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# Parish Register

## DEATHS

23/2/21 Mr Jim Downes, Lagavulin, Neilston  
2/3/21 Mr Douglas Neill, Clarkston House Care Home, Clarkston  
19/3/21 Ms Irene Hastings, 33 Westwood Road, Glasgow

*"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*

## WORSHIP AT GREENBANK – APRIL 2021

Now that restrictions have eased you are once again invited to book a seat on our website if you wish to attend Sunday worship in person at 10.30am. If you do not have online access please leave a message on the church office telephone [0141 644 1841]. As before the congregation is restricted to a maximum of 50 people.

## PULPIT DIARY

### Holy Week Services

- Holy Wednesday** 7pm On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March there will be a service (on zoom only) led by the Sunday Club & JAM. The link for this service is:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84288993824> Meeting ID: 842 8899 3824
- Maundy Thursday** 7pm On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April a service will take place, both in church (no booking required) and on zoom. The zoom link is the same as for the Thursday Sundown Service which takes place every week at 7pm:  
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85703523045> Meeting ID: 857 0352 3045
- CCT Good Friday Walk** The Clarkston Churches Together Good Friday Walk will be a little bit different this year. Signs will be placed at every church site along the route. To allow for personal reflection, each sign will contain a bible reading and a QR code for accessing a hymn on a smart phone. The walk can take place at any time during the day and, while it will be possible to visit all or just a few of the church sites, the order of the signs will begin at Carmunnock and end at Netherlee: (1) Carmunnock; (2) Busby; (3) Cartsbridge; (4) Greenbank; (5) St Joseph's; (6) Williamwood; (7) St Aidan's; (8) Stamperland; (9) Netherlee.
- Easter Day Family Worship** On 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am both in church (booking required) and on Zoom.  
**The Zoom link for all Sunday morning worship is:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/757322655> Meeting ID: 757 322 655
- 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April** Sunday Worship will take place at 10.30am both in church and on Zoom on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April. Please use **online booking to reserve places for services at: [sundayservice@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:sundayservice@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) which you will find on the Greenbank website [<http://www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk>]**

**Online worship can be accessed by telephone** by dialling +443300885830 or +44203415240 or +441314601196 followed by Meeting ID and the # key on the phone

**A recording of the service can also be accessed by telephone or on the church website at any time.**

Please see below for details:

### Accessing worship by telephone or on the Church website

It is possible to access a recording of Greenbank's Sunday worship by telephone by dialling 0141 815 1166. This means that although members of our congregation are unable to attend worship in the church at present, it is still possible to access Sunday worship each week, even if you do not have internet access. The recorded worship service will be updated each week so that those who do not have internet access can listen to the most recent Sunday worship service by phone at any time during the week.

Please pass this information on to anyone you know who would like to access a recording of our Sunday worship and particularly to those who do not have internet access. A recording of Sunday services is also available on the Greenbank website: <http://www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk>

**Sunday Club** will take place on zoom on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9284616761?pwd=UVBaSE9XeDIHTGFGRllOMFF5TTlFUT09> Meeting ID: 928 461 6761  
Passcode: 936527

On Easter Day and 11<sup>th</sup> April the Sunday Club is invited to join the rest of the congregation for family services on Zoom and in church.

Dear Friends,

In past years we would have gathered together for Holy Week and Easter day services in the church. As this is not entirely possible, our services in the next few weeks will be a combination of Zoom and physical services in the church. I am delighted to say that the young people of JAM will be leading Wednesday's Holy Week service and on Maundy Thursday everyone is invited to come together, virtually in the church, and on Zoom from home, to remember the events of the upper room on the night before Jesus died. Those who join from home are asked to bring their own bread and wine for Maundy Thursday communion. Clarkston Churches Together has prepared a walk which can take place at any time during Good Friday. A small act of worship will be posted at each churches site. Our Easter Sunday service will take the form of a combined physical and online service. Further details of all these acts of worship are contained elsewhere in Good Neighbour.

The story of Easter morning as told by John's gospel tells of the darkness that remained as resurrection began. John's Easter story begins with the words, *'Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed.'* The mention of darkness is a part of John's approach to show that the Resurrection took place in the darkness that lingered before the morning. God didn't wait for the sun to rise to bring hope. God didn't wait for the grief to pass before bringing new life. God's resurrection power was at work even when it couldn't yet be seen.

Our Holy week and Easter commemorations come at the end of what has been a very tough year for many people. Although the vaccine programme brings hope for the future, there are still hard times to come as people face the effects of a Pandemic that has wreaked havoc throughout the world. Amidst this, may we discover the strength and the hope to believe that God still accompanies us through the darkness of these days; that faith is still possible; that understanding will come and that the voice of our risen Lord still keeps calling out to each one of us by name. Let us trust that nothing will ever separate us from the God who continues to reveal through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, an everlasting love for us and this world. So may we continue to walk together living and loving into the sure and certain hope that Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed!

Yours,



### **SATURDAY MORNING [BREAKFAST] BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Saturday morning book club reflecting on *Rewilding the Church*, by Steve Aisthorpe will take place on Easter Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9am [8.50am for a chat and breakfast]. Whether you have read the book or not – anyone is very welcome to come along and join the discussion. The meeting ID is: 87333544421.

### **HELP IS AT HAND!**

As restrictions continue so does our outreach to all members of our community, to let them know that they are not alone: if you would like a chat, or help with shopping or medication, please email [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) or leave a message on the church office answering machine (0141 644 1841). You do not need to be a member of the church to be supported. Do not hesitate to get in touch at any time. If you have any church related queries please feel free to contact Jane, the church secretary, at the email address/phone number above or our minister, Jeanne, at 0141 644 1395 or [jroddick@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:jroddick@churchofscotland.org.uk)

# Prayer Diary

'A small green frog  
On a big brown log;  
A black and yellow bee  
In a little green tree;  
A red and yellow snake  
By a blue-green lake,  
All sat and listened  
To red bird sing,  
"Wake up, everybody,  
It's spring! It's spring!"  
(Unknown)

OK, the days aren't all lovely, but it's definitely milder and brighter, so give thanks as the natural world starts to put forth the first signs of new life in shades so fresh and bright, and feel your spirits start to lift.

And it's Easter, so feel free to sing out loud!  
'Easter lilies! Can you hear  
What they whisper, low and clear?  
In dewy fragrance they unfold  
Their splendour sweet, their snow and gold.  
Every beauty-breathing bell  
News of heaven has to tell.  
Listen to their mystic voice;  
Hear, oh mortal, and rejoice!  
Hark, their soft and heavenly chime!  
Christ is risen for all time!  
(Celia Thaxter)

Just as the signs of new life in nature help us to feel better, the latest lockdown and the vaccines seem to be making a difference, and giving us hope that we can get the virus under control. Pray that this will continue and that we will continue to make progress. As ever, keep everyone who has fallen ill in your prayers, and the families of all those who have fallen prey to this terrible disease.

Say a little prayer for your neighbours, known and unknown, asking that they are well and coping with the restrictions they've been living under. And pray for those whose relationships with their families have buckled under the pressure of living in close confines. Pray also for everyone whose lives have been torn apart by the side-effects of the pandemic, and who don't know if they'll be able to put them back together again. And ask for a blessing for the children going back to school, that they settle back in, enjoying seeing their friends and getting back to work.

Ask that local communities will continue to come together to help the most vulnerable; and that people will continue to take precautions, and will go and get their vaccines when they can.

Keep our world leaders in your prayers, firstly that they will do their best to help everyone in coping with all aspects of this pandemic; and secondly, that they are prepared to act in preserving the natural world, and that they act quickly.

Take care of yourselves, be kind to yourselves, and try to keep busy and active.

Happy Easter,

Gillian Foy

## **Are You Ready To Go?**

Are you ready to go,  
With Jesus to the Cross  
are you ready...  
for that bridge to cross?  
  
Are you ready to go,  
and repent and confess  
are you ready...  
to be eternally blessed?  
  
Are you ready to go,  
deep within your heart  
are you ready...

for a new life to start?  
  
Are you ready to go,  
into the depth of your soul  
are you ready...  
for Jesus to make you whole?  
  
Are you ready to go,  
can this bridge you get across  
are you ready to be saved...  
by the power of the Cross?  
(Deborah Ann)

## **THY KINGDOM COME 2021**

### **ASCENSION DAY TO PENTECOST SUNDAY: THURSDAY 13 MAY - SUNDAY 23 MAY**

So much of how we went about 'doing Church' has been denied us throughout the course of the pandemic, and who knows if perhaps some of our tried and tested practices may be lost to us forever. The upside is that we've been forced back into that which cannot be restricted, curtailed or locked down; the timeless disciplines of our faith, which remain available to us throughout every circumstance, the life of prayer and the contemplation of Scripture.

I believe that Thy Kingdom Come works because it is established on the twin pillars of prayer and Scripture. Now approaching its sixth season, it has become a genuinely significant part of the global and ecumenical calendar with Christians from across the wonderful diversity of the Church Universal coming together to pray. Running from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday, Thursday 13 to Sunday 23 May, it will unite people from over 170 countries and given what we have all been through, that coming together will never been more important: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Having engaged in Thy Kingdom Come since its inception, I would personally be thrilled to see individuals and congregations from across the Church of Scotland getting thoroughly involved this time around. It's about praying for our churches, our communities and our countries. It calls on us to pray for those who as yet know little or nothing of Christ and so is decidedly evangelistic in tone as well as ecumenical.

Sometime in the summer last year, when it appeared that the virus was on the retreat, people began to use the phrase 'build back better'. Little did we know then that the second wave would be equally as devastating as the first. However, by May 2021 the roll-out of the various vaccines should be well under way such that many of us, and certainly the most vulnerable among us, will be feeling much safer.

Building back better might well be what we're thinking about in May, and with the culmination of Thy Kingdom Come 2021 on Pentecost Sunday coinciding with our own General Assembly, I can think of nothing better than that we give ourselves to adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication.

I warmly commend Thy Kingdom Come 2021 to the whole Church and encourage you to put it in your diaries now and begin to explore the superb range of resources that will be available to you: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/new-2021>  
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/tkc-2021-graphics>

'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray...' (2 Chronicles 7: 14)

With every blessing,

Rt. Revd Dr W Martin Fair

Moderator, General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

### **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](mailto:JRoddick@churchofscotland.org.uk) or the Church Secretary at [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto: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)

### **BEFRIENDERS - KEEPING IN TOUCH IN DIFFICULT TIMES**

IN these difficult times, reduced physical contact can lead to people feeling very isolated and anxious, especially when social gatherings, including worship services, have ceased for the foreseeable future. One way we can help our parishioners at this time is by telephoning them, having a chat and checking if there is anything they need. We hope to call on those who live alone and may appreciate the contact. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to call a small number of people to have a chat and ensure that all is well. If you would like to help, please email Jane Mayer at the church office [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk)

If you are reading this article thinking that you would like to have a regular phone call from a Befriender, please email the church office at the address above or leave a message on the church office answering machine by phoning 0141 644 1841.

### **GREENBANK CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE**

The church face book page is a valuable source of information. There are often daily updates there. If, like me, you do not use Facebook or have a personal Facebook account, you can still access the church Facebook page. To do this, visit the church website at [www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk](http://www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk) Scroll down to near the bottom of the home page, where you will see the Facebook icon (a lower case f in a square). Click on this, then click on posts. You will be able to view information which has been posted there, which might include, for example, zoom links, bible readings, photographs, and requests for donations etc. I find this source of information really useful, and hope you do, too. Alison Allan

# News and Updates

## ED LINES

Hi Folks,

Stephen and I are keen walkers, which is just as well given that there's nothing else to do at this present time! While we are hugely appreciative of the area in which we stay and the beautiful surrounding countryside, we are getting a tad bored. Walking the same old streets and regularly walked routes has become monotonous. The parks, where we once enjoyed a peaceful Sunday stroll, are crowded, the shine has worn off. We're longing for a change. Back in the "good old days" we enjoyed a circular walk starting off and ending up at a favourite cafe or if we were in the Lake District, doing a hill walk which always had the compulsory pub at the bottom no matter what path you took!! To try and alleviate the boredom and mix things up a bit, we did our recent walk in reverse. Well, more anticlockwise rather than backwards! It's amazing how different the scenery looks and how the landscape changes when viewed from the opposite direction. You see things that you have missed before. It can be strange but illuminating when viewed from a different angle or in a different light. Things that were blurred come into focus and things that cast a shadow come into the light.

Sometimes we need to look at our lives in a different way. It's not always a good thing to keep going down the same route. We may need to change direction and alter our route. Circumstances change; life changes. With the benefit of age and sometimes even wisdom, we should take the opportunity to revisit and view things from a different perspective. Only then will we be able to see the complete picture from every angle.

Alison

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

## CHANGE OF DISTRICT ELDER AND DISTRICT VISITOR

Those members living in Moray Drive, Strawhill Court and Stamperland Gardens (previously Anne Jaap's district) have now been added to District 67, John Bryden's district; the District Visitor for this district is Anne Stewart.

## A THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AT GREENBANK CHURCH FROM GLASGOW NORTH EAST FOODBANK

We would like to acknowledge receipt of your very generous donation of £1000. We really appreciate your ongoing support. This donation will make a massive difference to the lives of so many in Glasgow, North East. Without the generosity of organisations such as yours we would have a far more difficult task ahead of us.

Yours faithfully,

Linda Stuart

Project Manager

## OFFERINGS DURING LOCKDOWN

Dear Friends,

Since lockdown many members have continued to remit funds to the church, and I would like to thank them all for doing this. It is a great help to our church's finances.

The best way to maintain your freewill offerings to the church, 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](mailto:alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com) and I will supply you with the church's bank account details.

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

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

Thank you for your support.

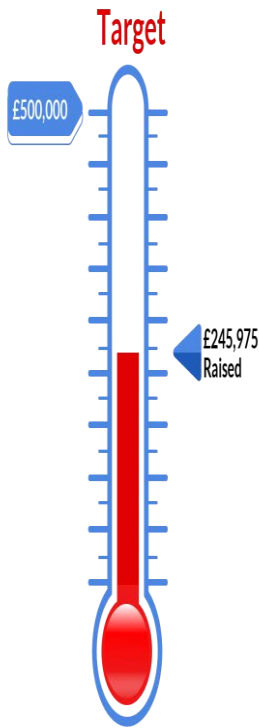
Alistair Smith, Treasurer

## MEMBERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you have not already done so please send your email address to our church office at:

[office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) Thank you, Derek Christie, Session Clerk

## LEGACY FUND - CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGES



**Thank you to all those who have managed to contribute so far towards our Legacy Fund.**

In the last month, thirteen more members have pledged, bringing the total to £245,975 from 251 members as at 10th March. At present our congregational roll totals 696 members.

**We are nearly half way to our target of £500,000.**

Pledges can be, and have been, made for any amount of money you can afford, and spread over a few years by standing order if that suits you better. Or a one-off payment by bank transfer or cheque can be made.

**Every donation** is warmly welcome, and based on the number of pledges to date, compared with the number of members, we are hopeful that our target can be reached, if not exceeded, in which case our vision can become a reality.

Alistair Smith, Treasurer  
Tel: 0141 571 2676  
Email: [alistairsmith@ntlworld.com](mailto:alistairsmith@ntlworld.com)

## LEGACY UPDATE

The pace of work on our Legacy Project has picked up quite a bit over the past few months as we head towards submitting our planning application. This update keeps you posted on where we are.

A series of meetings are taking place with the architect, as the plans are refined. The Legacy Project Group, supplemented by a group of people from different aspects of Greenbank's many activities, are offering their practical views and suggestions. We want to do everything we can to ensure that we end up with facilities that work well for us. Further meetings will take place before plans are finalised and cost estimates updated.

We have been in discussion with East Renfrewshire's Planning department over the past few months and anticipate submitting our planning application by the beginning of May. By the time you read this, the Care Home developer will have submitted their application. Our respective design teams are working together to integrate the proposed landscaping, the way the boundary between our site and the care home would be defined and any access arrangements between the two sites.

Earlier in March we delivered a letter and a leaflet to over one hundred of our neighbours to let them know what was being planned. As a "good neighbour" we wanted them to hear from us direct about the plans we have and to invite them to be in touch to ask any questions about the work. Around the same time we also attended a meeting of the Community Council, together with the care home developer, to outline the nature of the development and answer questions. It was a good opportunity to underline the community benefits we see emerging from the finished work. On the one hand, the funds from the sale price allow us to ensure that we are sustainable as a church well into the future and on the other hand the care home will provide a much needed facility for local residents. This unique and mutually beneficial relationship between a church and a care home provider was readily seen by those at the meeting. It was certainly very positively received a few days later when we met with our MSP and a councillor for our Ward both of whom expressed some enthusiasm for the development and offered whatever help they could.

We have started to alert organisations to the need to clear the halls of any equipment or material they store there by the end of May. This is of course subject to the current Covid restrictions allowing folk to enter the premises. Anyone who has any personal possessions in the sanctuary would also want to retrieve them when allowed to do so. We are currently exploring various options for alternative accommodation during the construction period.

As always, we are keen to hear any views or suggestions you might have. You can get in touch using the following email address, [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) or by dropping a note through the letterbox at the entrance to the halls beside the kitchen.

Gordon Dickson  
Legacy Project Group



## LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Tribute to Stephen Mitchell



Stephen Mitchell was the manager at Lodging House Mission. In mid-January, Stephen contracted covid-19, and sadly passed away on 7 February, aged 60.

For over thirty years, Stephen worked tirelessly to help those most in need, firstly through his work at the Wayside Day Centre (later known as The Marie Trust) and then at the Lodging House Mission, where he became manager in 2018.

Through his work, he created a caring environment for the city's homeless men and women, helping them with everything from welfare benefits to food and emotional support. He was known to go above and beyond to make anyone with whom he came into contact feel welcome.

Stephen's private funeral service took place on 17 February. Those who knew him paid their respects by observing a 2 minute silence at 12 noon that day. LHM hopes to hold a memorial service for him when circumstances permit.

He is remembered as a caring gentleman with a very strong faith, and is survived by his wife Eileen and four children.

Alison Allan

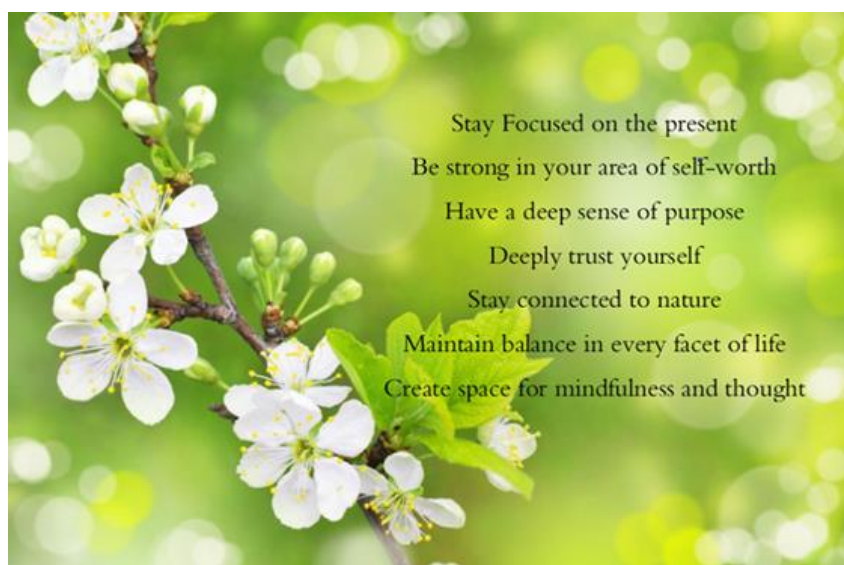
## VOLUNTEER TO HELP GREENBANK HELP LODGING HOUSE MISSION

LHM continues to be grateful for our weekly donations of toiletries and food items.

If you would like to help Greenbank help LHM why not volunteer to help supervise the trolley collection on a Sunday (12noon till 1pm) and/or deliver the collected food to LHM on Thursday or Friday of the same week.

Please get in touch with the church secretary at: [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) or leave a message on the office answering machine (644 1841) if you would like to volunteer to:

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



## BEAT THE STREET EAST RENFREWSHIRE

The door of spring is open. The darker days are over. It is time to be more proactive discovering nature and get a purpose in life. Here are seven good suggestions to put a spring in your step!



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Hi Guys,

*Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are.*

The 5th of April is Dark Sky week. Dark Sky Week was started so people could see the night sky and all the stars without the effects of light pollution. Light pollution is artificial light, which brightens the sky and makes it difficult to see the stars. Stars come in groups called constellations. They can make a shape of an animal, or an object. The Great Bear, Orion or The Plough are the easiest to spot. However, you can't always see all the stars. It often depends on the time of year or where you live. If you live in Australia you see different stars than if you stay in Scotland. There are about 9,000 stars in the sky at night, though you'll only be able to see half of them as the other half are at the other side of the world. The Sun is our closest star at a mere 100 million miles away. The next closest star, Proxima Centauri, is 4.24 light-years away, a light-year being 5.88 trillion miles! Every star you see in the night sky is bigger and brighter than the sun and are different colours depending on their temperature.

The hottest stars are blue, followed by white, yellow, orange, red, and the coolest stars are brown. Oh and Stars don't twinkle. They seem to twinkle, but most of the stars shine with a steady light. The movement of air gets slightly bent as it travels from a distant star through the atmosphere down to us on the ground. This makes the star seem to twinkle. So next time you sing *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*, you'll know what they are.

See you next month.

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## THINGS TO DO AT EASTER

**The McDougalls**, return with a brand new virtual musical show for all the family! Something fishy is going on in the mystical underwater kingdom, and the mermaids and deep-sea creatures need help. Will THE MCDOUGALLS save the sea?

2nd to 10th April 2021

Online Event East Renfrewshire at £8 per household

<https://www.whatsoneastrenfrewshire.co.uk/event/093334-the-mcdougalls-big-splash/>



**"Stinky McFish And The World's Worst Wish"** is about friendship, home and the environment! An original and beautifully crafted online comedy show with songs, puppetry and play, on from 7th - 13th April 2021 for 5 - 9 year olds

<https://www.puppetanimationfestival.org/whatson/stinky-mcfish/>

"Stinky McFish And The World's Worst Wish" is a seaside version of the Grimm Brothers traditional fairy tale 'The Frog Prince'. Scuttle Stinky McFish is a crab, who longs to be human. Can little Lucy help to make his dream come true? Should Scuttle The Crab be careful what he wishes for? Meanwhile, Marina The Marine Explorer needs some help to make life in the rock-pools good again for everyone.



## ONE TO WATCH

### Tom & Jerry: The Movie

Tom, the tomcat, and Jerry, the mouse, have been chasing each other around for decades, and they're still having crazy adventures. This time, Tom is hired to chase Jerry out of a fancy New York City hotel before an A-list wedding. However, a legendary rivalry re-emerges when Jerry moves into New York City's finest hotel on the eve of the wedding of the century, forcing the desperate wedding planner to hire Tom to get rid of him. As mayhem ensues, the cat-and-mouse battle soon threatens to destroy her career, the wedding, and possibly the hotel itself.

Hi Everyone,

By now, many of you will be back at school, and some of you will be going back after the school holidays. I hope you're enjoying seeing your friends, and working and playing together again. Last month, when I wrote to you, it was Valentine's Day, and we spoke on Zoom about LOVE, and about being LOVING and kind to people.

This month, I'm writing this on Mother's Day and on the Church Service Zoom and Sunday Club Zoom today, we were talking and thinking about LOVE again – especially how we could show our LOVE for our Mums today. It was lovely to see and hear what some of you were doing for your Mums – making cards, making them breakfast in bed, and giving them chocolates and flowers.

It will soon be Easter when we enjoy eating Easter eggs and Hot Cross buns. Easter time is about LOVE too, and the LOVE that God shows for us by sending Jesus to be our friend. God's LOVE for us is like a circle – it has no end to it! No matter what we do, **God never stops LOVING us!** Even when we've done something wrong, God forgives us and keeps LOVING us. Isn't that just amazing!! So, whilst you're guzzling all your Easter Eggs, take a minute to remember **GOD LOVES YOU!** Wishing you and your families a very Happy Easter, LOVE from Helen

Our Sunday Club plans for April are –

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March On Holy Wednesday at 7pm there will be a service (on zoom only) led by the Sunday Club & JAM. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84288993824> Meeting ID: 842 8899 3824

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday – Family Worship in church and on Zoom at 10.30am (zoom link on page 1)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April Sunday Club on holiday – Family Worship in church & on Zoom at 10.30am (see p1 for link)

Sundays 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April Sunday Club on Zoom at 11.15am (see page 1 for link).

### FIND THE WORDS

dark sky night pollution great bear orion belt  
plough twinkle sun moon star blue white yellow  
orange

d o b g n s u n i p  
e e o l e o s o l e  
p o l l u t i o n e  
y b s k y e u r g k  
l e e t n g n n o r  
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o t r l a r w e r d  
n o o m o e b t a r  
n i g h t w r s t r  
e t i h w l t g s t

### EASTER EGG BASKETS

#### INGREDIENTS

225g/8oz plain chocolate, broken into pieces,  
2 tbsp golden syrup,  
50g/2oz butter  
75g/2¾oz cornflakes,  
36 mini chocolate eggs

#### METHOD

##### PLEASE GET AN ADULT TO HELP YOU!

1. Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.
2. Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a saucepan of gently simmering water. (Do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate.
4. Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.

### JOKE CORNER

What's a light year?

Same a regular year, but healthier for you.

How do astronauts serve dinner?

On flying saucers. What do you call a bug on the moon?

A Luna-Tick!

### HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday to Eve Sanderson, Jessica Martin Rachel Gow and Arran Muir. Have a great time guys



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1<sup>st</sup> March 2021



Dear Alison,

**Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission**

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you and the congregation of Greenbank Parish Church for your generous monthly donation of foodstuffs delivered on 17<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February to assist us in our work with homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded persons at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow. We appreciate your patience and apologise to Diane in particular for the inconvenience that our temporary closure caused at the end of January.

Following temporary closure due to the untimely death of our manager Stephen (who had faithfully served the homeless community across Glasgow for over thirty years). LHM resumed its limited services on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

In line with 2021 Government 'stay at home' guidance, our day centre remains closed to the public, in order to prevent social gathering. Our volunteers will remain at home during this time. A limited number of our staff team have worked hard to continue to meet our mission commitments and support those who are experiencing homelessness, who may be vulnerable or are experiencing isolation at this time. Through local and National Government temporary accommodation is available during this 'stay at home' order for all who require it.

We will continue the work Stephen has sustained throughout the pandemic making available emergency food parcels, essential toiletries packs and supply emergency clothing through our partner agencies, to assist those living in hostels, hotels and Bed and Breakfast accommodation in the city. We will continue to supply lunch and other provisions as required to the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre and our Chaplaincy phone line (07864 705 668) remains available for support, prayer and bereavement conversations.

We know none of this would be possible if it were not for the support and prayers of congregations such as yourselves, so please accept our heartfelt thanks. 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

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## TIME OUT

We are ever hopeful that, come the summer, we will be able to have our garden get together again. We manage to keep up with each other's news on WhatsApp and it's always nice to bump into each other on our walks. Unfortunately our annual weekend away, Dundee 2020 is now Dundee 2022!!!! Still, gives us something to look forward to!!

Take care and keep safe.

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## FUNDRAISING

### LOCKDOWN LIBRARY

Book lovers! I have created a 'Lockdown Library' which many of you have donated your unwanted books to. Thank you all. I now have a long list of books that are available to purchase at £2 each (again money towards the Legacy Fund) and the books are disinfected on the outside and left for 72 hours before being passed on. They can be collected from me or I'm happy to deliver. The book list is on the webpage that Fraser has kindly put together for the Legacy work.

[Book List - Greenbank Parish Church Legacy Fund \(greenbankglasgow.org.uk\)](https://greenbankglasgow.org.uk)

To find the book list please go to Legacy tab and from there hover over the Fundraising tab where a dropdown box has Lockdown Library in it. Hover over Lockdown Library and Booklist appears to the right which if you click on a long list of books with a short synopsis for each will appear. Happy reading!

Contact Lorna for more information [Email: [Lornalegacy2020@gmail.com](mailto:Lornalegacy2020@gmail.com)] or telephone: 07970192541

## CHRISTIAN AID

### ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

The Clarkston and district Christian Aid Committee has been meeting on Zoom to make arrangements for fundraising in the coming weeks.

From 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April, we will be running our annual *Art Exhibition and Sale* using a virtual platform this year, as it is not possible to hold the event in its normal location. The 41<sup>st</sup> annual show can be seen by clicking on the link contained on the Church Website or Facebook page and you can view and purchase the paintings by following the instructions on our new website. This is a new and exciting way for us to develop the show this year, and you are encouraged to revisit it throughout the month of April as new work will be added to the site as the event progresses. <https://christianaidclarkstonartshow.org.uk/>

### KILT WALK

Everyone is encouraged to take part in their own fundraising event on the 23-25th April as part of the *Kiltwalk Fundraising Appeal* where you can donate or raise sponsorship on our JustGiving page. Clarkston Churches have registered a donation page for this, and the great thing about this is that 50% will be added to the total by the Sir Tom Hunter Foundation, which will be a great boost to the work of Christian Aid. Please take advantage of this opportunity to organise your own virtual event, while following appropriate Covid-19 guidelines in your fundraising effort, which can take any form you choose. Further details are available from the Church Website and Facebook pages and by following the link: <https://www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/>

To donate money to Christian Aid or to support a fundraiser of your own, you can go to:

<https://virtual.thekiltwalk.co.uk/fundraising/ScotlandsVirtualKiltwalk2021-ClarkstonChristianAidCommittee>

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16TH MAY 2021

#### *Just Giving Page*

As the annual door to door collections are unlikely this year, you will be invited to donate to the work of Christian Aid during this annual event by online giving by visiting our JustGiving page (details on the Church Website and Facebook pages) and I will also be hosting an online Quiz on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> May.

#### *Online Quiz – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

This event will be a pay to enter fun quiz and it is hoped as many households/teams/individuals will participate to generate funds for Christian Aid week. The link for the Quiz will be available on the Church Website and Facebook pages from the start of May. The date for your diary is the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> May; I anticipate the quiz will last for about an hour.

Mark Allan

## THE CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Clarkston Community Choir is continuing to meet on Zoom each Wednesday, and is currently working on selections from *Les Miserables* among other popular songs. The final rehearsal of each month is a social event, with a quiz and some time for members to chat and keep in touch. These rehearsals are a bit different to our 'normal' ones in the church halls, but they are a great chance to see some friendly faces and make music together despite all of the current restrictions. Rehearsals are split into two halves - one for the Sopranos, and the other for the Altos and the men of the choir. Words and practice recordings, along with a timetable for rehearsals, are all available online, and we have a mailing list to keep everyone up to date.

If anyone would like to join in or give it a go, they are most welcome to get in touch with me at [richard.scholfield@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.scholfield@yahoo.com)

## Accessing Support for People Affected by Cancer in East Renfrewshire during the Pandemic

At Macmillan East Ren we're still here to provide support for anyone affected by cancer in East Renfrewshire. That includes people with a current or past diagnosis, family, friends or carers.

While we're unable to offer face-to-face provision during the pandemic, you can access both our cancer information and support service and our Move More programme of physical activity remotely.

### **CANCER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT CALLS**

On Wednesdays and Fridays, our information and support volunteers provide a friendly listening ear for anyone affected by cancer. We also refer and signpost to other relevant services in the local community and beyond.

To find out more or to book a video call over Zoom or a phone call, please get in touch in one of the following ways:

Call, text or WhatsApp us on:

Conor: 07867 441579 (Mon/Tues/Thurs)

Vanessa: 07867 441486 (Wed/Fri)

Email: [macmillan@ercultureandleisure.org](mailto:macmillan@ercultureandleisure.org)

### **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY THROUGH MOVE MORE**

Our move more volunteers deliver a gentle movement class via Zoom every Thursday. After the class there's a chance to have a coffee and a chat. We also have an online circuits class on Wednesday evenings. To find out more and get tailored support, just get in touch with Helen, our Move More Coordinator on: 07867 441489 (Mon/Wed) or [Helen.Harrison@ercultureandleisure.org](mailto:Helen.Harrison@ercultureandleisure.org)

### **MORE ABOUT MACMILLAN EAST REN**

We're a partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support and East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure, set up to provide physical activity and information and support to anyone in East Renfrewshire affected by cancer.

We have a dedicated team of trained volunteers who deliver a range of services. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, we provided weekly information and support drop-in sessions at Barrhead Foundry and Clarkston Library, and through our Move More programme, gentle movement classes, a circuits class, and cancer-friendly walking groups in libraries and community settings across East Renfrewshire. At the time of writing, our walking groups are suspended in line with current restrictions, and will be reinstated when it is safe to do so.

Vanessa Taylor

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## **JUST FOR LAUGHS** (With thanks to Duncan McIntyre)

What is Butt Dust?? Read on and you'll discover the joy in it! These have to be original and genuine. No adult is this creative!!

STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mum good night:

'I love you so much that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window.'

BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mum explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'

SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. 'Please don't give me this juice again,' she said, 'It makes my teeth cough..'

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mum knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, 'Why doesn't your skin fit your face?'

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked, 'What happened to the flea?'



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