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The Friendship Club took a Seagull Trust canal cruise

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Minister's Letter



Wind and Fire

This year Pentecost, the birth of the Christian Church, falls on the last Sunday of May. As a child with an active imagination, the story of the first Pentecost fascinated me. What must it have looked like, those tongues of fire drifting down from heaven and hovering over the heads of all those Jesus followers gathered in Jerusalem. What colour were the flames? Did their hair get slightly singed? The story of the first Pentecost still intrigues me.

It was a Pentecost morning, eight years ago, I felt the call to the ordained full-time ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Church of Scotland. I am sometimes asked what it is like – to be Called by God. My experience was that in musing over my future, my husband asked, “Why don’t you become a minister in the Church of

Scotland?" And I said, YES, before I could even think about it. I was so stunned I asked my husband to stay home with our toddler son so I could sit on my own in church in quiet contemplation. I had thought about ministry for over a decade, and there were plenty of good reasons not to go down that path. However, that morning everything had somehow changed in an instant and I understood the way forward. I wonder if this is what those on the first Pentecost experienced.

Like the first generation of Christ followers, I had been amazed and astonished how understanding had settled on me in an instant. Before Jesus died, he told them he would send an Advocate, sometimes translated as Comforter. In the Pentecost story, Jan Richardson points



out "we see this Comforter coming as wind, as flame, reminding us that comfort is not always comfortable, for it makes itself known in community, where we find the most searing challenges – and the deepest blessings – we will ever know".

This is certainly a season of searing challenges for the Church of Scotland. It seems to be a global phenomenon; searing challenges are rife all over the world. Pentecost is a reminder to Christians that we are called to step into the searing challenges of the world working to bring justice to all while proclaiming the good news of God's love, the deepest blessing we will ever know.

Julia A Cato

Greenbank Forest Church



10th June

2-4pm



Meet in the Church

All fun and activities will be outdoors in the
Hermitage - dress for the weather

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

All welcome!

Tribute to Douglas Allan who died on 21st April 2023

One of our former Session Clerks and long-time choir member, Douglas Allan, died on 21st April. A thanksgiving service for Douglas took place at Greenbank on 12th May. The following tribute was paid to Douglas at the Kirk Session meeting on 2nd May:-

“Douglas retired from the Kirk Session in November 2016. Later, he took on the role of Church Archivist and continued in that role until failing health caused him to step down.

Douglas was admitted to the eldership in Greenbank in 1980, having been ordained in New Kilpatrick Church Bearsden in 1978. He was a committed District Elder and served on several Committees and on the Congregational Board.

He was Session Clerk from 1985 to 1995. He took over the role early in the ministry of the Rev Ian Scott and provided whole-hearted support to Ian in the following busy decade. Douglas had previously served as Clerk to the Vacancy Committee as it was then called, so had only a short breather before becoming Clerk. He carried out these demanding and time consuming roles in the middle of a very challenging career in the Scottish judicial system as the Regional Procurator



Fiscal for the Lothians and then as a Sheriff, first at Lanark and later at Edinburgh. He played a key role in the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association for many years until 2022. Douglas has also served the national Church as Chair of the Judicial Commission and member of the Board of Practice and Procedure.”

Douglas devoted a great deal of time and effort to the Scout Movement. Appreciation of his service was expressed at the Thanksgiving Service.

Valerie Macniven
Session Clerk

Special Meeting of Elders held on 14th May

Over forty elders along with our Interim Moderator, the Rev Dorothy Anderson and our Associate Minister, the Rev Julia Cato, met on the afternoon of Sunday 14th May at Greenbank. The aim of the meeting was to give elders time together away from the normal business of the Kirk Session for an open discussion about options for Greenbank that would help deliver the expectations of the Presbytery for our part of the Presbytery Mission Plan for Edinburgh and West Lothian. The plan was finally agreed on 25th April. It states that Greenbank, Fairmilehead, Morningside and St John's Colinton Mains churches must work together during the next year to agree a form of collaboration that will integrate the four churches in some way and be served by three Ministers and locally recruited staff.

The afternoon was well spent. Although we did not come up with a single set of ideas, elders got a better understanding of the options and a chance to say which they either favoured or disliked. There was a strong feeling that the church at Greenbank must remain open for worship; that we needed to secure stable long term ministry for Greenbank; and that we should

get to know the other churches in our grouping better to help us reach decisions about the best option for future collaboration with them.

Representatives of the four churches have started meeting to work on the challenges of the Mission Plan. We are exchanging information about our mission priorities and planned activities. You can expect to see more information about opportunities to take part in events at the other churches and how we might start to share worship with them sometimes.

There will be regular updates for the congregation in *Connections* but if you want to find out more you should speak to your District Elder.

Valerie Macniven



Dorothy Anderson, Interim Moderator

Coronation Reflections



As Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland, I was honoured to participate in two recent events at Westminster Abbey. These contrasted in scope and length. The arrival of the Stone of Destiny was marked by a small gathering early on a Saturday evening in late April. Representatives of the Scottish and Westminster governments attended a short service which I conducted with the Dean of Westminster and the Lord Lyon. Music was provided by the Robin Chapel Choir from Edinburgh. The Stone and the Coronation Chair represent centuries of Scottish and British history, not all of it peaceful.

But, in the tranquility of the nave with the choristers' voices echoing through the empty Abbey, a sense of friendship and shared purpose at this temporary return of the Stone for the Coronation of Charles III was palpable. Together with the choir, I then participated the following day in an uplifting service for our two London congregations at Crown Court Church.

The Coronation, one week later, was an event on an entirely different scale, a full dress rehearsal having been held two days previously. From early in the morning, the London streets were crowded

near the Abbey. Many of the visitors had arrived from overseas, their enthusiasm undiminished by the steady drizzle. My abiding impressions are of the colour, tradition, and uplifting music of the occasion. There were four coronation services from 1902–1953, and it's easy to forget that this was the first in seventy years. With almost no previous first-hand experience or collective memory, the organizers worked to combine ancient



traditions with the changed complexion of UK society. From my perspective, they succeeded admirably, though doubtless further changes will be introduced at the crowning of the next monarch. Together with the Moderator of the General Assembly, I represented the Church of Scotland. My own role involved participation in the King's procession alongside representatives from the Chapels Royal in England, including the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullaly, who serves as Dean. Seated beside the pulpit, I was fortunate to have a close view of proceedings.

Later this summer, the King and Queen will attend a national service of thanksgiving at St Giles at which they will be presented with the Honours of Scotland, including the crown. Whereas in 1953 the Stone of Destiny remained in Westminster, on this occasion it will be back in Edinburgh. We look forward to this further event which will include many distinctively Scottish elements. And let's hope for better weather.

David Fergusson



Coronation Lunch

Members, neighbours and friends who attended the community lunch on Coronation Sunday report an enjoyable experience. Around 73 people sat down to enjoy burgers and salad and a groaning dessert table handsomely stocked by our army of volunteer bakers.

The Centenary Hall proved an ideal venue, with the animated buzz of conversation continuing for over two hours.

It goes without saying that thanks are due to all the helpers, tackling the set up beforehand on Saturday, cooking and serving on Sunday, and staying the course to the big clean up at the end!



The Scouts did the BBQ finishing and played a part in serving food and other tasks, while more than 15 other individuals put their shoulders to the wheel.

It reminds us that we can all serve, even in small ways. Sometimes playing an active part in church activities is unfamiliar and, as an organizer, I find that I have a tendency to approach those who have helped in the past, perhaps to the exclusion of new faces.

As we try and build up the social agenda again after Covid, please give a thought to stepping forward



to contribute, even on an occasional basis. If you would be willing to be on a standing list of helpers who could be called upon from time to time, please contact me on

Coronation Big Help Out

Greenbank Church got together with local churches and people, and the Friends of Braidburn Valley Park, to volunteer for the Coronation Big Help Out. Braving the rain, we removed invasive plants, weeded Dianne's Garden and tidied up the entrance to the park.

Karen Young



Greenbank Stained Glass

The War Memorial Window

William Wilson 1950

This window is placed between the Main Door of the Church and the entrance to the Sanctuary, and as the congregation come in to worship the figures in the two panels are moving in the same direction as if they too are coming in. An impression made more striking by the window being close to those entering and at a low level, unlike all the other windows. The theme of the window is taken from the Te Deum: "TO THEE ALL ANGELS CRY ALOUD THE NOBLE ARMY OF MARTYRS PRAISE THEE"

In the first panel the angels are praising God, one is playing a harp, they have stars at their feet and flames on their foreheads. The second panel shows the Apostles and Martyrs, St Andrew with the Saltire Cross, St Peter with the Key, St Paul carrying the sword with which it was believed that he was beheaded and, kneeling, St Stephen, the first Martyr. Above them is the Crown of Victory. As the congregation enters the Church the window is a constant reminder of the sacrifices made in the two Wars.

Wilson's skill in creating expressive faces is evident with the contrast between the joyful innocent faces of the angels and those of the mar-

tyrs, worn, weary and suffering producing a very striking effect.

Below the window there is a framed inscription with the names of the fallen; three in the First World War and six in the Second. Captain Charles Inglis Clark who died in the First World War is also commemorated in the Revelation Window in the Church.

Edith Armit

The Men on the War Memorial

The Roll of Honour in the centre of the War Memorial window commemorates three men who died in World War One and six in World War Two.

Sydney Huddleston was a 27-year-old Lieutenant serving in the Black Watch when he was killed in action in January 1915 repulsing a German attack at La Bassée, France. Born at Kendal in Westmoreland, the son of a maltster, he came to Edinburgh to study medicine. His usual address at the time of his death was 6 Greenbank Terrace. John Kirkwood was a 61-year-old Captain in the Royal Scots who died in December 1916 in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum at Craighouse, of exhaustion following acute mania. Married in 1878, he and his wife had four daughters. Before the War, he had worked as a watch-

maker and jeweller and latterly as a commercial traveller. At the time of his death, the family lived at 25 Braid Crescent. Douglas Lindsay was the son of a grain merchant and joined the family business. In 1913, he married Edith Couper and the couple set up house at 25 Pentland Terrace. They had two children, born in 1914 and 1915. A

40-year-old Captain in the Royal Scots, he was killed in Gallipoli in May 1915. A fourth casualty of the First World War is also commemorated in the Church.

The Revelation Window in the Chancel (see February *Connections*) was given in memory of Captain

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Greenbank Pre School

Pre School has had another busy and enjoyable year in the Centenary Hall and the lower level outdoor spaces. This session children and their families enjoyed Harvest, Christmas and Easter celebrations in the church, with the children singing and the Rev Julia Cato reading stories and leading prayers. We are an Eco school and continue to fly our Eco flag.

Forest School sessions in the Hermitage have been a great success. Yoga, music and art are very popular. Our topics this term are: Summer, Pirates and My Garden – on 13th May staff, parents, children and extended families took part in the Big Dig to refurbish the outdoor spaces – everything looks ready for summer now!

Sports Day is planned for 14th June in the Braidburn Valley Park, and a graduation parade on 27th June with

the children wearing upcycled hats or costumes on the theme of Summer.

A few places are still available for children to start Pre School in August 2023 or during the autumn term. Further information and an application form are available on the website

www.greenbankpreschool.org

Applications are taken through the website once children have reached their second birthday.

Please contact the staff on 447 8068 if you require further information or would like to arrange to visit.

**Joan Ritchie
Chair, Management Committee**



Autumn Lectures 2023 – Dates for your diary

- Theme** – This way....Pilgrimage and Wellbeing
Where – Morningside Parish Church
When – Three Sunday evenings in September: 10th, 17th, 24th (tbc)

The aim is to explore ideas about how we can look after ourselves spiritually, physically, and mentally as we journey through life.

Anne Kinnear

Greenbank Scottish Country Dance Club

Do you know your pas de bas from your Highland Schottische? The difference between an allemande and a promenade? If so, we would love you to join us in the Centenary Hall on Wednesday evenings between 27th September and 22nd March, with a break for Christmas.

We walk through the dances under the expert eye of David

France, RSCDS teacher and enjoy a sociable evening dancing a mixture of reels, jigs and strathspeys.

The club is affiliated to the RSCDS. The membership fee for 2023-24 is £40 per term.

Joan Ritchie, Secretary



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Charles Inglis Clark who died of wounds in Mesopotamia in March 1918. He was a 29-year-old Captain in the 976th Motor Transport Company of the Army Service Corps at the time of his death. His name is not on the Roll of Honour because he was not himself a member of the congregation.

Turning to the Second World War, Captain Sandy Slater Brown, son of chartered accountant William Slater Brown of 71 Comiston Drive and his wife Agnes, was serving with the Royal Scots in Hong Kong when he was killed in December 1941 aged 20. Second Lieutenant Robert Brydon was the son of Robert and Mary Brydon of 47 Falcon Gardens. He was killed in Tunisia in March 1943 aged 21, serving with the Cameron Highlanders. Lance Bombardier Kenneth McAlpine was in the Royal Artillery and died in Burma in

March 1944, aged about 25. Captain Stanley Mackintosh was born in Inverness and was commissioned into the Indian Army, although he was attached to the Special Operations Executive in Burma when he was captured by the Japanese and worked as a PoW on the notorious Burma-Siam railway, before dying of typhoid in June 1945, aged 27. Sapper Herbert Watson was the son of Greenbank members Mr and Mrs Herbert Watson of 54 Morningside Drive. He was killed in February 1944, aged 26, at Casino in Italy, serving with the Royal Engineers. Cadet Stephen White, the son of Greenbank members Moncrieff and Elizabeth White of 29 Pentland Terrace, joined the Merchant Navy and died after his ship was torpedoed in August 1942, aged 16.

Duncan Macniven

Signals of Transcendence, Our Experiences of Nature: A Reflection

As we approach the time of the Summer Solstice I am reminded of an occasion some years ago when my son Allan and I decided to climb Lochnagar on a midsummer's eve to watch the sun rise. We climbed alone in darkness but when we reached the summit we discovered that about twenty other people had had the same idea. It was an exciting experience standing there as a group waiting and watching as the sun rose slowly above the mist. No doubt for some there it was a truly spiritual experience. In his book 'A Rumour of Angels: Modern Society and the Rediscovery of the Supernatural' the sociologist Peter Berger calls for a rediscovery of the supernatural as a crucial, rich dimension of humanity and notes that human experience of the natural world provides signs of a divine presence. He calls these 'signals of transcendence'.

In this connection we might remember that the Summer Solstice is a very important occasion for Pagans as they gather at places such as Stonehenge where it is believed that the 'spirit of the land' is felt most strongly. I recall how many years ago I, as one of the founder members of the Scottish Inter Faith Association, was asked to attend a Pagan 'service'. The Pagans had applied to be members of the Inter Faith Association and there were long discussions

as to whether they could qualify. I met with a group of Pagans (some fifteen or so) in a secluded glade in a wood somewhere in Glasgow. We stood in a wide circle and there were readings and times of meditation and we passed round bread and wine as symbols of Nature's gifts. It was a kind of 'Forest Church', a concept Greenbank Church is now exploring. As I left that meeting I remember thinking of the hymn of St Francis of Assisi which we still sing (147 in the Hymn Book): 'All creatures of our God and King lift up your voice and with us sing.. swift rushing wind, so wild and strong.. high clouds that sail in heaven along ... cool flowing water, pure and clear ... dear mother earth, who day by day unfold's God's blessing on our way, O praise him..let all things their Creator bless'. Surely this would almost qualify as being a Pagan hymn! Of course Paganism goes back thousands of years and contemporary Pagan religion, as one of what we call 'New Age Religions', takes many forms just as Christianity has many forms. A brief description of Paganism today might be: Pagans believe that nature is sacred and that the natural cycles of birth, growth and death observed in the world around us carry profoundly spiritual meanings, human beings are seen as part of nature along with all living things (including mountains

and seas). Surely this reflects very closely our concerns for the environment and the natural world around us. The theologian Paul Tillich once wrote: "In every religion the experience of the holy is mediated by some piece of finite reality. Everything can become a medium of revelation, a bearer of divine power. 'Everything' not only includes all things in nature and culture, in soul and history; Through stars and stones, trees and animals, growth and catastrophe... through time and space, being and non-being, ideals and virtues, the holy can encounter us. Everything that is, really or ideally, has become a medium of the divine mystery sometimes in the course of the history of religion. But, in the moment in which something took on this role, it also received a personal face. There is no type of religion which does not personify the holy which is encountered by man in his religious experience." (Paul Tillich, "Biblical Religion and the Search for Ultimate Reality")

Those interested in following this up at a deeper level might read 'Nature Religion Today - Paganism in the Modern World', Edited by Joanne Pearson and others, Edinburgh University Press, 1998.

You also might like to Google 'Findhorn Community', another New Age experiment. This settlement was founded about 1962.

John Stevenson



Many thanks to all who prepared bags and boxes for **Fresh Start** after the recent Scout Jumble Sale. These items are now with **Fresh Start** who were very happy to receive them, so thank you on their behalf.

Fresh Start is an Edinburgh based charity helping people who have been homeless to get established in their new home.

If you have any small electrical items, kitchenware or household items in good condition which you think may be of use, then please consider donating them to **Fresh Start**.

Items can either be taken directly to **Fresh Start** on Ferry Road Drive (see website details below) or contact me to arrange a convenient time for collection or to drop off items locally.

Further information on **Fresh Start** and items suitable for donation can be found at:

www.freshstartweb.org.uk

Eileen MacKinnon



Christian Aid Week 2023

Christian Aid Book Sale

The Holy Corner Book Sale took place over the weekend of the 13th and 14th May, at the start of Christian Aid week.



This photo was taken just before we opened.

We had a very successful sale which made approximately £6,500 which was £570 more than last year. (There may still be some money to come in from late sales.)

I was lucky to have help from some cheerful and enthusiastic Greenbank volunteers. Along with a team from other neighbouring churches, we work from January onwards, receiving donations, sorting and pricing them.

We are always happy to have more volunteers so, if you think you

might be interested for next year, please just get in touch.

Of course, many of you also helped by donating books or coming along to buy them.

Several of you clearly did both. It was lovely to see some of you there.

Thank you for supporting the event

Hazel Mclachlan
Holy Corner Book Sale Committee
holycornerbooksale.wordpress.com

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

We have actually raised over £1,100, helped by a few donations.

The breakdown is as follows:

Tickets/Door £460;

Tombola £62;

Books £61;

Plants £114.50 plus £186.75 after church on Sunday;

Baking/Jam £132.10;

Gift Aided envelope donations £165;

Coin donations £2.60.

This made a profit of over **£1,100**.

Thank you again for your enthusiasm and support in this and thank you to Morningside Church for use of the premises.

Fiona Watt

My thanks must also go to those who donated plants.

Alison Murison
Eco-Group

Friendship Club

On 10th May in the rain, twenty-two intrepid members embarked on the two Seagull Trust barges for a memorable cruise to the Almond aqueduct with spectacular views down to the river below. Thanks are due here to our expert skippers and crews. Between the showers the sun shone on the glistening water and spring green foliage and the spirits lifted. A flotilla of canoeists paddled furiously out of our way and walkers and cyclists on the towpath waved as they passed. There was much laughter and chatter, many photos were taken and on the return journey a splendid afternoon tea was enjoyed. Near the Bridge Inn was a swans' nest parent birds preening and the five cygnets nestling beneath. What a

joy to be so close. A very pleasant way to spend an afternoon and to round off this session.

Now we look forward to our Summer Coffee Mornings starting on 14th June and followed by one on 12th July, 16th August and 16th September, all at 10.30am in the Hermitage Room – why not bring a friend?

Val Smart



photos: Margo Fraser

Guild

We are looking forward to our Summer Coffee Mornings again. These will be on **Tuesdays 6th June, 4th July, 1st August and 5th September at 10.30am** in the Main Hall. As usual there will be an array of home baking, scones, cakes, and various titbits. This year the Guild have been raising funds for Home for Good, a church-based charity working to encourage and support fostering and adoption, the aim being that



every child in Scotland who needs it should have a settled home for good.

The Coffee Mornings are free to enter, but we ask that, if you can, you make a donation to this worthwhile charity. There will be information about the work available to look at. Meet old friends, maybe make new ones, chat, enjoy the cakes and help a worthy cause – **See You There.**

Edith Armit

An Update on An Open Hand

We have now delivered birthday presents and family bags across Edinburgh to 70 birthday children and given a book and family bag to 118 siblings. Each of these gifts and bags are individually prepared and gifts are bought and packed specifically according to what each parent would like to give their child, and the interests they have. This takes time and thought, but it is so important the parent has pleasure giving the gifts to their child, knowing they will love them, and that the child receives something from their parent that they will cherish.

Below are a few feedback comments we have had from parents and carers over the last month or so:

Hi, was delighted with his cars and he has still to go to JD Sports to choose a tracksuit. Thank you so much. His sister says thank you for the books. She has been reading them already. Much appreciated gifts for children who loved them.

Thank you for ...'s gifts. He loves them. Thanks again for your help and support. I really appreciate what you have done for me. It was really nice talking to yourself and the lady that was with you. It was really nice to have someone to talk to. Thanks again.

Yessss I was very happy with the presents and absolutely love the

aeroplanes. It was more than helpful as every little helps. It definitely made a big difference.

Yes, the gifts were awesome. loves them. It gave me some peace of mind he was able to get that gift and also something that he really wanted. It was great to see his face and that's awesome from you and your team. Great work all round. Thank you so much.

Thank you very much for... 's present. He loved it and as he didn't get a lot that day your presents were so great. I believe your organisation does give a lot to children in need like us. God bless you and the staff of your organisations. Thanks.

We have made more connections across the city and are now open to applications from 15 organisations. We are thankful to all of these for taking the time to consider the birthdays of the children they work with, and to apply for them. It takes extra time in the day to complete the form, but we hope the benefit to the family greatly makes up for this. If you know of an organisation in the city you feel is in touch with families who may benefit from this project, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Toys Galore Morningside and The Edinburgh Bookshop also continue

to support us greatly with significant discounts which make our funds go so much further. This is hugely appreciated. They have backed us from the start and this support from local businesses is fabulous.

Our regular volunteers still meet weekly and have now taken on more roles, organising individual birthdays, phoning parents / carers and buying and delivering the presents. We recently put out an appeal to Greenbank Church for extra volunteers to help with deliveries and were met with a wonderfully encouraging response. We now have a great team of volunteers who can step in!

We continue to be thankful for your continued prayer for An Open Hand. Please pray for ongoing financial provision, applications, connections being made across Edinburgh to reach more families, and for our volunteers. Also, for all across Edinburgh who face hardship in whatever form that takes on a daily basis.

Many thanks again for your ongoing support.



Katie Bogie

Walter Crosby at 100!

Walter celebrated his 100th birthday with a splendid afternoon tea for many friends. All three of his grandchildren had flown in from America, and his son, daughter and daughter-in-law played an original arrangement of Happy Birthday.



Anne Morham, 102, wrote and read a poem for her chum Bing (Walter), 100.



Spreading the Gospel Message

It is estimated that over 200 million people cannot access Scripture in their own tongue with almost 2,000 language groups in the world not having a single verse of the Bible in their language.

Attempting to address this gap is the Wycliffe Bible Translators with the stated aim to translate the Bible into all languages that do not yet have the Bible. The typical Wycliffe Bible translator goes to a community to first learn the local language, create a written form of it if it doesn't exist, and then translate the Bible into it. Working alongside local universities their work has also done much to preserve minority languages while strengthening the linguistic departments of the universities.

Within our neighbourhood, in Oxgangs, is an office of the Scripture Union which works in partnership with individuals and churches across the world with the aim to use the Bible to inspire children, young people and adults to know God.

Scripture Union works in over 120 countries across the world, working out its common aims in ways that are appropriate to the needs and culture in each country. In Scotland, much of the work takes place in schools. Through contributions to the Religious and Moral

Education curriculum, SU provides opportunities for young people to discover the Bible for the first time through Bible Alive, which provides an overview of the story of the Bible, as well as through Christmas and Easter lessons.

There are also SU Groups in several schools, which allow young people to explore the Bible further, and in addition to work in schools there are camps, holiday clubs and other events.

Each year, SU Scotland has an international project, fundraising for SU in another country and allowing the young people to learn more about SU's international work. This summer the SU Scotland gap year team will be going on a trip to work with SU in Hungary. Teams from SU Scotland have also gone to work with SU Rwanda on a regular basis.

Alex Morrow
World Church Group



A Scripture Union group in a Scottish school

Easter Afternoon Service

On Sunday 16th April we had our Easter Afternoon Service. This service is part of our ongoing commitment to be a Dementia Friendly Congregation. The Rev John Stevenson led us in worship for this Dementia Friendly service which included Communion. John helped us think about nature, our own gardens and our struggles while reflecting on the resurrection and how we might recognise Jesus in our daily lives.

We had traditional hymns such as All Things Bright and Beautiful and a great musical treat with Olivia Massimo singing the Easter Song from Cavalleria Rusticana.

Afterwards we all had a time of fellowship in the hall with tea and cake while Louise Coghill played the piano.

Thanks to all who contributed their time to help make the service pos-

sible. The service is available on the Greenbank Church website.

Our next is on Sunday 30th July at 3pm. All are welcome and local transport can be provided.

If you would like to help out with door duty, coffee duty or providing home baking please contact:

Mary Hadden

or Jan Corbett

Dementia Awareness week this year is Monday 29th May -4th June and there is lots of information on the Alzheimer Scotland website:

<https://www.alzscot.org/DAW23>

Mary Hadden



Flower Rota

provided by

delivered by

June

4 Ina Weir	Katie Bogie
11 Winton Family	Sheila Ferguson Smith
18 Robin Searl	Janet Walker
25 Katy Maguire	Alison Murison

July

2 Joshua Munyao	Margaret Mack
9 Kathleen Patrick	Moirra Davidson
16 Roger and Diana Bland	Cathie Maclennan
23 Land Family	Frances Wallace
30 Moira Davidson	Kay Ellis

August

6 Michael Struthers	Ishbel Clark
13 Diana Teasdale	Rosemary Collier
20 Winton Family	Sheena Marshall
27 Gillian Sweetman	Pam Adair

Sept

3 Vivien Hutchison	Hayley Ferguson
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Coffee Rota

June

4 Communion, no coffee
11 Vivien Hutchison, D71
18 Gillie Davidson, SLA
25 Alison and John Murison, D60 & 62

July

9 David Jack, D72
16 Anne Kinnear, D9
23 Hazel Macaulay, D8
30 Helen & Phil Barnes, D42 & 49

August

6 Robin Nimmo, D8
13 Christina Morrow, D41
20 Janet Edwards, World Church Group
27 Caroline Kehoe, D70

September

3 Communion, no coffee

Welcome Teams

June

- 4 **Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Chris Horne, Robin Nimmo, Hazel Macaulay, Moira Small
- 11 **John Ritchie**, Susan Inch, Gillian Sweetman, Clare Campbell, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden
- 18 **Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson, Julia Dunbar, John Murison, Alison Murison, Rachel Cadell
- 25 **Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Isobel Thom, Charles Black

July

- 2 **Caroline Kehoe**, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Lyndsay Kennedy, Rosemary McLeod
- 9 **Ian Thomson**, Kathleen Patrick, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett Brown, Karen Young, Heather Kay
- 16 **Christina Morrow**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Susan Black, Nora Kellock, Margot Gillon
- 23 **Donald King**, Jan Corbett, Roderick Morrison, Jim Young, Elaine McRae, Jane Harkin
- 30 **Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Chris Horne, Robin Nimmo, Hazel Macaulay, Moira Small

August

- 6 **Rosemary McCulloch**, Moira Land, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Fiona Grant, Martin Struthers, Barbara Middleton
- 13 **John Ritchie**, Susan Inch, Gillian Sweetman, Clare Campbell, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden
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