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*National Youth Assembly 2016 with the Moderator. (Greenbanker Lyndsay Kennedy is in the 2nd row, behind him.)
See page 10 for an account of the Youth Assembly.*

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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends



Last week Jessica Ennis-Hill announced her retirement from athletics. Since becoming the poster-girl for the 2012 London Olympics, Ennis-Hill, with her dedication to her sport, has offered a role model for many youngsters encouraging them to commitment as well as fitness. Although her retirement is perhaps not unexpected, her retirement still leaves a gap in the athletics arena.

We all need good role models. These are people who set us an example as we seek to navigate our journey through life. For most of us the first role models we encounter will be our parents and grandparents but we will also adopt others as we grow beyond the family setting into new situations and experiences. We will find people whom we admire and seek to emulate them.

In the Bible we find many examples of role models – not all of them good! In the Old Testament stories, we encounter kings and

judges and prophets, people like ourselves who are capable of great good yet who sometimes get things dreadfully wrong. In the New Testament, the stories of the early Church and the parables of Jesus provide a wealth of role models. But ultimately there is only one truly good role model and that is Jesus himself.

It is Jesus who calls us to follow him in loving God and our neighbour. One of the attractions of the Christian faith is that it does not ask us primarily to commit to a particular creed or statement of faith. Rather it has at its heart an invitation to follow Christ and his example of love and service, and it is as we do so that we encounter his living presence.

November is a time for remembering and giving thanks for all those who have been role models of love and service in the past. But we do so recognising that Jesus is inviting us to follow that same way of love and service in our own time. And so at the end of the month, as we move into Advent, we begin our annual Advent/Christmas appeal for Christian Aid and its work with the poorest of the poor throughout the world. But this year as well, in recognition of the difficulties faced by some in the present economic climate, we will be seeking to do something practical for the hungry and homeless in our own city.

The young people of QII are offering us a role model here. They have agreed every day in Advent to put aside a tin or a packet of dried food as part of a “reverse advent calendar”. If any of you would like to participate in this you can bring your donations to the Church, either during the week or every Sunday in Advent. Each Sunday

the box will be taken to a different charity with which Greenbank already has connections.

I hope that you will find participation in this practical action helpful as part of your preparations in the countdown to Christmas.

With warmest wishes,

Alison I Swindells
Parish Minister

Pulpit Diary

Nov 6

9.30am First Sunday Service led by Guild

10.30am Morning Worship

Nov 13 Remembrance Sunday

10.45am Morning Worship (Explorers remain in Church for the Act of Remembrance. Pathfinders commence in Upper Hall at 10.45am.)

Nov 20

10.30am Morning Worship

Nov 27 First Sunday in Advent

10.30am Morning Worship followed by informal communion

Dec 2

7.30pm Pre-Communion service

Dec 4 Second Sunday in Advent

9.00am Communion

10.30am Communion (Young Church meet as usual)

3.00pm Communion (Braid Room)

Remembrance Sunday – 13th November

I will be outside church for the early and main service on 6th November and for the Remembrance Sunday service at 10.45am on 13th. Once more your continued generosity is greatly appreciated by the Scottish Poppy Appeal. Each year I receive a thank you card confirming the amount Greenbank donated. Last year this was £604.51, which for two mornings standing outside church is most impressive.

Poppy Scotland only continues its support of our veterans and their families with your support. Last year the Scottish Poppy



Appeal raised £2.85 million, up 7% on 2014. If you are interested there is much to read

about their work online at www.poppyscotland.org.uk including an article about their new campaign to include questions about the Armed Forces community in the 2021 Census. We know how many Jedi

Knights there are in Scotland but little about the people that Poppy Scotland is here to support. Find out more at

www.poppyscotland.org.uk/countthemin

John Adair

World Mission Team

Fairtrade One World Stall

Our next stall will be held on **Sunday 27th November** and will be a Christmas Stall, with some regular items as well. At our last stall we introduced **Bamboo Socks** and we shall carry a good range of these for both men and women – they make good Christmas presents! We shall also have Christmas Cards, wrapping paper and a few other gifts, small and a large, for all age ranges. Edinburgh is a hub for fair trade, alternative living, eco-consumerism and campaigning for social justice, but a lot of this is sadly unknown to so many people. Buying fairly traded products doesn't need to cost the earth – in fact you're actually helping reduce waste, increasing sustainable practices and giving a fair wage to the producers. Thank you for your support of the stall.

Pam Jack

Lent/Easter Appeal 2017

Members of the Congregation are invited to nominate local charities to be recipients of monies raised in next year's Lent/Easter Appeal. Nominations can be sent to me via the Church Office, left in the appropriate pigeonhole in the Main Hall or emailed to alandfio@yahoo.co.uk before **Tuesday 3rd January 2017**. Selection of a nominated charity (or charities) will be made at the January meeting of the Board.

Lent/Easter Appeal 2016

Autism Initiatives' Hermitage Centre was one of the charities chosen to share the monies raised during Lent/Easter 2016. However, the Hermitage Centre closed in August and the charity has written to the Treasurer offering to repay the award.

The Board has decided that the charity could retain the money on the basis that it continues to undertake work elsewhere in Edinburgh.

Alan Ramage

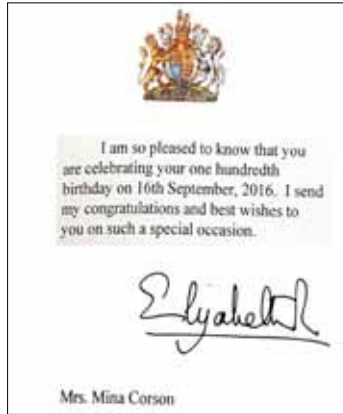
Clerk to the Congregational Board

From 0 to 100 in an Hour

Greenbank is fortunate to welcome a wide age range of worshippers at the morning service. But the service on Sunday 18th September was exceptional. *Maisie Stone*, born less than three weeks before, was the youngest, and she brought along her parents Bill and Hayley, and big brother Ewan. *Mina Corson*, who celebrated her 100th birthday two days before, was the oldest. Born in Canada, Mina spent her youth in Fife, worshipping at Gattieside church. She joined Greenbank with her husband Len in 1978, living first in Comiston Drive and then, after Len's death, in Craighouse Terrace. For the last two years, Mina has been a happy resident of Blenheim House in Sighthill and still enjoys coming to church occasionally, especially

for communion.

Mina was an enthusiastic Scottish country dancer, like her sister-in-law May Corson (for many years an elder at Greenbank). Mina travelled the world as part of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's demonstration team, including a trip to South Africa with Dan Lean, another Greenbank member, as accompanying piper. Shortly after the Queen's accession in 1952, Mina was presented to her at



Holyroodhouse and a photograph of the occasion still hangs in her room at Blenheim House. Perhaps Maisie Stone will live to 100, but she is unlikely to be presented to the Queen!

Duncan Macniven



The Family Stone, including Maisie



Mina Corson with Rev Peter Graham

Guild

The Guild had an excellent start to the session with a very enjoyable *History of Thomas Tunnock* – it was both fun and interesting. At the second meeting the Rev Alison Swindells led us through several lighthearted challenges on our theme for this year *Go in Joy*. She brought the theme to life for us (and who knew how many hymns and psalms mention joy?). An inspiring evening of both fun and thoughtfulness, Thank you Alison.

On **1st November** our topic will be *100 Years of the Usher Hall*, then on Sunday **6th** we will be leading the First Sunday Service at 9.30am. The topic on the **15th** is our chosen project this year, *FGM, Breaking the Cycle*, when we expect to hear more about the work of this very necessary programme. On this page is information about our Beetle Drive on **Saturday 26th November** which will be raising funds for *Breaking the Cycle*. At the end of the month we will be holding a *Coffee Morning* on the **29th**; all are very welcome.

On **6th December** our topic will be *St Helena* and we are looking forward to a very interesting evening.

Edith Armit

Christmas Card Sale

A small number of charities, including **CrossReach** (Church of Scotland Social Care Council) will be selling Christmas cards after the 10.30am service on **Sunday 6th November**.

Julia Dunbar

Changing Plans

Watch out for Beetles!

As the YACHT Committee has changed its plan for a St Andrews Night Dinner, the Guild have agreed to an exchange of dates. The Guild will now hold a *Beetle Drive* on **Saturday 26th November** in aid of their current project *Breaking the Cycle*. (The YACHT Campaign will hold an event in January.)

Tickets for the Beetle Drive will be available shortly at Coffee after Church.



Edith Armit

Mission and Service

The Church of Scotland publishes a monthly newsletter called *Church and Society Newsletter* which publicises forthcoming events dealing with a variety of topics in line with the Church's involvement in such things as Caring for Creation, Meeting MSPs, Interfaith Refugee Initiative, Challenging Poverty, etc.

If you would like to be on the mailing list for this interesting publication, email

fbuchanan@churchofscotland.org.uk

Mission and Service Committee

An Honour for Our Neighbour

It was recently announced by the Church of Scotland that the Rev Dr Derek Browning, Minister of Morningside Parish Church, is now the Moderator Designate. He will start his year as Moderator at the General Assembly 2017.

Greenbank Pre School Open Day

Saturday 5th November 2016, 10 am-12 noon

Parents and carers of children under five are invited to our Open Day – an opportunity for you to meet the staff and see the indoor and outdoor facilities. All children are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Greenbank Pre School offers morning or afternoon sessions for children from their 3rd birthday. You can register your child from their 2nd birthday.

Please see our website www.greenbankpreschool.org for further information.



Hosts Wanted

Offer your hand for international friendship! Welcome an adult international student into your home this Christmas and make the world a little friendlier.

Adult international students in the UK face a lonely holiday on a university campus, and would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing Christmas festivities, and telling you about their own country.

Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with **HOST**, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more, please visit

www.hostuk.org

or telephone 020 7739 6292. Thank you.

Christmas Flowers

There will be a demonstration of flower arranging, including Christmas flowers, on **Thursday 17th November** at 8pm in the Centenary Hall. This will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Please contact Christine Willis or Julia Dunbar (julia.dunbar@btinternet.com) if you would like to come along.



Rev Dr Derek Browning

YACHT News

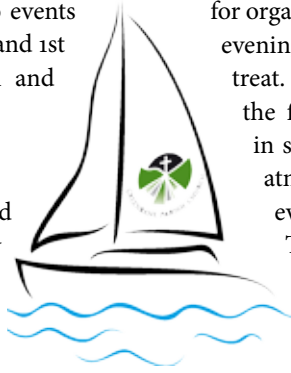
The YACHT week took in two events over Saturday 24th September and 1st October: the YACHT Ceilidh and the YACHT Treasure Trail.

Ceilidh

The ten strong Ceilidh band led by Hazel Macaulay were in very fine form and a good turnout of families put on some very fine dancing! In the third of these events the youngsters were becoming familiar with the Ceilidh concept and dances, all expertly called by Malcolm Reid.

So there was much “whirling and birling” interspersed with some excellent musical performances; young Liam Clark and then even younger Angus Moran stirring us on the Pipes; Fraser Mundy and Fraser Gourlay keeping our feet tapping on the Chant-er; Katie Foster settling us beautifully on the piano; Lyndsay Kennedy and Mark O’Hagan getting us all singing some favourites; and of course perennial favourite with the children Tom Inglis and his guitar and songs. Great to hear.

Thanks to Elizabeth Htet Khin and her extremely helpful and happy team



for organising the two buffets over the evening – the stovies going down a treat. Many thanks to all helpers – the feedback has been consistent in saying there was a really good atmosphere through the whole evening.

The net amount raised for the evening came to £830. This is less than previous years – principally as fewer “adult tickets” were taken up, but we hope to see all those who missed out back again next year...?

Treasure Trail

The weather for the Treasure Trail event could not have been better. Fourteen teams went off round the course answering clues along the way – and none got lost and all found out something new about Morning-side! So there was no need for the excellent Indoor Trail around the Church buildings – but if any group wish to use it (for a YACHT donation of course!) please let us know.

After the Trail, there was badge making and crafting, Bouncy Castle and Beat the Goalie (Kenny Htet-Khin proving too good for us). Everyone enjoyed the tea/coffee and baking supplied by those who had contributed recipes for the *Greenbank Recipe Book*, unveiled on the day, along with the *Greenbank Calendar for 2017*. Sales of Calendars, Recipe Books and baking were pretty brisk on the day (and the following Sunday) which was rewarding to Alison and John Murison for their efforts in producing these items.



Preparing to perform at the Ceilidh

The amount raised over those two days totalled £1,740 and since then further sales of Recipe Books and Calendars up to Sunday 9th October have totalled £446. So keep on buying – perfect for Christmas presents.

Other news

On other news, the Committee were delighted to hear that the Scouts were to be supplying Christmas trees again this year, sharing proceeds with YACHT. Could we encourage you to make use of this opportunity – they are very fine trees delivered to your door. What could be better!

Also we would wish to advise that while we had intended a St Andrews Night Dinner we have realised that was too ambitious, not only on committee resources but also on the appetite for such an event at that time. So the Guild have very kindly agreed to swap dates with us: they will hold their fundraiser at the end of November to allow us to have a YACHT Burns Supper on **Saturday 28th January 2017** – so save that date – with more details to come.

And finally

As we continue to emphasise, the events we hold will not raise sufficient funds to meet our 5 year YACHT target of £500,000. We launched the campaign in September 2014 and the present projections would indicate that if pledges are honoured we would raise £300,000 of the target amount by the end of the 5 year period. So with that shortfall we would call on you to consider renewing your commitment to the campaign. It may be that you give on a yearly basis – if so then this is a reminder that we have entered another fundraising year. Alternatively,

you may wish to give a monthly amount. The appropriate forms are still in the vestibule so that donations may be made and Gift Aid recovered.

And finally, finally

Remember as Christmas approaches that you can give to the YACHT campaign through 'easyfundraising' when you make a purchase online:

1. go to easyfundraising.org.uk;
2. click on "good causes" and find Greenbank YACHT project;
3. create a personal account (first time only);
4. click to the retailer website of your choice;
5. order goods as normal.

It all adds up!

Thanks to all who have supported us in the recent events and in the fundraising campaign so far.

YACHT Committee

Christmas Trees

The Scout Group and Explorer Unit will again be selling Christmas Trees, including home delivery, this year.



As in 2016 this fundraiser will be shared with YACHT. It is likely that trees will be delivered on the week-end of the 10th December to fit in with the suppliers finishing cutting, but we may also be able to deliver the following week. Full details will be provided shortly.

Stuart Sanders

National Youth Assembly

The National Youth Assembly (NYA) took place this year from the 19th to the 22nd of August at Gartmore House. This was my tenth and final assembly, and the beginning of my year as Clerk to the NYA. Add in my birthday, and it made for quite a special year. The NYA is a platform for young adults to voice their opinions and actively participate in decision making within the Church of Scotland. Councils and committees of the Church were approached earlier in the year for discussion topic suggestions. The three chosen this year were Gender Justice, Mental Health, and Future of Ministry and Fresh Expressions.

Andrew MacPherson, the Youth Moderator, and I arrived a day early to help with set-up and to re-familiarise ourselves with the venue. On Saturday Andrew and I went to Stirling Station to meet delegates and take them back to Gartmore by coach. Upon arrival, the delegates registered and were greeted by their Small Group Leaders. The ice-breaker challenge on the Friday took on a fiendish zombie-themed escape room challenge before having dinner together then our opening session with worship. We heard from the previous year's youth reps about the work they had been doing over the year, with a report from Hannah-Mary, the outgoing Moderator. Cat, our outgoing Clerk sent us a video message. The Small Groups met after the session while Andrew and I took time to go round and meet delegates.

Each morning there were prayers before breakfast, and full assembly worship following breakfast leading into the discus-

sion input for the day. On the Sunday morning, we all walked down to Gartmore Parish Church to share in their Sunday service.

The discussion input for each topic was designed to give the delegates information about the topic and to pose questions to facilitate discussion whose results were collated to aid the youth reps in taking forward the discussions throughout the year. Our Gender Justice discussion on the Saturday was split into two parts, both with input from Katherine Gilmour and Fiona Buchanan from Christian Aid. We concluded our final discussion of the day with a reflective worship, and finished off the evening with a ceilidh.

After dinner on the Saturday we had a Meet the Moderator session with the Rt Rev Dr Russell Barr, during which Andrew and some friends had kindly arranged to embarrass me with birthday cards, cupcakes and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday. Our topic for Sunday was Mental Health. We heard from MSP Maureen Watt who is the Scottish Government Minister for Mental Health. Following on from the Meet the Moderator session, we had a series of reflective activities for delegates to participate in as we recognised that the topic of Mental Health had been a very personal, and at times difficult one for many people that day. We closed the evening with communion, and had planned on having a bonfire. However the weather conspired against us.

On Monday, the topic was Future of Ministry and Fresh Expressions. The delegates

Greenbank Parish Church Christmas Event

*Saturday 10th December
1.30pm to 4.30pm*



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www.greenbankchurch.org

Contact the Church Office (447 9969) for more information
Greenbank Parish Church, Braidburn Terrace, Edinburgh, EH10 6ES

Fresh Start

Wanted – more good quality household goods

Dates for your Diary: The next dates for good quality donations to Fresh Start are **6th November 2016** and **22nd January 2017** at the Sunday service.

Jay cloths and cleaning materials are in short supply and always welcome, should you not have bedding, towels, etc. Please keep the donations coming, as the need is as great as ever. Please refer to the list on the hall corridor noticeboard and in the September issue of **Greenbank Connections** to avoid giving unwanted goods.

Pick up a leaflet on a Fresh Start Sunday, see www.freshstartweb.org.uk or telephone 476 7741 to find out more about Fresh Start.

Alison Ambler

Friendship Club

We had a great gathering for our first meeting when Fred and Rita Daniels took us on the first part of their Golden Wedding journey across the USA.

On 2nd November we will be taken on a different journey around the **Aurora Borealis** by Dr David Garvie, a Fellow of both the Royal Astronomical Society and the Royal Meteorological Society and recipient of the Lorimer Medal of the Astronomical Society of Edinburgh.

Kathleen will present a selection of music related to **Anniversaries** on 9th November. On the 16th we go on yet another journey, this time with Greenpeace, following its activities in the **Arctic** with Nicola Stewart.

We end the month unseasonably with Stuart Houston who asks **Is Anyone for Tennis?**

Val Smart

Email Address Change

To reflect the change of magazine name, the editors have a new email address. If you want to send an email to the editors, please now use:

greenbankconnections@gmail.com

The previous address of

greenbankleaflet@googlemail.com

will continue to work meantime, but we would like to move over to the new address.

Suggestion

If you use an address book in your email program, please find the **greenbankleaflet@googlemail.com** entry, and change it to **greenbankconnections@gmail.com**

Editors

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discussed what they look for in a minister, how do ministers need to change in order to be faithful, connect with a changing Scotland, and lead a diverse Church, and what should be done to promote and enable the ministry of young people. On Fresh Expressions, delegates discussed changes to be made at local, presbytery and national level. The closing worship was a particularly emotional one for me, this being my last year. The youth reps are commissioned for the year ahead and are prayed for by the assembly. We say goodbye to those of us who are too old to continue coming as delegates and commission them to continued faith, fellowship and service within the Church and their own communities. I was privileged to give the vote of thanks to Suzi Farrant, who is the CofS Children's and Young People's Development Officer as without her, the event could not happen.

Lyndsay Kennedy

COUNTDOWN to CHRISTMAS!

This is a project during Advent designed to help those in Edinburgh less fortunate than we are.

You are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable food, for donation to four charities —

StreetWork

(a homelessness charity)

St Catharine's Convent Homeless Project

Richmond Fairshare

Craigmillar

FourSquare

(supported accommodation for young women)



We would be very grateful if you would bring your *unwrapped* gifts to any of the four Advent church services, or to the church during December, where you can put them into our **Advent Hamper**.

For further details, please contact **Julia Dunbar**
(julia.dunbar@btinternet.com)

Whose Church?

I had just finished a school assembly and was heading for the exit. I was passing a very small group of children in the corridor when one girl who attended our Sunday Club looked at me and said: “You go to my church.” What a classic!

But this amusing anecdote raises an important and significant question: Whose Church is it anyway? The answer? The Church is neither that girl’s nor yours nor mine. The Church belongs to Jesus. He is the supreme head of the Church. He gives the new life in the Spirit to the church. He is the one on whom the Church totally depends for the continuance of its life – local and universal. He is to be given the preeminent place in the Church – the preeminent place that is rightfully his. Jesus has the supremacy over every area of the Church’s faith and life, worship and service.

So Jesus is in charge – but not in a bossy, bullying way. He doesn’t lord it over us. He wants our worship, witness and service to be an expression of our love for him, our gratitude to him and our trust in him, all given ungrudgingly.

But how can we be sure we are doing what Jesus wants and not just doing our own thing or getting on our own hobby horses? If we want to do Church the Jesus way, then we need to be in daily contact with him through prayer, Bible study and then prayer again. We also need regularly to pray and study the Bible with others. We need not only to be connected to Jesus, but also to be in tune with him, not only to be connected to each other, but also to be in tune with each other.

But this anecdote raises another important

and significant question: What do you mean by Church? Some of us would say ‘the Church of Scotland’, the denomination of which we are part. Others of us would say ‘the building in Braidburn Terrace’, the building we worship in week by week. Still others of us would say ‘the people who meet there’, the people we worship with and serve with week by week. While others still would say ‘God’s holy church throughout the world’. What would you say? Would you focus on one or a combination?

Great tomes have been written about this, so we’re barely scratching the surface. But I would like to suggest that going by the Bible, the supreme guidebook, the Church is first and foremost God’s holy church throughout the world, made up of all those who acknowledge Jesus as Lord, all those who share the risen life of Christ, from every nation, from every language and from every denomination. I hope you share my excitement at being part of this huge family that spans the earth, reaches into remote areas and crosses frontiers. Wow!

Going by the Bible, a Church is a group of Christians in a particular area who regularly meet together to worship, to share communion, to study the Bible, to pray and to serve. They also acknowledge that they are part of this huge, worldwide family. For the first centuries Christians met in each others’ homes – then there weren’t ‘church buildings’ as we know them today.

The emphasis is on people who follow Jesus.

*I am the church, you are the church,
we are the church together.*

*All who follow Jesus,
all around the world,*

Yes, we’re the church together.

Rev John Fraser

Congregational Register

Omitted from the
online version
of *Greenbank
Connections*

Coffee Rota



November

- 6 Monday Badminton Club
- 13 The Guild
- 20 Katy & Lennie Maguire (D19 & D20)
- 27 WAGs

December

- 4 Communion – *no coffee*

Flower Rota

Provided by *Delivered by*



November

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| 6 Helen Aitken | Janet Inglis |
| 13 Louise Coghill | Isabel Graham |
| 20 WAGs | Gail Beveridge |
| 27 Marjory Fletcher | Miriam Jackson |

December

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| 4 Flower Group | Aileen Thomson |
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Crèche Rota



November

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| 6 Ailsa Cameron | Jenny Wright |
| 13 Isobel Thom | Shona Murray |
| 20 Carrie Reid | Ailsa Cameron |
| 27 Eileen McKinnon | Lucy Teall |

December

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| 4 Ailsa Cameron | Rachel
McWilliam |
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Welcome Teams

November

- 6 **John Ritchie**, Eric Brown, Ralph Davidson, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Ian Thomson, Clare Campbell, Susan Jackman
- 13 **Keith Winton**, Eileen Campbell, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo
- 20 **Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson, John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Jenny Wright, Sandy Cameron, Carrie Reid, Moira Land, Julia Dunbar
- 27 **Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Iain Davidson, Hugh Cowan, Susan Black, Malcolm Watters, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay

December

- 4 **John George**, Rhian Ferguson, Alastair Hunter, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Mark Fergusson

Greenbank Calendar: November 2016

November

1 Tues	19.30	Guild
2 Wed	12.30	Prayer Group
2 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club
2 Wed	19.30	Country Dance Club
3 Thurs	14.30	Work Party
6 Sun	09.30	First Sunday Service led by the Guild
6 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
9 Wed	12.30	Prayer Group
9 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club
9 Wed	19.30	Country Dance Club
13 Sun	10.45	Morning Worship – Remembrance
15 Tues	19.30	Guild
16 Wed	12.30	Prayer Group
16 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club
16 Wed	19.30	Country Dance Club
17 Thurs	14.30	Work Party
19 Sat	16.00	Messy Church
20 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
23 Wed	12.30	Prayer Group
23 Wed	19.30	Country Dance Club
26 Nov	18.30	Beetle Drive (Guild fundraiser, in aid of <i>Breaking the Cycle</i>)
27 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship, followed by informal Communion
29 Tues	10.30	Guild Coffee Morning
30 Wed	12.30	Prayer Group
30 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club
30 Wed	19.30	Country Dance Club

December

1 Thurs	10.30	Work Party
2 Fri	19.30	Pre-Communion Service
4 Sun	09.00	Communion
	10.30	Communion
	15.00	Communion

December (continued)

6 Tues	19.30	Guild
7 Wed	12.30	Prayer Group
7 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club
7 Wed	19.30	Country Dance Club

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To make contact with any organisation featured in Greenbank Connections, please use the telephone number given, if there is one. Otherwise please contact the Church Office.

Website: www.greenbankchurch.org

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Material for the December/January issue of Greenbank Connections should be delivered to the Church Office or to the Editors' pigeon-hole in the Main Hall by Sunday 13th November, or emailed by 9am on Tuesday 15th November to greenbankconnections@gmail.com