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February 2022



LOVE IS PATIENT
LOVE IS KIND
IT DOES NOT ENVY
IT DOES NOT BOAST
IT IS NOT PROUD
IT DOES NOT DISHONOUR
IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED
IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
LOVE REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH
LOVE PROTECTS
LOVE ALWAYS TRUSTS
LOVE ALWAYS HOPES
LOVE ALWAYS PERSEVERES
LOVE NEVER FAILS

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Parish Register

DEATHS

| | |
|----------|---|
| 15/11/21 | Mrs Margaret [Peggy] Jamieson, 23 Dorian Drive, Clarkston |
| 26/11/21 | Mrs Marion Scobie, 4A Ramsay Court, Eaglesham Road, Newton Mearns |
| 21/12/21 | Mrs Heather Hunt, 11 Five Roads, Kilwinning |
| 23/12/21 | Mrs Margaret McCafferty, [Margot] 44 Academy Street, Troon |
| 28/12/21 | Mr Duncan McCallum, 16 Highfield Drive, Clarkston |
| 7/1/22 | Mr David McDonald, 76 Beechlands Drive, Clarkston |
| 15/1/22 | Mr Stewart Cowan, 4 Highfield Drive, Clarkston |
| 23/1/22 | Mrs Christine Howie, 101 Hillview Drive, Clarkston |

"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?" John 14:2 N.I.V.

PULPIT DIARY- FEBRUARY

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|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 6 th February | 10.30am | Family Worship |
| 13 th February | 10.30am | Worship & Sunday Club |
| 20 th February | 10.30am | Worship & Sunday Club |
| 25 th February | 4.00pm | Messy Church |
| 27 th February | 10.30am | Worship & Sunday Club |

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will meet on the last Friday of the month in February, March and April. Our final Messy before the summer break will take place on the first Friday in June.

If anyone would like further details please text 07970192541 or email lo.preece@btinternet.com

Lorna Preece

ZOOM SUNDOWN SERVICES

Zoom Sundown Services take place every Wednesday [6.45pm-7pm].

The zoom link will be: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85703523045> and Meeting ID: 857 0352 3045

LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP

The technical equipment in the Church Sanctuary has been changed to allow streaming via You Tube on Sunday Mornings in place of Zoom.

Anyone wishing to view the service should click on the link which is emailed to the congregation each week from the church office. The service can also be found by searching on You Tube. Once in 'You Tube' simply type in 'Greenbank Church Morning Service' and select the correct service.

Please note that with live streaming there is about a minutes delay before the service is transmitted from the church to people at home. Please be patient if it is a little later than 10.30am before the service starts.

Those attending worship in the Church Sanctuary on Sundays are also asked to note that services are being streamed. The camera being used to transmit images is downstairs, just in front of the balcony area. The cameras will film the pews directly in front of it, the side pews at the front and the chancel area of the church. Members of the congregation who do not wish to be 'caught on camera' are asked to select their seats appropriately.

ACCESSING SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVE BY TELEPHONE OR AS A RECORDING

For those who do not have a computer and are unable to attend church there is an option of using their telephone to listen to the service. Simply dial 0141 815 1166 at 10.30am if you wish to listen to the service live; alternatively you can listen to a recording of the most recent service from the Monday until the Saturday of the following week. When you dial to hear the most recent recording you will firstly hear a message from Jeanne and then some music. Please wait until the music stops and then, when asked to do so, press 1 on you telephone key pad.

Prayer Diary

"I like to think
That, long ago
There fell to earth
Some flakes of snow
Which loved this cold,
Grey world of ours
So much, they stayed
A snowdrop flowers"
(‘Snowdrops’ - Mary Vivian)

I've always felt when I'm tidying up the back garden for the winter, that the top of the garden is a good bit colder than it is further down. As the recent snow disappeared overnight, the fact that my back grass was still covered in large white patches, made me think that I don't imagine it. The first part of the winter was fairly mild, and there's plenty to keep us occupied in the run-up to the festive season, but these early months of the year can feel bleak and cold, maybe more so just now when our activities are still curtailed. Please remember everyone who is alone in these short, dark days, and anyone who finds themselves living on the streets.

Remember also all the businesses who hoped that the busy Christmas period would revive their fortunes, only to be faced with further restrictions, and people staying at home.

Ask, as we have been doing for a long time now, that if we cannot eradicate the virus, we can at least learn how to bring it under control enough for us to live without lurching from one crisis to another.

Ask that the coming year will be a year of progress in many ways - in health, in poverty, in equality, in the climate emergency, and just for a bit of normality.

Keep the people of Afghanistan in your prayers as they struggle to find food and warmth. Remember all the places in the world, home and abroad, where people struggle to keep a roof over their heads and food in their bellies.

Please keep Greenbank in your prayers too. Ask that we will soon be able to gather without masks and spaces; that people will feel safe and want to come back; that the children from the Sunday Club will feel able to return and fill the front pews.

"Whenever electric storms hit your home or family life, look at the storm which hit Calvary. Allow it to be the yardstick for the circumstances confronting your storm.

The sky will clear, you will experience the deathly silence of loneliness, or despair, hopelessness, indifference to continuing in this struggle for life and then.....after that silence, that space of time we need to come to, we shall come to see colours again. Brilliant colours; a rainbow through the rain? It beckons us to continue to lift up our heads, to look at that miracle of nature, that promise of Almighty God in Genesis 9:13-16. Presently the sun will shine again for you too."

(Excerpt from 'Selected to Live', Johanna-Ruth Dobschiner)

'He will cover you with his wings, you will be safe in his care; his faithfulness will protect and defend you.'
[Psalm 91:4]

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)



Dear Friends,

I came across a poem recently by Christian poet Anne Weems called 'Balloons Belong in Church' which I shared at the Sundown Service a few weeks ago. You may have already read this poem but, if you haven't, here it is. It's a long poem but I think it is well worth the time it takes to read and reflect on its words

'BALLOONS BELONG IN CHURCH'

*I took to church one morning a happy four-year-old child
Holding a bright blue string to which was attached a much
loved orange balloon with pink stripes. . .*

Certainly a thing of beauty.

And if not forever at least a joy for a very important now.

*When later the child met me at the door,
Clutching blue string, orange and pink bobbing behind her,
She didn't have to tell me something had gone wrong.*

"What's the matter?"

She wouldn't tell me.

"I bet they loved your balloon."

Out it came then, mocking the teacher's voice,

"We don't bring balloons to church."

Then that little four-year-old, her lip a little trembly, asked,

"Why aren't balloons allowed in church? I thought God would like balloons."

I celebrate balloons, parades, and chocolate chip cookies,

I celebrate seashells and elephants and lions that roar.

I celebrate roasted marshmallows and chocolate cake and fresh fish.

I celebrate aromas: bread baking, mincemeat, lemons . . .

I celebrate seeing: bright colours, wheat in a field, tiny wild flowers . . .

I celebrate hearing: waves pounding, the rain's rhythm, soft voices . . .

I celebrate touching: toes in the sand, a kitten's fur, another person . . .

I celebrate the sun that shines slab dab in our faces . . .

I celebrate snow falling . . . the wondrous quiet of the snow falling . . .

I celebrate the crashing thunder and the brazen lightning . . .

I celebrate anger at injustice

I celebrate tears for the mistreated, the hurt, the lonely . . .

I celebrate the community that cares . . . the church . . .

I celebrate the church.

I celebrate the times when we in the church made it . . .

When we answered a cry

When we held to our warm and well-fed bodies a cold and lonely world

I celebrate the times when the Church is the church

When we are Christians

When we are living, loving, contributing.

I celebrate perfect love . . . the cross . . . the Christ

Loving in spite of . . .

Giving without reward

I celebrate life . . . that we may live more abundantly . . .

*Where did we get the idea that balloons don't belong in the church?
Where did we get the idea that God loves grey and sh-h-h and drab and anything will do?
I think it's blasphemy not to appreciate the joy in God's world.
I think it's blasphemy not to bring joy into His church.
For God so loved the world
That He hung there
Loving the unlovable.
What beautiful gift cannot be offered unto the Lord?
Whether it's a balloon or a song or some joy
that sits within you waiting
to have the lid taken off?*

*The Scripture says there's a time to laugh and a time to weep.
It's not hard to see the reasons for crying in a world where hatred is so manifest.
So celebrate!
Bring your balloons and your butterflies, your bouquets of flowers . . .
Bring the torches and hold them high!
Dance your dances, paint your feelings, sing your songs, whistle, laugh.
Life is a celebration, an affirmation of God's love.
Life is distributing more balloons.
For God so loved the world . . .
Surely that's a cause for Joy.
Surely we should celebrate it!
Good news! That he should love us that much.
Where did we ever get the idea that balloons don't belong in the church?*

In the days and months ahead, in the big moments and in the small quiet moments, may you all find reason to rejoice in God's unconditional and overflowing love.

Yours,



SATURDAY BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Club will take place on Saturday, 5th February, 9am to 10am [8.45am for breakfast] when the first two chapters of the book: "Why did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed cross the road?" will be discussed.

News and Updates

LETTERS OF THANKS



I wish to say a big thank you to the Church family who sent beautiful flowers and many cards on the occasion of my 100th Birthday.

I enjoyed my special day surrounded by family and close friends.

Jean Strachan

This photo of Jean was taken at her birthday party in the Sherbrooke Castle Hotel.

I wish to thank Ron Livingston for his ordering and delivering the Scripture Union Bible notes during this past difficult year. It was much appreciated.

Anne Stewart

Gift Service Donations

Once again, the Sunday Club would like to thank members of the congregation for their generosity expressed through the items donated to The Queen Elizabeth Neo-natal Unit, Church House and SACRO.

Angela Molloy from Church House collected the donations for them, and expressed their thanks to us for continuing to support them so generously, emphasising how much the donations would mean to the children and their families.

We have received the following 3 letters which express the gratitude felt by the Neo-natal unit, SACRO and Church House. Mary Thomson, Community Payback Services Manager at SACRO spoke of being "overwhelmed" by your generosity, and their Director was so appreciative of our continuing support, not just this year, but over many years, that she also wanted to express her thanks, see her letter below.

Helen Howard

Sunday Club Superintendent

Dear Helen,

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Sacro to thank you and the congregation at Greenbank for the very generous and heartfelt donation.

It is difficult to put into words just how much these gifts will be appreciated at a time when vulnerable individuals and their families are struggling to survive. The thought which has gone into the gifts is also evident. It is humbling to note the level of generosity and concern of others during a particularly difficult time.

I would again just like to express our thanks for your gifts and goodwill.

Sharon Stirrat

Director of Justice

SACRO

Letters of thanks continued

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Dear Rev Roddick,

On behalf of the staff, parents and our babies, we would like to thank everyone who donated the knitted items, toiletries and gifts to this department. It is gratefully appreciated. The staff and parents appreciate the time and effort of the knitters. We wish everyone in your congregation a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.
Yours sincerely,

Sandra Lewis
Senior Charge Nurse

19/01/2022

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The Church Congregation

Thank you so much for your generous donation given to Churchhouse. This will be put to good use for the young people who attend our groups.

Kindest Regards

Churchy Meam.

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Have you remembered the church in your will?



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This hawthorn tree was chosen as the U.K.'s "Tree of the Year". It is the only tree on the beach at Kippford in Dumfries & Galloway in the south of Scotland. As you can see, it is bent over because it has stood up to the force of the wind for many years but the tree is strong and has survived.

It is as well that trees are strong because they do so much for us. We could not exist as we do if there were no trees. A mature leafy tree produces as much oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year. What many people don't realise is the forest also acts as a giant filter that cleans the air we breathe.

Trees can either store harmful pollutants or actually change the pollutant into less harmful forms. They can help stop land being washed away by seas and rivers. To produce its food, a tree takes in and locks away carbon dioxide in the wood, roots and leaves which is a very good thing as carbon dioxide is a contributor to global warming. However, trees are in trouble and the reason is human beings who cut them down in huge numbers to make money and don't care about the damage they are doing. Governments, scientists and people who care about the environment are trying to change this but we can each do our little bit to help by planting a tree. You could plant one in your garden (but check how big it will grow first). There are also places where you can arrange for a larger tree to be planted for you. You could do it as a family or get one as a present for yourself. After all trees look after us so we should look after them.

FIND THE WORDS

Can you find these popular UK Trees?

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| Oak | Elder | Monkey Puzzle | |
| Elm | Common Lime | Poplar | |

WINTER OLYMPICS 2022



This is Bing Dwen, the mascot of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games being held in China this month. As you can see he is based on China's most famous and very rare animal, the Giant Panda.

From 4–20 February 2022, the best winter athletes will gather in Beijing, the Chinese capital, as well as Zhangjiakou to compete for 109 gold medals.

Events will be held in 15 disciplines across seven **sports** at the Beijing 2022 Games in biathlon, bobsleigh (including skeleton), curling, ice hockey, luge, skating (including figure skating, short track and speed skating) and skiing (alpine skiing, cross country, freestyle, nordic combined, ski jumping and snowboard).

There are 109 sets of medals to be awarded, seven more than there were at PyeongChang 2018. New events will be contested in bobsleigh, short track, freestyle skiing, ski jumping, and snowboard. Let's wish all the competitors good luck.



Hi everyone,

I hope that you all had a good time with your families over Christmas and New Year.

I need to say two BIG Thank Yous to you all – THANK YOU first of all for all of the gifts you donated for our Gift Service in December, which helped babies and Mums at the Queen Elizabeth Neo-Natal unit, children who go to Church House (Churchy) and Teenagers being helped by SACRO. The charities have all been in touch with me to pass on their thanks to you all. THANK YOU too to everyone who was able to take part in the Nativity play online – the leaders, congregation and myself appreciate all the trouble you went to finding and making costumes and props, learning lines and filming your parts. It was absolutely great!

It's been really good to see everyone who has come back to Sunday Club/JAM at church, and we hope it won't be long before we see more of you back with us.

Helen

Sunday Club arrangements for February are:

Sunday 6th February

Family Worship at 10.30 am (school holiday weekend)

Sundays 13th, 20th & 27th February

Trailblazers, Sunday Squad & JAM meet in halls as usual

VALENTINE DECORATIONS

Doesn't the house look bare once you take the Christmas decorations down. Why not try a valentine's one?



You will need: Rainbow coloured paper or card, scissors, Pritt stick or PVA glue, coloured ribbon, pegs.

1. Cut the coloured paper into 3cm wide strips. Use whatever colour you like but different colours of strips are pretty. You need two of each colour and length.
2. Now you need to cut the rainbow of paper strips into different lengths. The first strip should be the 30cm. The next strips need to be 3cm shorter each time eg 27cm, 24cm, 21cm and so on.
3. On one of the shortest strips, dab a little glue on the ends and press together to form a tear shape. Dab glue onto the ends of the next size and form the tear shape this time around the first one. Repeat until you've used up all that that set of strips. Use pegs to keep strips together while they dry. Do the same with the second set of strips.
5. Cut a length of ribbon to about 30cm and fold in half to create a loop. Apply some glue on one side of each of the teardrops and sandwich the ribbon in-between. Press the teardrop shapes together until they look like a heart and peg together to dry.



SING 2 (PG)

Buster Moon's company is a big success but he is dreaming of bigger things. They sneak into a talent show and get themselves noticed but try to impress Jimmy Crystal by saying they know Clay Calloway, a famous rock star who hasn't been seen in fifteen years to sing with them. With no script and a tight production deadline they find Clay and get him to come out of retirement to help them?



WISE WORDS

This man with the huge smile is Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He was a South African and he was highly respected throughout the world for his wisdom.

He played a very important in trying to bring peace and reconciliation to his very troubled country after Apartheid. He died recently and the news was full of the many things he said. One that learned from his father may have been useful in his work.

"My father used to say, don't raise your voice; improve your argument."

LEGACY FUND

Thank you again to all those who continue to contribute to our Legacy Fund.

The Fund has also benefitted from activities set up and run by members, such as the Bits'n'Bobs sale and the Christmas sale. Additionally it has received funds from the sale of tablecloths, lamps and books, other cash donations outside of formal pledges and a number of online payments.

We are also very grateful to The Guild, for its contribution to the Legacy Fund (and additionally contributing to the normal church operating costs), and the Colour Circle who donated the balance of their funds as well as the proceeds from sale of their stock.

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. Alternatively a one-off payment by bank transfer or cheque can be made, and you can also donate to the project online by logging on to our church website, following the link to the Legacy Project and clicking the red "Donate Online" button.

Spare pledge and bank standing order forms are available from myself or the Church Secretary, should you require any.

Please remember that **every donation**, of whatever size, is both needed and warmly welcome.

Alistair Smith, Treasurer

Tel: 0141 571 2676

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MARMALADE TO £EGACY FUND



I attended church on Sunday, 26th December. Prior to the service Jeanne had placed gifts of money in envelopes below the Christmas tree. During the Sermon the invitation was given by Jeanne to take one of these gifts for yourself or to give it to someone you know or in order to use it in a way that the amount of money would be increased and could be donated to the Legacy Fund. After some thought I accepted the gift and the challenge.

As January is the month that the deliciously tangy SEVILLE ORANGES are available and also when all Mediterranean citrus fruits are at their best, I quickly got started. Batches of orange are already in carefully recycled jars with plans to make further batches using Red Grapefruits and ones using Limes. These will be sold at a price relative to the capacity of each jar. I will deliver to anyone who would like to purchase some.

Please phone me on 0141 384 2648 leaving your name and contact number if I'm not around and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Elizabeth McKenzie

P.S. Perhaps you have an idea for raising a modest amount to swell the Legacy Fund? Once I get going I will happily pass on the amount of the gift as an incentive to someone else to do what they can.

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: alistairsmith@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

THE GUILD

The Guild committee regret that we were not able to resume meetings as planned. On instructions from Guild HQ in Edinburgh we had to cancel our first two meetings. At the time of writing we hope to resume on 26th January but this has to be confirmed. If things go to plan, our programme for February is as follows:

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| 2 nd February | Guild Project | <i>Starchild</i> |
| 9 th February | David Walker | <i>Venice</i> |
| 16 th February | Craig Mains | <i>Bud Neil</i> |
| 23 rd February | Lesley McIlhagger | <i>150 Years of People's Friend</i> |

We know we can rely on your support. Again, apologies for the confusion but matters are really out of our hands.

Enid Dron, Secretary

TIME OUT

Happy New Year to all Greenbankers. Time Out are still having our regular Thursday two week meetings at Clarkston Bowling and Tennis Club. We're in the process of making a programme which starts off with a Burns' Night on Thursday, 27th January. We meet at 8pm and would welcome new members.

stusue.mowat@hotmail.com

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Social Committee was delighted with the turn-out at their Christmas coffee and chat on 4th December and is pleased to report that just over £1000 was raised. Prior to the event, Ronnie and Elaine McNeill and Harry Dhesi were chosen from all the ticket sales to win the advent calendars. On the day the winners of the hampers were Jeanette MacKay and Derek Christie.

Going forward, we plan to have a coffee and chat morning on Saturday 5th February from 10am till 12noon. Come along and enjoy a blether and refreshments.

With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee taking place from the 3rd June, it is hoped to have an event in the church grounds. We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us so that we can enjoy a picnic with some outdoor activities.

Lindy Dallas

GLASGOW NORTH EAST FOODBANK

We hope you had a happy Christmas and wish you all the best for the New Year.

The response has been fantastic since the foodbank donation box was placed in the link building; many thanks to you all. I appreciate there are many calls on your charitable giving. Just updating the donations we look for at this time, the concentration being on food. We are well stocked with tinned soup, beans and pasta but tinned vegetables and fruit, UHT milk and fruit juice, packets of potato powder (smash), vegetable oil, fish, meat and toiletries are welcome.

Alex Howie

STAMPS AND POSTCARDS

Postcards themselves are no longer being collected but please note that postcards with foreign stamps and British ones with unusual stamps are still usable as I will soon cut the stamps off!

They can be got to me by using the following means:

1. There is a box in the manse doorway where they can be left anytime.
2. If attending church by putting them in the wooden boxes in the foyer of the church facing you as you enter.
3. With the assistance of The Guild who, while the halls remain in use, meet in the hall on a Wednesday from 2pm till approximately 3.30pm (last meeting before Christmas in the halls is 1st December, restarting on 12th January).

As before ordinary blue second class stamps are not wanted and it looks likely that 2nd class Christmas stamps will join them so don't waste time and effort cutting them out!

If in doubt feel free to phone me.

Duncan McIntyre (01355 260068)

HELPING THE LHM

Volunteering to help Greenbank help LHM

Since lockdown volunteers have been supervising a **donations trolley** at the church every Sunday and will continue to do so from 11.30am to 12noon.

Other volunteers **deliver the donated items to LHM** on a suitable morning during the week. We are also continuing with this initiative, for which LHM is extremely grateful.

If you would be interested in helping on a rota basis, please leave a message on the church office answering machine [0141 644 1841] or email the church office at office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk

Lodging House Mission Donations

If you are not attending church in person, there is an opportunity to bring donations of food and toiletries to the Link building every Sunday between 11.30am-12noon. UHT milk and sugar are especially needed.

Packed Lunches for the Overnight Welcome Centre

The LHM is also providing packed lunches for the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre and would appreciate donations of multipack crisps, individually wrapped biscuits and small cartons of juice and of raisins.

Christmas Card Sales

Sales of Christmas cards at Greenbank totalled £788.50 and there was a further £26.31 in donations. Many thanks to all those who supported the LHM in this way.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Liz Smith [571 2676]

Lodging House Mission Representative

Please see below an extract from a letter of thanks received from LHM on the 29 December 2021:

Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission

I am writing to acknowledge and thank the congregation of Greenbank Church for your ongoing and generous donations of foodstuff and toiletries delivered in support of our Winter Appeal. Your donations will greatly assist us in our work with people experiencing homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow.

As the colder months arrive we are now providing Winter Warming Packs of hats, scarves and gloves. We are open on a restricted basis and where possible our aim is provide a table service breakfast and lunch on weekdays. As always at LHM, we seek to make a positive difference to the lives of those we support. Our nutritious food is often the gateway to engagement and relationship building, allowing our team to offer interventions for those with multiple complex needs who often have chaotic lifestyles. We served 70 hot meals on Christmas day to members of our community who would otherwise be isolated, alone or without shelter.

We are delighted to be able to partner once more with Glasgow City Mission and others to support the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Shelter and to play our part to ensure there is shelter for everyone across the city on the coldest of months from 1st December to the end of March. This year we are again providing lunch bags and interventions support through Angela every weekday. Our Chaplaincy phone line (07864 705 668) remains available for support, prayer and bereavement conversations.

We know none of our work would be possible if it were not for the support and prayers of congregations such as yourself, 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



In December the Warrior Explorer Scout Unit of the 121 Clarkston Scouts donated unused food supplies from their camp in November and gifts of toiletries to the LHM. Jimmy Patterson, one of our regular volunteers and a leader at the Scouts, is seen here delivering the goods to the LHM.

LHM IS THE 2022 CHARITY OF CATHCART CASTLE GOLF CLUB

Greenbank member, Sharon Mitchell, is the Lady Captain this year and has chosen LHM as her charity. There will be various fundraising events throughout the golfing calendar in 2022, and already the LHM has benefitted by around £1,000 raised by raffling several Christmas Hampers. Over 70 selection boxes were also donated to the LHM.



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