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November 2023



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GreenbankParish
CHURCH

Parish Register

WEDDINGS

20TH October Rosalind Gibson and Gordon Carslaw

DEATHS

30th October Mr Douglas McNair, Fairfield Court, 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

5 th November	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion & Sunday Club
12 th November	10.30am	Remembrance Worship & Sunday Club
19 th November	10.30am	Worship & Sunday Club
26 th November	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 minute's 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.

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. Wait until the music stops and then, when asked to do so, press 1 on you telephone keypad.

Dear Friends,

As we enter into the process of Vacancy, I thought it might be helpful to let you know who will be leading our Sunday morning services. As you know, the Rev Dr John L McPake has been appointed as our Interim Moderator, and has written about this at the start of this magazine.

During a vacancy, the Interim Moderator leads certain services, however, most Sunday services are led by a Locum Minister. A Locum Minister is appointed by Presbytery, following approval by the congregation's Kirk Session. On Sunday 8th October, our Kirk Session approved that the Rev Ruth Halley B Ed, BD (Hons) PGCE be appointed as our Locum Minister. Although Ruth led our worship on Sunday 22nd October, due to family commitments (in Australia!) she can't take up the post of Locum until Sunday 17th December.

Until then, we are fortunate that John McPake has arranged to have our services conducted by other ministers. John will lead our worship for the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday 5th November, and will be Moderator of our Kirk Session meetings during the vacancy period.

Helen Howard
Session Clerk

Dear Friends,

May I take the opportunity to introduce myself as the Interim Moderator appointed by the Presbytery of Glasgow at its meeting on 10th October, following the intimation by Rev Jeanne Roddick of her intention to retire with effect from 21st October 2023.

An Interim Moderator is appointed by the Presbytery in any situation where it is anticipated that a Kirk Session will be without a minister for a period and your impending Vacancy is one such situation. A Vacancy is declared by the Presbytery in a situation where a ministry has come to close following, for example, a retirement.

The retirement of Rev. Jeanne Roddick as your minister after a long and full ministry is an occasion to be marked and celebrated, as I know you have done. Indeed, there is much to mark and to celebrate and it is good that you have taken the opportunity to do so. We give thanks to God for her ministry now that it draws to a close and will continue to remember it with gratitude.

A situation, in which something that has been in place for a long time comes to an end, can be disconcerting and unsettling. On such an occasion we turn to God and seek the renewed presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and the promised guidance of the Spirit. We cannot anticipate what the future holds but we know that, in all things, we are in the hands of the God who has made us and who watches over and sustains us. Our prayer is that God will lead us into the future and that, in God's good time, we shall discover all that is prepared for us.

Yours sincerely,



Rev Dr John L. McPake
Interim Moderator
Greenbank Parish Church

WELCOME



We would like to offer a warm welcome to our Interim Moderator, Rev. Dr John L. McPake, to Greenbank and wish him well as he guides us through this next stage in our long history. This is not, however, his only role in the Church of Scotland. He is also the Church's Ecumenical Officer. The Ecumenical Policy of the Church, agreed in 2018, commits the Church to encouraging churches at local, regional, national and international levels to act together. Perhaps, if we ask him nicely, he will let us know something of his and the Ecumenical Relations Committee's work in developing these relationships.

This photograph shows Dr McPake presenting the Most Rev. Dr John Sentamu, former Archbishop of York, with a tie in the Church of Scotland tartan during his visit to Edinburgh in 2018 to discuss The Future Shape of Mission



Dear Friends

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who made the occasion of my last service as Minister of Greenbank on 1st October, so special and memorable. I am deeply grateful to those who shared kind words about my time as Minister of Greenbank; who decorated the halls and church; who prepared the orders, who organised and served the lunch; who created the music playlist and photo memories on the screens and who cleared up afterwards – and last but certainly not least – to Peter – ‘Thank You for the Music!’

Thank you also to everyone who came along on the 1st October to give me such an amazing farewell and to those who gave or sent me a card expressing their good wishes. I have tried to write to everyone who gave me a retirement gift and hope I haven’t missed anyone. If, by any chance, you are reading this and haven’t received a note from me, please know that I am very thankful. I also very much appreciate the good wishes and gifts given to me by The Boys Brigade; Brownies; Sunday Club & JAM and Bushido Karate Club.

Additionally, I would like to say how overwhelmed I was by the generosity of the Greenbank congregation in presenting me with a cheque, a Photobook of memories of my time as Minister, a bottle of Isle of Harris Gin and lovely a bouquet of flowers. Graham has also asked me to express his gratitude to the congregation for the Golf Club gift token which he hopes to put to good use in the very near future.

I am deeply touched by the kindnesses shown to me, not only on the 1st October but, throughout my Ministry. Thank you for entrusting me with the honour of being Minister of Greenbank and for the faith, love and hospitality given to me and my family. It has been a great blessing to share the past 20 years with you. I wish you love and peace. May God bless you in all your ways.

Yours,

Jeanne

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 any increases in offering income to Greenbank are always welcome. 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 are 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 alistairsmith@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: alistairsmith@ntlworld.com

GIFT SERVICE – SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

The Sunday Club would like to invite everyone to please donate a gift to help brighten up what might otherwise be a rather bleak Christmas, for some children, young people and families in our city. In the past we have had a terrific response to this request, for which the organisations and recipients are extremely grateful.

As before Gifts are collected for 3 groups:

1. NEW BORN BABIES & MUMS - the QEUH Children's Hospital Neo-natal Unit cares for young, homeless or vulnerable mothers: gifts of new new-born clothes for the babies (including hand-knitted items) and toiletries for Mums are requested, no second-hand.
2. CHILDREN ages 8 to 12 – CHURCH HOUSE in Bridgeton – specifically games and arts/crafts are requested.
3. YOUTH ages 13 to 18 – SACRO (Scottish Council for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders) please donate 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.

Please bring your new, unwrapped gift (gift cards in an unsealed envelope please) to church on Sunday 3rd December, or put in the box in the Link Building from Sunday 26th November. We thank you, once again, for your support and generosity. Your help will make a big difference to others.

Prayer Diary

'When the trees their summer splendour
Change to raiment red and gold,
When the summer moon turns mellow,
And the nights are getting cold;
When the squirrels hide their acorns,
And the woodchucks disappear;
Then we know that it is autumn,
Loveliest season of the year.'

('Autumn' - Carol L Riser)

When I come to write November's Prayer Diary I struggle to find a poem or something that isn't gloomy. Everything written about November feels very gray. Yet there are actually a lot of things that happen this month, from the big well-known things like Guy Fawkes Night, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving in the US, the Day of the Dead in Mexico, Diwali, all the way down to World Jellyfish Day and Odd Socks Day.

It's always good to stop and take stock of the things we can be thankful for. We live in a country that is at peace, where many others are living in the middle of conflict and fear. We have nice homes to live in and enough to eat, where more and more people are struggling to keep food on the table, and to keep themselves and their families warm and safe. We have been relatively unaffected by the climate emergency, where others have been driven from their homes by fire, flood, or earthquake. I know you will be keeping all these things in your prayers.

Our Social Committee have been keeping very busy, organising lots of events. Ask that plenty of people come forward to give help where it's needed, whether the events bring our wider community in, or we go out to them. And ask that that community feeling is enhanced by our events.

Please also keep Greenbank in your prayers as we readjust to life without Jeanne. Pray for our Interim Moderator, Rev Dr John McPake, as he helps us on our way to find a new minister, and ask that we are all patient and understanding with each other. We should certainly be used to having patience as we have watched our Legacy Project inch forward over recent years.

I would also refer you to the recent letter from Muriel Pearson in Israel which was emailed out to everyone. This contains suggestions for things you might like to put in your prayers about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The situation will obviously have changed between me writing this and you getting your magazine but I'm sure that many things will still be relevant.

'Prayer for Peace'

(This prayer comes from the Vancouver Assembly of the World Council of Churches. It's prayed daily at 12noon across the world by people of many different religions and beliefs.)

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust;
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace;
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Amen

Gillian Foy
Prayer Promoter [0141 638 6245]

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 NOVEMBER

	Communion Table	Centenary Chapel	Side Windows
5 th November	Jim Harvey	_____	_____
12 th November	Esmae McEwan	Greenbank Guild	_____
19 th November	Elizabeth Cross	_____	Moira McAldine
26 th November	Moira Dickson	_____	_____

A member of the Flower Committee will contact you during the week prior to your date. If you would like to donate flowers to the Church, please put your name on the list in the transept windowsill. If you would like to help organise the Church flowers occasionally, we would be very pleased to have you join us.

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]

Harvest Flowers

Sincere thanks to the very talented members of our flower committee who made the church look so beautiful on Harvest Sunday. The floral displays were magnificent, and the display of fruit and vegetables at the communion table was perfect. How lucky are we to have such a great bunch of people?! Thank you to all involved. And thank you for everything you do each week to bring the beauty of flowers into our church. It is very much appreciated.
Alison Allan



THE GUILD

The Guild had a very successful and happy first meeting of our new session. Tom Marchant, who has visited the Guild several times over a number of years, provided us with many memories of what Glasgow was like in the days of our youth.

We were very pleased to welcome a new member to our midst and we hope that she will enjoy our meetings. We invite any ladies (or gentlemen) who are free on a Wednesday afternoon to come along and join us.

Would ladies who have Sunshine Bags please return them as soon as possible.

Enid Dron
Secretary

CHURCH CHOIR – NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Rehearsals for this year's Lessons & Carols service will commence on Thursday 26th October at 8.15pm in the church. Anyone who wishes to join the choir for this service is very welcome. The service will take place on Sunday 17th December. For more information, please contact the organist, Peter Howard, through the church office.

BURNS SUPPER

Rabbie Returns! Greenbank will be having a Burns Supper on Sunday 28th January 2024. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 26th November after church from myself or Graham Vance.

Thanks Jan Millar.

TIME OUT

Our new session has got off to a wonderful start with two very interesting guest speakers, a warder from the prison service and a speaker from the RNIB. We all enjoyed the evenings and learned quite a lot.

Our November meetings will be just as interesting, I'm sure. On November 2nd we welcome the Scottish Air Ambulance, and on the 16th we welcome Michaela Foster, an author, to talk about her books.

You're welcome to come along and join us at 7.30 in the Fraser Hall.

Susan Mowat stusue.mowat@hotmail.com

CLARKSTON MERRY CHRISTMAS EVENT - Saturday 18th November

PLEASE HELP

We have been given a free stall at this event serving tea, coffee and juice to the community outside Santa's Grotto. To do this we need lots of volunteers who would help for a maximum of one hour between 12 and 5pm. You can choose which hour. It is likely this will be in Rowallan Lane down the side of Tesco but the exact location has still to be confirmed. This is a lovely Christmassy day and a great chance for Greenbank to engage with the community and make some money for our Legacy Project.

Please help if you can - we would be very grateful.

Contact me on susan.c.johnston@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you

Susan Johnston

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Preparations are well underway for the **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November from 10 till 12 noon**. Organisations have been contacted to see if they want to have a stall. There will be a tearoom, hampers raffled, tombola of good condition items and children's activities including face painting. There are many talented people in Greenbank's congregation and we would greatly appreciate donations of homemade jam, tablet or knitted/handmade Christmas crafts. Labelled boxes will be situated at the link doors to receive any tombola or home made donations. Home baking for the tearoom would be gratefully received at the kitchen on Friday 24th between 6.30 and 7.30 or on the morning itself.

The Social Committee, as always would greatly appreciate any offers of help to make our events run smoothly. Please speak to any of our members if you can help in any way (Lindy Dallas, Diane Adam, Stephen Blanchflower, Susan Johnston, Jill Liddell, Anna Maclure, Jan Millar, Lorna Preece, Graham Vance, Eleanor Johnstone)

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Clarkston Community Choir are back after their summer break, rehearsing for performances around Glasgow in December (including appearances at St Enoch Centre, Princes Square, Greenbank Church and Langside Church). The group are always delighted to welcome new members, and no prior singing/music reading experience is required to join in - just come along and sing! They meet every week 7:30-9:30pm in Greenbank Parish Church halls. Anyone interested in joining in can just come along on a Wednesday evening, or alternatively get in touch with any questions at: clarkstoncommunitychoir@yahoo.com

The choir's final concert, accompanied by a fabulous 13-piece orchestra, takes place on **Friday 15th December, 7:30-9:00pm in Greenbank Parish Church**, with tickets costing £5. We are delighted to be supporting two charities with the proceeds of this event - Medicinema and The Occasion Theatre. Expect all the usual festive cheer, with favourite Christmas songs and carols, along with a healthy dose of audience participation!



REMEMBERING

This November we do not have to look very far to see war. A lot of what is shown on the news is very upsetting as we see soldiers, families and children killed and injured in the Ukraine and the Middle East. Poppies remind us of how terrible war is but time after time their message is ignored or forgotten.

Many people choose to wear a poppy in November for Remembrance Day to show respect for the people who died fighting in the First World War and the wars that followed it but there are other coloured poppies too - purple, black and white - that have different meanings.

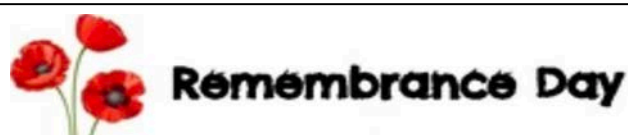
The red poppy is the most famous symbol used to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in World War One and the wars that followed. Wearing a poppy was inspired by the fields of poppies that grew where many of the battles were fought. The red poppy belongs to the Royal British Legion - a charity created by veterans of World War One. They say that the red poppy represents remembrance and hope.

The purple poppy is often worn to remember animals that have been victims of war. Animals like horses, dogs and pigeons were often drafted into the war effort, and those that wear the purple poppy feel their service should be seen as equal to that of human service.

The Black Poppy Rose commemorates the contributions of black, African and Caribbean communities to the war effort - as servicemen and servicewomen, and as civilians.

Some people, though, feel that the red poppy glorifies war and conflict. Instead, they might choose to wear a white poppy. The white poppy is handed out by a charity called Peace Pledge Union, which promotes peace. They say that the white poppy commemorates people who died in conflict, but focuses on achieving peace and challenging the way we look at war.

Whatever colour of poppy we wear this November, let's all work towards peace in our world.



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THANK YOU
PEACE
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GHA FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Sunday 5th November 6.30 – 8pm
in GHA Rugby Club, Braidholm Road,
Giffnock

There will be Music, Food Stalls and Novelties. Gates open at 6.00pm. The display is due to start at 7.15pm. Arrive before 7.00pm to avoid disappointment.

Tickets for this year's event will be on sale online only through the **What's On in East Renfrewshire** site. The Club cannot guarantee tickets will be available on the gate. Please buy online to avoid disappointment.

Hi everyone,

Gosh it doesn't seem that long since we were welcoming you all back from summer holidays. Has anyone noticed how dark it is at night now?

We are moving fast towards wintertime and all the wonderful events that happen at this time of year. Trees changing colours, garden tidy ups and the beautiful Harvest moon and stars at night. (My garden really needs a good tidy before the winter – got to get spring bulbs planted!)

Hope you all managed to carve some pumpkins and enjoyed dressing up for Halloween. Hopefully not too many scary moments for you all.

As always, we hope you enjoy all the activities and crafts we have on offer, over the next few weeks.

Sharon

Dates for November are:-

Sunday 5th November – Communion – Sunday Club & Jam will join communion in Church

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 19th November – Sunday Club & Jam

Sunday 26th November – Sunday Club & Jam

Sunday 3rd December – 1st Sunday in Advent - **Gift Service**



BONFIRE NIGHT

Bonfire Night can be great fun with all the bangs, explosions of light in the skies and maybe even food to enjoy. Sadly, every year on Bonfire Night there are hundreds of accidents across the UK, and lots of them happen to children. Fireworks can be very dangerous and that's why safety is the most important thing when it comes to having a display. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) say only adults should deal with fireworks and that children should watch from a safe distance.

The one firework which children often get to hold is a Sparkler. It is great fun to make patterns of light in the air by whirling it around but they have to be treated with great care because they can get incredibly hot! Some sparklers can reach temperatures of 1000-1600 Celsius - that's around 15 times hotter than the boiling point of water!

If you are tempted to stand nearer to get a good view of a rocket, remember they can reach speeds of 150 miles per hour (mph) when they are set off. Did you know that the reason why you can see a firework explode before you can hear the bang, is because light travels much faster than sound. Sound travels at a speed of 761 mph, but light travels at a whopping 671,000,000 mph - so you may see it before you hear it! Listen out for it this year – at a safe distance!

If you do play with a sparkler remember:

- Never put them in your pocket
- Never pick one up off the floor
- Make sure an adult is always present
- Light them one at a time
- Wear gloves
- Hold them at arm's length
- When it goes out, put the hot end in a bucket of water, otherwise it could still burn you.

Have fun and stay safe, everyone.

What do you call a duck that likes watching fireworks? A firequacker!

What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with fireworks? Dinomite!

How many Safety Inspectors does it take to light a bonfire? One to light the match and three to hold the fire extinguisher!

News and Updates

**ARTICLES FOR THE December ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO
GREENBANK OFFICE AT: office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk
& JILL LIDDELL AT: liddell.jill@gmail.com BY SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER PLEASE**

STAMPS

Many thanks to those who have recently handed me stamps. Please keep collecting all used postage stamps from letters and postcards. (Entire postcards are not currently collected.)

You can hand them to me after Sunday Service. I'm there most weeks. I can also be found at the Guild on Wednesday afternoons (October through to March). You can also deposit them in one of the boxes in the Church Vestibule.

I will shortly be delivering recently collected stamps to Duncan McIntyre. He will then arrange for the representative from George Street to come and uplift the large amount that he now has.

Elizabeth McKenzie (384 2648)

GREENBANK PLAYERS

Rehearsals are well on the way for our very funny production on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th March 2024. Information concerning tickets, which will include wine and nibbles, will be issued nearer the time.

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 or leave a message at the church office on 0141 644 1841

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

Over the next month the Club will be holding our Gradings and we have a number of students being put forward to the Association Black Belt Grading.

In October, our Association also held a course on advance techniques which some of students attended and the feedback was excellent.

We also have some new coaches within our club as we continue to grow. To become a coach, you have to have several years of training as a Black Belt, hold a PVG, be First Aid qualified and have taken a number of coaching courses including Child Wellbeing & Protection in Sport, where you sit tests and have to pass. You also take classes at our ASD club and then finally you are assessed by the Associations Chief Coach covering a number of areas including teaching, warmup/down and risk assessments. In November we have a coaching course for our coaches where we will have presentations by a physiotherapist and Level 3 coaches (the highest level) within our Association.

THE SATURDAY BOOK CLUB

We are still reading the Karen Armstrong book "The Case for God", reading chapter 5 which is entitled *Silence*. Our next meeting is on Saturday 4th of November **at the later time of 10am or 09:45**, if you would like to join us for breakfast. Please bring a mug if you would like tea or coffee. New members are very welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Ronnie McNeill on 0141 577 6503.

MY LIFE IN JAPAN



Hi there everyone,

My name is Erin, and I am a member of Greenbank. I used to volunteer at various events over the years so maybe some of you may recognise my name. (No hard feelings if you don't.) However, a lot of things have changed since I was last at Greenbank, and I am going to talk about that for you now.

I am currently living in Japan and I have been for just over one year. Deciding to leave the comfort of Clarkston was not an easy decision. I was born and raised in the same house for twenty-two years, so the thought of leaving all my friends and family behind was frightening. My decision to move came during the Covid-19 pandemic. I had realised how valuable time was after losing three years of it to lockdowns. I wanted to experience a new way of life and learn about a culture and history that is very different to the one I grew up with.

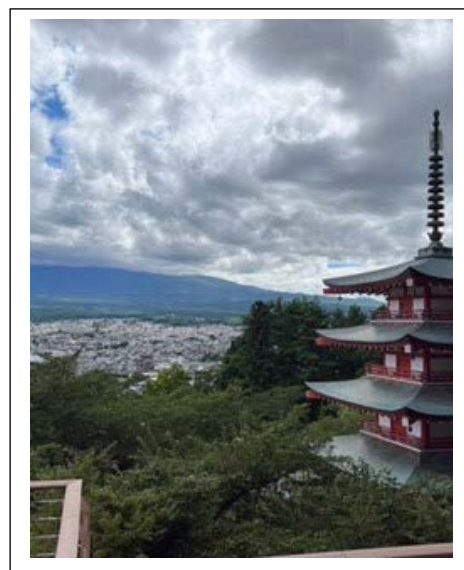
Japan had always interested me. I had a love for the traditional art and the natural landscapes I saw in documentaries always seemed so beautiful, so I decided that's where I wanted to go. I wouldn't have made it here without the constant support from back home, that is what I am truly grateful for. As of now, I am teaching English to Japanese people of all ages. The job itself can be challenging at times, but I get to meet new people every day and it allows me to explore more of the country that I have grown to love. Of course there have been some difficulties: the Japanese economy is not the strongest these days and it can cause a lot of hinderance, but I am really enjoying my time here and hope to stay a little longer.

This country has so much to offer in terms of art, culture, history, landscapes and of course culinary interest. The food here in Japan is some of the best food I've ever eaten, and I think I will struggle to adapt to the lack of it when I decide to leave. Throughout my time here I have learned so much about the world and of course myself. Becoming independent was not easy as I had always lived life with the help of my parents. (I still do in all honesty.) I had to start all over and make new friends. I had to learn how to network properly and being a little socially awkward made it a bit of a challenge, but I have found life-long friends here and I don't think I'll ever forget my Japanese experience.

Recently, I have been thinking about starting a blog of some kind to share my experiences. I have found a love for writing and sharing stories and I think it may help other people who are maybe looking to take the leap and move abroad or even just considering it. I have enjoyed sharing a little bit about my experience so far with you, but if you have any other questions or just want to have a chat then please reach out to me and I'll be happy to talk.

Erin

<https://erinleckie20.wixsite.com/explore-with-e/post/a-day-in-the-life-of-erin>
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LODGING HOUSE MISSION

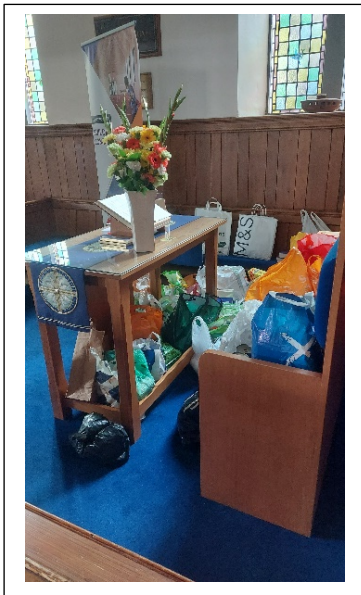
Donations for the LHM can be put on the trolley in the Link building on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-12noon; Sundays 9.45am-11.30am. UHT milk is particularly requested. Clothing, toiletries and bedding are not required at the moment.

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

Would you like 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, please speak to me at church or phone me on 571-2676.



Harvest Thanksgiving:

Very many thanks to all those who supported the Harvest Appeal. Two carloads of donations were taken to the LHM as well as some of the beautiful church flowers. £699 in money was also collected and the related Gift Aid was £106.25.

Your gifts of food and money at this time are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those who donate throughout the year and to the team of drivers who deliver the donations every week.

Christmas Cards will be on sale in the Fraser Hall on Sundays after the church service starting on Communion Sunday 5 November. There are six new designs this year and each pack of 10 cards costs £4.50. Some older designs are still available at £4 per pack. Packs of notelets are also on sale at £3 for 10. It would be really helpful if you brought the correct money. Thank you.

The Annual Service of Remembering in partnership with City Mission takes place on Wednesday 22 November at 2.30pm at the LHM.

Liz Smith (0141 571 2676)
LHM Representative

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