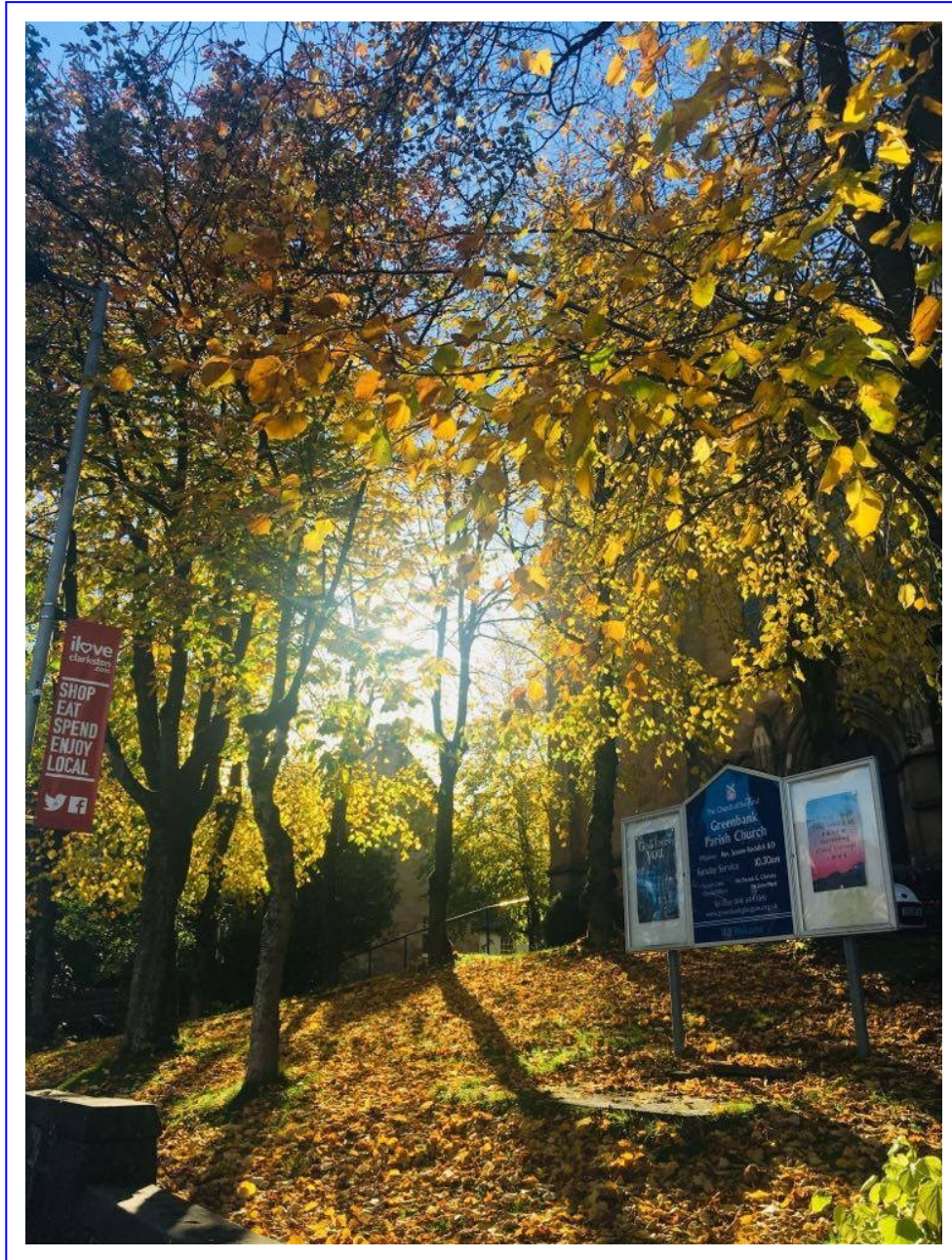



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September 2021



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GreenbankParish  
CHURCH

# Parish Register

## DEATHS

August 2020	Miss Ann McDonald, 29A Alexander Avenue, Eaglesham
31/5/21	Miss Elizabeth Patterson, Homeshaw House, Broomhill Gardens
7/6/21	Mr Roy Aitken McGowan, 6 Mansefield Crescent, Clarkston
10/6/21	Mr Colin Graham, 14 Mansefield Crescent, Clarkston
25/6/21	Ms Jeana McIlroy, 78 Hillend Crescent
9/7/21	Mrs Elsie Thomson, 11 Shaw Court, Broomhill Gardens
12/7/21	Mr Donald Sharples, 16 Woodbank Crescent, Clarkston
26/7/21	Mr Greig Harvey, 31 Gowanlea Court West Calder
14/8/21	Mr Clive Thomson, 6 Herndon Court, Newton Mearns
15/8/21	Mrs Maureen McLauchlan, 3 Bridges Care Home, 108 Carmunnock Road
20/8/21	Mr Douglas Paterson, 120 Kilpatrick Gardens, Clarkston
23/8/21	Mr Chris Adam, 2 Kirkhill Gate, Newton Mearns

“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

13/6/21 Emily Jennifer Wilson, Moraine Drive, Clarkston

Emily Jennifer Wilson was born on 21st July 2020 at the QEUH and weighed 5lb 13oz. Her parents are James and Elizabeth (nee Bryden.) Her godparents are Jen and Adam Brown, who are Liz's sister and brother in law. They have been an amazing aunt and uncle, despite not being allowed to come into East Ren at some points due to Covid restrictions.

Emily had a lovely day at her baptism. She listened attentively to Jeanne and took it all in. Her big brother is Alexander, who is three, whom she dotes on and he's great with her. Liz explained: "It's been strange having a baby in lockdown and I was so happy she had Alexander to play with as otherwise she didn't meet another baby until she was about 9 months old! We were lucky that restrictions were lessened last summer when she was born so close family could come to see her. She spent the winter wrapped up warm outside following Alexander round the park - she'll be very hardy! "

Afterwards the family had lunch at MJ's Brasserie. They will remember the day as a very happy family day and the weather was beautiful.

11/7/21 George William Gibson, Ormonde Avenue, Netherlee

18/7/21 Rory Douglas Macphee, 4 Airdale Avenue, Giffnock

Rory Douglas Macphee was born 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Queen Elizabeth Hospital at 6.36am. He weighed in at 7lb 8oz. His parents are Gavin and Kirsty (nee Milne). Rory's godparents are Kirsty's sister, Lynsey, and Gavin's brother, Russell. Although Rory has no siblings at the moment, he is due a wee brother or sister at Christmas time! Rory does have two cousins, Anthony and Shay. Rory was born two days into lockdown which made it difficult for the grandparents who were only allowed to visit through the window. His baptism took place at the third time of asking. It's the first time the family has been able to get back to church since their wedding and the fact that they were able to do so, made it all the more special.

30th May 2021 Muir Pieter Cawood [announced in the June magazine]

Muir Pieter Cawood was born at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Glasgow on 24th October 2019 at 12.16pm weighing a healthy 7lbs 15oz. His parents are David and Lindsay (nee Meechan). Muir's middle name was that of his paternal great grandfather who lived in South Africa and passed away a few years ago. They wanted a way to acknowledge Pieter and thought this was a fitting way to do so. Muir has a big sister, Ealasaid, who is 5 years old and adores him. David and Lindsay said that happy memories from the day were plentiful but the main one was the sense of togetherness from the congregation. Several members commented how lovely it was to see children back in church as, due to Covid, it was the first baptism in many months. They thought it was lovely that their son's special day provided a welcome sense of normality.

After the church service they went back to Muir's grandparents and had a small family gathering.

“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

Dear Friends,

As Covid restrictions ease and everyone is encouraged to come back to Greenbank, when the time is right for them, it has been so wonderful to see so many of you return to worship on Sunday mornings. Although the necessity to book a seat has now gone, we still have to remain vigilant to control the virus as we cautiously move forward. Therefore, everyone attending worship, will have to provide their name on entry for test and protect purposes and to wear a mask and remain seated to sing during worship. One day, all restrictions will ease but, meantime, even if our meeting together is not quite the same as it once was, I am truly thankful we can now gather in person and be in one another's company again.

With Covid restrictions easing, we are aiming to move away from the Sunday morning Zoom services, which have been such a blessing to us over the last 18 months, to live streaming. This will enable everyone to join the service from home at 10.30am. Although the opportunity to speak to one another will

no longer be possible, the live streaming will allow everyone at home to see, hear and participate in Sunday morning services as they happen. Moving to the live streaming will also make it possible for everyone at home to hear Peter play the Organ and Clavinova and to hear the congregation singing – something that hasn't been possible with Zoom. The church choir hopes to return on Sunday mornings soon too – so everyone at home will hear them too! When the live streaming equipment is in place, Jane from the office will email everyone a link for use on Sunday mornings.

At the beginning of September, a time for tea, coffee and fellowship in the Fraser Hall is being reintroduced after Sunday morning services. In order that we might play our own small part in caring for the environment, everyone is invited to bring their own cup for this purpose. Another opportunity for a time of fellowship is taking place at our "Bits and Bobs Sale" on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 12noon. Once again, if you wish to, you can bring your own cup. Please don't worry if you forget because we still have a small supply of disposable, environmentally friendly, cups to use up.

By this time, we had hoped that the sale of our site including the church halls, would have been finalised, however, due to COVID restrictions, East Renfrewshire Council has had to adapt to ways of working that have resulted in planning permissions taking much longer than they used to. While we wait, rather than have our halls lie empty and, given the easing of Covid restrictions, we are preparing to reopen them. Some groups have chosen to return to the halls until the sale is completed.

As we move forward, never forgetting the sadness and tragedy of the loss to life and livelihoods in the past eighteen months, these are days of tentative and cautious steps, and not days of returning to the way of life many of us yearn for again. I am conscious that some are still wary about returning to Greenbank just yet. Rest assured that you continue to be very much missed and I hope that circumstances may soon allow you to come back.

So may God guide and bless you, and us all, gently and carefully, caringly and patiently in our journey of faith together with Jesus Christ.

Yours,



## PULPIT DIARY

5 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Worship - Online and in Church & Sunday Club
12 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Worship - Online and in Church & Sunday Club
19 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Worship [Led by Rev Sally Foster Fulton, Head of Christian Aid in Scotland] & Sunday Club
26 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Family Worship [Led by Rev Sally Foster Fulton]

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:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/757322655> 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:  
<http://www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk> at any time.

## TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN ARTHUR T. YOUNG MBE

Arthur Young, one of our elders, died on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Arthur was born in Wishaw in 1923 where he spent a happy childhood with his father Arthur, mother Mary, older brother, Knibb, and younger sister, Elizabeth. His father was a marine engineer in the Merchant Navy and Arthur followed him and his older brother into the Merchant Navy and began working with Clan Line when he was 16 at the beginning of the Second World War. He had a distinguished war record, being present at Dunkirk and the Normandy landings as well as serving on convoys in the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Although he had witnessed the horrors of war as a young man, like many of his generation, he was modest about his service and any reference he made to the war was always focused on the camaraderie of the people around him.

Arthur met his wife Helen, who was a teacher, on a double date with his brother and they married in August 1950. Their first home was in Greenock and in 1955 Arthur came ashore and took up a position with the Clyde Pilotage.

They moved to Greenwood Road in Clarkston in 1957 when Arthur became an Assistant Harbour Master with the Clyde Port Authority. He became the Harbour Master in 1971 and retired in 1982. After his retirement he continued to work for the International Association of Ports and Harbours as a consultant and travelled to Australia and America before finally retiring in 1985. Arthur was also a highly distinguished and greatly admired member of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners. He was an outstanding Honorary Secretary of the Clyde Outport from 1976 to 1982 and made a huge contribution to its work.

Although Arthur and Helen spent a lot of time travelling, many of their holidays were spent in Crovie in Aberdeenshire which was like a second home and a favourite place to holiday with the children David, John, Allan and Susan and later grandchildren, Eilidh and Euan. They were always very active holidays with Arthur taking them out in boats and teaching them a healthy respect for the sea.

Arthur was very much the peacemaker at home and a calming influence. He was a strict but fair dad who instilled in his children a healthy respect for themselves and others. He missed Helen terribly when she died but his dog Zeta was a good companion to him at that difficult time, and he continued his association with Giffnock Bowling Club where he had been a member for many years.

Arthur was member of Greenbank Parish Church where he participated fully in the life of the church and was ordained as an elder in 1972. He served as a District Elder in the Broom area, was a member of the Fabric Committee and was a past Chairman of the Congregational Board. He loved to sing, and with his powerful and distinctive voice, was a valued member of the church choir for many years.

Arthur Young was good company, socially conscious, well-travelled and knowledgeable with a great sense of humour. He was a typical Ship's Captain who spoke his mind bluntly and confidently. He was a man of firm conviction about what was right and what was wrong.

Today we give thanks to God for the life and service of Arthur Young and commend John, Allan, Susan and the wider family to the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## WEDDING

Jonathan McLeish and Nichola Ferguson (Jonny & Nikki) were married on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Their marriage was announced in the June magazine.

Jonny and Nikki met at work through the golf industry. Nikki had her four sisters and sister in law as her bridesmaids and her best friend as maid of honour - Sarah, Emma, Hannah; Melissa, Hayley and Sarah. Jonny had two best men and five ushers: Matt, Chris, Greg, Phil, Gregg, Ian and Stuart.

They had their reception locally at Greenbank Gardens where they set up teepees and had a brilliant day. They went to St Andrews for a few days for their honeymoon. Unfortunately due to Covid they were unable to go abroad but are hoping to go somewhere in the future. Being golfers, they managed to play The Old Course which they said was a great experience and something they will always remember.

Jonny and Nikki stay in Stewarton at the moment but are hoping to move back to the Southside at some stage. For Nikki, seeing Jonny's face as she walked down the aisle was something that she will always remember. The fact that all the family could be together on the day was a highlight for both of them.

Nikki explained that planning the wedding was slightly stressful due to the restrictions changing so often! Unfortunately Nikki's brother lives in Germany and was unable to make it over to the wedding, which they felt was pretty much the only downside of having a Covid wedding. Nikki said, "We stuck to our guns and managed to have a pretty similar day to what we had envisaged. We postponed for one month and all our suppliers were excellent at changing dates for us. We are so glad we went ahead with our wedding and wouldn't change a thing about the day!" Congratulations to you both.

## Prayer Diary

"Well, the sun's not so hot in the sky today

And you know I can see summertime slipping on away

A few more geese are gone, a few more leaves turning red

But the grass is as soft as a feather in a feather bed"

(excerpt from 'September Grass' by James Taylor)

As September draws the summer to a close, the plums on my tree have ripened, and I'm hoping the garden will now start to slow down so that I can try to catch up with all the things that still need done. In some ways plants and people are alike. I gave my cherry tree tomato feed this year to try to increase its

usual yield of half-a-dozen, but it made no difference. I also gave some to my clematis, which last year excelled itself by producing two flowers instead of one, and this year it grew lots of flowers. I noticed recently that some people have responded to the easing of restrictions with gratitude, to get back to some of the things they love; and others have grumbled that there are still restrictions at all. I hope you all managed to enjoy the lovely days we had this summer, and were thankful for the rain to water the gardens (one less job to do).

Please keep in your prayers all the people in Europe and beyond, whose lives have been affected by the forest fires or floods which have raged there. While in this country we appreciate some decent summer weather, the increased temperatures in countries which usually expect good weather is yet another worrying trend of our ailing planet.

Please also pray that those who will be attending the COP26 climate conference in a few months are ready to address the seriousness of our situation, and have given real consideration to what can, and has to be done.

Pray for those caught up in the violence in Afghanistan, and all those who have been affected by the violent actions of others.

Ask that there will be no new resurgences of the virus. And that while we must accept that it will probably be with us for some time yet, that we can learn to live with it, to manage it, in ways that mean we can enjoy some relative normality.

Who would have believed last year that our activities would still be so restricted after another year. Keep our youngsters in your prayers; that their education will not have to be so badly interrupted again, and say thank you for all the teachers and lecturers who have worked so hard to try to keep some sort of normality and progress going.

Here at Greenbank we are hoping that our own plans will progress, so please keep that in your prayers too. Remember everyone in our congregation, many of whom we haven't seen for such a long time, and ask that the time when we can get back together in greater numbers is not too far off.

'O God our refuge and strength,  
our help in times of trouble,  
Have mercy on the lands where the  
weather has destroyed livelihoods.  
Prosper those who rebuild houses,  
and strengthen those who  
rebuild hope  
so that entire communities  
may face the future without fear.'

Amen

(Christian Aid prayer)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you need prayer for yourself, a loved one or a friend requests can be sent to our Minister, Rev. Jeanne Roddick at [JRoddick@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:JRoddick@churchofscotland.org.uk) or the Church Secretary at [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk). Alternatively,, you can phone our Prayer Promoter, Gillian Foy. Those for whom prayers have been requested will be prayed for throughout the following month by members of the Prayer Group.

Gillian Foy (0141 638 6245)

## TRIBUTE TO DONALD SHARPLES

Donald Sharples, one of our elders, died on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Donald, the youngest of five boys, was born in 1937 to Harry and Janet Sharples. After a happy childhood in Possilpark, he began his trade training as a Template Maker, which he interrupted to complete National Service in the Tank Regiment. After National Service he worked for thirty years at Babcock and Wilcox in Renfrew. After leaving Babcock he enjoyed a very different career working for the Prudential Assurance until his retirement.

In 1958 Donald met his wife Marion at the Dennistoun Palais and four years later they began their long and happy marriage together. After Gary and Claire were born, they moved to Clarkston in 1968 and formed many long standing family friendships in Hillend Crescent before moving to Woodbank Crescent.

Although Donald was a quiet and reserved man, he smiled a lot and was a generous, kind and caring husband and father who loved children. He was a great family man and role model for his children. He always loved and supported Gary and Claire in whatever they chose to do and he was immensely proud of both his children and his three grandsons, David, Stephen and Joel.

He was an eager DIY-er, an endless inventor of games, a master builder of forts and when on holiday in Millport or the East coast of Scotland, a sandcastle-maker extraordinaire. Donald was gifted at drawing, designing and building and loved spending time in the beautiful and productive garden he created and maintained.

Donald didn't talk much about his Christian faith, however his character and the way he lived his life, spoke loudly about the depth and genuineness of his relationship with Christ. Marion and he attended church regularly and he was ordained as an Elder in Greenbank in 1996. He served as a District Elder and was in charge of the distribution of Good Neighbour for many years. He was also involved in the Centenary and subsequent Financial campaigns.

Today we give thanks to God for the life and service of Donald Sharples and commend Marion, Gary and Claire and the wider family to the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## RETIRAL OF A DISTRICT ELDER

After many years of dedicated service, Roger Mason is retiring from his role as District Elder to District 41. Mark Allan will be taking over as District Elder for this district.

## 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.

Course Tutors: Mark Johnston (Pastoral Studies, University of Glasgow); Jo Love (Wild Goose Worship Resource Group); Iain McLarty; Doug Gay; Peter & Heidi Gardener and Kaila Pettigrove

If you are interested in participating in the course please contact Jane Mayer at the church office email address – [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk)

## SUNDAY MORNING TEA AND COFFEE

Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee will once again be available in the Fraser Hall after Sunday morning worship, beginning on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Please bring your own cup!

If you would like to volunteer for Tea duty please speak to the Session Clerk, Derek Christie, on a Sunday morning.



# News and Updates

## ED LINES

Hi Folks,

Wow! Hasn't it been a smashing summer? Blue skies when you open the curtains in the morning; each day warmer than the next. The warm weather has been a boon, especially as most of us have been holidaying in this country rather than venturing abroad. (Probably just as well as the red, amber, amber plus and green traffic light travel system would confuse and perplex Albert Einstein!) The Costa del Sol has become Costa del Solway. We have exchanged Magaluf for Millport and swapped Tenerife for Troon! A few have made it to a foreign climes and some have gone further even further afield. In July, Richard Branson and Jeff Bezos took off in their rockets and headed up to space. It seems a shame that nowadays multi billionaires no longer use their money to build schools, hospitals or libraries and would rather spend their money on self-indulgence!

Sport wise it's been pretty fantastic too. Scotland got into a major football tournament for the first time in 33 years but even after beating the "Auld Enemy" in a magnificent nil - nil draw they were ousted in the first round. Football nearly "came home" but went to Rome instead when England lost to Italy on penalties. While part of me was sorry they lost, another part of me was relieved that I wouldn't have to listen to the English commentary team extolling their virtues for the next 66 years! We were also successful in the Olympics and Paralympics in Japan. Although the 2020 Olympics were held a year late, the British team came fourth in the medal table with 22 gold, 21 silver, and 22 bronze.

Now summer is nearing the end, the nights are fair drawing in and at last it seems things are beginning to return to normal. The children have returned to school and it seems that next year they can look forward once again to sitting exams. I don't know how their parents feel but when looking at the obligatory "back to school photos" I feel I've lost two years of their lives, as the babies I knew have become toddlers, toddlers have started school and primary and secondary pupils have moved on to new adventures.

Our Ch\*rch has moved on too. We can now go back to ChUrch with confidence: hymns can be s\*ng once more, prayers can be spoken and friends can meet again (all be it behind masks) and the Sunday Cl\*b has recommenced.

So please come back to Ch\*rch soon, beca\*se not j\*st over the s\*mmmer, b\*t for the last year and a half, we've been missing "U"

Alison

## ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER PLEASE

### CONGRATULATIONS - 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to David and Anne Maclure who celebrated their Diamond Anniversary on 9th June. David and Anna were married in Kings Park Church at 5pm. Late in the day for a wedding you may think, but the minister at the time, the Rev. Robert Paterson, was an avid Third Lanark supporter and there was a home game. With a reserved parking space at the ground the "Happy Padre" as he was known, could leave quickly after the game to conduct the wedding! They held their reception at the Cameo Ballroom in Shawlands and honeymooned in Port Erin, on the Isle of Man. Anna was very nervous on the flight over, which gave her a probably unnecessary excuse to grip David's hand.

David and Anna set up home in Kings Park before moving to Clarkston where they have spent most of their married life. They were blessed with three children, Drew, Ruth and Campbell who went on to give them five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. It was fortunate that Covid restrictions were relaxed sufficiently to allow them to celebrate their special anniversary with the family on Arran.

When asked what they thought made a happy marriage, they suggested that never going to bed without resolving an argument, looking after each other and mutual respect were very important.

Congratulations David and Anna on this important milestone in your marriage and we wish you many more happy years together.

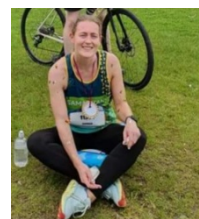
**DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS ALSO** to Ray and Aileen Stewardson who recently celebrated sixty years of marriage. They were married on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1961 at Cathcart Baptist Church.

### CONGRATULATIONS - 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Joy and George Quate who reached their milestone Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. Also to Christine and Tom Miller who achieved this feat on the 4<sup>th</sup> August.

### BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday to our fabulous fantastic daughter, Donna Harvey, who will be celebrating her 29+ 1 birthday on the 3rd September. Have a fabulous fantastic day xx



Belated Congratulations to Erin Leckie who turned 21 on the 1st of July.

And Kerry Preece who celebrated her 21st birthday on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Also to Daniel Bisset who turned 18 on 13<sup>th</sup> August.



## GREENBANK SUNDAY CLUB

Great news – we are delighted to tell you that Sunday Club is meeting in the church halls once again!!

Our Sunday Club sections are:

**Trailblazers** (led by Sharon Leckie and Lynn Armstrong) – for 3-year-olds to Primary 4

**Sunday Squad** (led by Sheena Hamilton and Lorna Preece) – for children in Primary 5 & 6

**JAM** (led by Susan Johnston) – for children and young people in Primary 7 and S1 – S4

All children and young people who would like to join us will be made very welcome. If you'd like any more information, you can ask any of the leaders or speak to myself.

Helen Howard (585 7909)

Sunday Club Superintendent

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING – SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

Harvest Thanksgiving will take place this year on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October when you will be 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 below. Food donations should be deposited in the Link Building.

### **Breakfast cereal s**

### **Tinned Fruit, rice and custard**

**Tinned meat and fish** (corned beef and ham; tuna and salmon)

**Jars/Pastes** (pasta bake sauces; curry sauce/paste and tomato paste)

**Dried Goods** (mixed herbs, garlic powder, ground turmeric, chilli powder, crushed chillies, ground coriander, salt and black pepper)

**Other** Coconut milk; full fat UHT milk; brown sauce; vinegar; tomato sauce; dried peas; drinking chocolate; lentils; diluting/fresh juice; olive oil; vegetable oil; bisto; stock cubes/boullion; broth mix; jam and sugar

### **Not Required List:**

Pasta; pearl barley; marmalade; porridge; shredded wheat cereal; muesli; alpen; long grain rice; grapefruit; prunes; tea bags and any tinned soup or vegetables

For further information please contact Alison Allan.

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.

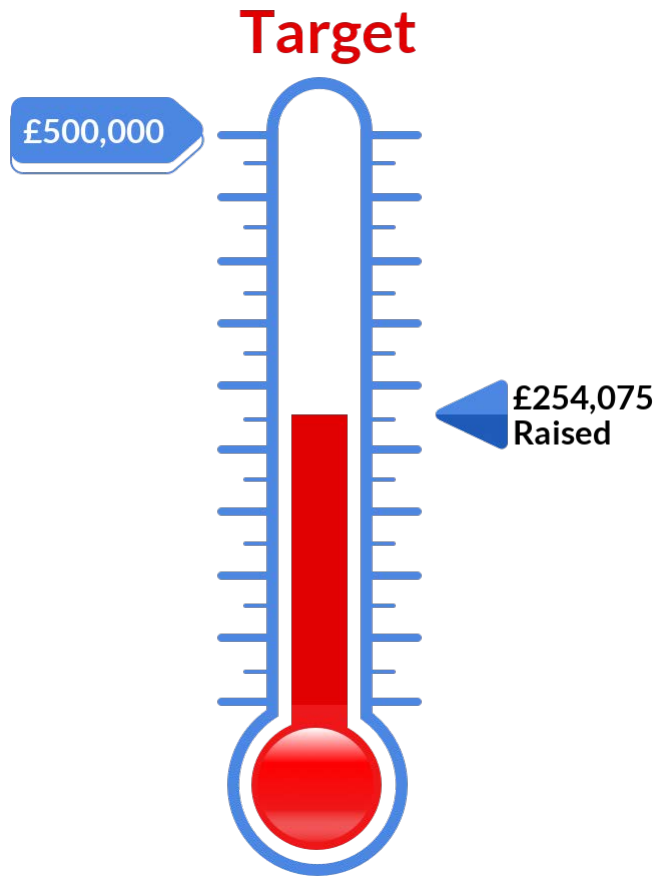
**Every donation**, of whatever size, is warmly welcome.

Alistair Smith, Treasurer

tel: 0141 571 2676

email: [alistairsmith@ntlworld.com](mailto:alistairsmith@ntlworld.com)





## LEGACY UPDATE

This September edition of the Good Neighbour always marks for me the end of the summer and for a second year it has been quite a different summer due to the restrictions we have all lived with for some time. At least the weather was good for large spells and there was plenty of sport to watch for those who like that. As we begin to turn our thoughts to the autumn I wanted to bring you up to date on our Legacy Project.

Over the last few months the Legacy Project Group has been active in different areas. Work on defining the extent of the fabric repairs that will be necessary in the sanctuary continued and further applications for capital funding were submitted with research being carried out into other possible funders. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in an application to Historic Environment Scotland for help with repairs to the sanctuary but they did offer some advice on how a future application could be strengthened and we have been following that up. In my April update I had said that we had started to alert organisations to the need to clear the halls of any equipment or material they store. Thanks to work by many of the organisations, the halls have now been cleared out.

Looking ahead, the key issue is the outcome of the two planning applications, our application for renovating and extending the current sanctuary and the developer's application for the care home. The success of the care home developer's application is of course particularly important as the proceeds from the sale of the land will allow us to carry out the renovation and extension of the sanctuary that you have seen in various leaflets and so we have been doing what we can to support their application. In practical terms this has meant working with them to emphasise the community wide benefits that will come from the development of the complete site. Not only will we benefit from the provision of much needed local care home places but we will also create excellent state of the art facilities for the church and community. Facilities that will allow us to continue all the activities that take place during normal times within the church but will also, and importantly, enable us to respond to new opportunities and community needs as they emerge.

As always, if you have any questions or views on any aspect of the Legacy project you can get in touch using the following email address, [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) or by dropping a note through the letterbox at the entrance to the halls beside the kitchen.

Gordon Dickson  
Legacy Project Group

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF OUR NEW ASSISTANT MINISTER, THE REV. FRED D. MILLIGAN, JR.

The oldest of five children, Fred was raised on a small family farm in north-central Arkansas in the United States, and was nurtured in his Christian faith in the Cumberland Presbyterian congregation established by his Scots-Irish ancestors in the early 1800's. He traces his family roots to county Down in Ulster, Northern Ireland, but hopes to discover connections with the Milligan/ken/gen clan that first formed in the borderlands region of Scotland.

In spite of (or perhaps because of) this rural upbringing, Fred early on felt a call to serve congregations in the midst of the ethnic, cultural and theological diversity of urban settings. This call to cross-cultural ministry eventually led Fred to seek and receive a fellowship to study Spanish for three months in Guadalajara, Mexico. This interest eventually led him to serve the Inter-denominational, English language Santiago Community Church in Santiago, Chile where he completed two terms (six years) of ministry in December of 2020.

Prior to that, Fred was both an installed as well as Interim/transitional Pastor of several Presbyterian congregations in the U.S. as well as holding positions as a congregational consultant on the national staffs of both the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. He also served an ecumenical campus ministry on the Chicago campus of the University of Illinois.

Fred is currently a member of the Philadelphia Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is serving with us at the Greenbank Parish Church with their permission as he discerns the possibility of a call to transfer to the Church of Scotland and seek a longer term position. This would allow him to continue to serve within a Presbyterian and English language context while also being close to his fiancée, who lives in Brussels, Belgium and serves as an official with the European Commission.

In terms of his education, Fred holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with a double minor in music and bible from Bethel University in Mackenzie, TN. He received his Masters in Divinity from Vanderbilt University Divinity School and a Master of Arts in theological ethics from the University of Chicago Divinity School. Fred believes his theological training and past ministry in ecumenical and cross-cultural and transitional settings, as well as being a "cradle" Presbyterian, were the ideal preparation for serving our congregation during this important moment in the history of the Greenbank Parish Church.

Fred has an extensive and long-lived interest and involvement in church-based environmental groups and is particularly excited to be credentialed to represent the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a member of their delegation to the Twenty-sixth Conversation of Partners (COP 26) being held in Glasgow the first two weeks of November. He looks forward to accompanying us as we seek to deepen our understanding of the resources our faith may provide us as we confront the current climate crisis and seek to more faithfully address our calling to be stewards of the earth entrusted to our care.

Fred's hobbies include international travel, hiking, singing, cycling, collecting camping equipment, reading, dancing (especially the Argentine Tango), swimming, and all types of racquet sports. As he is moving all of his furnishings from Chile, he is seeking an unfurnished apartment or house with at least two bedrooms, for hosting the many friends and family who promise to visit, should anyone know of such in the Clarkston area.



## EASTWOOD PEACE & JUSTICE GROUP – COP26 INFORMATION EVENING

Eastwood Peace and Justice Group are hosting a COP26 information meeting.

Time: Wednesday 22nd September at 7.30pm

Place: Maxwell Mearns Castle Church

Speakers: Adrian Shaw (Church of Scotland); Rev. David Coleman (Eco Congregation Scotland)  
Sam Ibbott (East Renfrewshire Council, Climate Change officer)

Their subjects will be: What is COP26 all about? As Christians why should we care? What can we do locally to help save the planet?

The meeting will be live streamed and available on YouTube.

We hope that this meeting on a very important and challenging subject, will be well supported

Marie Forster

## REPORT ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021

The General Assembly of our church is always an impressive event. In many ways, however, this year's was exceptional as Commissioners voted electronically from all over the world in what was a significant technical achievement. There were presentations or deliverances on a wide range of issues including the Safeguarding Committee and the Pension Trustees. Particularly interesting was the Ecumenical Relations Committee which noted the establishment of the Scottish Church Leaders Forum, approved the Saint Andrew Declaration between the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church and agreed the participation of the Church of Scotland in the Scottish Christian Forum which would be recognised as the national ecumenical body in Scotland.

Also interesting was the report of the Special Commission on the Effectiveness of the Presbyterian Form of Church Government. It noted that: 'the system itself had become increasingly unsuited for a smaller, marginalised Church which did not fit mission for the 21st century. There was an increasing lack of

financial resource and, more importantly, human resource to make it work.’ However it was possible to argue that our church was not dying. It was reforming. The Assembly noted –

The Five Marks of Mission:

- i. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- ii. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- iii. To respond to human need by loving service
- iv. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- v. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Nevertheless, the tension between the need for strong leadership in our church and the desire for local autonomy, between 121 George Street in Edinburgh and the individual churches, was acknowledged. The Commission considered that the effectiveness of Presbyterianism, as manifested in the Church of Scotland has, for many years, been compromised by a lack of connection between and among local, regional and national organisations. It distinguished between the role of the local church, the regional church i.e. the Presbytery and the National Church. In examining the purpose of the local church it emphasised the need for training for ministers, elders and others involved in leadership. It also emphasised mission, but mission, in its more accessible incarnation, in the caring for the sad, the lonely, the hungry, the thirsty, the naked and the sick. In examining the purpose of the regional church it said that the Presbytery is the gathered life of the Church of Scotland in a particular area but recognised that there was a perception that Presbyteries were too distant and remote from the majority of elders and congregational members. In examining the purpose of the National Church there was an acknowledgement of the need for significant change. There were questions over the size of the General Assembly, the week-long General Assembly format and its Parliamentary style of discussion. There was a tension between the sovereign authority of the General Assembly and the executive responsibilities of those appointed to be Trustees that needed to be addressed. There was a case for one Trustee being nominated from each of the new Presbyteries as well as the Trustees being appointed for their particular skill set. With devolution of responsibilities to the Presbyteries there was clearly the need to maintain national standards while recognising the local dimension.

The need for such change was acknowledged by the Assembly in 2019. The Radical Action Plan accepted by the Assembly introduced a new organisational structure, which was implemented in January 2020. Its composition is as follows:

- The Faith Nurture Forum, which embraces new ways of supporting all of the various ministries within the Church; and new ways of ensuring continuity and change in worship, mission and discipleship.
- The Faith Impact Forum which embraces engagement in the national, political and social issues affecting Scotland and the world today; and working internationally to share the gospel.
- The Social Care Council (CrossReach) which embraces the offering of services in Christ’s name to further the caring work of the Church to people in need.
- The Central Services Committee which is responsible for managing the Church offices and its Service Departments.

The Crisis Facing our Church

Fundamentally the church is living well beyond her means.

- The total membership of the church at the national level is less than 300,000 (297,435). In 2015 it was 363,000, Glasgow is the biggest presbytery with 26,000.
- 44% of worshippers are aged between 65 and 84 (Glasgow 36%).
- The median church has a congregation of 194.
- The median attendance on a Sunday is 55.
- The median church is led by 15 elders (at the national level there are 12000 male elders and 15000 female elders).
- There is considerable difficulty in the recruitment of ministers and up to 60% are due to retire in the next 10 years.

So what is being done to address the situation and how will it affect Greenbank?

Substantial progress was made in 2020 in pursuing cost savings. A 30% target reduction in expenditure was achieved within the National Office but the Trustees had still to draw £11m from reserves to support the work of the Church. Having been tasked with reducing its costs, “121” have reached their target of over £6m and capped the number of staff they will employ. The future of the George Street building is under consideration with only necessary maintenance being carried out. A decision on disposal of the building will take place when the current depressed situation of commercial property improves. Consideration is also being given to the future of the Assembly buildings.

Presbyteries

The number of Presbyteries will be reduced. The Presbytery will have a vital role to play in the future of the church Presbytery planning and management of future numbers of charges and associated ministry posts are of critical importance to the future of the Church but their number will be substantially reduced to a maximum of 12.

At the local level the pandemic has affected finances in reducing income from offerings and from church lets. As a result in October 2020 the Assembly approved a reduction in congregational contributions of 18%. This reduction ends this coming year. (In reality for us the reduction for Greenbank was around 12%.) The Ministries and Mission contribution from churches will be revised with more transparency on how the contribution is being spent.

The work of the Faith Nurture Forum caused most discussion. The Forum announced that the number of ministries the church could finance would reduce from over 700 at present to 600 by the end of 2025. Each new Presbytery has been allocated a set number of ministries. The decision on how these will be

allocated within a Presbytery is a Presbytery decision. Amongst the factors involved in that process will be “the right spaces in the right places” (i.e. buildings, their condition and location) and the effect of weighting given to Areas of Priority Treatment. Much discussion was on the impact on ministers and trainee ministers. A moratorium on filling current vacancies has been called.

The above is a distillation of over 25 hours of Zoom viewing. There were many other matters that were discussed that merit attention and can be found on the Church of Scotland website. We were impressed by the presentations and speeches. We admired the forbearance and kindness of the Moderator in coping with the technology, the amendments and amendments on amendments. We were in awe of the tech team who brought together commissioners and guests from all over Scotland and the world into one space. It was fascinating insight into the National Church and its future and we would recommend being a Commissioner if you are offered the chance.

Peter and Jill Liddell

## **GREENBANK ECO-COMMITTEE**

Our church is seeking a diverse group of members of all ages to join a new Greenbank Eco-Committee. We are really keen that as many people as possible get involved. If you think you may be interested please contact Jane at the church office at: [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) Please find below some information about Eco-Congregation Scotland and the importance of COP26, the 26th UN Climate Change Conference taking place in Glasgow in November of this year.

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](http://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.

The Church of Scotland is committed to Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030 and 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.

## **ECO CONGREGATION REPORT**

### ***Climate Justice for Churches***

It was reported that Glasgow Presbytery has a ‘Resources on Climate Justice for Churches’ padlet, which is very informative. It can be found at: <https://padlet.com/glasgowyouth/tjo2fo33vbq20asn>.

### ***Climate Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September***

It has been decided by CTBI [Churches Together in Britain & Ireland] that 5<sup>th</sup> September will be “Climate Sunday” which leaves scope for CCT to take part in this initiative also. It was suggested that David Coleman’s liturgy could perhaps be included.

### ***Climate Fringe Week, 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September***

“Stop Climate Chaos Scotland” is having a Climate Fringe Week, 18th-26th September and is encouraging groups to run activities, events and actions at that time (<https://climatefringe.org/week/>). CCT is considering organising an event locally during this week.

### ***COP26 Event, 3<sup>rd</sup> October***

Presbytery was planning a COP26 event at Sherbrooke Mossspark Church on Sunday 3rd October, with a suggested start time at the moment of 6.30pm. It was proposed that CCT would attend and could also publicise nearer the time.

### ***Ecumenical Service (7<sup>th</sup> November) and Outdoor event, 30<sup>th</sup> October***

During the Conference, on Sunday 7th November, an Ecumenical Service for delegates has been planned in Glasgow Cathedral, which would be live-streamed; there may also be an event outdoors (a march, pilgrimage or rally is being considered) on the preceding Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> October).

### ***Proposed Glasgow Churches Together massed open air service on Glasgow Green, 7th November***

A Glasgow Churches Together massed open air service on Glasgow Green on 7th November to which all COP26 delegates (and media) would be invited was discussed. The service would be themed about environmental protection. This was seen as a chance to increase pressure on the delegates and raise the profile of the church at the same time. The proposer of the idea explained that this would potentially have the added benefit of making the Church and Eco Congregation more relevant and interesting as well. Due to the anticipated size of the event it was emphasised that planning would have to begin soon.

## **CLARKSTON CHURCHES TOGETHER REPORT**

15/6/21

### ***CCT Outdoor event on 30<sup>th</sup> October***

It was proposed that CCT could perhaps organise something locally on 30<sup>th</sup> October along the lines of the outdoor event being planned in Glasgow. Rachel Mash could potentially speak or preach at the Clarkston event.

### ***CCT Eco Project***

It had been muted at one of the Caring for Creation Bible Study Sessions as a longer term idea that CCT could set up an 'Eco Project'.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of Eco Congregation would take place at Stamperland Church on Tuesday, 17th August at 10.30am.

### ***Addendum to Minutes***

Mary Miller had been invited to attend an event during next year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to mark the addition of Jane Haining to the SEC's Calendar of Saints and Heroes. There had not yet been a response to the invitation.

## **STAMPERLAND CHURCH, 17/8/21**

### ***Caring for Creation Studies***

Everyone spoke enthusiastically about how worthwhile these Bible Studies on zoom had been. They were genuinely ecumenical, the materials were excellent, and there was a feeling by all those who participated that they wished to take things further. To this end, some of those who attended will convene a Working Party. This could then help to plan a programme of activity in the run-up (and follow-up) to COP26. Furthermore, once the schools have had a chance to 'settle in', it was thought the group might contact both Primary and Secondary Schools with a view to planning some joint projects.

### ***COP26***

It is proposed that **Sunday 4 October** is a 'Walk to Church Sunday' for all CCT Churches

With a pre-recorded address from Rev Dr Rachel Mash (who works in South Africa, and founded Green Anglicans), old a service will be held on the eve of the Conference itself, on **Sunday 31 October in Netherlee Church beginning at 6.30pm**.

There are both Glasgow and National events being planned. To date, they include:

Climate Sunday Services – it has been suggested that Churches hold these on one Sunday between now and the end of October. Once planned, they can then be registered at <https://www.climatesunday.org/>

Scotland's National Climate Sunday Service will take place in Glasgow Cathedral on **5 September beginning at 3.30 for 4pm**. Details for this can be found at <https://www.climatesunday.org/copy-of-blog-page-template-1>

'Stop Climate Chaos Scotland', an umbrella organisation for all sorts of organisations including Tearfund and Christian Aid, are having a Climate Fringe Week (**18-26 September**), encouraging groups to run activities, events and actions at that time.

### ***Saint Andrew Declaration***

There was an acknowledgement that this had now been signed by representatives of both the Church of Scotland at the time of their General Assembly and the Scottish Episcopal Church during their General Synod. However, although this is an SEC–CofS initiative. The Declaration itself can be found at [https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0016/81331/Saint-Andrew-Declaration.pdf](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/81331/Saint-Andrew-Declaration.pdf)

### ***Refugees***

The work of this organisation aims to provide practical assistance to refugees living in Glasgow. There are about 10,000 refugees living in Scotland, mostly in Glasgow. A speaker is coming from Refugees to Greenbank on Monday 25th with tea and a chat afterwards. It is hoped that an Afghan interpreter for the American and British armies who moved to Thornliebank 4 weeks ago will come and share his experiences too. This will be an opportunity to highlight the work of Refugees, and collect donations.

### ***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity***

Mary Miller has agreed to join CCT at an event to be held in Williamwood Church on the evening of Sunday 23 January beginning at 6.30pm. A short film presentation screened at the Scottish Episcopal Church's General Synod earlier this year will be shown first, and a short talk will also be given by way of explanation as to how the decision to include Jane Haining in the SEC's liturgical calendar was taken. Exhibition materials will be sourced and displayed. This will be another opportunity for people to make donations towards the work of Refugees.

### ***Capacitar***

Eleanor Maxwell a member of St Joseph's and who is trained to lead this form of prayer, has offered to run a course for CCT for 4 weeks starting on the 22nd October on Saturday morning and Wednesday afternoons. The Capacitar sessions aim to Nurture and Heal through Body Prayer. Originally designed to help those who have experienced trauma, it was felt that it would be helpful to offer this given the Covid Pandemic we have all just lived through. The suggestion was made that each session take place in a different church building. Dates to be confirmed.

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

Thursday 21 October. CCT has contacted Council Officials with regard to commemorations for the Clarkston Disaster and they have replied saying that there have been some initial discussions and that they will keep us informed of any plans as they develop.

## **THE GUILD**

Please disregard the information given in the June edition of ***Good Neighbour***. The Guild has just been informed that we can use our own Church Hall for the first half of our session. Meetings will begin as arranged on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. Further details of syllabus etc. will be given in next month's ***Good Neighbour***. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after such a long break. Our thanks to the ladies who spent a great deal of time and effort trying to find us alternative accommodation earlier in the year.

Enid Dron, Secretary

## **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,  
Derek Christie,  
Session Clerk

## TIME OUT

It's been an up and down summer this year but we have managed to meet up a few times in our gardens. We also plan to start the new session with a meal in September. We are hoping to continue meeting every second Thursday as usual so watch this space for details. We would love to be able to welcome new members this year.

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Hi Guys

Another superb Olympic Games came to a close for Team GB, with British athletes having finished the Games with a grand total of 65 medals made up of 22 gold, 21 silver and 22 bronze. The Tokyo medals are a little different from past years. They have been made out of old mobile phones donated by the public. People from all over Japan donated 6.2 million of them over a period of two years to produce 32kg of gold, 3.5 tonnes of silver and 2.2 tonnes of bronze to make the Olympic and Paralympic medals. Now that is recycling on a grand scale!



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The Olympics is an event on grand scale. According to the list of athletes on the Olympic website, 11,656 athletes participated in this year's Games, from Katrine Aalerud (a Norwegian cyclist) to Sylwia Zyzanska (a Polish archer). They come from 206 nations and regions, including the IOC Refugee Olympic Team, made up of 29 athletes who have been displaced from their home nations because of conflict or natural disaster, to compete in 33 different sports and 339 medal events. Four new sports were introduced at these Olympics - skateboarding, surfing, sport climbing and BMX freestyle. You might even have tried skateboarding or BMX or watched them in Rouken Glen Park.

ze medal for the youngest Team GB competitor, Sky Brown, who broke down in tears after becoming Great  
ner of all time at 13 years and 28 days old. She told BBC Sport. "This is incredible - it feels unreal! I'm so

ou can achieve no matter how well you did it as long as you did the best you could.

## FIND THE WORDS

wrestling, olympics, climbing, running, chariot, surfing, boxing, karate,  
japan, horse, vault, pole

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Q. What is a banana's favourite gymnastics move?

A. Thesplits!

Q. Why were the swimming elephants thrown out of the Olympics?

A. Because they couldn't keep their trunks up!

## ONE TO WATCH

### Jungle Cruise (PG)



JUNGLE CRUISE, is a rollicking thrill-ride down the Amazon with wisecracking skipper Frank Wolff and intrepid researcher Dr. Lily Houghton. Lily travels from London to the Amazon jungle and enlists Frank's questionable services to guide her downriver on La ut-charming boat. Lily is determined to with special healing abilities--possessing future of medicine.

The unlikely duo encounters lots of dangers and supernatural forces, all lurking in the deceptive beauty of the lush rainforest. But as the secrets of the lost tree unfold, the stakes reach even higher for Lily and Frank and their fate--and mankind's--hangs in the balance.

Hi everyone,

Hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays. I'm hoping that by the time you read this, we'll have seen most of you back at Sunday Club in the church halls, and have heard what you've done over the holidays.

At the start of this new session, Harry McGowan is moving on from Trailblazers to Sunday Squad and Rachael Gow and Olivia Hackett are moving from Sunday Squad to JAM. I know that Sheena, Lorna and the Sunday Squad, have been looking forward to welcoming Harry, and that Susan and JAM have been looking forward to welcoming Rachael and Olivia. We hope you all enjoy being in your new sections.

In September, we'll be hearing about the Letter of James from the New Testament, and learning about being Hearers and Listeners; having Less Power, More Respect; Words and Silence; Envy And Ambition.

Helen

Dates for September are:

Sundays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday Club as usual

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Family worship in church (Sunday Club on holiday)

## OLYMPIC PARTY RINGS

### Ingredients

225g plain flour  
25g cornflour  
125g butter, cut into small cubes  
100g caster sugar  
1 medium egg  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
300g royal icing sugar  
Food colouring gel



### Method

1. Place the plain flour, cornflour and butter bowl and make into breadcrumb consistency. Add the sugar, egg and vanilla extract and mix until combined. Gently knead into a disc. Wrap in clingfilm and chill for 20-30 minutes.
2. Heat the oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas mark 4. Lightly dust your work surface with flour, then roll out the dough until it's about the thickness of a £1 coin. Using a 7cm circle cutter, cut as many circles as you can from the dough. Using a smaller circle 3cm cutter, cut a small circle from the centre of each biscuit. Work the scraps into a ball, reroll and cut some more biscuits.
3. Transfer the biscuits to a baking tray lined with greaseproof paper. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes until they're pale golden. Transfer to a cooling rack and leave to cool completely.
4. Split the icing into four small bowls with 75g in each bowl. Add 1 tbsp water to each and mix until you have a smooth, runny icing. Colour each bowl of icing with a different colour. Dip each biscuit in a base colour and place on a cooling rack over some greaseproof paper to catch any excess icing. Using a spoon, immediately drizzle the biscuit with an alternate colour in horizontal lines, then use a toothpick to feather the icing, dragging the lines vertically until the icing feathers. Repeat until all the biscuits are all covered. You can vary the base and drizzle colour as you like. Leave to set for 30 minutes before serving or store in an airtight container for 3-4 days.

## CHURCH TREASURER REQUIRED – CAN YOU HELP?

The minister of Garthamlock and Craigend Parish Church of Scotland, Rev. I Scott McCarthy, has asked for our help in finding his church a replacement Treasurer as the present one is stepping down and there is no one to take on the role from within their small congregation.

Please contact Jane Mayer at Greenbank Church office [email address: [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk)] if you would consider volunteering for the position of Church Treasurer of Garthamlock and Craigend Parish Church.

## LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Sunday collection of groceries for Lodging House Mission continues. LHM is extremely grateful for our weekly donations, and we are thankful to the band of willing volunteers from our congregation who supervise the trolley at the Link Building and deliver to LHM later in the week. ***If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact the church office at [greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk)***

LHM recently appointed June McLeod as Day Centre Manager. We wish June well in her new role. June takes the place of Stephen Mitchell, who sadly passed away earlier this year from Covid-19.

We recently donated a variety of kitchen items, including crockery and pots, to LHM. They were delighted to accept these items, which will be put to great use.

There is currently a phased re-opening at LHM. Clients are able to have access to the premises until 10.30 to receive breakfast, and can return again at lunchtime for a take away lunch.

Churches in Glasgow Presbytery have been asked if they are able to provide a team of volunteers for a proposed Saturday rota. Greenbank is able to provide a team, and we await further information from LHM as to when this will be necessary. If you would like to volunteer to help at LHM as part of the Greenbank team, please let me know.

LHM recently had a welcome visit from Mr Robert Hynd, the new Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery. He praised their work and thanked staff and volunteers.

The LHM Chaplain has been unwell for a period of time. She is recovering, and hopes to be back at LHM in the autumn. We wish her well.

Please remember all LHM staff, volunteers and clients in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support.

Alison Allan

## CHRISTIAN AID SCOTLAND

In June, a relay of young people started walking from Cornwall after the G7. Their aim is to walk to Glasgow in time for COP26.

They are walking as an act of faith, hope and love.

- Faith that our actions will be listened to and can create change.
- Hope that it isn't too late; that we can stop climate change.
- Love for our planet and one another.

As they walk, they carry with them the symbol of a boat. They are moved to act, understanding that we are all in the same climate storm but not in the same boats.

As they make their way to Scotland, will you #RiseToTheMoment and join them in the pilgrimage to COP26?

Find out more at [www.yccn.uk](http://www.yccn.uk)

## OFFERINGS DURING LOCKDOWN

Dear Friends,

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

The best way to maintain your freewill offerings to the church, if possible, is to make a direct payment into the Church's bank account, putting your freewill offering number in the payment reference box. For those wishing to do this, please email me at: [alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com](mailto:alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com) and I will supply you with the church's bank account details.

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

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

Thank you for your support.

Alistair Smith, Treasurer

## KIRK SESSION – WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

The Kirk Session held a virtual on line Zoom meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June with 49 members attending and they received updates on a range of issues.

**Worship:** The Kirk Session noted that from 27th June there would be activities for children at the morning service over the summer months. Messy Church was hoping to hold an outdoor event in June before the schools stopped.



**Outreach:** The Kirk Session received an update on the Kwenderana Project. There are a number of initiatives under way including the sale of shawls and blankets, trying to continue the school fees project, and finding ways to encourage the take up of the Covid Vaccination programme in Malawi. Attention was drawn to the "Caring for Creation" studies in preparation for the COP 26 Climate Change Conference in November. Glasgow North East Foodbank has seen a increase in activity recently and donations of food and cash are continuing to come in. The Lodging House Mission is grateful for the weekly donations from Greenbank and the rotas on a Sunday for donations and midweek for delivery are continuing.

**Finance:** The Financial Position was updated and it was noted that Offering Income had decreased by 5.3% for the period to 16th<sup>th</sup> May. Due to the high proportion of offerings made by standing order the impact of the coronavirus had been mitigated affecting only weekly freewill and ordinary offering income. Other income was received from a Legacy, Clarkston After School Care and funeral donations. Fabric expenditure for the year to date totalled £3,200.

**Fabric:** The Property Convenor advised that the fortnightly grounds maintenance contract had started for the summer.

**Fellowship:** The Kirk Session noted that The Guild and Timeout hoped to resume meeting in the autumn. Chat rooms which follow Sunday service continue to be a good way to share news and get to know one another better.

**Youth:** The Sunday Club reported on the year's activities and reports were also received from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Clarkston Rainbows and 1<sup>st</sup> A Brownies.

**Legacy:** The Kirk Session received an update on the Legacy Project details which can be found on page 8.

**Church and Church Halls:** The Clerk advised that due to easing of restrictions the balcony in the church was now open on a Sunday morning. The Session approved the Church and Halls reopening committee becoming the Halls and Events Management Committee to allow the management of the halls to continue pending the sale.

**General Assembly:** An interesting and informative report was given by the Deputy Session Clerk and the Publicity Convenor who had attended the May General Assembly virtually. It was noted that the previous Presbytery Plan was now null and void and that a new one would be put in place by December 2022.

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

The retiring Offerings for 21/22 were approved. The Editor of Good Neighbour and Good Neighbour distributors had advised they were stepping down from their roles and were thanked for their many years of service by the Moderator.

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

## 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 [www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk](http://www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk) 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



## **Glasgow Street Pastors & Glasgow Presbytery Serving at COP 26 (1-12 November 2021)**

During COP 26 Glasgow City Centre will be busy with guests from across the world attending the conference. Glasgow Street Pastors has been 'listening, caring and helping' on the streets of Glasgow for the past 12 years assisting individuals who become vulnerable or require assistance for a variety of reasons. The work is done by committed Christians, minimum age 18, from a wide range of church backgrounds, united in a desire to demonstrate the love and compassion of God in very practical acts of service.

Volunteers from churches in the Glasgow Presbytery are invited to join with Street Pastors to provide an additional caring presence on the city streets. Working with experienced Street Pastor's, you will have the opportunity to be involved in a two-hour afternoon patrol (1-3pm) or three-hour evening patrol. (8-11pm)

An application form can be obtained from [coordinator@gsp.scot](mailto:coordinator@gsp.scot). Your minister or church leader will be contacted for a brief comment in support of your application. A training day has been arranged on **Saturday 2 October at Sandyford Henderson Memorial Church from 10:00-15:00**. Attendance is essential.

### **KARATE - GREENBANK**

Classes have started back at Stamperland Church where all our students have returned and we are preparing for the next grading. It has been amazing to see our students back in the DOJO, some who have been on Zoom over the last 18 months and some not but all of our students have clearly not lost their Karate skills – it's like we have not been away. Karate is great physically and mentally and from a personal point of view it has helped me through the last 18 months.

Karate was a success at the Tokyo Olympics which was the first the first time that it appeared but unfortunately it has not been included in the 2024 Paris Olympics. The World Karate Federation are working hard for Karate to be part of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

As we are out of most restrictions, we are starting new classes for beginners and encourage young and old to start their Karate journey.

Best wishes,

John Elliot

BKA Chairman

### **MENTAL HEALTH FORUM AND DRAMA GROUP**

My name is Michael Charles and I work as a Mental Health Development Worker for RAMH.

My department (ACUMEN) stands for Advancing Community Understanding of Mental and Emotional Needs. We are dedicated to developing and improving services for people with lived experience of mental health.

We have a Mental Health Forum that meets monthly online that is used for people to get together to have a chat and check on each other, as well as provide information about how to manage your mental health and what projects we are doing at the moment.

***We are also working on a mental health focused drama project called 'What's the Script?' This will also be online and will be coordinated by trained and experienced drama coordinators. Anyone who struggles to get online, will be provided with the means to do so. The focus of the project will be on men's mental health, though anyone can join!***

All of your projects are of course free to join. We are a mental health charity dedicated to helping those most in need. Please feel free to get in contact if you want any more information.



## East Ren Mental Health Forum

Monthly

A friendly catch up, updates from the ACUMEN network and a discussion about making change around mental health in East Renfrewshire.

Please contact the details below if you are interested in attending.

### ***What's the Script?***

Online drama expressing experiences about mental health If interested please get in touch!

Michael Charles (Mental Health Development Worker, ACUMEN)

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## SUMMER QUIZ

Thanks to everyone who entered the Summer Quiz. Hope you all had fun. Winner: Elizabeth MacDonald

Joint 2nd place: Moira Simpson, Mrs Lamb and Pat Robertson. Better luck next time

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| 1.) Inside a candle?                        | Wick         |
| 2.) Not arriving?                           | Leven        |
| 3.) Drop the church?                        | Falkirk      |
| 4.) Do Glencoe's invaders live here?        | Campbelltown |
| 5.) Think it over?                          | Mull         |
| 6.) Mum's better?                           | Motherwell   |
| 7.) Ms Thunberg's environmentally friendly? | Greta Green  |
| 8.) Castle for a Prince?                    | Fort William |
| 9.) Oxygen and nitrogen?                    | Ayr          |
| 10.) Single ladies?                         | Maidens      |
| 11.) Good for eating icecream?              | Tongue       |
| 12.) Silly chips?                           | Dumfries     |
| 13.) Freezing river?                        | Coldstream   |
| 14.) Little pay for the chef?               | Pennicuik    |
| 15.) It's a date?                           | Callander    |
| 16.) Eaten with jam and cream?              | Scone        |
| 17.) Thirsty gentlemen?                     | Drymen       |
| 18.) Tug sheep?                             | Poolewe      |
| 19.) Citadel got up?                        | Fortrose     |
| 20.) Spanish mother's ruin?                 | Elgin        |

# KWENDERANA COMMITTEE REPORT

From meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 on Zoom

## Prayer

It was confirmed that prayer would continue for our friends around the world, our congregations, churches, our friends in Malawi and for the continuation of the supply of vaccines. Additionally prayer was requested for our friends in Ekwendeni who have lost loved ones due to the pandemic and also to pray for people coming back to the church. In the Ekwendeni community a Sunday would be set aside to pray for friends in Scotland.

## Blankets and Baby Hats

As yet no blankets appeared to have been sold, however donations of money had been made which were soon to be banked. A way would then have to be found to send this money to Malawi. Clothes and bedding were also requested by the Ekwendeni Group member.

There was no update on baby hats at this time.

## Financial Situation

At present there were funds totalling £3256.94 in the bank. Accounts had already been forwarded to the committee and a copy of these would be sent to the Treasurer of each of the churches for church records.

## Updates from the Ekwendeni Group

### ***Christmas Parties***

It was reported that the children's Christmas party, for which money had been sent by the Kwenderana Committee, had taken place however a party for the elderly had not been held as the money sent was used instead to purchase maize and food for them.

### ***The Blind School's Bore Hole and a School Hall***

It was also reported that the Blind School's bore hole needed to be repaired. The possibility of building a school hall was also being investigated. The hall would be attached to the head master's room and would enable teachers to have meetings.

### ***Andrew's Mill***

Andrew's Mill was working well and now had two employees.

## The 2022 Trip

It was reported that it would be confirmed later in the year whether the 2022 trip would take place. There may be a way to raise further funds for the building of the classrooms.

The Committee was thanked for all that was being done for our friends in Malawi.

## Requests made by the Kwenderana Committee

A member of the Kwenderana Committee requested the recording of a 3 to 5 minute talk by a member of the Ekwendeni Group that could then be shown to our congregations. This request was met with a positive response. The Kwenderana Committee also requested that other members of the Ekwendeni Group participate in a future zoom meeting.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm.

## Addendum to Minutes

After the Ekwendeni Group member left the meeting it was agreed that at the current time clothes and bedding should not be sent over.

A decision was made to forward £375 immediately to replace the Blind School bore hole and next month £1800 would be forwarded for school fees.

## Just for Laughs!

Twenty-two members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Smith sang a duet, **The Lord Knows Why**.

While the Minister is on holiday, **massages** can be given to the church secretary.

The Minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric **girdles** for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.



# Greenbank Halls are open **Bits & Bobs Sale**

a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit

**Saturday 4th September**  
**10am – 12 noon**

Come along and buy some of our pre-loved items and  
enjoy a chat over coffee/tea and a biscuit with friends.  
**FREE ENTRY**



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