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6/2/22 Mrs Anne Brown, 2/4 Aidan's Brae, Clarkston
20/2/22 Mr Gordon Macaulay, 145 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– MARCH

6 th March	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion & Sunday Club
13 th March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
20 th March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
25 th March	4.00pm	Messy Church
27 th March	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will meet on the last Friday of the month in 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.

Dear Friends,

By now, many of you will be aware that all Church of Scotland Presbyteries have to provide a plan as to how they will address the required reduction in ministry posts agreed by the 2021 General Assembly. At the Assembly, the Assembly Trustees set out the problem: to live within its means, the Church of Scotland could now afford only 600 ministry posts (parish ministers plus Ministries Development Staff) and maintain 60 vacancies (presently that number is over 200). To achieve this number, presbyteries across Scotland were allocated a number of posts, and instructed to achieve that number by 2025. For Glasgow Presbytery, which presently works with 123 ministries, the allocated number is 84.

The Presbytery Plan Creation Group (PPCG) of Glasgow Presbytery has begun the work that will form a draft Mission Plan for approval by the Presbytery by September 2022 and the Faith Nurture Forum and General Trustees by December 2022. Two letters have been sent to all congregations by Rev. Roy Henderson, Convener of PPCG, with a map showing zones that congregations have been allocated to and a copy of the Principles that will be used to create the plan. These communications have also been sent to all members of Greenbank for whom we have an email address. Anyone who did not receive these communications, and would like to have a printed copy sent to them, should contact the church office. The communications can also be accessed on Greenbank's website and Facebook page.


We find ourselves at the beginning of an unsought Presbytery Planning Process through which our national church will undergo a period of great change and challenge. Although preliminary contact has been made, meetings between Greenbank's representatives, the other congregations in the zone to which we have been allocated and with PPCG have still to take place. The congregation will be kept updated on all that happens in the coming weeks but, in the meantime, please do not hesitate to email or telephone me with any questions or concerns. Please also pray for all presbyteries in the creation of the plan and the ministries and congregations it will affect.

In his letter to all congregations, the Rev. Roy Henderson said that all congregations in Glasgow Presbytery will face hard choices this year and that no parish or post will be immune. The process will be difficult, but let us pray that the right decisions will be made and the plan will work in ways that enable Christ's ministry to continue in and through the Church of Scotland.

The Very Rev. Dr John Chalmers, when presenting the original proposals to the 2021 General Assembly, said this: "***We are well aware that this is not an easy ask. Every one of us is a member or minister serving in parishes that will be affected by this. We know reshaping the Church around this will involve painful decisions. But in the goodness and grace of God we trust.***"

In all that lies ahead for the church, to which we belong, may our trust in God's grace and goodness define and uphold us.

Yours,



MEMBERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you have not already done so please send your email address to our church office at:
office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk

Thank you,
Alison Allan
Session Clerk

Prayer Diary

"The wind
told the grasses,
And the grasses
told the trees.
The trees
told the bushes,
And the bushes
told the bees.
The bees
told the robin,
And the robin
sang out clear;
Wake up!
Wake up!
Spring is here!"
(Unknown)

We always think of spring as days, which, whilst maybe not warm, are certainly sunny, as fresh green shoots push through the earth. But, of course, it's just as likely that it'll be wet and windy and grey. However, the lengthening days lift our hearts, and give a promise of better to come, much like the ongoing lifting of restrictions. Let us hope that the most intrusive days of the pandemic may be on their way out.

Whilst you keep in your hearts the families of all those who have been lost, please also remember countries where there are not even enough vaccinations to go round once, where access to healthcare is not guaranteed, and where government support is virtually non-existent.

As world economies struggle to recover from the battering of repeated lockdowns and reduced workforces, pray that we may at last be heading for better days, and that the predicted increases to the cost of living can be ameliorated in the not too distant future.

Ask that our own plans can begin to make progress once more, as they are scrutinised for hopeful approval, and that any changes that are requested are not too major.

Pray that in amongst all the other concerns, the plight of our planet is not forgotten. That every country and every government will work towards making changes necessary for our survival, before it's too late.

Pray for everyone involved in conflicts, ongoing or threatened that peaceful solutions can be found, that people who have lost loved ones will find solace and not set their hearts on revenge so that everyone who has lost their home will find help and somewhere to go.

'...Don't be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go.'
(Joshua 1:9)

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)
Prayer Promoter

SATURDAY BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Club will take place on Saturday, 5th March, 9am to 10am [8.45am for breakfast] when chapters 3 to 8 of: "Why did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed cross the road?" will be discussed.

News and Updates

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dad and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and messages of support we received following the death of my mum, Christine Howie. We were very touched by your kindness and it was much appreciated.

Susan Johnston

A big "thank you" to all the people who have donated wool to my blanket project, some I know and some anonymous who hang sacks of balls of wool on the handle of my back door. Thanks also to those who give me knitted strips for me to put together. If anyone has time on their hands, the pattern is below. I crochet four strips together to make a blanket to the size wanted by the charity.

I have just handed over to the Blythswood Charity the latest 9 blankets which brings the total to exactly 500. (Since I started in 2000 that's about 24 per year). I had thought I might stop at 500 but was quickly bored so number 501 is already underway. Please keep the wool coming - any ply, any colour.

Happy 2022,

Yvonne Neville

Blanket Strip Pattern

Size 10 needles, 55 stitches, garter stitch for 5 feet. Leave the cast off and wool loose in case the strip needs to be adjusted to match another.

Thank You Yvonne

If you've read Yvonne's article, you will have realised how big a thank you Yvonne herself deserves. 500 blankets is a tremendous achievement. Yvonne's skill, determination and generosity have given 500 souls who might otherwise be cold a much needed blanket. Yvonne, you are an example to us all.

ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AND COPIED TO liddell.jill@gmail.com BY SUNDAY, 13TH MARCH PLEASE

COMMUNION, SUNDAY 6TH MARCH

If, like me, you have participated in Communion only at home on Zoom or YouTube since the commencement of the pandemic, you may be unfamiliar with the individual Covid safe little cup which has been used at communion since church was allowed to reopen, and which will again be used at the March communion.

Members of our congregation attending at church on Communion on Sunday, 6th March will be invited to pick up a little sealed cup (photographed below) as they enter at the front vestibule or Link Building, as Communion will not be served by members of Kirk Session.



Session Clerk

The cup is quite compact, and I have included a £1 coin for scale. The cup is a bit smaller than, but similar in design to, a small UHT milk portion, and is opened in a similar way, by peeling back from the pointed area. There are two layers of plastic film - one above and one below the white communion wafer.

Clearly visible is the white communion wafer. To access this, the layer of clear plastic film above it is peeled back. Once the wafer has been removed, the remaining layer of film can then be peeled back, revealing the communion wine.

You may find it helpful to open the cup as soon as you are seated in church, rather than waiting until the time of communion.

Alison Allan

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WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer. It is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. In 2022 Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March and ends on Thursday 14th April. It is followed by Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day on Sunday. It reminds us of when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray before beginning his work for God that ended three years later with his death on the cross and his rising from death.

During Lent we try to do the same as Jesus did. We pray and think about our relationship with God and about the work we might do for God. For some people it means giving something up that we enjoy. It can be a favourite food or activity that we will miss not having. The day before Lent starts is Shrove Tuesday. This is also known as **Pancake Day**. This day was traditionally the last chance to use up the foods Christians would not be eating during Lent.

Another way to get involved in Lent is to give up your time to do some good for others. There are lots of simple tasks you can do like helping about the house or visiting someone who could do with a bit of company. You will have your own ideas. If you need help there is a list of things you can decide to do on days during Lent on this page. Let us know what you get up to.



FOR YOUR DIARY - REMEMBER MOTHER'S DAY!

Mother's Day is on Sunday, 27th March this year.
The custom goes back a very long time.

For many people worked away from home. On the fourth Sunday in Lent they would be allowed to go home and visit their "mother churches" and their mothers. At the time it was not uncommon for children to leave home to work when they were as young as ten years old so it was an opportunity for families to meet up together. Imagine having to go away from to work at ten years old!

Mother's Day Wordsearch

Can you find the Mother's Day related words hidden in this puzzle?



MOTHER, MUMMY, MUM, DAY, MOTHERING,
SUNDAY, CHOCOLATES, FLOWERS, MARCH,
CARD LOVE FAMILY CHILDREN BIRTH

LENT DAILY TO DO LIST

1. Choose 3 books to give to charity
2. Sing a hymn or chorus
3. Say something nice to your teacher
4. Tidy your room
5. Give someone some flowers
6. Put your sweet money in a charity box
7. Give some items to a Foodbank
8. Write someone a thank you note
9. Draw a picture for someone
10. Give someone a phone call
11. Do your homework without being reminded
12. Tell someone you love them
13. Offer to help with a chore
14. Go for a walk with someone
15. Wash the dishes
16. Smile at people
17. Say something nice about everyone in your family
18. Choose some toys to give away
19. Tidy all the rubbish from your school bag - not your homework!
20. Say a prayer for those in need.

If you do each of them twice, that will be your 40 days.



to Hamish Roddick and Benjamin Wilson and Cara Hood. Have great day!



Hi everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed your February school holiday and found some fun things to do. I know that many of our young people in JAM were sitting prelims round about then and I'm sure you're all glad these are now over!

Today has been a very wet day with lots of rain pouring down, and if you go out, you get soaked very quickly! However, it's great weather for putting on your wellies and jumping in puddles!

Even though I don't like having to walk about when it's raining heavily, I know that we need rain to make many of the things we eat grow, like wheat, corn and oats, carrots, potatoes, cauliflowers, apples, pears, grapes and lots of other fruit and vegetables. So I should really be glad that it's raining! I was glad too that I could still see the snowdrops and crocuses that have come out in our garden – they always cheer me up and remind me that spring and summer are on the way.

Helen

Our Sunday Club meetings in March are:

Sunday 6th March Communion Sunday - Sunday Club and JAM meet in Halls and come into church for Communion

Sundays 13th, 20th, 27th March Trailblazers, Sunday Squad & JAM meet in halls as usual

RED NOSE DAY



Red Nose Day is a fundraising event run by the charity Comic Relief. Comic Relief was founded in the UK in 1985 to raise money to help people affected by famine in Ethiopia in Africa. The first Red Nose Day was held in 1988 and included a comedy telethon broadcast on BBC 1, and money was raised from the sale of red noses. Since then it has been held every other year and the causes it raises money for now include those in the UK and all other parts of the world.

This year's fundraising efforts are aiming to help with child poverty and safety, helping those affected by Covid-19, projects that promote equality, homelessness and mental health problems.

2022's Comic Relief will air on Friday March 18th. This is also when Red Nose Day will fall in 2022, when everyone is encouraged to buy and wear a red nose in support of Comic Relief. You can buy them in Sainsburys and there are 7 to collect this year. You can find out how you, your family or school can get involved by searching www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/fundraise. Whatever you do raise money and have fun doing it.

WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 3rd March

I MET a dragon face to face
the year when I was ten,
I took a trip to outer space,
I braved a pirate's den,
I wrestled with a wicked troll,
and fought a great white shark,
I trailed a rabbit down a hole,
I hunted for a snark,
I stowed aboard a submarine,
I opened magic doors,
I traveled in a time machine,
and searched for dinosaurs,
I climbed atop a giant's head,
I found a pot of gold,
I did all this in books I read
when I was ten years old.

-Jack Prelutsky



BAD JOKES FOR RED NOSE DAY

Q: Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?

A: The "C"!

Q: What gets wet while it's drying?

A: A towel!

Q: Why can't your head be 12 inches long?

A: Because then it would be a foot!

LEGACY UPDATE

At the Kirk Session a few weeks ago we reminded ourselves that the initial work on what became known as our Legacy Project began away back in December 2014. In the months that followed we visited a number of churches to see what they had done and in almost every case they spoke about the very lengthy journey, sometimes up to ten years, involved in getting their project completed. At the time I think we wondered how it could possibly take that long but now, after over seven years working on our own project, we certainly know the answer to that question! Perhaps if Covid had not intervened we might have been a year or two ahead but the very detailed work of trying to understand and forecast what the needs of a church will be in the future, exploring how we could raise funds, consulting the congregation with plans, marketing the land and finding a suitable buyer, commissioning architects and others to help in the design of what we planned, all these things just take time. We have to remind ourselves that we are building for the next generation and we have to get this right so it was never going to be quick.

However, at last I am able to report that there has been some progress recently and discussions have begun with planners. I will of course keep you posted.

We have also been working hard with the architect and other consultants looking at all the costs associated with the project to ensure that only that which needs to be spent will be spent. We want to be as ready as we can be once planning approval is given but let's remind ourselves what is planned.

You have all seen the images produced by the architect but in essence what is planned is that an extension is built to the south side, the manse side, of the main sanctuary. A new pathway will be created from Mansefield Road that will provide a more level entrance for those who find the current steep incline from Eaglesham Road challenging. The Mansefield Road entrance will lead to a new entrance door into a large welcoming, gathering space that will become the heart of the new facility and leading from there to a multipurpose space, kitchen, church office a large hall and the church itself. Some repairs and refurbishment will also be carried out on the sanctuary. We are building for the next generation and so the new facilities have to be easier and less expensive to run and maintain than the current set of buildings as well as being flexible enough for use throughout the week. As life hopefully returns to some kind of normality, it is important that the church is seen to be alive and serving the community in all kinds of ways.

Pause, however, for a moment. Our focus over the past few years has understandably been on creating the kind of facility described but we need to stop occasionally and remind ourselves that our buildings are only a means to an end. We started this whole project not to create a set of buildings, important as they are. Our purpose is a far greater one: it is to advance Christ's Kingdom in this place. That is our mission, one to which each of us is committed through our membership of the Church and a vision towards which we march, albeit slowly at times, but nevertheless with steadfast purpose and intent. And so, let's keep positive with our eye on that much bigger goal.

Gordon Dickson
Legacy Project Group

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. 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).

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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YOUR LASTING LEGACY

***I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Timothy 4:7***

In the February issue of Good Neighbour you may have noticed a short sentence alongside a small picture, which asks the question "Have you remembered the Church in your Will?"

As a retired solicitor with over 40 years' experience in dealing with the administration of clients' estates, I cannot emphasise enough the importance of making a Will to ensure that your estate is distributed in accordance with your wishes after your passing. By not leaving a Will your estate falls to be dealt with under the Laws of Intestate Succession in Scotland and you may be surprised to learn that this may result in your assets and their net worth going to relatives that you may or may not have intended (or even known about) and in some circumstances in very different proportions to what you might have expected. It is always a worthwhile exercise to seek legal advice on how your estate falls to be divided under intestacy (where you haven't left a Will) to galvanise you into making one!

By making or updating a Will it makes us stop and think about our priorities. You will first and foremost want to ensure that your Will provides for your family and friends but, having done so, there is also the opportunity to continue supporting the causes you care about in life by including a legacy or legacies as part of that will-making process. There is often a misconception that only the wealthy leave money to charity, but even a small donation can help make a huge difference. It is a fact that 74% of the UK public support a charity during their lifetime but only 7% include their favourite causes in their Will. The Church of Scotland and each of its congregations are registered Charities. By leaving a legacy to a charity you can reduce any potential Inheritance tax on your estate. Your solicitor can advise you on this.

Leaving such a gift in your Will can be a lasting and powerful expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God and can help secure and transform the Church's future both locally and nationally.

You are invited to consider how a gift in your Will, a legacy, could help your Church here in Greenbank to meet the needs of future generations. You can of course leave a gift to the national Church of Scotland, which will help enable and encourage ministry, mission, social care and service across Scotland and beyond. A gift specifically to Greenbank Parish Church will be used wholly for the purposes of our Church's ministry and will help sustain and encourage our congregation's engagement with the community and its services.

There are different ways in which to leave a legacy in your Will:

- A pecuniary legacy is a gift of a fixed sum of money of your choosing. N.B. such legacies get paid out of your estate first in full before the main beneficiaries get their share of your estate, so bear this in mind when deciding on the amount of the legacy.
- A specific legacy is a gift of a specific item e.g. property, shares or personal items.
- A residuary legacy is a gift of what is left (or a part/a percentage of what is left) after all other bequests and debts have been paid. This can be more beneficial to charities as the gift will not decrease in value due to inflation. By leaving 10% of the residue of your estate to Charity (which can be split amongst several charities of your choice) those estates on which Inheritance Tax is payable will only pay 36% tax instead of 40% tax but again seek legal advice on how this will impact on the amounts other residuary beneficiaries will receive by doing so.

You can specify a specific purpose that you wish your gift to be used for or you can say it is to be used for general Church purposes.

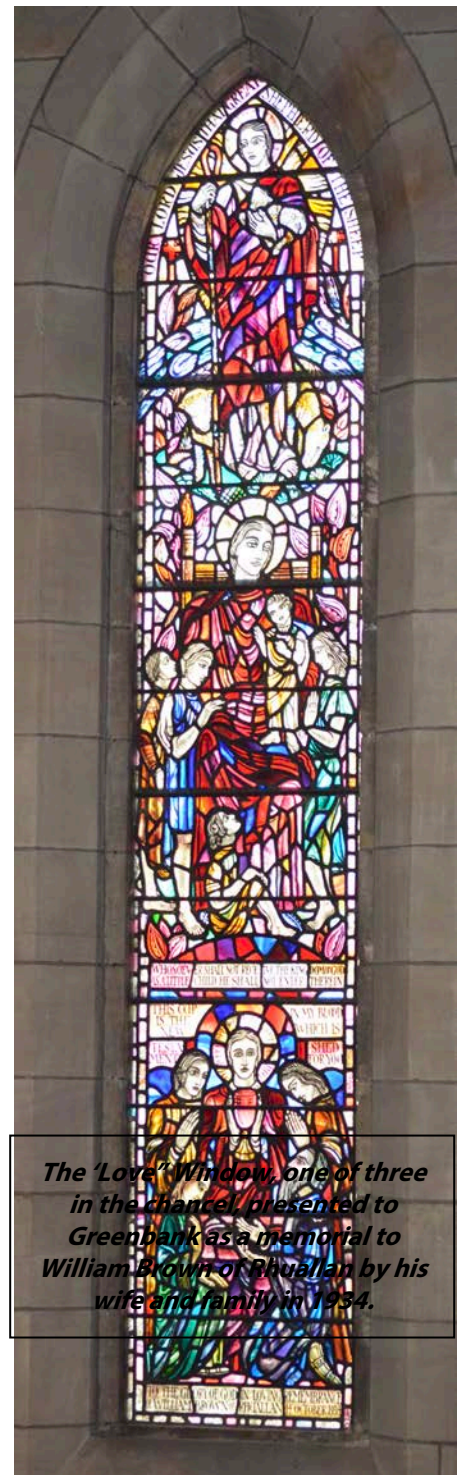
In essence, making a Will and updating it regularly are the only ways to ensure your wishes are carried out after your death. Your Will is a legal document so it is vital to have it drafted by a legally qualified person. If you have a solicitor he/she can prepare or update your Will – just a phone call to them to say what you are looking to do will start the process. There are a number of local solicitor firms in the Clarkston, Giffnock and Newton Mearns area who can provide this service and if in doubt the Law Society of Scotland will also provide you with a selection of local solicitors in your area (www.lawscot.org.uk). Pre-pandemic most solicitors would be happy to accommodate a visit to your home if requested and it is hoped that with the gradual easing of Covid restrictions this service can be resumed.

I hope this article has been of interest to some of you even if its effect has been simply to encourage you to understand the benefit of having a Will no matter how basic. If you do choose to remember Greenbank Parish Church in your Will your solicitor will need the following information –

Registered Charity Name: the congregation of Greenbank Parish Church, Congregation No.160863, 36 Eaglesham Road, Clarkston, Glasgow G76 7DJ, Registered Charity No.SC011453 (or the successor congregation within the Church of Scotland)

If you would like to discuss any aspect arising from having read this article then please do not hesitate to approach our Treasurer, Alistair Smith, in confidence, and he will be happy to help. Alistair is also the person to contact should you wish to make a lifetime gift to your Church at Greenbank in memory of a loved one.

Diane Adam



The 'Love' Window, one of three in the chancel, presented to Greenbank as a memorial to William Brown of Bhuallan by his wife and family in 1934.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY EVENT: MARY MILLER ON JANE HAINING

This very successful virtual event, at which Mary Miller spoke on the Scottish missionary, Jane Haining, was recorded, it can therefore still be accessed using the link to the presentation:

Topic: Clarkston Churches Together Zoom Meeting

Start Time: Jan 23, 2022 18:12

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Am7As2Vf5VPx3zXUBReQ7FcBoH-DDI3Ufdpp0uiFPnPLxzAa7_fEQzCJlqmnSk-.nyi_y7v0UtMV8_qnC

The presentation starts at around 8 minutes 20. It can be downloaded to a hard drive or memory stick and edited or just shown directly from the Zoom Site.

THE GUILD

Despite having to obey many restrictions, the Guild has had enjoyable and very well attended meetings during February. The programme for March is given below. It is hard to believe another session is nearly over and we hope and pray that next year will be less fractious. Of course, we can give no guarantee as to where we will be meeting but the committee will do their best to keep you informed.

It is with regret that the Guild will no longer be delivering Sunshine Bags to the ladies of the congregation. As our members are all less fit than they once were it has become too difficult for them to deliver and collect the bags. The Guild would like to thank everyone for their generous support over the years, enabling us to support many deserving charities.

The World Day of Prayer service this year is being held in Williamwood Parish Church on Friday, 4th March at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served after the service but please bring your own cup. This service is open to everyone.

2nd March ***Strathaven Ceramics*** Yvonne McVie

9th March ***Quiz*** Jill Liddell

16th March ***Musical Afternoon*** Hi-Lites

Enid Dron

Secretary

KIRK SESSION – WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session has appointed a number of coordinators who are responsible for reporting on the various activities, which take place in our church

The Worship Report provided feedback on the Christmas services with particular mention being made of the very popular early evening Christmas Eve Service and the online nativity service presented by the Sunday Club. Mention was also made of the live streaming of the Sunday morning services on YouTube, the Sundown services on Wednesday evening and the return of Messy Church on Fridays

The Outreach Report referred to the increase in demand for the services of the Foodbank but intimated that donations had also increased. LHM recorded their gratitude to Greenbank for the funds from the sale of cards and for the donations of food and toiletries

The activities of Clarkston Churches Together were referred to, in particular the Pulpit Exchange which occurred during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the online service which was led by Mary Miller on the work of Jane Haining.

The Treasurer's Report referred to, amongst other items, the value of the Legacy Fund at the end of the year (£266,151) the reduction in our offering income and the likely increase in central levies to the Church of Scotland.

The Property Report referred to issues with water ingress in Room D at the back of the stage and difficulties with the church heating which will incur considerable expenditure (e.g. repair of the cast iron pipe under sanctuary at £4075).

The Fellowship Report referred to the activities of the Guild who have a full syllabus planned including a quiz hosted by Jill Liddell and the annual summer outing, Time Out, who continue to meet in Clarkston Tennis Club, the 'Grumpy Old Men' who meet on Wednesday mornings at 10am in Rouken Glen Garden Centre and give a great welcome to new recruits, and Coffee and Chat which has been organised by the Social Events Committee who held their most recent event on Saturday 5th February.

The Youth Report referred to the fact that the Sunday Club were able to carry out many of their usual activities during the Christmas period including the Annual Gift Service, which provided donations for the Queen Elizabeth Children's Hospital Neo-Natal Unit, Church House and SACRO,. The Trailblazers and Sunday Squad held a joint party, which took place on the 12th of December and the online Nativity, which was presented at the Family Service on the 19th of December.

The Legacy Project Group reported to the Kirk Session, see page 9 of the Good Neighbour for a separate Legacy update.

A number of other reports and administrative matters were briefly discussed including the decision to use the Fulton Bequest for those attending worship courses, the appointment of the Presbytery Elder for 2022/23, the attestation of the roll, which now stands at 669, the approval of the Safeguarding Statement, the approval of the Data Protection Policy Statement and the arrangements for the March Communion.

A Kirk Session Review is to be undertaken to look at Elders' duties and how Kirk Session operates in changing times.

The Good Neighbour distributor requested that Session consider the role of district visitors and the way in which the Good Neighbour magazine is distributed to members. She detailed some points for discussion at the next Kirk Session meeting.

Glasgow Presbytery's Plan Creation Group had sent letters and information regarding Presbytery's Mission Plan, which had been circulated to members.

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: alistaidsmith@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

SPOTLIGHT ON MESSY CHURCH - HELP REQUIRED, PLEASE!

Messy Church is now an established, but new, form of worship within our church. Since it was introduced at Greenbank a number of years ago, it has been enthusiastically, successfully and quietly run by Lorna Preece, ably supported by a team of helpers, currently including Maureen Moss and Margaret McKenzie in the kitchen; Lorna's ever enthusiastic and willing family; and Preece family friend, teenager Jule. When I say quietly, this refers only to the way in which Lorna and her team just get on with things. The atmosphere at Messy is joyous and relaxed, contemplative or noisy, whatever is befitting to the programme.

Taking place on the last Friday of each month from 4pm until 6pm in our church halls, Messy had an enforced break due to covid 19 restrictions. We are happy to say that Messy is back, meeting at the same time and place as before.

Messy Church is a wonderful time of worship. It reaches out to people for whom worship on a Sunday is not convenient, and allows Greenbank to extend its warm welcome and hospitality to a wider number of people. Over the course of two hours, folk are welcomed; there is a family friendly worship, often incorporating crafts, games, and activities; and a freshly cooked hot meal, eaten together, rounds off the afternoon.

As with all our activities, Messy cannot run without volunteers, and I am appealing to our members to consider stepping forward to help with the running of it. It would be great to add some new helpers.

Please let me, Lorna, Jeanne, or Jane in the church office know if you can help. We are especially looking for someone to help on 25th March.

Thanks,

Alison Allan
Session Clerk

(Alison 638 3916; Lorna 638 6157; Jeanne 644 1395; church office 644 1841)

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

We plan to have a coffee and chat morning on Saturday 5th March 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

TIME OUT

We all enjoyed a Burns Night on 27th January when some of the girls entertained us with poetry and song. Moira recited the toast to the laddies, even though there were none present!!!

We plan to have our quiz night on 24th February, and hopefully a fun night at Café Ceramico on 10th March. We will be going to Cathcart Castle Golf Club on 24th March for a charity quiz night and fashion show, organised by our own Sharon Mitchell, raising funds for the LHM.

Our fortnightly meetings are held at Clarkston Bowling & Tennis club starting at 8pm. All new members would be welcome.

Susan Mowat Email: stusue.mowat@hotmail.com

TUESDAY EVENING WALKING GROUP

Our little group have done their best to keep walking and talking and laughing in the face of Covid! As spring approaches and the clocks go forward we look forward to lighter nights. Please feel free to join us at 7pm at the bottom of the church drive. We walk for an hour locally.

Evelyn Clelland [07762065507]

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Clarkston Community Choir is delighted to be back singing face-to-face this year with rehearsals each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the church halls. We're very happy to be able to take part in live music-making once more, but continue to enforce 1 metre distancing and mask wearing (whilst not singing), as well as keeping contact tracing details, to ensure that rehearsals are as safe as possible. The choir has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, and we are always open to new members - we don't have any requirements in terms of music reading or previous choral experience - so come along and give it a try! If you'd like to find out more, feel free to get in touch with the conductor Richard Scholfield at: richard.scholfield@yahoo.com

Opening Doors to a brighter future for Glasgow's Homeless

Latest Bulletin

Dear Supporters,

Our day centre is now open 8.30am to 3pm weekdays for those people who experience homelessness, exclusion and social isolation across the city; with our café providing free breakfast between 8.30am-10am and lunch between noon and 2pm. We continue to make emergency clothing and food parcels available through our partner agencies.

In January, despite restrictions on mixing due to the omicron variant, we continued to serve;

Food Service	Breakfast	Lunch
Sit in meals	406 January (302 December)	717 January (572 December)
Take-out meals	32 January (79 December)	70 January (210 December)



Our Kitchen team was delighted when Fiona got in touch to say Mackie's Crisps had a large donation of stock to complement the packed lunches we provide to the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre (formerly the Winter Night Shelter). A big thank you to Mackie's of Scotland and to Fiona and her family for driving to Perth to collect them on our behalf.

We continue to host the Health Protection Scotland team of vaccinators offering boosters and flu jabs to our clients weekly.



We have Waverley care coming back in to offer Blood Borne Virus testing on the 23rd February. Waverley Care recognise there are thousands of people in Scotland living with undiagnosed HIV or hepatitis C. Without a diagnosis, people cannot access effective treatments and are more likely to unknowingly pass their infection on. By providing services to suit local needs and highlighting the range of alternative options available together we can reduce barriers to access. We are pleased to be able to support this valuable harm reduction work.



Winter Weather Packs (hats/scarfs) distributed in January

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We celebrated Burns Day with a difference, with a visit from the staff of the RASOI, OREGANO & EAGLE LODGE restaurants who prepared a beautiful two course Indian lunch for all our visitors and staff. Great to share our celebrations with such a special treat.

We ask for your prayers as the team seek to advertise in person activities restarting. Pray that the clinical health support we are providing reaches those who would most benefit. As the services pick up in numbers pray our staff and volunteers know God's equipping.



May God bless you as you have blessed the least of these brothers and sisters of Christ. (*Matthew 25:40*)

Deacon Claire Herbert, Chaplain to LHM.



Volunteer Positions which are available at The Lodging House Mission

Volunteer Role Description for Chaplaincy Team Volunteer: Prayer Support

At LHM we want to ensure that those who are experiencing homelessness, social isolation or exclusion have a place where they feel that they belong, a community for those who come through the doors. Food provides us with a perfect opportunity to engage with people and allow us a chance to build relationships and trust whilst assessing their needs. We are able to provide support to people in-house for a number of issues they may be facing and those issues that we are not able to deal with internally, we can signpost to and even support a meeting/contact to ensure a smooth transition for the vulnerable person.

The Prayer Supporter Role is a new volunteering opportunity being set up at LHM to increase the Christian presence and support available for the work and people of the Mission. Your role as part of the chaplaincy team would be to provide prayer support in a variety of settings. This role has two main purposes; to support our mission aims through prayer for the events, activities and people of Lodging House Mission, and secondly to provide and oversee the provision of a prayer space for guests of the Lodging House Mission to support their prayer life.

You will be carrying out tasks such as:

- Offer a Christian presence and provide specific prayer support to our staff, volunteers and guests.
- To maintain a welcoming and invitational prayer space for our guests.
- Support and encourage participants in their use of the prayer space and introduce available prayer activities and materials as appropriate as part of a three person team.
- Provide a listening ear and the ability to pray with and for those using the space if required.
- Participate in a regular prayer meeting for the events and people of LHM.
- Support the Chaplain in communication of prayer needs to our supporting churches.

The skills and attributes you should have:

- Kindness, compassion and empathy are three key attributes – a friendly face makes people feel welcome and wanted
- An active Christian faith and openness to engage with those of other faiths or none.
- Being enthusiastic about the role you are undertaking
- To have a tolerant and non-judgemental attitude in the face of indifference or hostility
- To be able to work as part of a team as well as on your own
- Be over 18 years of age

How much time would you need to commit

This is something that we can discuss depending on your circumstances and our needs at the time. We would recommend that you commit to one prayer meeting per month as a minimum to build relationships and connect with the team.

Our day centre runs from 8.30am until 3pm. The aim would be for the prayer space to be open to guests between 10 and 2pm. In addition, we would ask that you are able to take a regular slot within that time period. At the moment we are open Monday to Friday but hope to reinstate our weekend provision at some point in the near future.

What support can you expect?

- A taster session to see if this is the place for you.
- An induction session
- The Chaplain will be the point of contact for guidance and pastoral support
- Training as necessary/required

What are the benefits to you?

- Being part of a friendly, dynamic team
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in someone's life
- The chance to use and develop existing skills and learn new things
- A learning, missional community in which to live out your faith.



Volunteer Role Description for Front of House Team

At LHM we want to ensure that those who are experiencing homelessness, social isolation or exclusion have a place where they feel that they belong, a community for those who come through the doors. Food provides us with a perfect opportunity to engage with people and allow us a chance to build relationships and trust whilst assessing their needs. We are able to provide support to people in-house for a number of issues they may be facing and those issues that we are not able to deal with internally, we can signpost to and even support a meeting/contact to ensure a smooth transition for the vulnerable person.

Your role front of house is so much more than just taking details for track and trace, you will be the first person they see so it is crucial to set the scene and show a friendly face and be helpful and considerate.

You will be carrying out tasks such as:

- Ask the person to use the machine to take their temperature and sanitise their hands before allowing the person to enter
- Take a name and contact details and record them for track and trace
- Explain how their experience will work to those who are new
- Organise takeout food for people who do not wish to come inside
- Answer calls and pass to the appropriate person or take a message
- Most importantly, be the friendly face they see first and make sure that the experience they have is dignified

The skills and attributes you should have:

- Kindness, compassion and empathy are three key attributes – a friendly face makes people feel welcome and wanted
- Being enthusiastic about the role you are undertaking
- To have a tolerant and non-judgemental attitude
- To be able to work as part of a team as well as on your own
- Preferably to be able to input data on a spreadsheet
- Be over 18 years of age

How much time would you need to commit

This is something that we can discuss depending on your circumstances and our needs at the time. We would ask that you commit to one shift a month as a minimum if possible. If not, don't let that be a barrier, let's talk. Our day runs from 8.30am until 3pm. We would ask that you do a minimum of 4 hours within that time period. At the moment we are open Monday to Friday but hope to reinstate our weekend provision at some point in the near future.

What support can you expect?

- A taster session to see if this is the place for you.
- An induction session
- Training to use the spreadsheet and telephone system
- A named person who will be your point of contact, providing you with guidance and support
- Training as necessary/required

What are the benefits to you?

- Being part of a friendly, dynamic team
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in someone's life
- The chance to use and develop existing skills and learn new things

HELPING THE LHM

Volunteering to help Greenbank help LHM

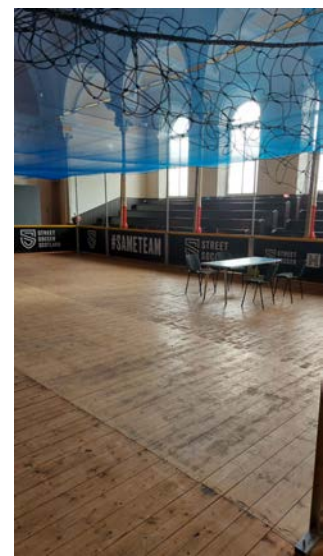
Since lockdown volunteers have been supervising a **donations trolley** at the church every Sunday and will continue to do so from 11.30am to 12noon.

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.

Indoor soccer pitch

The upstairs floor of the LHM building in East Campbell Street was built as the sanctuary but today it also has other uses.

An indoor soccer pitch has been built which has proved to be popular especially when the weather is too bad for outdoor play. You may have seen a report on STV news last month showing the LHM being used as a Covid vaccination centre. This is still taking place every Tuesday on the soccer pitch.

Liz Smith (571 2676)

LHM Representative

GLASGOW NORTH EAST FOODBANK

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



DIAMOND WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Margaret and Ronald McKenzie on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Margaret and Ronald were married on the 10th of February 1962 in North Kelvinside Church by the Reverend Tom Allan. They celebrated with a small gathering of family and friends - all lateral flow tested – later in the month.

Happy Anniversary to you both.

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)

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