

thegoodneighbour

JUNE 2023



Living our **faith** by our **actions**  at the heart of the **community**

GreenbankParish
CHURCH

Parish Register

DEATHS

10/05/2023 Mrs Anne Harper of 26 Stamperland Hill

"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

4 th June	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
11 th June	10.30am	Worship and Sunday Club/JAM
18 th June	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club/JAM – Last club before summer holidays
25 th June	10.30am	Worship

During the school holidays all Sunday Club/JAM will be welcome in church along with their families. There will be a table with activities for the younger children as usual. Many thanks to Jeanne for organising this.

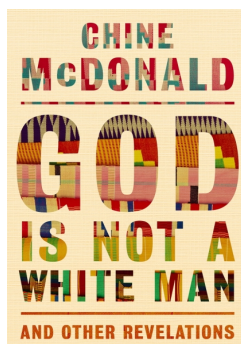
LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP

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.



SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

The Saturday Morning Book Club will next meet on Saturday the 3rd of June at 09:30 or 09:15 should you want to join us for breakfast. We will meet in the creche just off the hall of friendship and will be looking at chapters 4 and 5 of Chine McDonald's book "God is Not a White Man".

We are a friendly group and would be delighted to see new members if you would like to join us, why not come along and give us a try. For further information contact Ronnie McNeill on [01415776503](tel:01415776503).

Dear Friends

For almost twenty years now, I have used those words at the beginning of my Good Neighbour letter. They have been words truly meant and during the time I have been the Minister of Greenbank I have tried to be a good friend to everyone - albeit more successfully with some than with others.

I became a follower of Jesus in the context of friendship but more importantly my sense of calling, belonging and purpose has persisted because of the friendships of those who share a similar desire to follow the commandments of Jesus Christ. I feel fortunate to have made friends at Greenbank who are younger, older and a similar age to me who have been receiving, giving and above all supportive and encouraging. I also feel fortunate to have a number of friendships in my life that go back decades through which I can call to mind many of my life's events and more importantly friendships that preserve my mind and spirit and keep me grounded.


Jesus tells us ***"You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends."*** [John 15:14]. Jesus makes it clear that friendship is reciprocal and accepting His friendship inevitably means that, as Christians, we are called to create healing, loving and caring relationships with one another. Who are your friends? What do they mean to you? What kind of friend are you?

Sadly, I recently had a conversation with a member of another church who told me about a conversation with someone who sat beside her one Sunday. The person said she was seeking another church to worship in because the one she was a member of was cliquy and unfriendly. I am truly sorry about this and deeply hope that this wouldn't be said of Greenbank and that everyone has supportive, caring and encouraging church friends who also give them the opportunity to be a good friend too - such friends are a holy gift.

As he has befriended us, Jesus behoves all of us to befriend one another. To those cliques [imagined or otherwise] that make others feel left out and to those who find themselves sitting in any church thinking it is unfriendly, I offer this reminder. There are people in every church who want to be your friend. They're sitting in front of you, behind you and beside you. They're in church every week and perhaps one of things that are preventing the creation of any new friendships is your reluctance to reach out to your fellow Christians.

Early in the 19th century, a Church Minister called John Fawcett wrote the hymn, ***"Blest Be the Tie that Binds,"*** to convey his own and his wife's friendship with the people in the church where they chose to serve Jesus for 54 years. John Fawcett wrote ***"Blest be the tie that binds; our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds; is like to that above."*** Like John Fawcett, may we all know the blessing of friendship, those close and far away. May we be blessed by the friendships we have and by those we have yet to make. Above all, may we be ***'blest by the tie that binds'*** - the love of God in Jesus Christ who promises to befriend each one of us in every moment and into eternity.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, personal style.

OFFERING INCOME

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank all those who continue to support the church, whether by standing order, direct payment into our bank account, weekly freewill offering or putting money in the offering bag each Sunday.

Offering income is essential to the work of the church and I thank all those who have responded to the financial appeal letter to the congregation last November. It is not too late – it is never too late – to increase your offering to Greenbank. You may also, or instead, make a contribution to the Greenbank's Restricted Fabric Fund. I recognise that some of us may not be able to increase their offering which makes it all the more important for those who can, to do so.

For those who may still feel uneasy or unable to come to church for whatever reason, but still wish to contribute financially, you may contribute by any of the above methods. For a standing order form, or details of the church's bank account to make a direct payment, please email me at alistairdsmith@ntlworld.com or write to me at the address below and I will be happy to assist. You may also post me a cheque and/or your freewill offering contribution to the address below. My address is 26 Stewart Drive, Clarkston G76 7EZ.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Alistair Smith, Treasurer.

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

HALL LETS

Forget all the doom and gloom discussions you hear about our church lying idle - the reality is far from it. You only have to come to our halls in an evening or on a weekend morning or afternoon to see and feel a real buzz about the place. Every Saturday morning there is a hive of activity as Bushido Karate meet to practice their sport. Parents bring their teenagers and children and enjoy chatting in our Hall of Friendship as they await the start and end of sessions.

Guides and Brownies meet during the week, as do a keep fit class and our Friday after school Cosy Cafe plays host to local school children. Our Guild and Time Out Group have also been meeting in our halls in the session 2022/23.

Our halls are in high demand for children's parties, and we have been delighted that our venue has been chosen by a variety of other users.

It has been my pleasure, and that of other members of Kirk Session, to open and close our halls recently for these events. We are delighted that members of our community are using our halls, and that we are providing local, affordable venues for various functions. It's great to welcome them into our premises. We look forward to this continuing, and we are glad to be able to meet this community need.

Alison Allan

Prayer Diary

"I know it can't be summer,
It's raining and raining outside.
The thunder cracks and lightning smacks,
I'm glad that I'm inside.
Then all of a sudden the sun peeks through,
As if to say hello,
I guess it needs to rain sometimes,
For the flowers and trees to grow."

('Summer Rain' - Debbie Hasbrook)

Summer's always a time for winding down. Clubs and organisations finish up, the exams are finished, and school starts to wind down and introduce some fun for the end of the year. People are looking forward to going away on holiday, or even just to having a break from work to chill. It's a time when we can relax our minds and bodies, even if it's just for a couple of weeks.

It's time to give thanks for warmer weather, and also for the rain, which we need to water the gardens and fields. Give thanks that our Legacy Project has taken another step forward. And give thanks for the ordinary, everyday lives that we lead, as you remember the people of Ukraine who're still living in a warzone or have had to flee their homes, and people all over the world who do not live in peace and comfort.

"After winter comes the summer. After night comes the dawn. And after every storm, there comes clear, open skies."
(Samuel Rutherford)

Sometimes the constant flow of bad news that washes over us can make us feel overwhelmed, and that there's nothing that we can do in the face of such vast problems. But if each one of us does a few little things, that adds up to a lot. In your prayers, ask for the determination to do some little things, and that many more people will do the same. We can change the world.

Summer Prayer - John Birch

Under the warmth of the summer sun, the world awakes and blossoms into every imaginable colour.

You created a garden for us to enjoy and within it planted the most magical of flowers and trees.

You needed no horticultural training to plan your colour scheme, no gardening expert to recommend variety or design. Your garden is perfect, its colours harmonious, its scale immense, spoilt only by the clumsiness of those who tend it.

Amen

Take hold of your summer with both hands. Make time to do the things you enjoy, time to breathe in fresh air, time to catch up with things you've neglected, time to sit and watch the world go by, time to reflect and ask what He plans for you next.

"Though May did bring her deepest grey
And June did bring her gloom,
I woke this morn in a glorious way
To Sunshine in my room.

Quick, get up,
It's time to rise.
Greet the day
I started to cry.

For today,
It has begun.
It's finally here,
The summer sun!

('Oh, How I Love Summer' - Susan M Gilbert)

Gillian Foy [0141 638 6245]

Prayer promotor

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you need prayer for yourself, a loved one or a friend, requests can be sent to the Prayer Promoter, Gillian Foy via the church office at office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk Those for whom prayers are requested will be prayed for throughout the following month by members of the Prayer Group. Anyone who would like a copy of the prayer list, in order to pray for those on it, should contact Gillian.

What's On

FLOWER LIST FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

Communion Table**Centenary Chapel****Side Windows**

4 th June	Sheena Boyd	Susan Wilkie
11 th June	Bob Swandells	
18 th June	Anne Stewart	Christine Britton
25 th June	Jan Christie	
2 nd July	Helen Howard	
9 th July	Christine Baird	
16 th July		
23 rd July	Margaret Miller	Tom Gray
6 th August	Aileen McKinlay	
13 th August	Liz Smith	
20 th August	Derek Christie	
27 th August		

A member of the Flower Committee will contact you during the week prior to your date
If you would like to donate flowers for the Church, please put your name on the Transept window sill.

With thanks
Elizabeth Cross [638 5162]

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

The Clarkston Community Choir invite you to join them for their summer charity concert on Friday 2nd June, 7:30pm, in Greenbank Parish Church. This concert features a fantastic variety of music, with songs by Randy Newman, Bette Midler, Maroon 5, Fleet Foxes, and more! We are also excited to welcome the six-piece band Alba Challa as our guests for the evening, who will perform their own arrangements of klezmer and world music, as well as accompanying the choir throughout the concert. Tickets £5, available on the door or from choir members, and proceeds will be donated to our two nominated charities: Home Start Glasgow South and Revive MS.

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

The grading season is upon us, and all our students are preparing to be graded. As our club grows there are a number of new starts who will be grading for the first time which is exciting for them and also for their instructors.

Having "Mental Health Awareness week" recently – Karate is a great way, not only to improve you physically but mentally in a positive way. In addition, there are many studies that show the benefits for people with ADHD- a very structured approach as we train.

Best wishes John
Bushido Karate Association Chairman

TO UKRAINE WITH LOVE

Ukrainian community in Glasgow is holding a charity concert entitled "To Ukraine with Love" on Friday 16th of June at 7.00pm at Greenbank Parish Church. The conflict in Ukraine fills the news and, with no foreseeable end in sight, the situation is there is dire. We cannot easily imagine the deep concerns of the Ukrainian community in the UK for loved ones back home and the growing realisation that home is somewhere they will not see for some time.

Entry is by donation so come along, support the community's efforts, dig deep and enjoy an evening of music and song



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Young People's Page

SAVE | SUNDAY
THE DATE | 2ND JULY

#THANKYOU DAY

MAKE MUSIC
DAY UK

21 JUNE

Instruments of the Orchestra

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VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO, DOUBLE BASS, HARP,
CLARINET, FLUTE, OBOE, BASSOON, TRUMPET,
TROMBONE, FRENCH HORN, PERCUSSION,
TUBA, TIMPANI, XYLOPHONE, GLOCKENSPIEL

Musical Jokes

1. What type of music are balloons afraid of? Pop music.
2. What did the robbers take from the music store? The lute.
3. What sort of music do frogs like? Hip Hop.
4. What's the difference between a fish and a piano? You can't tuna fish.
5. Where did the music teacher leave his keys? In the piano.
6. What part of a snake is the most musical? The scales
7. Why is a piano so hard to open? Because the keys are already inside.
8. Why don't skeletons play music at church? Because they don't have any organs.
9. Why couldn't the athlete listen to her music? Because she broke the record
10. What's the most musical type of food? Chicken drumsticks.



Hi everyone,

Did you know that –

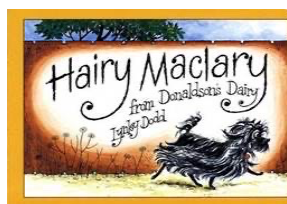
- ❖ there's only 3 more Sunday Club/JAM meetings before the summer holidays?
 - ❖ Sunday 18th June will be our last day of Sunday Club/JAM
 - ❖ the leaders are busy getting a lot of fun things planned for that day.
- We really hope you are able to come along sometime in June. It would be great to see you if you can be there.

Now for some BIG THANK YOUs to –

- ❖ all of you for coming to Sunday Club/JAM when you can
- ❖ all the leaders and helpers who work so hard so that you enjoy Trailblazers, Sunday Squad and JAM

BOOKS FOR SUMMER

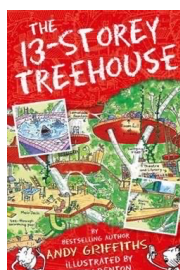
Scottish summers can be bit wet. Sometimes we just have to stay in, so what about reading a book? "Boring!" I hear you say but have you any idea how many adventures you can share in a book? You can explore space, history, the future, other countries and weird and wonderful worlds al created in the imagination of a writer. To find a good book visit www.booktrust.org.uk for 100s of ideas. Here are a few.



Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

by Lynley Dodd for under fives

This hilarious rhyming story follows Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, as he sets off for a walk in the town, followed by a whole host of canine friends. Then they meet the toughest tom cat in town, Scarface Claw...

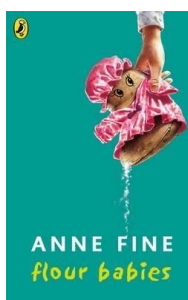


The Thirteen Storey Treehouse

by Andy Griffiths for 6 – 8 year olds

A rip-roaringly funny book about writing (or actually *not* writing) a book. The author and illustrator realise that they are due to present their latest book to their publisher within 24 hours. Unfortunately, they have absolutely no idea what to write, and all sorts of bizarre things keep happening which prevent them from writing anything! Living in a 13-story treehouse is hard enough, but that's the least of their problems.

Griffiths and Denton create a metafictional triumph to engage even the



Flour Babies

by Anne Fine for 9 – 11 year olds

Class 4C are disgusted. They know the teachers think they're stupid but that's not an excuse to give them flour babies! Of all the projects they could have got for the school science fair (exploding custard tins, maggot farm, soap factory) how did they end up with *flour babies*? Well, that might have something to do with Simon Martin. He persuades them that if they can look after their little bags of flour, as if they are actual babies, for the three weeks of the project, they will be rewarded with a massive flour fight once the experiment is over. . .

News and Updates

THANK YOU FROM THE SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club & JAM thank everybody who contributed items for our Coronation-Themed Baking Stall at The Coronation Big Picnic on Sunday 7th May. We really appreciate the time and effort everyone made. The stall looked beautiful!

Thanks are also due to everyone who volunteered to help the Sunday Club leaders at the baking stall, face-painting, nail-painting and with applying Coronation tattoos – we couldn't have done it without you!

The total amount raised for Sunday Club and JAM funds was an amazing £375.45, which will allow us to buy supplies for our many various activities over the coming session. We are extremely grateful to you all for your generosity and support.

Helen Howard
Sunday Club Superintendent

**ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO
GREENBANK OFFICE AT: office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk
& JILL LIDDELL AT: liddell.jill@gmail.com BY SUNDAY 13th AUGUST PLEASE**

LOCAL SCHOOLS UNIFORM EXCHANGE EVENT

On Saturday, 29th April, a school uniform event took place in our church halls, the latest one in a series of events of this type. On this occasion the group also linked up with the Friends of East Ren Music charity, and were able to offer second hand musical instruments and accessories for those who need them. Organised by Linda Dillon of Carolside Parent Council, and involving representatives from Busby Primary School and Williamwood High School, this is a marvellous initiative which seeks to facilitate the re-use of pre-loved school uniform items. This is a win-win situation, where parents save money by avoiding buying new school uniforms, and the local schools help to save our planet by avoiding clothing going to landfill. Our halls were again a hive of activity as the organising team swung into action to display donated uniform items ready for the event. Linda told me afterwards that it was the most successful one yet, and that it was really busy, and there was a real buzz about the place.

We are delighted to have this relationship with our local schools, building on the chaplaincy links already established over many years, and we are pleased that we are able to offer practical help to support this very worthwhile scheme, and welcome members of our community into our church premises. We look forward to hosting future events. We wish all of the volunteers a hearty "Good Luck" with these future events, and say "Well done" for committing time to organising and running these most useful uniform exchange opportunities for the benefit of parents and children in our community.

FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS

Greenbank Church is now a provider of free period products. Working in collaboration with East Renfrewshire Council and HeyGirls products, we recently ordered and received a supply of tampons and sanitary towels, free of charge. All of HeyGirls products are ethically sourced and organic. This partnership working is really trying to push the message that these products are available for people to take, no matter how much they need, and whenever they are needed.

It is our hope that Greenbank Church will also be registered on the MyPeriodApp, which allows users to find locations in their community which provide free period products.

The items are currently located in the Ladies Toilets and on a shelf in the corridor beside the Fraser Hall.

Alison Allan



All members of the congregation are reminded that Greenbank Church is now a Help Point for Playlist for Life. We have a selection of paper resources available in our Hall of Friendship, which will help to inform you of the benefits of music to dementia sufferers and their carers. The resources will also help enable you to create your own playlist, or to create one for someone else. Please share this information with anyone you think it may benefit.

Additional help and support is available online at:

playlistforlife.org.uk

As a Help Point, we also have access to free online training. Please contact me if you would like to access this training.

Alison Allan

COMMEMORATIVE NEW TESTAMENT, PSALMS AND PROVERBS

We were delighted recently to receive around 200 beautiful copies of New Testament Psalms and Proverbs commemorating the coronation of King Charles III. These were given to us at no cost by Good News for Everyone, which was formerly known as Gideons. We are extremely grateful to Kenneth McPhie for thinking of Greenbank Church, and for offering them to us. Ken has a long-standing involvement with Gideons/Good News for Everyone, and is the neighbour of Bob Bulloch, one of our members, hence the connection. At the time of writing there are still a few copies remaining. Please uplift a copy from the Centenary Chapel if you would like one.

Alison Allan



DONATING TO THE LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Donations for the LHM can be put on the trolley in the Link building on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday mornings. UHT milk, kettle foods eg pot noodles, tinned soup eg tomato, chicken and mushroom, tinned stew or mince and tinned beans are particularly requested. Sugar, clothing, toiletries, towels, duvets and bedding are not needed 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 envelopes on the trolley with the other donations. All donations are very much appreciated.

CHANGES AT THE LHM

The LHM continues to be busy at breakfast and lunch time. The IT room has been sitting empty as most people use the wifi access in the hall. Mark, one of the team, is arranging for the IT room to be modernised and changed into a gaming and movies room for the summer, allowing the LHM to engage better with younger visitors.

Liz Smith (571 2676)

LHM Representative

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR **SUMMER CONCERT**

in aid of



7:30pm Friday 2nd June
Greenbank Parish Church, Clarkston

**Tickets £5, available on the door
or from choir members**

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Entrance free
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