

Explore Faith and Life at Greenbank



Welcome to our autumn programme of opportunities to delve deeper and to explore faith in the company of others and in your own time.

We hope you'll feel welcome to be part of anything that appeals to you.

Why not try something a bit different, and see where God leads you?



**Martin Ritchie, Minister
& Adult Education Committee**

Youth Alpha for Young Adults (13-18)

from 26th August

At 7pm-9pm on alternate Sundays: 26th August, 9th & 23rd September, 7th & 21st October, 4th & 18th November, 2nd December; 2019: 20th January, 3rd & 17th February, 3rd March

Youth Alpha is a chance for people with no church affiliation to talk about the 'big questions' of life, and see various answers Christianity has given to those questions. Pizza to be provided, with a short video to get us talking about the topic for the evening. *Contact Steve Chaffee to register. Join us when you can!*

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Creationtide

from 2nd September

On Sundays at 10.30am: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th September.

At Sunday 10.30am worship during September we will explore the new church season of *Creationtide* as we head towards our *Harvest Thanksgiving* service at the end of the month.

In partnership with our Eco-congregation group, we've invited guest preachers to help us to explore the themes of:

- *Finding God in Creation*
- *Pilgrimage: walking with God in Creation*
- *Survival of the fittest?*
- *More than humans: living with all Creation*

After each service, we're invited to grab a coffee and come back into the sanctuary to discuss the themes and to engage with the visiting preacher.

Autumn Lecture Series – Faith & Health

from 2nd September

At Morningside Parish Church on Sundays 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd September at 7pm; refreshments from 6.30pm. *See back page for details.*

Monday Bible Study Group

from 10th September

We meet at 7.30pm at Greenbank Church (Pentland Room) for a time to study together, followed by refreshments. We are exploring aspects of prayer, using as a guide *Prayer – An adventure with God* (Scripture Union). All are welcome!

10th September *Relying on God* : Psalm 5

24th September *Being Honest with God* : 1 Samuel 1

8th October *Thanking God* : Luke 1:46–55

22nd October *Blessing Other People* : Ephesians 1:15–23; 3:14–21

5th November *Praying Together* : Acts 4:23–31

19th November *Praying with Confidence* : Luke 11:1–13

For further information contact Joan Ritchie or Gillian Sweetman.

Midweek Prayers

from 12th September

Wednesdays at 1pm

From Wednesday 12th September there will be a 20-minute reflective service, at 1pm, in Greenbank Church (Braid Room). *Everyone is welcome to share in this.*

Pub Theology

from 1st October

Exploring the big questions of life over food and a drink

On selected Monday evenings from 1st October through the Autumn and Spring, meeting in the Hermitage Bar for food (if you wish) from 6.30pm, then informal discussion of the week's themes from 7.30pm. *Contact Steve Chaffee or Martin Ritchie for details.*

Community Choir and Advent Carol Service

from 28th October

Our Minister was a choir director in a previous life, and is dusting down his baton to create a special community choir, which will lead a magical service of music and readings on the evening of Advent Sunday (2nd December).

Rehearsals are on Sundays 28th October, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November, 4pm–6pm in the church.

Advent Carol Service on Sunday 2nd December at 6.30pm in the church

Everyone is welcome, both experienced singers and those keen to have a go! *Contact Martin Ritchie to sign up or for more information.*

Exploring Contemplative Worship

from 28th October

At 6.30pm–8pm on Sunday evenings from 28th October to 9th December (omitting 2nd December).

We are offering anyone interested a selection of approaches to explore contemplative worship. We will start with a short teaching session, give everyone a chance to identify problems or difficulties, have a short break and then offer

some guided practice. We'll be looking at using bible reading for prayer, imagining being involved in biblical scenes, using images as a way into prayer, experiencing Christian meditation and learning how to recognise God in our everyday lives.

For further information or to register, contact David Allan.

Steve's Book Group – Chapters with Chesterton

from 7th November

Join us at 7pm–9pm in Greenbank Church (Braid Room) on **Wednesday evenings** from 7th November. We'll have a coffee and chat about one of G.K. Chesterton's thought-provoking *Father Brown* detective stories. The story collection, *The Innocence of Father Brown*, is available from Waterstones, from www.amazon.co.uk, or from www.gutenberg.org (free) as an eBook. From this collection, on 7th November we'll discuss *The Blue Cross*, on 14th November *The Eye of Apollo*, and on 21st November *The Hammer of God*. *Contact Steve Chaffee for more information.*

Advent Home Groups

from 3rd December

In weeks beginning 3rd, 10th & 17th December.

During the Season of Advent we'll be offering the chance to join a number of small groups meeting in homes across the parish and hosted by members of the congregation. These relaxed groups will focus on the compelling and accessible book, *The First Christmas*, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. It explores the Christmas story in all its rich layers – not just shepherds and angels, but a lot more besides!

During the weeks of Advent, there will be groups on **Monday to Thursday evenings**, and a daytime group at the church on **Wednesday afternoon at 2pm**.

Details will be on the Greenbank website in the Autumn.

Exploring Faith, Baptism and Confirmation

Spring 2019

Sunday evenings in the Spring

In the Spring we'll begin a series of evenings designed to allow you to explore faith towards making a commitment to Christ. If you've never been baptised, then this could be the outcome of the programme. If you've been baptised before, then Confirmation or Profession of Faith would be the next public step. These evenings will explore the big questions of faith, some of the key ways in which the Church has come to respond to them over the centuries, and what it all means for us today.

Details will be on the Greenbank website in 2019.

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faith & health

AUTUMN LECTURE SERIES 2018

Join us for our annual lecture series organised by Edinburgh Greenbank and Morningside Parish Churches, with the support of the University of Edinburgh.



2 SEPTEMBER

Faith and Health in Global Perspective

Professor Liz Grant,
Director of the Global Health Academy



16 SEPTEMBER

Reflections on over 40 years in Psychiatry

Professor Eve Johnstone CBE,
Professor of Psychiatry



9 SEPTEMBER

Living and Dying Well

Professor Scott Murray,
St Columba's Chair of Primary Palliative Care



23 SEPTEMBER

Mind over Matter? Religious Practice and the Pursuit of Health

Dr Sarah Lane Ritchie,
Lecturer, Theology & Science

Sundays 7.00pm, Morningside Parish Church

on the corner of Cluny Gardens & Braid Road. Refreshments served from 6.30pm.