

# thegoodneighbour

DECEMBER 2022



Glory to God in the highest,  
and on Earth peace,  
goodwill towards men.

LUKE 2:14

# Parish Register

## DEATHS

24/10/22	Mr David Allan Lindsay, 3 Hillend Crescent, Clarkston
27/10/22	Mrs Elizabeth Higgins, 7 Glen Carron, East Kilbride
28/10/22	Mrs Ishbel Clark, 54 Woodbank Crescent, Clarkston
9/11/22	Mrs Margaret McAlister, 34 Greenholm Avenue, Clarkston
16/11/22	Mrs Jemima Copeland, Cairdean House, 185 Redford Road, Colinton EH13 9PN

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

## PULPIT DIARY– DECEMBER AND JANUARY

4 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Gift Service & Sunday Club
	2.00pm	Christmas Remembrance Service
11 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols & Sunday Club
18 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Children's Nativity Service & Sunday Club
24 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Children's Christmas Eve Service [with Christingles]
	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Watchnight Service
25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Worship
1 <sup>st</sup> January	10.30am	New Year's Day Family Worship
8 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Sunday Club
15 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.30am	Clarkston Churches Together Pulpit Swap for Prayers for Christian Unity Week & Sunday Club
29 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club

## LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP

The technical equipment in the Church Sanctuary allows streaming via You Tube on Sunday Mornings.

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

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

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

## ACCESSING SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE BY TELEPHONE OR AS A RECORDING

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

Dear Friends,

By the time this magazine is printed and distributed we will have started the season of Advent – often known as the season of waiting. We all know what it is like to wait but not all waiting is the same. Waiting for a train or a bus entails an inactive waiting; waiting for a diagnosis incurs anxiety and worry; waiting for a holiday is happy and exciting; waiting to see loved ones is often filled with longing and anticipation. Advent, however, ushers into our awareness another kind of waiting, a kind of holy, expectant waiting for the promise of Jesus our Saviour, who has come but who also waits to be born in people's hearts and spirits.

In John's Gospel we are told: "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." I wonder what those words mean to you? On the first Christmas, Mary and Joseph might not have fully understood the significance of their baby's birth but with hindsight, we do. We know the hope which his life, death and resurrection brought to a waiting world. We have read the Christmas stories of faith about those who waited before us and we can draw on our own experiences of waiting for Christ's Christmas light to shine into the darkness of our lives and the life of this world.

This year has been a difficult one for our church both locally and nationally. Yet, amidst the challenges of a Presbytery plan that will inevitably bring change to local ministry and still another time of waiting for our Legacy Project to move forward, these waiting times have also provided us with the opportunity to exercise our faith and prove ourselves adaptable, flexible, resilient and hopeful.

I believe, as many of you do too, that God is leading Greenbank into a new time of life and ministry. My Christmas request, therefore, is to ask that you do not give up on the church. With this in mind, I invite you not to underestimate the value of your worshipping presence online or in-person, nor to undervalue the difference your work, prayers, witness and giving can make.

This Advent may we embrace the words of the Psalmist who cried out thousands of years as he patiently placed all waiting times into the loving hand of God;

*Show us your ways, LORD,  
Teach us your paths.  
Guide us in your truth and teach us,  
For you are God our Saviour,  
And our hope is in you all day long. (Psalm 25)*

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne".

## **SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the club will be Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in room A at 9.30am or 9.15am if you want to join us for breakfast. For any one new who would like to join us we are reading the book "God on Mute" by Pete Greig, the subject of which is "Engaging the silence of unanswered prayer". We will be reading chapters 3, 4 and 5 which are "Seeking Magic Fruit and Finding Tears", "Into the Mystery" and "Naked Prayer".

For more information please contact Ronnie McNeill on 0141 577 6503, we would be very happy to see you.

## AN ABUNDANCE OF BAPTISMS

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace".*

It has been our pleasure and privilege to have had an abundance of baptisms over the summer months this year. We were filled with joy when, over a period of several weeks from late June to early September 2022, we welcomed seven children for baptism, accompanied by their families. Our church was extra busy on these five Sundays, and it was great to see it that way, and to welcome the baptised children into the Greenbank Church family.

We present a little bit about some of the children who were baptised, and hope that the day was as special for the family as it was for our church.

Murray Wallace Macphee

Born at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 at 6.22am weighing 6lb 9oz, Murray was baptised at Greenbank on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Gavin and Kirsty, Murray's parents, commented that the day was perfect as they got to enjoy it with family and a few close friends, both at the church, and back at their house afterwards. They felt that it was nice to be back at Greenbank when things were more normal following Covid. They pitied the poor congregation however, as they got to listen to Murray cry into Jeanne's mic, as she carried him up and down the aisles after the baptism.

Kyle Macphee and Gemma McLaughlin are Murray's godparents.

Archie James Fulton

Archie was baptised at Greenbank on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. He was born at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021, weighing in at 8lbs 2oz. His parents, Rebecca and Neil, have lovely memories of the day and thoroughly enjoyed the service conducted by Jeanne. Archie was very mesmerised by the congregation, waving at everyone from the front after he was baptised!

Kirsten Stewart and Emma Fulton are Archie's godparents.

Harrison John Stanton

Harrison was baptised at Greenbank on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022. He was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Charlie and Alison, Harrison's parents, remember him being very enthusiastic and trying to grab the microphone whilst being baptised! They also appreciated the welcoming nature of the church, which made the day very special for them and their families.

James and Jenni Parker are Harrison's godparents.

Lewis Johnathan McGeoch.

Lewis was baptised at Greenbank on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Born on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he weighed in at 8lb 6oz. Neil and Kirsty, Lewis' parents, really enjoyed spending the day with all their family and watching Lewis interact with everyone.

Ruth McGeoch and Alan McKay are Lewis' godparents.

## PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES

At our Communion Service on 6th November, three members of our Kirk Session were presented with certificates recognising 30 years dedicated service as an elder.

Beth Jardine, Jan Millar and Elizabeth Cross were ordained as elders in Greenbank Church in 1992. Each has since given tirelessly of their time, and used their different talents generously and graciously, for the benefit of our church. We thank each one of them sincerely for their service, and give our warmest congratulations.

Our photograph shows our minister Jeanne, with, from left to right, Beth, Jan and Elizabeth.



# Prayer Diary

"What a tangled web we weave  
When first we try to light the eave  
A jumbled mess of bulbs and wire  
Almost enough to uninspire!  
But soon enough the job is done  
We've even found the burned out one!  
We've trimmed the tree and lit the hedge  
And even strung the rooftop edge  
And standing back, the dancing light  
Reminds us of that sacred night  
When one bright star lit up the way  
That led to where the Christ-child lay.  
(*'Christmas Lights'-Cowtown Stacy*)

And so it's December, with a mad whirl of shopping and organising, cleaning, tidying and wrapping. Every street brightens the dark nights with lights of all colours, and the shops are bustling as they serenade us with Christmas songs old and new.

Please remember everyone who is dreading this festive season. Some because they're alone; some because they just don't know how they're going to celebrate Christmas when they can barely afford to eat and keep warm; some who don't even have a roof over their heads. Give thanks for the Lodging House Mission who are able to help some of those with nowhere else to go; for all those who organise and help out at Food Banks which make such a difference to people who're struggling; for everywhere that is offering a Warm Welcome where people can go to be warm and fed and find some companionship without the worry of how to pay for it; for all the ways that people come together to help one another.

The news is full of trouble. The huge rise in the cost of living; the way that so many people's lives are being affected by the climate crisis and the knowledge that it will get worse if major action isn't taken now; refugees fleeing from war and persecution. Hold all these things in your hearts and pray that better days are ahead.

'God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence.' (Psalm 46:1-3)

I also want to ask you to give thanks for all the hard work Peter and the choir, and the readers, put in to the service of Nine Lessons and Carols. It's always a lovely service, and really feels like the start of Christmas.

I hope you feel able to come out and join in some of the events and services this year. There's nothing like experiencing them 'in person'. May your Christmas be full of peace and love, and may the coming year bring you hope and joy.

"Another year I enter  
It's history unknown;  
Oh, how my feet would tremble  
To tread its paths alone!  
But I have heard a whisper  
I know I shall be blest;  
'My presence shall go with thee,  
And I will give thee rest.'

What will the New Year bring me?  
I may not, must not know;  
Will it be love and rapture,  
Or loneliness and woe?  
Hush! Hush! I hear his whisper;  
I surely shall be blest;  
'My presence shall go with thee,  
And I will give thee rest.'

(*'His Unfailing Presence'- Unknown*)

P.S. I came across this request for help, if anyone feels able to take on a new role.

#### HELP WANTED

Santa needs new reindeer,  
The first bunch has grown old.

Dasher has arthritis;  
Comet feels the cold.

Prancer's sick of staring  
at Dancer's big behind.

Cupid married Blitzen  
and Donner lost his mind.

Dancer's mad at Vixen  
for stepping on his toes.

Vixen's being thrown out-  
she laughed at Rudolph's nose.

If you are a reindeer  
we hope you will apply,  
There's just one tricky part;  
You must know how to fly.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Gillian Foy [0141 638 6245]  
Prayer Promoter

#### **FLOWER LIST FOR DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023**

##### December 2022

	<u>Communion Table</u>	<u>Centenary Chapel</u>	<u>Side Windows</u>
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christine Britton		
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Susan Mowat		
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Muriel Beaton	Jan Millar	
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Elizabeth McKenzie		

##### January 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> January	Bert McCrum	
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Bill Stein	
15 <sup>th</sup> January		
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Calder Watson	Howard family
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Jane Livingston	

A member of the Flower Committee will contact you during the week prior to your date.

#### **The New Flower List For 2023**

The new Flower list for 2023 is now on the Transept windowsill. If you would like to donate flowers for the Church next year please put your name on the date you would like or phone Elizabeth Cross.

A member of the Flower Committee will contact you during the week prior to your date.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Cross (638 5162)

# What's On

## SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

*Christmas Coffee and Treats event, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2pm - 4pm*

The Social Events Committee extends a warm welcome to attend Greenbank's Christmas Coffee and Treats on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2pm-4pm. Tickets (£2) are available after worship or at the door. Come along to enjoy coffee, tea, mince pies and shortbread. With hampers being raffled, tombolas for adults and children, a face painter will also be on hand for the children as well as Messy Church providing them with activities and games. Liz Smith will also be selling LHM Christmas cards at the event. There is a box marked 'Donations for Christmas Bottle Stall and Unwanted Gifts' at the link building door for our Coffee and Treats event. It would be greatly appreciated if you could add a donation.

## THE GUILD

We have had very enjoyable and well attended meetings so far and it is good to have the heating back on in the hall. The Guild would like to thank the volunteers who are now setting out the chairs for us. Their assistance is very much appreciated. We are now looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at Cathcart Castle Golf Club on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Our meetings resume again on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 when new members will be made very welcome.

Enid Dron  
Secretary

## CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Clarkston Community Choir Christmas Concert will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in Greenbank Parish Church. The choir will perform music from Mary Poppins and Les Misérables, accompanied by a fantastic 14-piece orchestra, and provide plenty of festive cheer with favourite Christmas songs and carols! If you'd like to see the choir sing at another point in December, they are also performing in Langside Parish Church on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, and visiting the St Enoch Centre on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm-3.45pm to take part in Quarriers' Festival of Choirs. Tickets, £5 for Langside and Greenbank, available on the door or through choir members.

Richard Scholfield

## GREENBANK'S BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Last chance to get your tickets for the Greenbank Christmas Raffle. Don't miss out on the opportunity to win fantastic, stunning prizes! £100 Kevan Scott voucher, £30 for Michael Angelo's, Steak pie from County butcher. Distinction pamper voucher, 4 ball game at Cathcart Castle plus many more. Tickets £1 each can be bought from Moira McAldine, Alison Harvey or at Church every Sunday. Please return all stubs and monies to Alison, Moira or put them in an envelope in collection bag by MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Thanks for your help and support.

Good Luck.

Alison Harvey

### FOR THAT PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING . . .



Give them something for someone who has nothing this Christmas.

Christian Aid offers a truly meaningful gift for communities living in poverty throughout the world. £15 will buy fruit tree saplings for a family returning to their land, devastated after years of conflict. Or what about giving someone the chance to say they got a goat for Christmas that will provide a family with butter, milk and cheese to sell, all for £35. Then there's the chance to invest £18 in the future of a child who can go to school and fulfil their potential. All this and more can be done with the help of Christian Aid.

You can order online at [charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk](http://charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk). they will send you a printed card with details of your gift in the post. They can also send it to the gift recipient with your personal message or provide a print at home card. Orders by post must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> December or if you are a last minute shopper you can order a print at home card.





## THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS ROSE



The shepherds' news had spread fast round the town about a special baby who would be the saviour of the world. Some people thought it was nonsense. Some prayed it was true and they would be free at last from the Romans. Some knew that this baby was much more important than that.

Among them was Madelon, was a young shepherdess. She wanted to see the special baby but was shy and did not feel special enough to visit him, even one born in a stable, so she watched from a distance as people came and went bringing presents and good wishes for him.

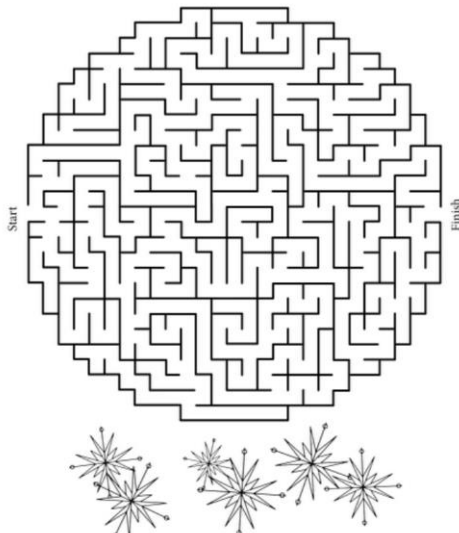
One day, three strange visitors appeared. Madelon heard them say they come a very long way from a faraway land to see the baby. Curious, she moved closer to the stable entrance and watched them as they offered their valuable gifts of myrrh, frankincense and gold. The baby's mother noticed her and smiled as if inviting her in but she turned away because she very poor and had brought nothing to offer to the child. She had thought she might bring flowers and had searched all over the countryside but there was not even a single bloom to be found in the cold, snow covered ground. She thought of the gold, myrrh and frankincense and began to cry,

An angel who had been watching over the baby had also been watching her. He knew how much the baby meant to her and how hard she had tried to find the flowers. When he saw her tears, he decided to help her with a little miracle. Gently, he brushed aside the snow at her feet and where her tears had fallen, sprang a beautiful cluster of white winter roses. Then he softly whispered into Madelon's ear that these Christmas roses were far more valuable than any myrrh, frankincense or gold, for they were made of love. Joyfully, Madelon gathered the flowers and offered them to the baby, who, knowing that the gift was made from tears of love, smiled at her. Thus, the Christmas rose came to symbolize hope, love and all that is wonderful in this season of Christmas.



## Help Mary and Joseph Go to Nazareth

See if you can find two ways to  
complete the maze.



## Christmas A to Z

Write a Christmas-related word that starts with each letter from A to Z.  
The first one to finish wins. Do your best and enjoy the game!

A	_____	N	_____
B	_____	O	_____
C	_____	P	_____
D	_____	Q	_____
E	_____	R	_____
F	_____	S	_____
G	_____	T	_____
H	_____	U	_____
I	_____	V	_____
J	_____	W	_____
K	_____	X	_____
L	_____	Y	_____
M	_____	Z	_____



Hi everyone,

I had a lovely walk at Greenbank Garden today. It was sunny and quite warm, and it stayed dry, which was good – especially since there's been a lot of rain and wind over the last couple of weeks. It was a lovely Autumn afternoon. Speaking of Autumn, I hope you had fun at Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes night – they're quite exciting times, aren't they?

Of course, one of the most exciting days of the year is only a few weeks away now – I'm sure you'll know what one I mean, but here's some clues:

- People put trees up at their windows
- Some houses have fancy, coloured lights
- People buy presents for friends and family

You've probably guessed by now that it's **CHRISTMAS**. Have you been doing anything to get ready for Christmas yet – maybe learning new songs, writing a Christmas present list, or practising for a Nativity play?

The Sunday Club Leaders hope you can come to the Trailblazers & Sunday Squad Christmas Party or JAM Breakfast Outing on 11<sup>th</sup> December. It doesn't matter if you haven't been able to come to Sunday Club or JAM for a while – we'd still love you to come if you can! We're also looking forward to seeing our Nativity play – God Is With Us – Everywhere, at the church service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

All the Sunday Club Leaders wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas, and hope that you all have a great time during your school holidays. We're looking forward to seeing you again in January.

Helen

Dates for December & January are:

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Gift Service – Sunday Club & JAM meet as usual, children will place gifts at Christmas tree as they enter church from the halls. Please see flyer for details of gifts
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Trailblazers & Sunday Squad Christmas Party, in church halls during morning service
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	JAM Breakfast Outing Sunday Club & JAM meet as usual halls. Online Nativity will be shown during the service.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Worship in church
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Family worship in church
Sundays 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday Club/JAM meet as usual

## MARSHMALLOW PENGUINS

- 200g bag marshmallows
- 200g dark chocolate
- handful yellow and orange smarties
- edible candy eyes (from the cake decorating section of the supermarket)



1. Line a baking tray or plate with grease proof or baking paper – check that it will fit in your fridge first.
2. Break up the dark chocolate and place it in a microwave safe bowl. Melt the chocolate in the microwave in 30 second bursts, stirring between each one to ensure it melts evenly. Be careful not to overheat or burn the chocolate, heat only until just melted and smooth.
3. Carefully dip a marshmallow sideways in the chocolate and cover half of it. (The part without the chocolate is for the penguin's tummy.)
4. Now take another marshmallow and cover all of it in chocolate. Put it on top of the other one.
5. Repeat with the remaining marshmallows until you have created as many penguins as you need.
6. Put the tray in the fridge until the chocolate has completely hardened - 10-15 minutes should do it.
7. Get an adult to cut the smarties in half with a sharp knife.
8. When the chocolate has set, re-melt the bowl of dark chocolate if needed.
9. Using a little of the dark chocolate, stick candy eyes and a smartie 'beak' onto each penguin.
10. Return to the fridge to set.

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# News and Updates

Dear Member,

As per the minister's email of 15<sup>th</sup> September, East Renfrewshire Council's Planning Applications Committee approved the church's planning application. However, the care home planning application on the church's north site was rejected.

The care home developer has carefully scrutinised the decision notice from the Council and their planning consultants have advised them to proceed with an appeal. That appeal process is now being set in motion. The appeal will be examined by a representative of the Scottish Government and is no longer in the hands of East Renfrewshire Council.

Unfortunately, there will be a further delay until the appeals process is completed. It is estimated this process could be completed at any time between April and September 2023, although our experience to date makes September the most likely date. If the appeal is successful, the land sale could then be completed.

Turning now to our own successful planning application, the Kirk Session has decided to await the outcome of the care home appeal before proceeding with any work in our plan. The current sanctuary and halls will remain as is at present with only the essential maintenance being undertaken. The reason for this is to ensure no funds are committed until we are certain of the sale of the land and the subsequent proceeds being received. If the appeal was unsuccessful, we do not wish to have spent funds already gratefully received from your donations/pledges if a different course of action is potentially required.

During this delay period, the Legacy Project Group will reassess the need for space and the community need and we may also look at gathering community feedback on the requirements post pandemic. The aim as always is to provide a sustainable future for the congregation and although frustrating, this further delay will not detract from our long term goal of leaving a lasting legacy to the next generation.

Graeme Rae

Legacy Group Communications Team

<b>ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AND COPIED TO <a href="mailto:liddell.jill@gmail.com">liddell.jill@gmail.com</a> BY SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY PLEASE</b>
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## A THANK YOU FROM OUR TREASURER

Thanks to all those who have responded to our recent financial appeal to support church funds. There is still time to increase your offering or make a contribution if you are able to, and in case you didn't receive the appeal letter for whatever reason, please contact me on the details below and I can arrange to either email or send you a copy by post.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Alistair Smith

Treasurer, Greenbank Parish Church

## LEGACY FUND

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

Pledges can be, and have been, made for any amount of money you can afford, and spread over a few years by standing order if that suits you better. Alternatively a one-off payment by bank transfer or cheque can be made, and you can also donate to the project online by logging on to our church website, following the link to the Legacy Project and clicking the red "Donate Online" button.

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

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

Alistair Smith, Treasurer

Tel: 0141 571 2676 Email: [alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com](mailto:alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com)

## GIFT SERVICE SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Just a wee reminder that Greenbank's Gift service will take place this year on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. As usual we will be supporting Church House, SACRO, and the Queen Elizabeth Neo-natal Unit. Please join the Sunday club placing your **new, unwrapped** gift under the Christmas tree in the church on 4<sup>th</sup> December, or you can put it in the box in the Link building from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Gifts are going to:

- **For young people aged 13-18** - SACRO (Scottish Council for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders). Gifts of gift cards. Supermarket gift cards would be particularly welcome e.g. Asda, Tesco, Morrison's, Sainsbury's due to the variety of goods available, and also as sadly some young people will need them to buy food..
- **New born babies & Mums** - The QEUH Children's Hospital Neonatal Unit cares for young, homeless or vulnerable mothers: - gifts of new newborn clothes for babies (including hand knitted items) and toiletries for mums are requested (nothing second hand please).
- **Children ages 8 to 12** - Church House, Bridgeton – specifically games and arts and crafts are requested.

Your generosity in supporting the charities we donate to is exceptional, and each charity – Church House, Princess Royal Maternity Unit and SACRO –greatly appreciate your generosity – especially last year when circumstances were so difficult for so many. Thanking you all in advance for your donations and co-operation.

Helen Howard, Sunday Club

## THE UKRAINIAN SUPPORT TEAM

The Ukrainian support team send a van each month with essential items which are in short supply in Ukraine.

If anyone would like to contribute to this most needed things are:

Tea and coffee (no glass jars)

Cuppa soup

2 min. Porridge

Tins of tuna

Tins of Spam

Baby food(no glass jars)

Personal hygiene products

Cold and flu medicines.

There is a box in the link building for donations.

**Please do not donate anything in glass bottles or jars.**

## GNE FOODBANK

**Glasgow North East Foodbank** is always grateful for the constant donations from Greenbank. It's good to see when there are so many charities wanting your donations you consider giving so much to GNE.

As we approach Christmas could I ask you *not to give the traditional mince pies and shortbread this year but continue with the more nutritious foodstuffs as usual.*

Tinned meat (not Fray Bentos it takes lot to heat the oven), tinned fruit and vegetables, UHT milk and juice, diluting juice, tinned and packet potato (mash), tinned rice and custard, packet custard, pasta sauces, pasta, tinned tomatoes, biscuits, Toiletries; nappies and baby wipes. Thank you all.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Alex Howie

## STAMPS

ALL USED POSTAGE STAMPS SHOULD NOW BE KEPT

I will continue to collect stamps at the Guild and from the box in the Church vestibule.

The new stamps have a QR strip which should not be detached. Existing 1st and 2nd class stamps will cease to be useable sometime during January 2023.

Elizabeth McKenzie [384 2648]

## HALL HIRE

Greenbank church Halls are available to hire for children's parties. There is plenty of space to run around, play games and have fun. For further information, contact the Church Office on [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) or leave a message at the church office on 0141 644 1841

## SOMEBODY, NOBODY, ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY

If you were present either online or in church for Jeanne's sermon on Communion Sunday, you will have heard the story of the above people.

If you missed it, and to reinforce it, here's a summary of the story, entitled "**Whose Job Is It, Anyway?**"

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There were lots of jobs to be done, some big, some small, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do them. Anybody could have done them, but Nobody did them. Somebody got sad and disappointed about that, because these jobs were Everybody's jobs. Everybody thought Anybody could do them, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do them. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

This got me thinking about all of the jobs needing done, and all of the opportunities to serve, in our church.

As the song says, "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church, together". All of us who are able, have a collective responsibility to work together to serve our Lord Jesus Christ for the good of our community, and to make our church and congregation sustainable. That includes seeing a job needing done, and doing it, and not assuming that someone else will do it instead.

There are so many opportunities for volunteering currently available in our church, and if we all play our part, they will all be filled, and church life will continue to thrive. There really is something for everyone, and in so doing, we live out our faith at the heart of our community as we say that we do.

They include

The role of property Convenor, or being part of a team dealing with our property maintenance

Being part of a team delivering Bookbug classes

Being part of a team delivering Messy Church

Being part of a welcoming team on a Sunday morning

Helping to operate our media system

Helping at Warm Welcome Fridays

Helping to serve after service refreshments

Helping with Cosy Café

Helping with delivering Lodging House Mission donations

Helping with our church transport service

Being part of our team organising social events

This list is not exhaustive, but be assured that if you step forward to volunteer, you will make new friends, by meeting people you would never have met before, and you will find joy and fellowship in being involved.

Do not be daunted by these tasks - these are the tasks that go on all the time in our church, and which are done willingly and graciously by extraordinary people giving of their time to do ordinary things - you can be one of them. With your help, our church will continue to sustain and flourish. Please don't think that you don't have time - with a few rotas in place, tasks can be shared to suit your available time commitment.

As Helen Keller said "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much".

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact:

- the minister (644 1395, or email [jroddick@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:jroddick@churchofscotland.org.uk));
- the session clerk (638 3916 or email [alison.allan@ntlworld.com](mailto:alison.allan@ntlworld.com));
- or the church secretary (644 1841 or email [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk))

Thank you,

Alison Allan

Session Clerk

## OFFERINGS

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



Alistair Smith

13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Alistair

### Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission

I am writing to acknowledge and thank the congregation of Greenbank Parish Church for the generous Harvest donations as well as £435, £25 Aldi Gift Voucher and £390 (bacs donations) to assist us in our work with people who have lived experience of homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion and are guests of our centre at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow.

Be assured that these will help replenish our food store and enable us to continue to provide hots meals throughout the coming winter months. Our Day Centre offers shelter where people know they can receive a warm welcome, just as they are, and can always find companionship for the journey.

At LHM, we seek to share life, hope and meaning with people who find themselves on the margins. As the good news says, "Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks." (*Matthew 4:4 GNT*) The provision of vital sustenance, by way of healthy and nutritious breakfasts and lunches, is often the beginning of a trusted relationship which allows our team to offer interventions and support to individuals preventing and assisting in times of crisis.

We are very aware that we can only carry out the work we do at LHM thanks to the generosity of supporters such as yourselves. On behalf of everyone at LHM, please pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed and continues to support our work through prayer and awareness raising.

So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. (*Gal 6:9 GNT*)

Yours Sincerely

Claire

Deacon Claire Herbert

Chaplain LHM

### DONATING TO THE LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Donations for the LHM can be put on the trolley in the Link building on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-12noon; Saturdays and Sundays 9.45am-11.30am. UHT milk is particularly requested. Clothing, toiletries and bedding are not required at the moment.

Envelopes are also available for donations of money. Please complete your details on the envelope (so that Gift Aid can be claimed if relevant and your donation can be acknowledged) and either hand to me, place in an offering bag during the service or post in the letterbox at the entrance to the church halls. Please do not leave these envelopes on the trolley with the other donations. All donations are very much appreciated.

### Volunteering to help Greenbank help LHM

**If you would like to join the rota to deliver the donated items to the LHM on a suitable day during the week** please email the church secretary at [office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk](mailto:office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk) or call 0141 644 1841 and leave a message on the church office answering machine.

### LHM Christmas Cards

Many thanks to everyone who has bought cards so far. They will be on sale again in the Fraser Hall after the church service on 27<sup>th</sup> November and for the last time this year on 4<sup>th</sup> December. They will also be on sale at the Christmas Coffee and Treats afternoon on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Each pack of 10 cards costs £4.

### Christmas Carols and Readings Service

Everyone is welcome at the LHM on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm to join Mission Voices and Friends in the annual Christmas Service. The Rt. Rev. Iain Greenshields will be the guest speaker.

Liz Smith (571 2676) LHM Representative

# Greenbank's Big Christmas Raffle

Last chance to get your tickets for the Greenbank Christmas Raffle.  
Don't miss out on the opportunity to win fantastic, stunning prizes!

£100 Kevan Scott voucher,  
£30 for Michael Angelo's,  
Steak pie from County butcher.  
Distinction pamper voucher,

4 ball game at Cathcart Castle plus many more.

Tickets £1 each can be bought from Moira McAldine, Alison Harvey or at Church every Sunday. Please return all stubs and monies to Alison, Moira or put them in an envelope in collection bag by **MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

Thanks for your help and support.



## Christmas Coffee & Treats



Saturday 3rd December

2pm - 4pm

Greenbank Church Halls



Tombolas, raffle, children's activities (including face painting) and Christmas cards

Entry £2

### GOOD NEIGHBOUR CONTACTS

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