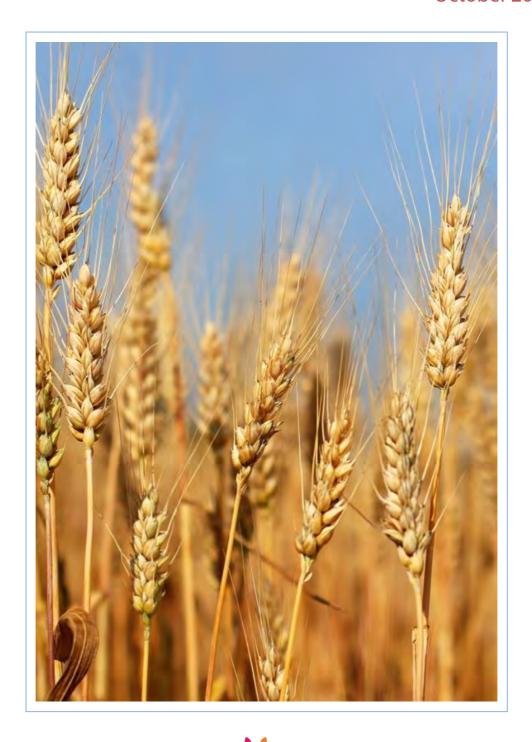
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October 2021



## **Parish Register**

#### **DEATHS**

April 21	Mrs Angeline Barr, Bonnyton Moor Farm, Eaglesham
26/8/21	Mrs Evelyn Hamilton, 82 Hillend Road, Clarkston
31/8/21	Ms Judith Swindell, 7C Helena Place, Busby Road, Clarkton
1/9/21	Mr Thomas Neil Sanderson, 26 Lothian Drive, Clarkston
6/9/21	Mr Ian McClenaghen, 5 Stamperland 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.

#### **BAPTISMS**

29/8/21 Hamish Rory Roddick, 16A Kintore Road, Glasgow

Hamish was born at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on 1<sup>ST</sup> March 2019 at approximately 3am, weighing 10 lbs. His parents are James and Katie Roddick. Carolyn (James' sister) and Cathal MacRae are Hamish's godparents. The family has found it to be a challenging time as, until recently, they have not been able to see Katie's parents who are always keen to play a role in their grandchildren's lives. James and Katie commented that it was nice that they were finally allowed to come over for the first time in almost two years from the U.S.A. They obviously noticed a big change in their Grandchildren. James and Katie explained, 'We were able to mark the occasion nicely with Hamish's baptism, which we had been putting off during the COVID pandemic. Afterwards a few of us went up to Mitchell's restaurant in Carmunnock, which we all enjoyed.'

#### George William Gibson

George William Gibson's baptism, which took place on 11th July 2021, was announced in the September edition.

George was born on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at the QEUH and weighed a healthy 8lbs 11ozs. His parents are Kristofer and Heather (nee Simpson). His godparents are Shirley Crawford and Ross Gibson (Kris's cousin). George enjoyed being the centre of attention, smiling through his baptism and listening intently to Jeanne. George was named after his two great grandfathers who unfortunately he didn't get to meet. He was born just as the winter lockdown was enforced and therefore only met immediate family. For a few months he had to make do with seeing everyone else through a window. George loves his music class as well as Bookbug at the library and baby yoga. On leaving the church, Heather was able to show George her name on the Cradle Roll at the back wall. She commented, 'It was lovely to have grown up attending Greenbank, get married there and have George's baptism there too'.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 N.I.V

#### **PULPIT DIARY**

3 <sup>rd</sup> October	10.30am	Harvest Worship [led by Rev Fred Milligan] Online and in Church & Sunday Club
10 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Family Worship - Online and in Church
17 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Worship - Online and in Church & combined Sunday Club
24 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Worship - Online and in Church & Sunday Club
31st October	10.30am	Worship - Online and in Church & Sunday Club

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that Communion Sunday this year will be 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Combined services both in church and on Zoom will continue until live streaming replaces zoom.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ONLINE - The Zoom link for attending Sunday morning worship online continues to be: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/757322655">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/757322655</a> Meeting ID: 757 322 655

Online worship can also 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 by dialling 0141 815 1166 or on the church website: Greenbank website: <a href="http://www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk">http://www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk</a> any time.

Dear Friends,

Harvest time offers an opportunity to focus on the truth of the words from the Book of Genesis:

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease"

These words remind us that we are part of a never-ending circle of life upon which all creation depends. Through all the changes of the last 18 months to ways of life we once took for granted, when so many of the old certainties have been challenged and undermined, perhaps as never before, we need to be reminded of the permanence and eternal love of our God who is always with us and in whom we can place our trust and our hope.

Although supermarket shelves have been, and continue to be a little bare at times, most of us have had access to more than adequate food in the last few months. We might not have had the choice we wanted but, thankfully, we have not gone without. Our Harvest Thanksgiving gives us a way to express our gratitude to God, for the skill, dedication and determination of those who continually go out in all weathers, and at all times of the day and year, to tend the earth, sail the seas and gather in the produce that we enjoy.

As well as thanksgiving this time of Harvest also offers us an opportunity to focus on sharing what God has given us – not only food, but to share in any way we can, our time or our money or whatever it might be to improve life and bring hope to others. One of the ways we are invited to do that this year is to once again share our plenty with some of the most vulnerable and needy people in Glasgow.

The letter contained in this issue of Good Neighbour from the Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery gives a poignant insight into the difficulties faced by the Lodging House Mission as it has cared for, and provided sustenance to, the most vulnerable and neediest people in our city during the last few months. This issue of Good Neighbour gives details of what the Lodging House Mission needs from us – it desperately needs our help and our prayers.

I invite everyone to join our service of Harvest Thanksgiving, which will be led by Rev. Fred Milligan on Sunday 3rd October at 10.30am. As we worship together and offer our thanksgiving for all God has given us, may God also sow seeds of love within our souls, that we might yield generosity, care and kindness in abundance towards others in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Yours,

Jeanne

#### **SUNDAY MORNING TEA AND COFFEE**

The serving of Sunday Morning Tea has restarted in the Fraser Hall after morning worship; please bring your own cup!

If you would like to volunteer to serve the refreshments after the Sunday morning service please email the church office at: office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk

#### **GREENBANK CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE**

The church Facebook 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 <a href="https://www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk">www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk</a> and 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 that 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

#### **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

#### TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS PATERSON

Read in Greenbank Parish Church on Sunday 12th September 2021.

Douglas Paterson, one of our elders, died on 20th August.

Douglas Clark Paterson was born on 20th August 1935 in Somerville Drive, Mount Florida.

His parents were Andrew and Mary Paterson and shortly after his birth the family moved to Croftfoot where his younger brother, Gordon, was born. Douglas attended Croftfoot Primary School and was awarded the Dux prize in 1947, describing this as the greatest achievement of his life. He went on to attend King's Park Senior Secondary School until 1952.

He had taken a great interest in the weather from an early age and on leaving school went to work in the Meteorological Office. His first posting at age 17 was as a Scientific Assistant at the RAF station at West Freugh near Stranraer, where he also completed his National Service. Subsequent postings were to the Air Traffic Control Centre at Uxbridge, the Met Office at Edinburgh Airport and in 1959 he was a founder member of staff at the newly opened Glasgow Weather Centre.

From an early age Douglas had attended Sunday School in Croftfoot Parish Church and it was when he was in the Youth Fellowship that he met his future wife, Grace. They were married in August 1960 and set up home in Stamperland where his daughter, Hazel, and son, Bruce, were born. Douglas was very proud of the achievements of his family and was always interested in what they were doing. He attended many Queen's Park and Aberdeen football matches with Bruce and passed on a love of hill-walking to him. Douglas was also delighted when his grandchildren, Craig and Catriona, were born.

Douglas's career in the Meteorological Office took him and the family to many interesting places. He was posted to RAF Wildenrath/(Vildenrat) in Germany for three years in 1971 where they lived on the base and formed many new friendships which lasted all his life.

Returning from Germany, the next move was to the London Weather Centre where Douglas did radio forecasting with colleagues such as Jack Scott and Michael Fish, although much to his relief he did not follow them onto the television screen.

After further promotion in 1978 he was offered the post of Senior Met Officer at Aberdeen Airport. While in Aberdeen, Douglas and Grace joined Cults West Church where he became an Elder in 1979.

In 1987 he returned to the Glasgow Weather Centre and he and Grace moved to Kilpatrick Gardens. They joined Greenbank and Douglas was admitted as an elder here in 1988 where he faithfully served as a District Elder, the church roll keeper and as a member of the Session Education committees. Douglas participated fully in the life and worship of Greenbank church and its activities including the walking group.

Following his retirement in 1994 he kept up his interest in meteorology joining the committee of the Scottish Centre of the Royal Meteorological Society. He was greatly honoured to be elected Vice-President for Scotland 2004-2006.

Douglas' other interests included Busby and Clarkston Horticultural Society and family history. Holidays involved several visits to Islay and many holidays in Europe with Great Rail Journeys.

Douglas was a man with whom everyone always knew where they stood - he was precise and meticulous and if something wasn't correct he wasn't afraid to say it. A good friend to many, he was a very knowledgeable man and definitely the one to have on your team if you were taking part in a quiz. As his son Bruce said at his funeral, Douglas was a man of firm conviction who knew what was right and what was wrong.

Today we give thanks for the life and service of Douglas Paterson and commend Grace, Hazel, Bruce and the wider family to love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **GREENBANK ECO-COMMITTEE**

Our church is seeking a diverse group of members of all ages to join a new Greenbank Eco-Committee. If you think you may be interested please contact Jane at the church office at: office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk Greenbank is already an Eco-Congregation (a member of the charity Eco-Congregation Scotland) along with a network of over 500 other congregations in Scotland. Eco-Congregation Scotland provides an ecumenical programme helping churches make the link between environmental issues and Christian faith, and respond in practical action in the church, in the lives of individuals, and in the local and global community. For more information about Eco-Congregation please refer to: www.ecocongregationscotland.org

In this pivotal year of COP26, UN leaders and delegates will come together in Glasgow at the biggest conference the UK has ever hosted to discuss climate change and make progress on international agreement on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This presents Scottish churches with a unique opportunity to make their voices heard. Eco-Congregation Scotland is currently supporting and informing members about how to get involved in COP26 and is also looking beyond the summit to consider community potential towards Net Zero carbon emissions and the need for a just and green recovery from coronavirus that addresses the climate emergency.

## **Prayer Diary**

"Listen! the wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!"

(Humbert Wolfe)

As we head into autumn and a world which is opening up a little, let's hope we can participate in all the more wintery activities. I saw a programme recently which said that the world still has the same amount of water, but dry places are getting drier, and wet places are getting wetter, so I would check your wellies are up-to-scratch now.

We have many things to be thankful for in our prayers. As restrictions have eased we can have more people in church, and as we know, the Sunday Club has been able to meet in real life. We can now say the Lord's Prayer and sing hymns - albeit still with our masks on - and best of all, we can have the cushions back on the pews. We can even meet up for tea and coffee afterwards as long as we bring our own cup. We have so far managed to raise half the money we need for our Legacy Project and we are blessed with many people willing to give of their time and talents in many ways.

Please continue to keep our Legacy Project in your prayers. Ask that our own plans, and those of the proposed care home, are approved so that we can continue to move forward.

Please also pray for the people of Afghanistan. For those who now have to live under the rule of the Taliban. Pray that now they are in control they will govern the country in a responsible way, and not with a reign of terror. Pray also for all those who have fled and now have to try to rebuild their lives in a foreign country, having had to leave almost everything behind.

Ask for help for all the everyday people, some who're working their way back to normal, some who are still fearful to go out into the world. And also for all who are lonely, who are sick in body or mind, and all who are grieving. For all who suffer persecution, who cannot live the way they would wish, or are unable to break away from oppression or addiction.

Pray for all those caught up in places suffering drought or floods. Pray that the world wakes up to its responsibilities; that harmful practices are replaced by ones which do no damage; that everyone is prepared to do what they can; that world leaders are prepared to take a long-term world view, and that they will act, and not just discuss.

"As autumn returns to earth's northern hemisphere, and day and night are briefly, but perfectly, balanced at the equinox, may we remember anew how fragile life is... human life, surely, but also the lives of all other creatures, trees and plants, waters and winds.

May we make wise choices in how and what we harvest, may earth's weather turn kinder, may there be enough food for all creatures, may the diminishing light in our daytime skies be met by an increasing compassion and tolerance in our hearts."

('Autumn Lore'-Kathleen Jenks)

#### **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)

## **News and Updates**

#### **ED LINES**

Time to Let Go

You're standing at a crossroads, which way should you go?

I've been there many times myself, believe me I should know.

Think about it carefully, weigh up every pro and con,

Things can't stay the way they are, it really can't go on.

Times they are a changing, and although it may feel strange,

You have to take that final step, as things can't stay the same.

Whichever way you may go, it's time to make a move,

Be positive the time is right, it's time for you to choose. (Anon)

Hi Folks,

The poem above is one that was passed on to me (slightly edited) by the late Florence Denholm. Now seems the appropriate time to include it in the Good Neighbour. Sometimes it is harder to let go than to hold on. It reminds me of a story about Stuart.

We were on holiday in Wales and took the kids to a water sports centre. They got in a speedboat with a large rubber ring attached. Each child had a turn of sitting in the ring as it was towed behind the boat, round the bay. "Raise your hand if I'm going too fast and I'll slow down," the boat driver explained. When it came to Stuart's turn, we watched as the boat went faster and faster as the ring skipped and bumped across the waves. Stuart got back into the boat looking slightly green. "That was amazing Stuart. Did you enjoy it?" "No!" he replied. "It was going too fast but I was scared to let go in case I fell off, so I couldn't wave my hand and get him to slow down!"

It can take a lot of bravery to let go. We've all had things we've had to let go over the years. It might be letting go of a child as they go to school or university or when they finally leave home. It may be letting go of a hurt or grievance that has been held on to for too long. It may be letting go of a job or a way of life. We wrap these things about us like a child with a comfort blanket.

For me, it is time to let go of my comfort blanket. At the end of the year, I finish work. I hesitate to use the word retire as I'm obviously far too young for that!! We have recently bought a motor home, and come the new year, hope to do a bit of travelling and have some new adventures.

To that end, I am reluctantly letting go of my job as editor of the Good Neighbour. It is a job I have relished for the last 15 years. I have got far more from it that I have given. I have made loads of friends, spoken to new members, newly marrried couples and mothers of new babies. The December issue of Good Neighbour will be my last. It is a job that has given me so much joy. I thank you for reading and putting up with my ramblings and look forward to continuing to meet you all at church where you can now all be secure in the knowledge that the things you say to me won't end up in print!

Take care, stay safe. God Bless you all.

Alison

## ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER PLEASE

#### **LETTERS OF THANKS**

Heather and I would like to thank everyone who put towards my presentation and who came to the Church to say farewell. Also to the people who came to the house to say farewell, the cards and gifts vouchers and the chats. We were overwhelmed with the kind thoughts and well wishes from you all and the kind thoughts from all the organisations within the Church.

We have settled into our new home in Busby.

Take care and stay safe,

John and Heather Meek

Thanks to everyone for their kind wishes, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy extended to the family and me. We are extremely grateful for all the support which has helped us through this difficult time.

Thanks once again.

Grace Paterson and family

#### **RETIRED ELDERS**

At the Kirk Session meeting on 6 September, Kirk Session approved the retirement of Bert McCrum and Rodger Mason. Greenbank Church has been richly blessed by the many years of loyal service, given so willingly, by Bert and Rodger.

Bert McCrum was ordained as an elder in 1963, in Langside UF Church, and was inducted to the Kirk Session of Greenbank Parish Church in 1972. He received his 50 year long service certificate in 2013. Bert served for a number of years as Sunday School Superintendent. He was also a dedicated district elder for many years.

Rodger Mason was ordained as an elder in 1973, in Cathcart South Church, and was inducted to the Kirk Session of Greenbank Parish Church in 1980. He received his 30 year long service certificate in 2003. Rodger served as Presbytery Elder for 6 years, and also as our Depute Session Clerk. He was a faithful district elder for many years, and quietly attached the lights to the Greenbank Christmas tree for 31 years!

We will be forever in debt to these two gentlemen for all that they have contributed to Greenbank during their times spent as elders. It is now time for both to have a well earned rest. Sincere thanks to you, Rodger and Bert, for the wonderful example you have set, and for all that you have done to enrich the life of Greenbank Parish Church.

#### **DEREK CHRISTIE**

Derek Christie recently stepped down from the role of Session Clerk, a position which he held for 10 years. He has carried out his duties as Session Clerk efficiently and diligently over this period, often just getting on with any job which he saw needed doing. Derek has been a great leader and communicator, and friend to many. Most recently, Derek has helped tirelessly with Sunday zoom services during the pandemic, and has been instrumental in ensuring the safe reopening of our buildings.

Greenbank Church owes Derek an enormous debt of gratitude for these years of service given so willingly. We appreciate, and are grateful for, all that he has done for us and with us, for the benefit of this church. Thank you, Derek. May you now enjoy some more free time doing the things you love.

#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU** (Our new Assistant Minister)

Name: Fred Dale Milligan Jr.

Over 21? A LOT! 67 to be exact! Practically ancient!

Fav Food? Indian. I'm actually a Pescatarian (fish/seafood,eater) love all vegetables.
Fav TV? Antique programmes, renovating houses or cars; Wheeler Dealers; Outlander.
Fav films? Action movies, Sci-do: can't wait for the new Matrix: Resurrection movie

Fav Music? U2, Maroon 5, Adele, Gypsy Kings,

Fav Actor? Sir Ben Kingsley, Daniel Day Lewis, Dame Judy Dench

Fav sport? Anything I can play. Not much of a fan.

Fav Joke? Wife says to husband, "Why don't you play golf with your friend lan anymore?"

Husband: "Would you play with someone who always cheats on the score and moves the ball

when you're not watching?"

Wife: "NO! Of course NOT" Husband: "Well, neither does lan."

#### **COP 26 INTEREST MEETING**

#### 30TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM AT GREENBANK CHURCH

Anyone interested in being involved with local Clarkston community activities related to the COP 26 efforts around climate change should plan to come out to the church on 30<sup>th</sup> September for a conversation about possible activities.

This will be open to all members of congregations involved in the Clarkston churches Together.

Hope to see a big turnout among our Greenbank folk!

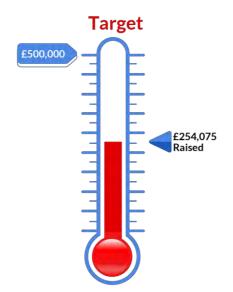
Fred Milligan, Assistant Minister

#### SITUATIONS VACANT

**Good Neighbour Editor** - You could be the next editor of the church magazine. If you can send emails and collate information that's all it takes. It can be done in your own home at a time that suits you. If you would be interested and want to learn more, contact Alison Harvey on 07742282870. **Lodging House Mission Representative** - Can you liaise between Greenbank and LHM; fundraise by selling Christmas cards at Church; meet interesting people and help those less fortunate than

ourselves? If this is something you feel you'd like to be involved in, contact Alison Allan (638 3916)





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

We are now sitting at a total of £254,075 from 269 members as at 10th August.

And we have almost 700 members on our congregational roll.

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

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

**Every donation**, of whatever size, is warmly welcome.

Alistair Smith, Treasurer tel: 0141 571 2676

email: alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com

#### 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: <a href="mailto:alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com">alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com</a> 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



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Age Concern Eastwood is about to restart the social lunch clubs which support the older people in the local community. We need to build up our teams of **volunteer helpers** for the club which meets each Thursday between 10am and 2pm at the Woodfarm Pavilion, Berryhil Drive, Giffnock.

We also require **minibus drivers** to pick up members from their homes and take them to the social lunch club venues and home again. The drivers schedule takes about 3 hours -, one day a month. There is a helper on board to assist our members and training is given.

**Do you have any spare time to help the community? Need further information?** Please phone our office on 0141 638.2158 or email at <a href="mailto:ageconcerneastwood@hotmail.com">ageconcerneastwood@hotmail.com</a>

#### **WORSHIP COURSE: DESIGNING AND LEADING CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER-2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2021 Trinity College, University of Glasgow, Thursday evenings 7pm-9pm** This course provides the academic and practical input for those who might wish to offer themselves as Worship Leaders in their own congregations or across Presbytery. It is a practical introduction to designing and leading Christian worship services and will encourage participants to be reflective, to recognise how worship works and become more skilled at designing and leading meaningful, engaging acts of worship, including online.

Due to the projected reduction in the number of paid roles available within the Church, worship leaders are likely to become a more significant part of the ministry of the Church of Scotland. Full funding is available for applicants from Greenbank.

This course is accessible to those in church who are beginning to lead Christian worship and for local church leaders wishing to refresh their understanding and practice. If you are interested in participating in the course please contact Jane Mayer at the church office email address – office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk





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## Young People's Page



Hi Guys



Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man, Bake me a cake as fast as you can. Roll it and pat it and mark it with C Put it in the oven for my friends and me.



Everyone likes to bake a cake don't they? And even more people like to eat them! Well good news! National Baking week runs from the 14th to 20th October this year. Baking has become even more popular than it used to be and is it any wonder? When you see all the cakes they make in the Great British Bake Off, it seems so easy! The best thing about baking is you can eat the things you make. I always loved baking with my grandma. She made the most amazing clootie dumplings and I always got to lick the bowl!

Baking is normally done in an oven but years ago people didn't have ovens so things were baked on hot stones or ashes. The oldest known ovens were found in Croatia in 2014. They were nearly 6,500 years old. If you didn't have an oven it could be baked on a hot stone. Bread was one of the first things to be baked but cake was invented later. The word 'cake' comes from the old Norse word 'kaka'. Although Kaka means "poop" in Arabic, Russian and Spanish, in Swedish and other Nordic languages it means "cookie" or "small cake." Favourite cakes in the UK are cheesecake 42%, chocolate cake (41%), Victoria sponge (32%), the brownie (31%), Bakewell Tart (27%) and Christmas Cake (24%). So what you waiting for? Get your pinnie on!!

Al the Ed

#### FIND THE WORDS

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Emily Lord, Ethan Geldard, Euan Armstrong and Harris Simpson who celebrate their birthdays in October. Have a spooktacular birthday!

#### NATIONAL SMILE DAY

Every year, on the 1st of October, it is National Smile Day. So what can you do to make someone smile? It's a lot easier than you think. You could tell a joke, bake a cake, tidy your room, hold someone's hand or just tell them you love them. The smiley face emoji was first drawn by American Harvey Ball and, although it is one of the most used emojis, he only got \$45 for it!







Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu, When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin. When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him. I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth. A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected. Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

(Poem by Spike Milligan)

See if you can make someone smile today.



Hello everyone,

I can't believe it's Autumn already – I really like this season because of all the beautiful colours that the leaves on the trees turn to – yellow, orange, red and brown, and I also love to hear the leaves crunch when you walk on them too. I always say a thank you to God for creating them and for how beautiful they are.

On the first Sunday in October, it will be our Harvest Thanksgiving service, and we'll all be thanking God for all of our food.

We're also asked to bring donations of food to church for us to give to the Lodging House Mission so they can use them to make meals for homeless people.

You'll have a holiday from school this month too –I hope you enjoy whatever you do. Since we've been thinking about thanking God for different things, remember to thank Him for your holiday too!! Helen

Dates for October are:

Sunday 3rd October Harvest Service - Sunday Club as usual

Sunday 10th October Family worship in church

Sunday 17th October Combined Sunday Club, Sunday Squad & JAM

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October Sunday Club as usual Sunday 31st October Sunday Club as usual

#### **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

It's Hallowe'en time again! What are you dressing up as this year? Here are some facts you might not know about the scariest day of the year.

- In Hong Kong, Halloween is know as Yue Lan meaning Festival of Hungry Ghosts
- ❖ In Gaelic, it's called Oldhche Shamhma
- In Welsh, it's Nos Cala Gaeaf
- Pumpkins come from the same family as cucumber
- The biggest pumpkin weighed 1446lbs (656 kilos)
- The fastest pumpkin carver is Jerry Ayres who did it in 37 seconds!



And here are some Halloween jokes:

- Q. How do vampires get around on Halloween?
- A. On blood vessels!
- Q. What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurred?
- A. Spooktacles!
- Q. What's a zombie's favourite cereal?
- A. Rice Creepies!
- Q. What do you call two witches sharing a room?
- A. Broomates!

#### NO TIME TO DIE

Now cinemas are up and running again, you might want to see this long awaited James Bond movie. It's released on 30<sup>th</sup> September and lasts for 163 minutes – so buy lots of popcorn!



Bond has left active service and is enjoying a quiet life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend Felix Leiter from the CIA turns up asking for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology.

#### **OCTOBER BREAK ACTIVITIES**

#### **CYCLE THE CIRCUIT**

Join the Whitelee Countryside Rangers on the first day of the October break (9<sup>TH</sup>) for a led cycle around Lochgoin Reservoir! It's free but you need to book.

#### DAY OF THE DEAD PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

With Halloween upon us why not join this creative printmaking class on 16<sup>th</sup> October 10.30-1145 creating a Day of the Dead print at The Wee Art Studio 16 Hillview Drive, Clarkston. It costs £13.50 for

## HAVE A GREAT OCTOBER BREAK, GUYS

#### **LODGING HOUSE MISSION MODERATOR'S REPORT**

Dear Friends,

During July I visited the Lodging House Mission to thank the staff and volunteers there on behalf of Presbytery. The LHM is our longest standing Presbytery of Glasgow project and provides invaluable support to some of the most vulnerable of our fellow citizens of Glasgow.

The LHM has been through a difficult time over the last 18 months. In addition to the pandemic they have also had to cope with both the tragic death earlier this year of their Manager, Stephen Mitchell, and with Deacon, Claire Herbert, suffering a rare adverse reaction to her second Covid vaccination. We all wish Claire a speedy return to full fitness. Of the staff at the LHM, who are Helen, Angela, Claire, Mark, Archie, Mark, Chris and June; Chris and Helen have also had Covid.

This Presbytery and the city of Glasgow owe all the staff and volunteers at the LHM an enormous debt of gratitude. Although they don't shout about it, what they do is not routine. They all intervene in the lives of visitors to the LHM for the better and give people a chance to live a fuller life. Whether it's providing a meal or showers, or a course of instruction or education or just keeping someone away from their addictions for a few hours.

The streets of Glasgow can at times feel unsafe and unfriendly, but at the LHM the law of the streets is left out there and I have no doubt that the Love of God starts immediately within its doors. What is done by the staff and volunteers of the LHM is beyond price. I couldn't do it and I doubt if many of us presbyters could. But rest assured, what is being done by the LHM is God's work and is the very embodiment of our Lord's assurance in Matthew 25 that whatever is done for their visitors, the least of those amongst the citizens of Glasgow, is being done for Him.

I have no doubt that if we were to take a poll of those who attend our churches, what is done at 36 East Campbell Street would be seen as amongst the most important work which we, as a Church and Presbytery could ever support. Even with a necessarily restricted service, during the week I was there, the LHM still provided 243 meals for their visitors.

Earlier this summer June Macleod joined the staff of the LHM as Day Centre Manager. She brings with her a wealth of experience and, as all new folk do, some new ideas. These include revising the menu, although visitors may rest assured that breakfast rolls of sausage and fried egg will still be available.

A typical LHM menu now includes a hearty, freshly made lentil soup followed by a baked potato with various toppings, homemade coleslaw and side salad. The folk using the LHM have been very receptive to the menu change and the hope is that they will enjoy some fabulous new flavours and feel the benefit health-wise too.

From the beginning of this month the LHM has also been re-establishing its other activities, including its education and other regular programmes.

As the days get shorter and harvest time gets underway, our various Harvest thanksgivings are not far off. This is traditionally a time of year when we in the Presbytery of Glasgow think more deeply about the work of the LHM, with many congregations generously providing tangible support with contributions of foodstuffs and money. This year, with the introduction of the new menu, they would also love to receive donations of fresh produce alongside the usual dried and canned goods.

Given the difficulties which the LHM has overcome in this last 18 months in order to keep its vital services functioning, it would be greatly appreciated if those congregations who regularly support their work could consider increasing that support this year. If your own congregation has never previously supported the work of the LHM then 2021 would be a very good year to start.

In an effort to reduce food waste and see it being put to better use than land fill, the LHM would also like to find a farm or smallholding that might like to take their vegetable peel and non-meat waste for animal feed. If anyone knows of somewhere that fits the bill, please do get In touch with June Macleod at the LHM on 0141 552 0285.

As you will have gathered, I am unashamedly a supporter of the work of God being done, every day - not just at Harvest-time - by the Lodging House Mission. As one of our Presbytery of Glasgow Projects, it relies on each and every congregation in the Presbytery to support its work with donations of food, money and of course, we also always want to remember that work in our prayers.

Thanks for taking the time to read this message. It could be *the* few minutes which changes someone's life for the better through the vital work of the LHM.

May God bless you all,

Robert

Robert G Hynd

Moderator, Presbytery of Glasgow

# CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LODGING HOUSE MISSION - LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITY

As I have now been Greenbank's LHM congregational representative for approaching 12 years, I feel that it might be time now to pass the baton on to someone else - could that person be you?

I can honestly say, without a word of a lie, that being the LHM rep has changed my life. I remember hearing, towards the end of 2009, that Dorothy Hudson was retiring from the role. I thought about it for a while, as is my way, and took up the mantle in early 2010. I had seen Dorothy selling Christmas cards, and read her entries in Good Neighbour, but really, as I embarked on that journey, I knew very little else about LHM. To prepare me a little, Dorothy, and her husband, Mike, took me to LHM one morning, to show me where it was located, and how to get there. I met Helen Hart (now English) and had a tour of the place. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Since that day, it has been a joy and a privilege to be the rep for Greenbank. Being in this role meant that I found myself talking to members of our congregation I would otherwise not have talked to, either through phone call enquiries, Christmas card purchases, donations, offers of sponsorship, involvement in the sponsored cycle, participation in Saturday volunteering- the list is almost endless. So many new friendships and acquaintances have been made, and I am truly grateful for this.

Seeing close up the work of LHM, and forming relationships with the staff, volunteers, and clients, has been rewarding, inspiring, satisfying and humbling. It is a wonderful place, doing marvellous work, and I would encourage everyone to think about whether this opportunity might be for you. I am sure that you will not regret it. If you would like some further information, please do contact me.

Thank you for all the support given to LHM, and to me, during my time as the representative - it has been greatly appreciated.

Best wishes and thank you, Alison Allan [638 3916]

#### HELP GREENBANK TO HELP THE LODGING HOUSE MISSION

As you may know Greenbank Church has been supporting the Lodging House Mission, a Glasgow based charity dedicated to providing care and support to homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded people, for many years. Over lockdown volunteers have been supervising a **donations trolley** at the church for an hour on a Sunday. Other volunteers **deliver the donated items to LHM** on a suitable morning during the week. We are continuing with this initiative, for which LHM is extremely grateful.

The current volunteers have taken turns on a rota basis to fulfil these tasks for the last 18 months, while many are happy to continue, some inevitably have had to step down.

If you would be interested in helping either with the supervision of the Sunday trolley (11.30am to 12.30pm \*please note change of time) or with packing and delivering the Sunday donations to LHM on a convenient morning during the week, 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
Thank you.

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING - SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Harvest Thanksgiving at Greenbank will take place this year on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October when you are invited to donate to Lodging House Mission. LHM has put together a list of items that they would greatly appreciate for their kitchen and those which they do not require. Please see page 14. **Food donations should be deposited in the Link Building**. As mentioned in the Harvest Appeal letter below, financial donations are also welcome. Donations may be made via the LHM website: <a href="www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk">www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk</a> (Click on the donate button. You will then be able to donate via Virgin money giving or Pay pal) or please make cheques payable to: Lodging House Mission and send to Lodging House Mission, 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow G1 5DT.

Thank you, Alison Allan

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



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Dear Friends,

#### **Lodging House Mission Harvest Appeal 2021**

Harvest time will soon be upon us and a number of you have been asking for our Harvest List to help the congregation bring specific items of food that we require to help feed our visitors each day.

We appreciate that many churches are not back to pre-Covid numbers and that it may be more difficult than normal to provide the fantastic support you have given for many years. We are very grateful for any donation which you are able to give.

Your contribution has meant that we are still able to provide free breakfast and lunches to our Service Users. We require around 100 harvests to enable us to provide all these meals over a 12 month period. The number of hours to sort out all that we receive into the correct product and date is huge. To help us with this task, we are asking if you will please keep to the list that has been prepared by the kitchen staff. This will reduce time and space requirements.



We acknowledge that many congregations prefer to give us a **financial donation** and this will also be very much welcomed. Financial donations help us with our meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, eggs, milk and other items we need throughout the year.

Many thanks once again for your continuing support and please help us in whatever way you can. Your kindness and generosity at this special time really helps us to make a difference.

June MacLeod, Manager

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in," (Matthew 25 v 35)

#### **LODGING HOUSE MISSION – HARVEST DONATION REQUEST LIST 2021**

Cereal	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Meat / Fish
Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nuts	Peaches	Tuna/Salmon
Weetabix	Pears	Corned beef
Rice Crispies	Pineapples	Ham
Sugar Puffs	Mandarins	
Frosties	Fruit Cocktail	Other
Coco Pops	Rice	Brown Sauce
Cheerios	Custard	Vinegar
		Tomato Sauce
Jars/Pastes	Other	Mayonnaise
Pasta bake sauces	Full fat UHT milk	Dried peas
Curry Sauce/paste	Coconut Milk	Lentils
Tomato paste	Drinking Chocolate	Olive oil
	Diluting/fresh juice	Vegetable oil
Dried Goods	Coffee	Bisto
Mixed herbs		Stock cubes/boullion
Garlic powder		Broth mix
Ground turmeric		Jam
Chilli powder		Sugar
Crushed chillies		Jelly
Ground coriander		
Salt and black pepper		

#### **Not Required List**

Pasta	Shredded Wheat Cereal	Grapefruit
Pearl Barley	Muesli	Prunes
Marmalade	Alpen	Tea Bags
Porridge	Long Grain Rice	Any tinned soup/veg

#### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS: AUTUMN/WINTER 2021/22

#### **Sunday 3 October**

COP26 – Everyone in CCT churches are being invited to walk (if they are able) to church this Sunday.

#### Wednesdays 20 & 27 October, 3 & 10 November at 12noon-1pm in St Joseph's Church

Capacitor Christian Faith-based yoga - Come along and experience some gentle and nurturing healing through Body Prayer movements - contact Eleanor on 07931 171565 for more information -free and open to all.

#### **Thursday 21 October**

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Clarkston Gas Explosion

Council memorial event at the tree within Clarkston Halls car park for the families of victims and survivors 2.30pm One minute's silence across East Renfrewshire will be marked at 2.50pm, the time of the disaster.

Greenbank Church (Sanctuary) St Aidan's Church, St Joseph's Church and Willamwood Church will be open for private prayer/reflection from 2pm-4pm and 6pm-7pm.

#### Saturdays 23 & 30 October, 6 &13 November, at 10am-11am in Greenbank Church (Session House)

Capacitor Christian Faith-based yoga- Come along and experience some gentle and nurturing healing through Body Prayer movements - contact Eleanor on 07931 171565 for more information – free and open to all.

#### Monday 25 October at 7pm-9pm in Greenbank Church (Session House)

The work of Refuweegees – over a cup of tea, learn from the founder and CEO how this local charity is supporting refugees in the Glasgow area including those recently arrived from Afghanistan – **Please bring donations with you in the evening (see list below)** 

#### Sunday 31 October at 6.30pm in Netherlee Church

COP26 – a service to mark the start of COP26 with an with a pre-recorded Address from Cop 26 delegate Rev Dr Rachel Mash who is from Kilmarnock, works in South Africa, and is the founder of Green Anglicans.

#### Sunday 23 January at 6.30pm in Williamwood Church

Week of prayer for Christian Unity event with guest speaker Mary Miller

#### HELP US TO WELCOME REFUWEEGEES TO GLASGOW

Refuweegees are providing essential packs of food and toiletries to addresses all over Glasgow and we need your help to collect the items that go into our packs.

A list of the items we need most can be found below:

Non-perishable for	Toiletries	
Rice	Beans	Shampoo
Pasta	Tinned Vegetables	Shower gel
Tea	Pasta Sauce	Soap
Coffee	Tuna	Razors
UHT Milk	Biscuits	Nappies
Tinned Tomatoes	Juice	Toilet roll

Vegetarian Soup

We are also happy to receive welcome packs for children. These should follow the same essentials list as above with age appropriate items and a small toy if appropriate.

Please ensure that the age of the child it is intended for is included on the outside of the pack. And please don't forget that we welcome teenagers as well as younger children

Any questions please get in touch with enquiries@refuweegee.co.uk

You can bring donations to our Refugeewees meeting at Greenbank Church on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm-9pm or alternatively details of where to drop off your donations can be found on our website at www.refuweegee.co.uk/drop-off-locations

Essentials can be dropped off Mon-Fri, 10 to 4pm at 1 Cadogan Square, G2 7HF. Please email <a href="mailto:nikki@refuweegee.co.uk">nikki@refuweegee.co.uk</a> so we know when to expect you!

#### KIRK SESSION - WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session held a virtual online zoom meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September with 50 members attending and they received an update on a range of issues.

**Remembrance**: Elders observed a short period of silence in memory of Donald Sharples, Clive Thomson, Douglas Paterson, and Chris Adam, who had died since the last Kirk Session meeting.

**Worship**: The Kirk Session noted that Messy Church requires further support in terms of volunteers. This alternative form of worship has been very popular and successful at Greenbank, and it is hoped that this will continue.

**Outreach**: Kirk Session heard that users of Glasgow North East Foodbank are now allowed to enter the building at Carlton Parkhead Church. There is a temporary closure of Blairtummock Foodbank due to a lack of trained staff, however the impact of this should be minimal as there has been limited use of the facility. Kirk Session noted various proposed events surrounding the COP26 conference. These will be publicised nearer the time, and include 'Walk to church Sunday' on 4 October. Bible studies on zoom entitled 'Caring for Creation' had been enthusiastically received by those participating, and some people hope to plan a programme of activity in the run-up to, and follow-up from, COP26. Refuweegees is an organisation which aims to provide practical assistance to refugees living in Glasgow. A speaker will come to Greenbank on Monday 25th October to highlight their work, and collect donations.

**Finance**: The finance position was updated, and it was noted that Offering Income had decreased by 5.3% for the period to 15 August, compared to the equivalent period last year. Fabric expenditure in the current year totalled £3,300.

**Fabric**: The property convenor advised that there has again been heavy water ingress to Room D, and that the flat roof gutters would again be cleared monthly by volunteers, to try and minimise blockages. Weekly flushing of taps, as well as checks of fire escapes, fire extinguishers, fire alarm, emergency lighting, smoke/CO2 detectors, and the church officer's house, are being carried out.

**Fellowship**: Tea and coffee are now being served (bring your own cup) at church after the morning service. The Guild is looking forward to recommencing with a full syllabus, in the church halls, <u>from Wednesday 6 October</u>. Time Out is planning to hold their regular meetings in Clarkston Tennis Club. A programme of small, Covid safe events, to be held in the church halls, is planned for the first Saturday of each month until December.

**Retired Elders:** Kirk Session approved the movement of elders Bert McCrum and Rodger Mason to the Retired List.

**Church and Church Halls**: The convenor of the Halls and Events Management Committee gave an update. A Risk Assessment has to be completed before any event can take place, or any organisation occupies the church buildings. A risk assessment template exists for this purpose, and must be completed and returned before occupancy. A number of groups are currently making arrangements to return to use Greenbank's premises.

**Media**: The Moderator advised that we are currently moving towards live streaming of services in tandem with inchurch attendance. Once we have established the procedures for live streaming, zoom will cease, and people at home and in church will receive the same church experience as each other, with live organ music.

**Legacy**: The Kirk Session received an update on the Legacy Project, similar in content to what appeared in the September Good Neighbour.

**Presbytery Plan update**: The Moderator advised that the old Presbytery plan no longer exists, and that we are now moving towards the formation and implementation of a new Presbytery Mission Plan, which would be in place by December 2022.

**COP26**: An interesting and informative report was given by Marie Forster.

#### STAMP AND POSTCARD COLLECTION

The Church of Scotland would like to restart collections of stamps and postcards with immediate effect. Elizabeth MacKenzie has offered to act for me with guild contributors but if you have a bundle of stamps or postcards which you were keeping for us, you can leave them in the manse porch or in the brown box when entering the church. Please note **ordinary blue second class and second class Christmas stamps** are **NOT** wanted.

Thank you.

**Duncan McIntyre** 

#### **THE GUILD**

The new session of the Guild will begin at 2pm on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Fraser Hall. (Please note earlier starting time). Our meetings will take a slightly different form but we hope they will be as enjoyable as in the past and new members will, of course, be very welcome. You are requested to please bring your own cup. It has been a real challenge for our Syllabus Secretary to arrange a programme for us. A copy of what has been arranged until the end of this year is printed below.

6<sup>th</sup> October Rev Jeanne Roddick Rededication
13<sup>th</sup> October Yvonne Neville Monty Don and Me
20<sup>th</sup> October Liz Macintyre Elsie Inglis in World War I

27<sup>th</sup> October Musical Afternoon *Luckenbooth* 

3<sup>rd</sup> November Walter Edgar South American Odyssey Part 2

17th NovemberYvonne McVieStrathaven Ceramics24th NovemberJill Scott & Bill HicksThe Sunday Post

1<sup>st</sup> December Maureen Park The Burrell Collection Transformed

8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch at Cathcart Castle Golf Club

Enid Dron, Secretary

#### FIRST SATURDAY COFFEE AND CHAT EVENTS

It was lovely to welcome people back to the halls on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> September for 'Bits and Bobs', a trial social event which was mindful of Covid regulations. Everyone enjoyed a right good natter and the opportunity to pick up some bits and bobs in the Cowley Hall, raising the super total of £260 which will go towards the Legacy Project.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 10am and 12noon, there will be a similar event with the opportunity to buy more bits and bobs as well as Art supplies and equipment donated by the Colour Circle. Again there will be the chance to meet in the Fraser Hall for a chat and refreshments.

Future first Saturday morning dates will be the 6<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December, details for each will be outlined in subsequent Good Neighbours.

Lindy Dallas [638 2362]

#### THE CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Clarkston Community Choir is back, with socially distanced rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the church halls. We warmly invite both new and returning members to join us in person and enjoy making music together again! Please register your interest by email first before coming along, as places are limited at this time to allow for distancing and safe rehearsals! Email: <a href="mailto:richard.scholfield@yahoo.com">richard.scholfield@yahoo.com</a>

#### THE GIFFNOCK SOUTH CONCERT SERIES

The Giffnock South Concert Series has begun a new Autumn season, and we are delighted to be hosting live concerts on Saturday afternoons in Giffnock South Parish Church. On 16<sup>th</sup> October from 1-2pm, we will have a clarinet and saxophone duo recital, featuring Royal Conservatoire Alumni, Cathal Killeen and Richard Scholfield. Tickets £5, available on the door.

#### **JUST FOR LAUGHS**

Some short letters to God from 8 year olds:

Dear God,

Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There's nothing good there now!

Dear God,

Thank you for my baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy!

Dear God.

Did you mean giraffes to look like that or was it an accident?

Dear God,

If you watch at church on Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes!!



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