

Leaflet



Greenbank Parish Church
Braidburn Terrace, EH10 6ES
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Pulpit Diary

Aug 31 Friday

7.30pm Pre-communion Service

Sept 2

9.00am Communion

10.30am Communion

Springboard and Spectrum meet
as usual

3.00pm Communion (Braid Room)

Sept 9

10.30am Morning Worship

Sept 16

10.30am Morning Worship

Sept 23

10.30am Morning Worship

Sept 30

10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving All Age
Worship

Oct 7

9.30am First Sunday Service led by Kirk
Session

10.30am Morning Worship

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Rev W. Peter Graham
tel: 0131 445 5763

To make contact with any of the organisations
described in this Leaflet, please use the
telephone number given, if there is one;
otherwise contact the Church Office.

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends

Yesterday saw the closing ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games. Over the last 16 days many names previously unknown have become household icons. There is however one name that is perhaps not so well known. That is the name of Guor Marial. Marial did not power his way to gold in the swimming pool, nor did he ride to victory at Greenwich. He did not mount the podium in the athletics stadium. Nor did he receive the acclaim of the velodrome. In fact Marial came 47th in the one event which he entered – the men's marathon. Yet his story can and should inspire and challenge us.

Like many of his competitors Marial spent much of his childhood running. But unlike them he was running for his life and for his freedom. Marial is a Dinka tribesman, a Christian. He was born just as Sudan was engulfed in civil war. That war left two million people dead and created four million refugees. The dead included eight of Marial's ten brothers and sisters. His village was attacked repeatedly by Sudanese soldiers. Its inhabitants were forced to flee into the bush where they hid until they thought it safe to return. When Marial was 9 his parents tried to send him to relatives in Khartoum but he ran out of money on the way and ended up serving the Sudanese army. The next year he was kidnapped by Arab herdsmen and forced to tend their goats. He escaped by running all day across the desert.

He finally reached his uncle's home in Khartoum but a few years later police broke in and Marial was on the run again – this time to Egypt where he was joined by his uncle. Finally the two made their way to America. Marial spoke no English but a teacher suggested he try out for the athletics team. At first he was reluctant. "I used to hate running. I was running back home to save my life". But he was persuaded. After winning local championships he was given an Athletics scholarship by Iowa State University. A year ago he entered his first marathon finishing within the Olympic qualifying time. His second marathon was in San Diego – only two months ago.

As a refugee Marial could not run for the United States in the Olympics. South Sudan, which won its independence in July 2011 is not yet a part of the Olympic movement. Sudan invited him to join their team but for Marial that would have been the equivalent of betraying his people. A lawyer took up his case and lobbied media, government officials, refugee organisations – anyone who would intercede



for him. And they did. Just days before the Olympics began the International Olympic Committee agreed that he could run as an independent athlete under their flag. The US and British authorities processed the necessary papers in record time. The IOC paid his ticket to London.

An Olympic medal for Marial was probably never a realistic prospect. He had none of the advantages of his competitors. He works nights in a home for mentally disabled

adults. Most of his training is along roads and trails. He has little by way of kit – not even a decent pair of running shoes. He had no time to focus and prepare for the Games. In the end he finished 11 minutes behind his fastest competitor. But for Marial it was neither the medal nor the time that was important. What was important for him was to finish the race, no matter what, because in his heart he was carrying not only all those who had supported him but his own people.

Marial's story reminded me of the story at the heart of our faith. In the Bible we read how important it was to Jesus to finish the race. Jesus' commitment is such that he carries the world on his heart all the way to the cross where he completes the race, and wins the victory not only for himself but for all. And he invites them to follow him along the course set for saints and sinners.

In the Bible too, in the letter to the Hebrews we find these words,

"Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and let us run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

At the beginning of a new session in our congregation's life, I would invite you all to join in the race of faith. Be inspired by the dedication and commitment Jesus Christ has shown for you. Be challenged by the invitation to run his race! Be encouraged by the support and example of others who are willing us on or who have run the race before us. And start inspiring others!

With best wishes

Alison I Swindells
Minister

The Country Dance Club

Come and join us on Wednesday evenings for an enjoyable session of Scottish Country Dancing in the Centenary Hall, 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Some basic knowledge of Country Dance steps is necessary but with the help of our leader we walk through the dances in advance.

There's time for a chat over a cuppa and a chance to meet new friends.

Our first meeting is on Wednesday 26th September 2012.

For more information please contact:

Muriel McLardy
or **Doris Laing**

Friendship Club

Are you a senior citizen and do you live in the Greenbank area? Then the Friendship Club is for you so do come and join us. We meet on alternate Wednesdays at 2.30 pm in the Lower Hall where we are entertained by speakers offering a wide range of subjects - often illustrated, sometimes amusing or serious, but always interesting. We close with chat over tea and biscuits, an opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones. There is an interesting themed musical afternoon each month and the annual highlights of our Christmas Party in December and the Summer Outing in May.

Our new session begins on Wednesday October 3rd when we will hear about "The man who put Scot into Scotland".

Present members are encouraged to bring any interested friends and we look forward to welcoming you all then. The subscription remains at £10 and includes refreshments. If you want any further information please contact:

Margo Fraser
or **Val Smart**

Autumn Lecture Series "Faith And...."

Run jointly with Morningside Parish Church with the assistance of Edinburgh University School of Divinity at Morningside Parish Church on Sundays at 7.00pm.

(The evening will commence with refreshments at 6.30pm.)

September

2nd: Alison Elliot – Faith and the City

9th: Ewan Brown – Faith and Politics

16th: Charles Munn – Faith and Money

23rd: David Fergusson – Faith and the Scottish Identity

30th: Jolyon Mitchell – Faith and the Theatre

These series have proved popular in the past and we look forward to welcoming you to this new series.

Church Choir

The Greenbank Church Choir has received many compliments in recent times - which is most gratifying for the choir members.

However, what gives us the greatest satisfaction and pleasure is to rehearse and then perform to the best of our ability a wide range of music for the congregation, principally during worship.

The choir is a real fellowship and, alongside the work, we have a great deal of fun together. We are led by Alan Irvine, our Organist and Choirmaster, who, with infectious enthusiasm and humour, guides us skilfully in an improved and extended repertoire.

The choir is always looking to welcome new members of all ages. All you need is to have a reasonable singing voice, a love of music and a willingness to attend church reasonably regularly. It helps if you can read music but it is not essential.

Choir practices are on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:15pm and will begin for the new season on Thursday, 20th September 2012.

Please do think about joining - you can be sure of a warm welcome. Why not have a word with Alan before or after a Sunday service

Douglas Allan (one of the basses)

Guides

Wednesday Guides (162A Unit)

As we started the year a number of our older Guides moved on to Rangers, and we

welcomed a large number of new Guides. In autumn, we took part in Zumba, completed a Hobbies badge, held a chocolate night and the Puffin Patrol organised a marvellous and messy Halloween party. In the run up to Christmas we went to the Gang Show and sang carols at the Astley Ainslie with the Thursday Guides. In winter, we had an art attack, went ice-skating, celebrated Chinese New Year, held a book night, and some of our Guides starred in a video on the theme of respect as part of Thinking Day.

We had a bumper summer, which started off with our new Guides making their promise in Braidburn Park after an epic game of Capture the Flag. We went wild for the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics, holding a jubilee tea party and seeing a massive beacon be lit at Trefoil, watching the Olympic torch go past and holding sports-themed evenings. We had an excellent 'Candy Land' Camp at Trefoil, went to the Tartan Gig in Glasgow and had an enthusiastic demonstration of Korean martial art Kook Sool Won, organised by our young leaders.

Gwen Wilkie, Assistant Guider

Thursday Guides (162nd Unit)

We have had another very busy year with trips to the Gang Show, Winter Wonderland in Princes Street Gardens, Ratho climbing centre and sailing at Longcraig South Queensferry. In between all that the Guides have had games, crafts, baking and badges in the hall, a first aid evening and a couple of parties. Six girls also spent a night at the Scout camp in May, a new experience for both groups. A further patrol camped at Trefoil with Braid Division during a beautiful hot weekend (yes, there was one!) in May.

Guides from both units attended Girlguiding's Big Gig pop concert in London in October and the Scottish equivalent, the Tartan Gig, in June. We also joined the rest of our District for a Diamond Jubilee tea party at the end of term to which a number of members of the congregation were invited.

We will be short of leaders at the start of the new Session and would be very keen to hear from adult volunteers with a sense of fun, who would like to join the largest voluntary organisation for girls and wom-

en in the UK. There is a structured training and development programme, a huge number of opportunities, and it looks very good on your CV!

We operate a joint waiting list for both units – if you would like more information about joining as a Guide or a leader, please contact me.

Fiona Watt, Guide Leader and District Commissioner
(fiona.watt@blueyonder.co.uk)

Brownies

One of the highlights from this year for the Wednesday Brownies was a weekend away at PGL Dalguise, thanks to a successful funding application to Cashback for Communities. During the course of the weekend, the girls got to experience lots of different challenges – from team working during the problem solving activity session to physical challenges during the tree climbing session... and that's not mentioning the challenges of getting clean again after the (very) muddy assault course!

We also held a community engagement evening when we returned from camp which gave us the chance to share our experiences with members of the local community, including members of the church, and allowed the girls to gain their Speaker, Writer or Communicator badge.

Some of the other exciting things we did this year are; celebrated the Girl Scouts' centenary by learning about Guiding in America and other countries across the world, welcomed in the Chinese New Year, took part in a special Thinking Day Sleepover at Fairmilehead Church, attended a large beacon event as well as performing at a Tea Party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, learnt the basics of cricket from a local CricketScotland coach and lined the street (with a homemade banner) to celebrate the Olympic Torch passing through Edinburgh. Finally, in May, we had a fantastic trip to the beach at North Berwick with over 100 Brownies from across Braid Division. We've certainly been busy!

We are sad to say goodbye to our two Duke of Edinburgh Young Leaders who will be moving away to university after the summer, but are always on the lookout for

new volunteers so please get in touch if you are interested.

**Jenna Beaumont
& Heather Anderson**

In the Thursday Brownies - 162B Brownies, we spend most of our time playing games, doing crafts and learning through badge work. This year we covered the World Guiding Badge, Stargazer, Agility, Hobbies and Wildlife Explorer and some girls joined in the District "Bag-a-Badge day" one Saturday morning and bagged Communicator and Toymaker as well. We had trips to the Observatory, Ice Rink, Panto and Ten Pin Bowling and I'd like to thank Fiona Watt for her help with the division trip to North Berwick beach and Helen Barnes for volunteering to "sleepover" at the Thinking Day event at Fairmilehead Church. Also many thanks to Lisa, Alicia, Sue, Laura and Lucy for their



support every week.

I keep the waiting list for both Brownie packs and we are still extremely busy, so if you are not coming up from Rainbows, please contact me as soon as your daughter turns 5 for the best chance to secure a place.

Moira Clink
moiraclink@gmail.com

Rainbows

Rainbows are the youngest members of the Girlguiding movement and are for girls between 5 and 7 years. We meet on Thursdays between 6.30 and 7.30 in the Centenary Hall at Greenbank Parish Church.

We follow the Rainbow Roundabout programme and this involves lots of games, crafts, stories, singing and other exciting things to do. The Rainbows are encouraged, with support, to make their own decisions and to learn and develop new skills. This is all done in an atmosphere of fun and friendship, always keeping in mind

our Rainbow promise and close links to the other members of our Girlguiding family.

This was another busy year with celebrations for both the Rainbows 25th birthday and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Rainbows took part in a variety of special activities including making decorations for, and singing at, the Queen's Jubilee tea party at the church. In February the Rainbows also took part in their first Division sleepover and fun-night at Fairmilehead Church, which was very exciting, and lots of fun.

The waiting list for Rainbows is very long and we can take names for the list from age 4. If you are interested please put your daughter's name down around this time.

If you would like to know any more about Rainbows please contact:

Christina Milne
Frances Wallace

Gold Medals----- SLA!

Gold medals hard fought for and well deserved have been the exciting news this summer.

Often there are unsung 'medallists' like the once destitute children in SLA's Homecum-School in India.

This summer all the 16 year old children passed their all important 10th grade exams, 24 out of 28 of them with an 85% pass or more and one boy, Shanumukharao, who has been in our Home since he was 5, has become the second top student out of all the 10th graders within 60 schools in the Tuni area of Andhra Pradesh. He has done so brilliantly that he has won a



scholarship to a private, highly reputed intermediate college for his final 2 years of schooling.

We in SLA are immensely proud of Shanumukharao and his fellow pupils. Despite all odds, through sheer hard work and determination they have succeeded in attaining a high level of education and for this we sing their praises! Many of them have no relative to do this for them and tell them 'well done, we are proud of you'.

We would like to say a very big thank you to all of you in Greenbank Church who continue to support the work of SLA and for your interest and loving concern. You are actively enabling us to maintain this challenging and important work with children who have suffered much tragedy and hardship.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, 4th November at SLA's fireworks Extravaganza. What a sparkling way to celebrate the success of these resilient and beautiful children.

Thank you all.

Gillie Davidson

sla-india.org



Women at Greenbank

WAGs have had another successful year. We kicked off with our popular wine tasting evening, as all the girls love the chance to catch up after the holidays!

Of the charities nominated by the girls this year, we chose to support four local charities; Richmond's Hope, Sunflower House, Garvald and Streetworks.

We had inspiring speakers from two of these charities mixed in with our ever changing programme, from Christmas Shopping to a Quiz night, Mixology to an Anneka Rice style treasure hunt all around Morningside! We also had time to find out more about Chocolate, books and cooking!

Our Coffee Morning on Mother's Day and our Swish in June raised the fantastic sum of £3802.68 which will be shared between our 4 charities.

We also held a successful 6 week course called 'Let's talk about', where we thought and talked about God, Jesus and the Church, among other things. We were led by our Minister Alison and all learned a lot from it.

Our first event of the year is a Wine tasting on Thursday 6th September, we'd love to welcome you to it.

Finally, £5 tickets will be available from the Church Office for our World Vision's Girls' Night Out which will be held at the Church on Thursday 4th October at 7.30pm. We are hosting this event which is being advertised throughout Edinburgh. Hope to see you there.

www.worldvision.org.uk/girlsnightout

[Find us on Facebook](#)

Greenbank Pre School

Greenbank Pre School aims to provide a high standard of pre-school education, with the emphasis on play experience, for children aged 3 to 5. The success which it has in achieving this aim can be measured by the consistent popularity of the group with parents

over many years and the very high ratings awarded by the various Regulatory Bodies who inspect the group at appropriate intervals.

As a 'Partner Provider' of the City of Edinburgh Greenbank Pre School participates in the Scottish Government scheme that allows parents to access 'free' nursery education for all three and four year olds. The nursery is open to children of parents of all faiths or of none.

Led by a qualified teacher, a committed team of staff helps pre school age children to 'learn through play' and to develop their social skills by interacting with each other. During the academic year just past the group obtained a 'Green Flag' for the work on an ECO project designed to help the children understand the world in which we live. This was the first such award to a nursery in Edinburgh.

During the past year Mrs Kate Humphrey, who had been the teacher in charge for almost 12 years, left to assist her husband in his new career and we now welcome Mrs Fin Speedie to lead the group. Mrs Speedie has a background of ten years experience in pre school education in Dublin and Edinburgh and we look forward to her continuing to develop the work of the pre school. The nursery meets in the Centenary Hall of the church daily from Monday to Friday during school term times, with two separate sessions of 09.00 to 11.35 and 12.35 to 15.10. Each session caters for up to 30 children and as we go to press there are still vacancies for afternoon places.

For further information visit the website:

www.greenbankpreschool.org or contact Mrs Fin Speedie

New Garden for Morlich House

Morlich House in Churchhill is having a garden makeover. Do you have any plants; perennials, shrubs or rockery which you could donate? The garden is quite extensive and has areas of deep shade and full sun. The Friends Group are undertaking this task as the residents at Morlich enjoy their garden but it could be improved. If you think you can help please contact Anne Oxbrow at church or on 445 3195. Thank You.

Holiday Club

Being part of a team was the theme for this year's holiday club and we all had great fun learning about being part of God's Team. Before a single child had been enrolled the Greenbank team, including Alison Swindells and Bill Stone, had begun to plan and prepare for all the fun, games and craft activities. New people had joined it bringing fresh talents and ideas. As we got closer to our start date we were delighted to discover that old friends from previous holiday club teams were going to be back in Edinburgh and wanted to join us for the week, (after Helen had emailed them and suggested they might "want" to be there). Young people from Q11 and Springboard were there too and worked very hard to help set up the halls and get ready for our first day. By this time we had a fantastic team.

And then the children came, more than sixty of them, and the fun began, with every single child joining in, making friends and helping to make the club a happy success. We all enjoyed the songs, games and crafts but the highlight each day was the

drama "Ready, Steady Enders." Captain Ketchup turned up again too, with his challenges and bad jokes. Luckily as the week went on the children were able to take over the joke telling and they made Captain Ketchup laugh.

Ladies from the Guild came each day and served juice and biscuits to the children and much needed tea and coffee to the leaders. They were members of the team too as were the members of the Social Committee who provided us with a great barbecue on Sunday.

What a happy time we had! By the end of the week we were all tired but looking forward to our next event.



Greenbank Christmas Event December 1st 2012

Mark the date on your calendars!

Alison Reid

Greenbank Badminton Club

If you would enjoy a relaxed game of badminton and are a reasonably competent badminton player, why not come along to the Greenbank Badminton Club which meets in the main hall of Greenbank Church, Braidburn Terrace on Monday evenings at 7pm. For the more competitive players, the Club has teams in the local Heather league.

Further information can be obtained from the

President, Stuart Kerr

Christian Aid

The Morningside and Fairmilehead Churches Christian Aid Committee is Ecumenical consisting of representatives from Fairmilehead, Greenbank and Morningside Parish Churches, St Fillan's Episcopal Church and St Peter's RC Church. The Greenbank representatives are David Ferguson (Chairman of the Committee) Pamela Jack and John Mowat. The Committee wishes to thank all who helped raise £1795.00 in the Spring Fair and will be very grateful for your support in the following forthcoming events!

A Coffee Morning will be held in Morningside Parish Church Halls on Saturday 27th October 2012 from 10am until 12 noon. Stalls include Home Baking and Preserves, Books, Christmas Cards, Fair-trade and a Plant Stall with new varieties of Spring Bedding Primroses. Tickets from Committee members or pay at the door.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Society are kindly presenting a Selection of their popular Songs and Music in Morningside Parish Church on Friday 2nd November 2012 at 7.30pm. Tickets costing £7.00 (including refreshments) will be available from Greenbank Parish Church Office, from www.brownpapertickets.co.uk or pay at the door.

Reading Group

The Reading Group will begin again on Monday 3rd Sept in the Pentland Room from 8 p.m - 9.30 ish. We usually have a lively and interesting discussion followed by tea and a further chat...all welcome.

For more information contact any of the contributors or Hazel Vivien or Nora

3rd Sept 2012: **From the Holy Mountain** by William Dalrymple (isbn 0-00-654774-5) chosen by John Forrester

1st October 2012: **The Cone Gatherers** by Robin Jenkins (isbn 978-1-84195-98940) chosen by Doris Laing

29th October 2012: **When God spoke English – The Making of the King James Bible** by Adam Nicolson (isbn 978-0-00-743100-7) chosen by Gillian Sweetman

26th November 2012: **Peaches for Monsieur le Curé** by Joanne Harris (isbn 9781409044253) chosen by Alison Swindells

14th January 2013: **In the Midst of Life** by Jennifer Worth (isbn 9780297859598) chosen by Alison Swindells

25th February 2013: **An Open Heart – Practising Compassion in Everyday Life** by the Dalai Lama (isbn 0-340-79431-3) chosen by Clare Wilkinson

15th March 2013: **Fulfilling a Vision** by John Stevenson (isbn 13:978-1-61097-344-1) chosen by John Ritchie

House Group

There is a house group for people who are interested in education and the Christian nurture of young people. Though the group is called the "Teachers' Group" it warmly welcomes anyone who shares its belief in the importance of the contribution children and young people make to the worship and life of the Church, and sees them as an integral and vibrant part of the church community.

The programme covers a wide range of topics which are usually introduced by guest speakers from the congregation.

Meetings are lively, friendly and informal and are held every six weeks. If you want more information, please contact Jim Thomson

Monday Bible Study Group

This term the Group will be using a booklet from the World Council of Churches - **Springs of Living Water** - as a basis for a series of studies.

Each study is written by theologians from different countries. The theme is "God, in your grace, transform the world" and each study is biblically based and looks at the relationship to our lives and the witness of our church.

We will meet fortnightly on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm starting on 24th September. Meetings are in members' homes and if you would like more information please contact me.

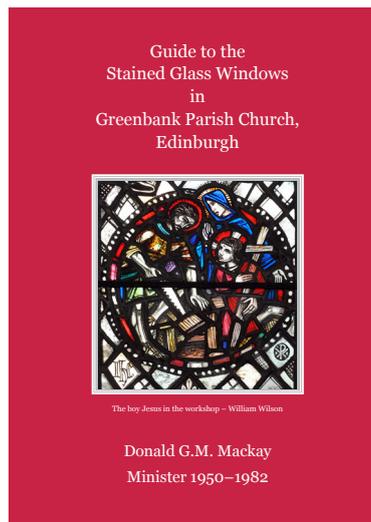
Gillian Sweetman

Guide to the Stained Glass Windows in Greenbank Parish Church

A booklet with this title was written by the Rev Donald Mackay and published in 1988.

A second edition of the booklet has just been published and will be on sale in the Main Hall after the 10.30am service each Sunday in September. This edition includes full colour photographs; it costs £5.

John Murison



Scouts

The Scout Troop is for boys from 10½ to 14 years old approx., and meets on Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.15pm. We have almost 50 boys at present, all anxious to continue our active training programme of games, activities both outdoor and indoor, camps, expeditions etc.

Due to regional changes within Edinburgh we are now 4th Braid.

We have had an interesting year with visits to the Museum of Flight, Ratho climbing centre, Longcraig sailing and kayaking and several camps heavily influenced by the weather, and some community service in Braidburn Park building and installing bee boxes. Our summer camp was near Newton Stewart and was surprisingly unaffected by the weather. We went mountain biking, sailing and learnt how to make ice cream.

The troop will be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2013 and we will be running a number of activities to mark this. Unfortunately we can only accept new entrants from our own Cub Scout Pack at present. We are also seeking some new leaders as we are losing a number of leaders to University or new careers. We can offer willing leaders plenty of guidance, training and support.

For information, please contact the Scout leader John Watt
email john.watt@blueyonder.co.uk

Beaver Colony

Beavers is a lively organisation for boys aged between 6 and 8 years. We meet on Tuesdays at Greenbank Parish Church from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. We enjoy having fun together playing games, making things, going out and about and working towards our Challenge and Activity Badges.

There is a waiting list for Beavers and names are taken from fifth birthdays.

Could you spare some of your time now? We are looking for adults to assist on a regular basis with the running and organisation of the Colony. No previous experience required - just enthusiasm and a sense of fun!

For more information, please contact greenbankbeavers@gmail.com

World Mission

The Greenbank World Mission Group has as its remit from the Kirk Session "to keep under review in the congregation the issues of World Mission". One of the ways we do this is through articles by members of the group in the Leaflet.

Mission Partner

George and Margaret Shand are our mission partners. George is minister of St Andrew's Scots Memorial Church in Jerusalem and you can read about his experiences in his blog (<http://george-shand.wordpress.com>).

One World Stall

Greenbank is a Fair Trade Church so we promote Fair Trade by using Fair Trade products and selling goods from the One World shop through the One World Stall. The next stall will be on 16th September.

John Ritchie

The Guild

Although it is still August as I write this, we are already looking forward to our new session of the Guild. Again we have a very interesting syllabus full of interest, fun and information. During the course of the session we shall be taking the early service in November, having a Christmas party in December and running our Fund raising event in February.

Our first meeting is on Tuesday 2nd October when John and Joan Ritchie and Gillian Sweetman are going to tell us about their interesting visit to Israel and the work that is being done to help the desperate problems of the Palestinians.

On Tuesday 16th the meeting is entitled "Life at Life and Work" when we shall hear about the publication of our Church maga-

zine and on Tuesday 30th we are going to Morningside Parish to meet with our neighbouring Guilds at 2.30 in the afternoon. As usual we are keen to welcome new members – we did have a few last year, and I am sure you will enjoy being part of a large group of friends.

We meet at 7.30 in the Braid Room unless previously notified.

Ann Pirie

Guild Work Party

We all admire the brave people who do daring deeds to aid others in difficult and dangerous situations, but you do not have to be heroic to help those in need who benefit from the efforts of the Work Party. As long as you have nimble fingers and enjoy knitting, you can help bring comfort to children in need as far away as Malawi, as well as here at home in Edinburgh.

Our meetings start on Thursday 27th September at 2.30 and take place fortnightly, when materials and patterns are available from which to choose to work on at home.

We also enjoy a time of fellowship when the world is put to rights over a cup of tea. If you enjoy knitting and are happy to meet other enthusiasts please join us and help to carry on the good work.

Bookstall

The Bookstall is now a quarterly event with the next date being Sunday 9th September in the main hall after the 10.30am service. We will have a display of books on a variety of religious topics and for all ages from the Cornerstone Bookshop for you to browse through and purchase if you wish. We also have copies of Fulfilling a Vision – The contribution of the Church of Scotland to School Education, 1772-1872 by Rev Dr John Stevenson, priced £10.50. If there are any titles you would like to see on the Bookstall, please contact us.

John and Joan Ritchie

The Open Door ***The Heart within Morningside***

30 Years Celebration

The Door first opened our community coffee shop on the 2nd February 1982, made possible only by the support of our churches and the many volunteers they provided. Since then we have grown but the friendship and care have remained the same.

The one thing that never changes is our continual struggle to maintain financial viability. The Scottish Government changes in service provision will affect us. We must change and adapt to continue in our mission of providing friendship and support to some of the most vulnerable people in our community. We ask for your continued support in volunteering so we can provide a safe and friendly environment for our services users

Support our fundraising events, become a 'Friend of The Open Door' - membership is £2 per month or an annual subscription of £24, if this can be Gift Aided even better, or join our 200 club,

Whatever you can do, even if it's popping in for coffee and a cake, it all makes a difference to someone.

Many Thanks

Sandra Dixon Manager

www.theopendoor-morningside.org.uk email:

theopendoor@morningside.org.uk Tel: 0131 447 9757

Sing in the City II Concert

Celebrating 30 years of the Open Door supporting the local community!

Saturday 22nd September 2012 Doors open 7.30 pm.

Concert 8 pm.

£8 full price, £6 concession and children

Greenbank Parish Church

Braidburn Terrace, Edinburgh, EH10 6ES

Tickets available from The Open Door

Midweek Prayer Group

The Midweek Prayer Group resumes on Wednesday 5 September in the Braid Room at the slightly earlier time of 12 noon.

This is an opportunity to meet together to pray for the world and the Church as well as our local community and parish. Requests for prayer can be made using the tree in the Church. For further information please contact the Minster.

World Vision

girls' night out

for children for change for good

Be Inspired with songs and stories from Carrie Grant

Be Entertained by comedienne Jo Enright

Be Treated with free goodies and delicious sweets

5th October 7.30 pm Greenbank Parish Church tickets £5 or £7 on the door

watch for the posters!

Help the Homeless

This group, as its name suggests, is set up to give help to some of the problems of the homeless in Edinburgh, which for many reasons remain significant. It helps in three main ways: Fresh-start gives help to the recently homeless who are moving into new accommodation. The basics required to move into unfurnished accommodation are supplied. Greenbank helps this effort by having regular collections of such things as crockery and bedding. Keep an eye on the Leaflet for details. Greenbank also helps staff Edinburgh's night shelter which is run by Bethany over the winter months. This provides a hot meal and a bed for anyone who needs it. Accommodation is supplied by central Edinburgh churches and Greenbank supplies the hot meal and company for users. Bethany provides the professional help to those who need it. Finally, the Foodbox, situated at the main door of the church, is there to receive non-perishable food donations from those who wish to contribute. These are distributed to five centres around Edinburgh where meals are provided daily for the homeless.

Richard Dunbar

Fresh Start Collection

There has been a good response to requests for goods for Fresh Start over the past year. Many thanks to those who have been donating good quality, and sometimes new, household items, for those moving into their own accommodation following a period of homelessness.

The next collection dates are on 23 September and 28 October, 2012, in the hall before or after the 10.30am service. There will be a reminder in the church notices on the Sunday before the collections.

Alison Ambler

www.freshstartweb.org.uk

Home Group

This is restarting on Wednesday September 12th at 8pm. We will be using a book based on Acts about Building Community to lead our conversations. The informal setting gives us a chance to learn more about God and the opportunity to discuss those things we don't understand. One of the best things about Home Groups is the chance to get to know other members of the congregation. We'd love to welcome you.

Look out for more details in the weekly newsheet.

Helen Barnes

Nile Grove Playgroup

Nile Grove is a community playgroup based at Greenbank Church. We are open five mornings a week for children aged between 2 years 3 months and 5 years and we operate a waiting list system for when the playgroup is full. For more information visit our website www.nilegroveplaygroup.co.uk or pop in to see us!

Welcome teams

September

2nd Ian Thom, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Kay Ellis, Charles Black, Greig Scott

9th Rosemary McCulloch, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Frank Hutson, Christina Morrow, Alison Murison, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Toby Tucker

16th Roger Bland, Eileen Campbell, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robert Nimmo, Keith Winton

23rd John George, Kenneth Aitken, Alistair Hunter, Hazel Macaulay, Kathleen Patrick, Jill Powlett-Brown, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster

30th Alan Armit, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Iain Davidson, Hugh Cowan, Michael Pearson, Malcolm Watters, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay

October

7th Stuart Sanders, Moira Davidson, Stuart Macmillan, John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Jenny Wright, Sandy Cameron, Sally Stephen

Coffee Rota

September

2nd

Communion

9th

Dorothy Whitehead D89

16th

Rosemary McCulloch D49/50

23rd

Teachers' Group

30th

Monday Bible Study Group



October

7th

Monday Badminton

Creche Rota

September

2nd

Janet Inglis

9th

Vivien Hutchison

16th

Hazel McLachlan

23rd

Alison Ambler

30th

Lorna Htet-Khin



October

7th

Janet Ferguson

Flower Rota

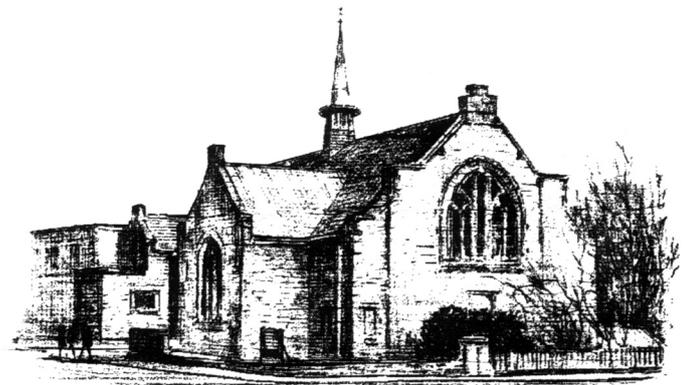
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September		
2nd	Ritchie Family	Alison Ambler
9th	Lorna Sharp	Eleanor Winton
16th	Scott/Robertson Wedding	Julia Dunbar
23rd	Caroline Kehoe	Pamela Jack
30th	Katy Maguire	Alison Berrill



October

7th Ruth Johnson

Moira Little



Material for the October leaflet should be delivered to the Church Office or to the Editors' pigeon-hole in the Main Hall by Sunday 16th September or sent by e-mail by 9am on Tuesday 18th September to greenbankleaflet@googlemail.com