Therefore I would encourage anyone who doesn't yet have a Co-op membership card to pick one up as the fundraising scheme does not end until October 2021. SNAP youth club would like to thank everyone who has participated so far. It is good to know that by Greenbank's friends and family supporting this scheme something positive is happening. Although we are unable to get the young people together at the moment it means that we will have healthy funds once we resume.

We would also like to say that SNAP youth club has donated chocolate and cereal bars to the LHM. These food items would have gone out of date before the club resumed and so we thought it would be good to put them to good use.

Take care,

Lindy Dallas

SUNDAY CLUB & JAM



Thank you to Lauren, Euan and Lynn for their stones. If you would like to add a stone please send a picture in.

Helen Howard
Sunday Club Superintendent

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.

TIME OUT

Time Out continues to keep in touch regularly via What's App, texts, emails and telephone calls. When we are allowed (and weather permitting) we meet for chat in the garden. If you want to keep in touch with us contact Moira on busymoira@aol.com or Sharon on sharonemitchell@hotmail.co.uk

THE FALLEN OF EAST KILBRIDE PARISH IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 – 1918

This book is about the 118 servicemen with a connection to East Kilbride parish who are known to have lost their lives in World War I.

Our research details the military, family and civic aspects of each serviceman, and information regarding his employment and workplace.

Where possible, the story is told of how and where they fell and what battle or engagement they were in, along with where they are interred and or commemorated.

There are also brief histories and photographs of - Jackton, Auldhouse, Kitchside, Maxwellton, Nerston, Thorntonhall, Busby and East Kilbride itself, as they were around 1915.

The histories of the Old Parish church, the West Kirk and Greenbank, Clarkston churches together with the Masonic Lodge St Andrew 524 who all lost members in the war, are recorded.

Articles about the start and finish of the WWI, together with summaries of the major battles in France and Flanders, i.e. Arras, Loos, Somme and Ypres. The major campaigns in Gallipoli, Mesopotamia, Salonika, and Sinai & Palestine are not forgotten and neither is the war at sea and in the air.

The 170 (A4) page book contains a foreword by Lorraine Kelly OBE and an introduction by the authors, Lindsay Freeland and Morag F. White, both members of the military forum of Lanarkshire Family History Society.

For each book sold, a donation will be gifted to the Kilbryde Hospice.

The book will be launched on 29th October and can be purchased for £5 from the Kilbryde Hospice shops at: - 300 Cornwall Street, East Kilbride Shopping Centre.

Kingsgate Retail outlet at 7a Glasgow Road, Kingsgate shopping park.

and the New Cross Centre, Hamilton. It can also be

purchased from the Lanarkshire Family History Society. For further information and postage cost email:- publications-lanarkshirefhs@hotmail.co.uk or from Lindsay Freeland 1 Winburne Crescent, Hamilton ML3 9PB.

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THE CAMPUS TRIO

The Campus Trio are an award winning fresh and innovative take on the traditional piano trio, bringing the vibrancy and versatility of the saxophone to this traditional chamber music setting. If you'd like to hear Richard Scholfield and friends, John and Maria you can listen to them on the Live Music Now Scotland website .



BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

Our ZOOM classes are going very well where our students are continuing to progress on their journey. Teaching via ZOOM has allowed our students to adapt their techniques and moves in a more restricted area, which can replicate life outside the DOJO.

We have prepared RISK assessments to help when we get back to training at our halls and our Coaches have carried out training with sportscotland and have been certified as COVID Officers.

The purpose of the COVID Officer Role is:

- To be the main point of contact for your club on all things related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Oversee the clubs implementation of public health and safety measures across the club
- Ensure that the club has appropriate processes in place to document risk assessments and that all appropriate mitigations are put in place before any activity is undertaken
- Ensure that the club has the correct processes in place for the club to take an accurate record of all attendees in line with Scottish Government Test & Protect 5. Ensure that all processes are being followed.

Best wishes,

John

Bushido Karate Association Chairman



Miles to Malawi Challenge

Join us to help us walk, run or cycle from Williamwood HS to Ekwendeni Malawi.

We are raising funds to build three classrooms at Emazinyeni Primary School in conjunction with Classrooms for Malawi.

Join our club on Strava: Miles to Malawi

Donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/milestomalawi>

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