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JUNE 2022

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Parish Register

DEATHS

Jan 2022 Mrs Susan Robertson, 34 Mansefield Crescent, Clarkston
Apr 2022 Mr Clark Robertson, 34 Mansefield Crescent, Clarkston
13/5/22 Mrs Barbara Baxter, 73D Hawthorn Road, Clarkston
18/5/22 Mr Robert Howie, 101 Hillview Drive, Clarkston

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

PULPIT DIARY– JUNE

5th June 10.30am Sacrament of Holy Communion [Family Service]
12th June 10.30am Worship & Sunday Club
19^h June 10.30am Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Sunday Club
26th June 10.00am There will be no worship service at Greenbank instead our congregation has been invited to attend the final service of **Stamperland Parish Church**.

MESSY CHURCH

Come and join our Messy leaders and members at Greenbank's Jubilee Community picnic celebrations on Friday, 3rd June, 1pm – 4pm.

For further details about Messy please text 07970192541 or email lo.preece@btinternet.com

Lorna Preece

SATURDAY BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Club will take place 4th June, 9am to 10am [8.45am for breakfast] when we will be continuing with our discussion of "Why did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed cross the road?" Please read to the end of chapter 23 prior to the meeting.

LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP

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

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

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

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

ACCESSING SUNDAY 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,

At the beginning of May, I met with an oral history PhD student working on a placement at the Alasdair Gray Archive. He was in the process of recording memories of objects, people and places involved in Alasdair's life and work and had identified the Greenbank mural as an important piece to focus on as part of a forthcoming podcast series. He wanted to visit the mural and bring along a friend of Alasdair's called Gordon Lennox who was originally involved in the commission of the mural so that he could talk about the process of the painting in situ and record his thoughts and memories. It was a fascinating visit. The archivist hopes to make a digital handout that we can print and share with the congregation and visitors too.

As he told the story, at one-point Gordon Lennox pointed to the black raven high in the tree above the heads of Orpah, Naomi and Ruth and said that Alasdair had placed it there as a symbol of death depicting the sorrow of the three women bereaved of any provider. Gordon Lennox also said that the people portraying the characters of the story were close friends and family of Alasdair Gray and that the Minister marrying Ruth and Moab was Mr Fulton, the Minister to whom the mural was dedicated. He also spoke about Alasdair Gray's upbringing and the Christian understanding he brought to the painting of the mural. For the first time, I saw the rainbow depicted in the mural as bridging the three women's sorrow and signifying God's promise at work within their lives as they moved on to play their part in God's unending story of love.

I was struck by the way the archive visit opened my eyes to viewing the Alasdair Gray mural differently. I spoke about this a few days later, with the members of the Saturday Book club, whilst reflecting on our reading of 'Why did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road' by author Brian D McLaren. This book suggests that Christians should open their eyes to the tendency they have of putting themselves and other religions into two camps: them and us.

Sadly, Christians have a long history of not knowing what to do with them. Over the centuries, those referred to as 'them' have changed. 'Them' go to a different school, come from another country, speak a foreign language, have a different skin tone ... I am sure you can add some examples of your own. The author of the book we've been reading asks how we might discover, live, teach and practice a Christian identity that is both tolerant and benevolent towards others and to consider how we use and join the words "them" and "us"? So, who is 'them' for you?

I am reminded of the little poem by Edwin Markham called 'Outwitted' which says:

*"He drew a circle that shut me out -
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!"*

God's love is always working in and through people in ways we can never anticipate. In a world where division and conflict abound, may God give us grace to open our eyes and see that there is no 'them' existing beyond the circle of love.

Yours,



SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMUNITY PICNIC

Plans have been finalised for Greenbank's Community Picnic to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and we are very grateful to those who have volunteered to help. A free event, everyone is invited to attend between **1pm and 4pm** on **Friday 3rd of June**. It is hoped that many generations come together to celebrate this special time including families from Sunday Club and Messy Church. Please bring your own picnic lunch and a rug or two to sit on. We also have some beautiful picnic benches which have been made and donated by SACRO, one of the organisations who benefit from Greenbank's Christmas Gift Collection. In the tea tent there will be additional seating though we hope that the weather will be kind to us so that we can be outside. Some of the attractions and activities will be tea tent with home baking, garden games, hook a duck, coconut shy, caterpillar hunt, ice cream stall, crown making and face painting.

Prayer Diary

"When to the flowers so beautiful
the Father gave a name,
Back came a little blue-eyed one
(All timidly it came);
And standing at its Father's feet,
And gazing in his face,
It said in low and trembling tones,
And with a modest grace
'Dear God, the name Thou gavest me,
Alas! I have forgot'
Kindly the Father looked Him down,
And said, 'Forget Me Not'.
(\"The Forget-Me-Not\", Unknown)

It's hard to believe we're already heading into summer, but the gardens are all in bloom.

"And since all this loveliness cannot be Heaven, I know in my heart it is June." (Abba Woolson)

The ongoing war in Ukraine hangs over us as we keep her people in our prayers - those fighting; those fleeing; those grieving; those worrying about loved ones. Pray also that Russia's leader will re-think his actions - that someone will be able to make him think twice. And don't forget other conflicts which slip away from the headlines as time goes on and no resolution is found.

As the countryside flourishes around us, give thanks for our incredible natural world, and pray for the ongoing struggle to change humanity's habits so that we can work with nature, rather than damaging and destroying its interwoven ways.

"To all the humble beasts there be,
To all the birds on land and sea,
Great Spirit, sweet protection give
That free and happy they may live!
And to our hearts the rapture bring
Of love for every living thing;
Make us all one kin, and bless
Our ways with Christ's own gentleness!"

('Prayer for Gentleness to All Creatures' - John Galsworthy)

In this year when we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, give thanks for the long years of dedicated service that she has given to this country, and to the nations of her Commonwealth. May the celebrations up and down the country bring communities together.

I hope your summer brings you blue skies and lazy days, friendship and fun. Try to say a little prayer every day - for anything you have to be thankful for; for everyone who has very little to be thankful for; for all the pain, misery and violence that is found wherever humanity dwells; for all people who are already having to live with the consequences of our disregard of the very planet we rely on for life; for all those who strive to make everything better.

"With dewdrops and showers
and kisses of warm rain, sunshine
and gentle breeze,
we welcome God's gift of summer.
As our bodies warm,
may our spirits soar
with prayers and thanksgiving
for the blessings we receive
from our good and gracious God.
Amen."

(Unknown)

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, Prayer Promoter [0141 638 6245]

TRIBUTE TO JOHN CROMBIE

Read in Greenbank Parish Church on Sunday, 8th May, 2022

One of our elders, John Crombie, died on the 28th February this year. Today we pay tribute to John, and acknowledge John's life and the service he gave to this church as an elder.

John was born on 21st August 1934. John, who had an older brother, Jim, spent his childhood years in Govan and in the Paisley Road West area of the city, where he was raised by his parents, Jim and Christina.

John's parents were members of White Memorial Church, and John attended the Lifebuoys and Boys' Brigade there.

John was educated at Lorne Street Primary School, and later at Bellahouston Academy. His first job when he left school was with American Express, however his employment with that company was interrupted by a period of National Service in Egypt. After National Service, John returned to American Express, and then moved on to work for various airlines, and in the general travel business. John finished his career in 1999, when he was the Business Travel Manager for Honeywell Controls, responsible for making their travel arrangements.

John met Joyce in 1960, and they were married in Greenbank Church in September 1963. Their first home was in Manchester, where their sons, Alan and David, were born. Their daughter, Gillian, was born after their return to Scotland, to a house in Stamperland Drive. A further house move took the family home to Busby Road in Clarkston. Latterly, Joyce and John downsized to a flat in Buchanan Drive, Newton Mearns.

Whilst living in Stamperland, the family attended Stamperland Church, and it was there that John was ordained as an elder in 1975. John was admitted to the Kirk Session of Greenbank Church in 1986, and he received his 30 year-long service certificate in 2005. John attended Kirk Session meetings diligently, and he was a driver in the Church Transport Service for around 20 years.

Throughout his working life, John had many opportunities to travel, and his destinations included the East Coast of America, South America, and the Far East. One memorable occasion was when he took an inaugural flight on Concorde, from London to Bahrain, and surprised his brother, Jim, who lived there. John arrived, unannounced, and phoned Jim, asking him simply if he fancied meeting up for lunch.

John and Joyce travelled a lot in retirement, and one special trip was to the West Coast of America. John also had a great love of going on trips to the North of Scotland. Because he was so well travelled, John had a wonderful knowledge of geography. He was a formidable opponent in Trivial Pursuit, and his family always hoped that he wouldn't get the geography questions when playing against him!

John joined Clarkston Bowling Club in 1980, and became Club President in 2004. He was also a member of West of Scotland Indoor Bowling. Bowls was a sport which John enjoyed playing very much. He enjoyed most sports, especially rugby, which he played at school. He was a great reader of anything to do with travel or military history, and was often to be found relaxing in a corner reading a book.

But above all else in his life, John's affections were always firmly focussed on his family: Alan and Karen, and their family Sara, Emma, Vicki, and little Aila; David and Claire, and grandsons, Ewan and Rory; and John enjoyed many visits with Joyce to Hertfordshire to visit Gillian and Brandon, and his grandsons, Gareth and Andrew. Family meant everything to John, and he always made time for them. He was always interested to know how they were, and what they were doing.

John Crombie was a quiet, peaceful, kind, good natured and well respected gentleman, who kept his own counsel. John will be missed, not least by his family, who have many good memories of happy family times spent together. We will hold John in our hearts forever, and he will not be forgotten. Today we give thanks for the life and service of John Crombie, and we commend Joyce, Alan, David, Gillian, and the wider family, to the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Flower Lists for the remainder of 2022 can once again be found on the transept windowsill (from Communion Sunday, 5th June). As in previous years you are invited to put your name and telephone number on the list at the date of your choice. You can also telephone Elizabeth Cross at the number below if you wish to reserve a date.

A member of the flower committee will contact you during the week prior to this date.

Elizabeth Cross (638 5162)

News and Updates

CHURCH TRANSPORT SERVICE

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AND CHAPERONES REQUIRED

After over two years of rest, caused by the pandemic, the Church Transport Service is returning – but in a different way. We have very much missed those who relied on our transport service to allow them to attend church, and we look forward to them joining us for worship, in person, again.

In the past, a wonderful team of loyal drivers provided transport in their own cars, and this type of arrangement may feature again in the future. We are extremely grateful to all of the drivers who provided this service. But for the time being, the plan is to make use of a minibus provided by Age Concern Eastwood to transport our passengers. Rotas will be required, and the aim is to run this fortnightly in the first instance **commencing on Sunday, 22nd May** and see how we get on.

In order for this to work **and for it to be sustainable**, we require **volunteer drivers and chaperones, please - we have only one driver and one chaperone at the moment!**

To satisfy insurance requirements, drivers must be **under the age of 70** and have the **required driving permissions on their driving licence** to allow them to drive a vehicle of this type.

Drivers will follow a route, and operate the ease of access rising platform at the rear of the bus. The platform provides an alternative means of accessing the minibus should the stair access at the front door prove unsuitable for the passenger. Volunteer drivers will undergo a brief driving assessment by Age Concern Eastwood, and will also receive training in the operation of the rising platform.

All that is required of chaperones is a smile, a friendly disposition, and a caring, calm attitude. Chaperones will welcome passengers onto the bus; accompany them on the rising platform, if it is used; provide wheelchair access, if required, to/from bus/church/home; and provide guidance to the driver when the bus is being manoeuvred.

The capacity of the minibus is currently limited to 9 people, comprising 7 passengers, the driver, and chaperone, and other covid hygiene guidelines are recommended by Age Concern Eastwood for bus users.

Please consider offering your services for this vital aspect of our worship and fellowship. We are sure that there will be lots of new friendships forged and older ones rekindled as we travel together in the bus on our journey of faith. We are all ageing, and may appreciate the church transport service ourselves one day, so let's make this work well by becoming involved.

Please contact Mark if you would like to volunteer to do either of these roles, or if you have any questions. Thank you very much in anticipation of your response.

Alison Allan, Session Clerk

Mark Allan, Church Transport Convenor

mark.allan3600@ntlworld.com Telephone 0141 638 3916

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BEST WISHES ON A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!

Belated happy birthday wishes to David Margetts who celebrated his 90th birthday on 26th May.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR DISTRIBUTION

I'd like to thank all the district visitors who have delivered the Good Neighbour over the last session. Since I took over the distribution last November I have been most impressed by the dedication and efficiency of these ladies and gentlemen. I have never had to chase anyone – the magazines have always been uplifted promptly and when I have made a mistake, put things in the wrong pigeonhole or miscounted, they have quietly sorted things out. I'm particularly grateful to those visitors who, during the pandemic, took on extra districts – temporarily, as they thought – and are still doing several districts over a year later. Thanks also to one or two people who act as backup when needed.

My sincere thanks are also due to Jane Mayer who guided me through the initial stages and shared her vast knowledge of how the system works. I still get a lot of help from Jane each month and have great admiration for the calm way she deals with the production of the magazine despite the idiosyncrasies of the photocopier which likes to act up when asked to produce over 400 copies of the magazine.

Liz Allan

KIRK SESSION: WHAT DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

Kirk Session met on Monday, 25th April 2022.

Devotions: The meeting, as always, commenced with a short act of worship led by an elder. It is hoped that all elders will consider participating in this.

Tribute: Members of Kirk Session stood in silence and paid tribute to **John Crombie**, one of our elders, who died on **28th February**. A tribute to John was read in Church on 8th May, and is included elsewhere in this edition of Good Neighbour.

Reports from the Worship, Outreach, Stewardship, Fellowship, and Youth coordinators were presented. As services in both Williamwood House and Clarkston House care homes are resuming, it was noted that volunteers to participate in these services are required from Greenbank. Preparations for our Community picnic to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee are in hand. Repairs to our very old church heating pipework continue, although the church heating itself is now working well. Our treasurer gave a sobering update regarding increases in our energy costs of **an additional 388% for gas and 220% for electricity** which would amount to **an additional £15,000 per annum**. The Church Transport coordinator advised that arrangements were evolving which may allow church transport to start again using the Age Concern Eastwood minibus, to which Greenbank has access, at no cost to us. Volunteer drivers (aged under 70) are required. More information to follow when confirmed.

As part of the **Presbytery Mission Plan** update, Kirk Session approved the inclusion of St Aidan's Scottish Episcopal Church in our church cluster, and learned that Greenbank had been cited to a special meeting of Glasgow Presbytery on May 3rd, when zones would be formally agreed.

Legacy: Kirk Session received an update from the Legacy Project Group. It was noted that there had been several meetings with the Planning Department at East Renfrewshire Council, and that further information on the new Community benefits offered by our proposed project, requested by the council, had been provided to them. There is a hope that our application may be considered at a meeting of the Planning Department in June.

June Communion: Peter Liddell, Deputy Session Clerk, explained the arrangements for the June Communion. There will be a return to the use of cut bread and poured wine served in disposable cups; there will be less formality in elders' dress; fewer elders will serve communion; members will sit only in alternate pews, allowing elders to serve the elements by walking in the empty alternate rows, and removing the need for the elements to be passed from member to member; there will be no Preparatory Service.

Greenbank's Safeguarding Coordinator, Graeme Rae, gave an update on current requirements and training which is available. Kirk Session learned that **Jane Livingston** is stepping down as **Worship Coordinator**, and that **Colin McAughtrie** has stepped down as **Health and Safety Coordinator**. Jane and Colin were thanked for their valuable contributions to the work of the church. New coordinators for these areas are required.

Kirk Session received an update from the treasurer on a meeting which had taken place with Dave Kendall, Chief Officer of the Church of Scotland, following Sunday worship on Sunday, 10th April. At the meeting, representatives of Kirk Session expressed concern at our high, unsustainable level of Ministries and Missions contributions, given the current economic climate, whilst acknowledging our continued commitment to supporting poorer churches. A response from the Chief Officer is awaited.

Kirk Session received an update on the **Kirk Session Review** which is being conducted by a group of elders. This group is contacting other churches to establish how their Kirk Sessions operate, and to look for different and improved ways of doing things. A questionnaire for elders is also being considered, to help inform good practice and to help enable elders. As part of this review, a proposal was also put forward to revise district visiting, in light of the fact that there are districts without elders, and elders with more than one district. Discussion on this continues.

Kirk Session learned that **the closing service of Stamperland Church** will take place on **Sunday, 26th June**, and gave approval **for the congregation of Greenbank to attend Stamperland for worship on that day** as a gesture of support, subject to approval by Glasgow Presbytery. **Further details of this are included elsewhere in this edition of Good Neighbour.**

Our minister Jeanne will attend the General Assembly from Saturday, 21st May until Thursday, 26th May.

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: alistairsmith@ntlworld.com

OFFERINGS DURING LOCKDOWN

Dear Friends,

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

The best way to maintain your freewill offerings to the church, if possible, is to make a direct payment into the Church's bank account, putting your freewill offering number in the payment reference box. For those wishing to do this, please email me at: alistairsmith@ntlworld.com and I will supply you with the church's bank account details. Alternatively, you can send a cheque made out to Greenbank Parish Church with your freewill offering number, and I will lodge it with other cheques received.

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

Thank you for your support. Alistair Smith, Treasurer

SUNDAY CLUB

Earlier this year, Colin McAughtrie, our Sunday Club Treasurer of 15 years, told us that he wished to be replaced. All leaders and past superintendents over these years join me in extending our grateful thanks to Colin for his years of service, his diligence in keeping the accounts and his clarity in presenting and explaining them. We all wish Colin well, and trust he will find more exciting ways to spend the extra hours he has now regained.

Lynn Armstrong, one of our Trailblazer leaders (and also an elder and accountant) has now taken over the role of Treasurer.

Sunday Club members from all sections (Trailblazers, Sunday Squad, JAM) and some of our leaders, led the church service on the Monday night of Holy Week. All the children and young people read their parts of the service really well, and I know that their parents and grandparents who attended were rightly very proud of them. Other members of the congregation also commented on this too and congratulated them.

On Sunday 24th April we held a Teddy Bear's Picnic after the service. It was great to see so many families there and we were blessed with a lovely sunny day. Each family brought their own picnic and rug, and of course their Teddies. We had a Teddy Bear quiz, played games including Pin the Nose on the Teddy Bear, What's the time Mr Bear? and we finished by Going On A Bear Hunt!

You may have noticed some new benches, planters and picnic tables outside the halls. These were made by some of the service users of SACRO, (one of the charities we support each year through our Gift Service) and were given to our congregation in recognition of the generous donations we have given them over many years.

Sunday Club/JAM is taking a break over the summer, our last meeting is on Sunday 19th June. During the school holidays all Sunday Club/JAM members will be welcome in church along with their families. As usual, there will be activities provided for the younger children.

Sunday Club will start meeting again on Sunday 21st August, when all children and young people from 3 years old up to S4 are very welcome to join us.

We are very blessed in having such a dedicated and committed team of leaders who give up their time and effort weekly from August to June, (most of whom have done so for a number of years), and I wish to thank them for all that they do to keep Sunday Club/JAM running. Thanks are also due to those who volunteer to help whenever necessary.

Helen Howard

Sunday club Superintendent

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70 YEARS AGO

The Queen is celebrating 70 years of being queen. No one has been king or queen longer than her. When she became queen in 1952 life was very different to what it is today.

- You could leave school at 14
- There were only 3m cars compared to 32m today
- 14% of homes had telephones. People used the red phone boxes.
- 1950 only 2% of households had a TV. By 1959, 57% of the population had one
- The only channel was BBC in black and white
- Most mums did not go out to work
- Only 6% of school leavers went to university
- Trams still ran in Clarkston
- 10% of homes had fridges
- £1 in 1950 bought the same amount as £25 today
- The biggest selling record of all time in the 1950s was 'White Christmas'
- 7% of people took a holiday abroad. Only 50% went on holiday.
- Men aged between 17 and 21 were expected to serve in the military for up to 2 years.

This TV had a
9 inch screen!



MAKING SANDWICHES FOR A PICNIC?

Since its almost 70 years ago why not try Coronation Chicken.

Ingredients

- 6 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2-3 tsp mild curry powder, to taste
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp mango chutney
- 1-3 tbsp sultanas, or to taste
- 500g shredded cooked chicken



Method

Mix the mayo, curry powder, cinnamon, chutney and sultanas together and season with black pepper.

Add the shredded chicken and stir to coat in the sauce. Stir in 2 tbsp water to loosen if needed, then season. Make your sandwich.

FIND THE 50s TOYS

Airfix dolls house hula hoop snakes ladders
ludo pogo stick Scalextric Scrabble skipping rope
stilts train tricycle yoyo

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50s INVENTIONS

When you compare what we have today with the 50s, many of the things we take for granted today were invented back then!

- Super glue
- Black box flight recorder
- Video tape recorder
- Non-stick Teflon pans
- The Hovercraft
- Microchips
- Heart pacemakers
- Television remote controls
- Solar cells
- Polio vaccine
- Barbie dolls
- Bar codes
- Automatic sliding doors
- The hard disk

I wonder what this list will be like 70 years from

Hi everyone,

It was great to see so many of you at our Teddy Bears' Picnic in April – weren't we lucky that it was a lovely, sunny day and we could have our picnics and games outside? All the leaders loved meeting all of your teddies and hearing their names. It was great to see you enjoying all the games too.

There are only a few weeks left before Sunday Club takes a break for the summer holidays, so we hope you can come along sometime in June. Perhaps we'll see you at the Jubilee weekend Picnic on Friday 3rd June too?

Our last Sunday Club will be on Sunday 19th June and it would be great to have you there. There might even be a couple of surprises!

I know you'll want me to thank all the leaders who give up their time and work so hard every week so that you enjoy Trailblazers, Sunday Squad and JAM – so to all our leaders and helpers, a huge THANK YOU!!

All the leaders hope that you all enjoy your summer holidays, and we look forward to seeing you again in August.
Helen

Dates for June are:

Sunday 5th June – Family Communion in Church (Jubilee Weekend, no Sunday Club)

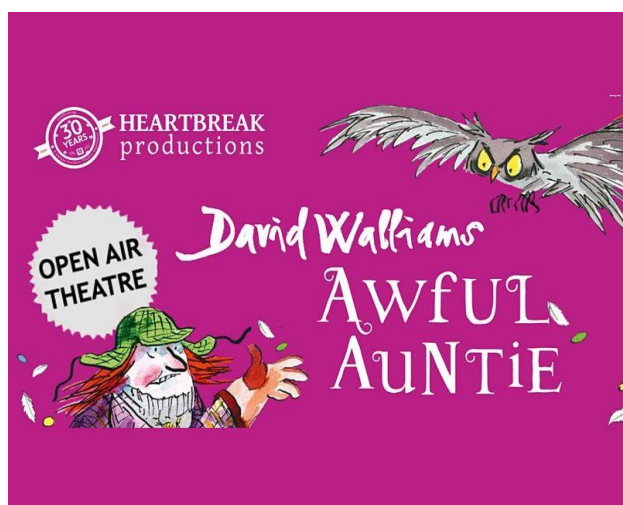
Sunday 12th June – Sunday Club as usual

Sunday 19th June – Sunday Club as usual – last Sunday Club before summer holidays

Sunday 26th June – invitation for all families to worship at Stamperland Church for their final service (further details on page??)

During school holidays all Sunday Club/JAM will be welcome in church along with their families. As usual, there will be activities provided for the younger children.

Sunday Club will start again on Sunday 21st August



1st July at Greenbank Gardens 3-7pm

Awful Auntie by David Walliams is a truly thrilling tale. Owls, ghosts, chases, escapes, motorcycle rides, and tiddlywinks all fill Stella's days as she evades her menacing Aunt and saves the family home. So, please join us at the dedication of the new playground at Saxby Hall and hear how it all came about.

Make sure you bring a blanket or chair to sit on, and weather-appropriate gear as the tale could take some time to tell, and storytelling can be hungry work!

Tickets cost £13.30 – £19.64 from Heartbreak Productions

LIGHTYEAR



Lightyear is a new spin-off in the *Toy Story* movie franchise, which will explore the origin story of the Space Ranger who inspired the Buzz Lightyear action figure owned by Andy and Bonnie throughout the original film franchise. There's plenty of humour in *Lightyear* and it's great to see Buzz finally going to infinity and beyond! We of course see Buzz trying to contact Star Command, who, as ever, don't answer! And his mission looks thrilling...

Lightyear will be released in cinemas on 17 June 2022.

CROSSREACH

Dear friend,

Please see below the message which we received recently from CrossReach. It tells Gail's story, and how CrossReach has played a very significant part in her journey with alcoholism.

The Social Care Council of the Church of Scotland operates as CrossReach. For many people, life is difficult. Faced with various physical, emotional, and social challenges, we aren't always equipped to cope on our own. CrossReach believes that with the right support, at the right time, every person can flourish, and every life can be fulfilling, and CrossReach provides support to people to enable this to happen.

Greenbank will support CrossReach this year by taking a retiring offering on their behalf at our Communion service on 5th June. Please consider supporting this very worthwhile charity. In so doing, you will be helping them to continue the valuable work that they do.

If you will not be attending church on that day, you may still donate online via the link in the email, recently sent to those members of the congregation for whom we hold an email address, or you may give a cash donation in an envelope marked "CrossReach" via our treasurer Alistair Smith.

Thank you,

Alison Allan

Session Clerk

GAIL'S STORY

Hiya, My name is Gail and I am a recovering alcoholic from the west end of Glasgow.

I had a good upbringing and a good family home but I never felt comfortable in my own skin. I used to drink and take drugs to take me away from my own head. I believe I suffered mental health long before my addiction took hold. I have three beautiful children who have been with me through everything.

I lost my brother to cancer when he was 22 and I couldn't cope with the grief and I started drinking alone. It was causing problems when I was drunk. I was always the one to start fights at parties and in the end I stopped getting invited.

After my relationship broke down, due to my drinking, things got worse. I was partying more and I would take anything offered just so I didn't have to feel the hurt and face the reality that my life was spiralling out of control.

Then my best friend passed away and I knew I had to change, but then I couldn't stop. I was in and out of hospital. I was self-harming and my mental health was at breaking point.

My mum and dad tried everything to keep me sober, and I kept going back to the drink until one day my care manager came and removed my kids into care. She took them to my mum's and I knew I had hit rock bottom.

So I'd spent 10 weeks begging for help until a bed became available at Rainbow House. I was so scared but looking back it was the best decision I ever made. I learnt about my addiction and what I suffered from and I was supported by the best team of staff and volunteers so that when I completed the programme at Rainbow I knew I just wanted to get back. The volunteers helped others and I wanted to be in the same position. It was then I went to Whiteinch Move On where I continued to get support for my anxiety and my housing. The boys started staying overnight and when I got offered a flat near both services, it was the start of my volunteer journey. I love volunteering at Rainbow and it gives me structure to my days. I've learnt so much since I started there. I found out that I'm good at organising, office admin, as well as peer support groups and now I help with the new volunteer training programme.

My kids are now back in my full time care. We have a lovely home and I love getting up in the morning and going to Rainbow. I have been volunteering for about 15 months, and I will be 2 years abstinent in May.

"Gail is one of the many women who came through our services in 2020/21. Our services strive to make recovery accessible for women as we see so many barriers to them being able to choose residential services. Barriers could be caring for their children, family caring commitments or lack of self-worth.

Our female volunteers are an asset to our Glasgow Recovery Services. They help us show services are safe places. They are positive role models that women being supported can relate to. It's a privilege for us to work alongside volunteers and see them develop. We have seen Gail take the opportunity to do our training course and gain experience in a social care setting. She is now co-facilitating the Volunteer Training while continuing to be a dedicated volunteer with us."

Catriona McCabe, Managing Coordinator at Whiteinch

It costs **over £101** to support **one person, per day** at our Whiteinch Move on service alone, providing professional care and accommodation; **Please consider giving what you are able to help us save even more lives in Scotland. You could be a lifeline to someone like Gail.**



LEGACY UPDATE

Over the past few weeks, a number of constructive meetings have taken place with planning officials from East Renfrewshire Council as they continue their consideration of our case. The Legacy Group also had positive discussions with the care home management team to explore in detail the kind of joint initiatives that would be possible between church and care home on the redeveloped campus. As the church at a national and local level look to the future, we can see the central place our Legacy work has as we aim to ensure that there is a worshipping congregation in Clarkston for many years to come.

Finally, a word of thanks to all who have supported the Legacy Project over this past year in any way, including lending professional expertise; pledging funds; raising money; or assisting with clearing and tidying. Looking forward, please continue to pray for our Legacy Project.

Legacy Project Group

KWENDERANA REPORT

The minister, Timothy, from Ekwendeni gave an update on Ekwendeni at the last meeting and said that all was well and that they are enjoying wearing no masks at worship. The Easter party, funded by Kwenderana group in Scotland, went well and there were about three hundred people and they used tents to accommodate everyone. At the party for children, pictured here, they had snacks and drinks.



Timothy also updated that the school building, funded by Williamwood High School in the next village is looking good and nearly finished and agreed to send photographs. The church has made both a Cd and a DVD of the students singing and dancing and a copy will be sent. There was a zoom meeting held between students at Williamwood High School and Ekwendeni which was a good meeting and went very well.

Timothy was asked if he had questions and he asked how we were feeling about the war in Ukraine. He expressed concern and the conversations continued about the dreadful situation and the concern of both people in Scotland and in Malawi.

Timothy was asked about the maize mill and he said it is still operation but they felt if they have a second one they could work in tandem, also if one needed repaired they would still have one in working order. The profits from the maize mill have not been as good as they once were.

Timothy advised that he has had a request from Netherlee Primary School to allow their children to write to the children in Ekwendeni.

The Kwenderana Committee

TIME OUT

Our scheduled meetings are now finished for the summer. We're all hopeful for a warm and sunny summer so we can meet up in the evenings at each other's homes.

We will return in September to start a new session with our annual cheese and wine and look forward to a busy schedule of events.

Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome.

We wish all Greenbankers a lovely summer.

Susan Mowat

stusue.mowat@hotmail.com

BUSHIDO KARATE

We had a fantastic learning experience from one of the top self-defence instructors in Scotland, where we focused on different attacks but always with the thinking of "if you can get away you do". Our students are on plan with their preparation for the Senior Black Belt Grading with the Association. We had our Association AGM and again we are recognised as one of the largest Associations in Scotland. Our Association is very traditionally based, compared to some Associations where they concentrate on Sport Karate which only accounts for less than 2% of students who participate in Karate. During the summer holidays we keep our Karate classes going as it is important to give the opportunity for our students to continue training at the high level that they do. If anyone would like to come along for a taster session, please feel free to contact myself – Karate is a fantastic activity for all ages, being great for your overall physical and mental wellbeing.

Best wishes

John Elliot

Bushido Karate Association Chairman

Lodging House Mission

Donations for the LHM can be left on the trolley in the Link building on Sundays before and after the church service. UHT milk and sugar are particularly requested. Spare plastic bags would also be appreciated to use for take-out meals. Clothing is 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 or post in the secure 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

We still need volunteers to join the rota to deliver the donated items to the LHM on a suitable day during the week. If you would like to help on a rota basis, please email the church secretary at office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk or call 0141 644 1841 and leave a message on the church office answering machine.

Thank you,

Liz Smith [0141 571 2676]

LHM Representative

The latest bulletin from LHM:

Dear Supporters,

This month saw our AGM and a chance to share the work of LHM with our members and supporters. We were delighted to have been invited to present the annual report of the chair of the board, Rev Professor Roger Sturrock to Glasgow Presbytery at their meeting of 10th May.

If you would like to book a speaker for your Church, Guild, Probus, Rotary, Golf Club, or Youth group in the year ahead, our chaplain would be keen to hear from you or any group in your area who would like to find out about our work.

April brought with it a levelling off of the number of folks using our free meal provisions;

Food Service	Breakfast	Lunch
Meals	633 (-55)	1296 (-32)

During the month of April, Angela, our 'Interventions worker', along with our lovely volunteer Gill, provided support on 127 occasions. Emotional support as always was most common with benefits advice and support coming in a very close second. She has been supporting Morgen, a student studying HNC Social Services at City of Glasgow College, who has been on placement here at LHM since December 2021. Morgen commented, "I have really been enjoying my time here at LHM, It's opened my eyes to the struggles/issues that people have. I have particularly enjoyed learning how to help and support them, I have loved getting to know everyone."

As her placement comes to an end we thank her for help and kindness and wish her all the best for her future.

Annual Homelessness Service@LHM 35 East Campbell Street, G1 5DT.
Guest speaker, Rev Iain Greenshields, moderator designate, Church of Scotland
SAVE THE DATE: Friday 9th September 2022, 6.45 for 7pm start.

The most recent, 6 week Presbytery Pioneer Intro Course was hosted in LHM during April and May. We are delighted to have been able to welcome participants and course leaders to share their pioneer and missional projects in a space whose heritage has seen over 110 years of mission to the city of Glasgow. We look forward to supporting many more presbytery wide events in the future. Should you be interested in bringing an event to LHM, please speak to the chaplain.

In this resurrection season, we read Psalm 23 and recall the characteristic of the guiding voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd. For a good number of people in our transient community there are considerable barriers and gatekeepers, which prevent or deter access to the place of rest, support and nourishment. We offer our prayers for justice; that barriers might be broken down in our households, community, parishes, local and national government; that gatekeepers steward resources with the open handedness of Christ; that unjust systems of wealth distribution are dismantled. Jesus taught that his flock/ followers would recognise his voice. What is this voice from the margins saying to you?

Deacon Claire Herbert, Chaplain to LHM.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Ian and Joyce Smith who were married on the 28th June 1962 at Battlefield West Church of Scotland (Langside). Ian met Joyce on a cold foggy November night. They nearly missed each other on their first date as they were standing at opposite corners of Hope Street/Sauchiehall Street. Fortunately, they found each other and a year later Ian proposed to Joyce while walking in Linn Park. Their reception was held in the Grosvenor Hotel, Gordon Street, where they danced the night away followed by a honeymoon which involved a trip to Capri and Rome.

WELL DONE LIZ

As you will all know, Greenbank has been raising money to help those affected by the war in Ukraine. Liz Allan thought of this very enterprising way of making a few pounds by asking for donations for things from her garden that she would normally give away. She made £30 thanks to the generosity of people passing her gate. Well done, Liz.



CHURCH TRANSPORT UPDATE

As I write this today, Sunday, 22nd May, we have just completed our inaugural return to church transport using the Age Concern Eastwood minibus. What a joyful occasion it was. It was a delight to see those members who had been unable to return to church until now. There was good chat on the bus, and a warm welcome awaited all once we reached church. And there was a lovely time of fellowship after church over tea and coffee.

If you have difficulties with attending church, and require transport, please contact Mark. Whilst the capacity of the bus is 14, the current instruction from Age Concern Eastwood is that only 7 passengers plus driver and chaperone should occupy the bus. Hence the number of people wishing to travel may exceed the occupancy, and a rota of usage may be required.

We are still urgently looking for drivers and chaperones, and will also operate a rota for these duties once sufficient volunteers have come forward. We are grateful to the 2 people who have so far offered their services as volunteers.

Thank you

Mark and Alison Allan

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STAMPS ETC

From Duncan McIntyre

I have not received any stamps or cards since 18 January so my involvement should possibly cease. I am told by the Church of Scotland that, in general, donations of stamps have greatly declined. It seems to me that this has run its course. I will be happy to speak to anyone about this. Duncan.

To Duncan & Sheila McIntyre

Duncan, assisted by his wife Sheila, have done this job for a great many years. We would like to thank them for their dedication to this task, particularly as their health has not been as good as they would have wished. We wish them both well and thank them for their years of service.

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The Community Jubilee Picnic

Friday, 3rd June from 1pm - 4pm

In the church grounds. Entry is free. Bring your own picnic
There will also be a tea tent, competitions, garden games
and activities for children.



Clarkston Community Choir Concert

Friday 17th June at 7.30pm

in Greenbank Church

Pay at the door
£5 or donation in aid of Ukraine



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