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A YACHT walk along the Union Canal (outside the new Boroughmuir High School), August 2018

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From the Minister



Dear Friends,

Recently I went to an exciting concert in the Assembly Rooms which was designed to help us think about the effects that music can have on us. Turns out that the brain responds to music in particular ways that give us a rush of dopamine and an incredible feel-good experience. Unexpectedly hearing a favourite piece of music gives a particularly big rush. So there you are, science reveals what we might otherwise consider to be a bit mysterious.

However, science doesn't reveal everything – there's still room for mystery, and being open to the voice of God in the present day. This autumn, we're offering the chance for members and friends to explore the ways in which different Christian traditions have developed to help them hear the voice of God, and to take themselves to life-transforming places through different approaches to prayer and meditation. Like music, this has both a medical and a mysterious dimension. I can testify to the pos-

itive benefits of taking time out on a regular basis for focused quiet reflection. On the medical level, our mental and physical health is improved by the practice. On a spiritual level, God can speak into our lives by clearing the space for the Holy Spirit to be heard, sensed and felt, one way or another. Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between what might be medical and mysterious. I like that! I would highly recommend taking the chance to sign up for our free course of sessions organised by David Allan and run by the experienced, knowledgeable and lovely Marion Chatterley, an episcopal priest and part of the Emmaus House community in Edinburgh. We'll have the chance to hear about and experience different kinds of reflective practice: prayer, meditation, different ways of reflecting on the Bible and thinking yourself into its stories imaginatively, and simply discovering different ways of looking at life. There's so much out there to experience from the very long and diverse history of Christianity, and who knows, some of it might just click with you. Why not have a go?

We only have 25 places on offer, so don't delay – drop David an email or give him a call to secure your free place on the course which begins on Sunday 28th October, 6.30pm–8pm, and runs over six sessions (email: dtga@me.com).

Happy exploring!

Martin

Christmas Card Sale



Christmas Cards will be on sale after the 9.30am and 10.30am services on **Sunday 4th November**. We will be selling cards on behalf of Cross-Reach (Church of Scotland Social Care Council), and expect that Capability Scotland will also be selling their own cards.

Ian Thomson

Pulpit Diary

- Oct 3 Wed**
1.00pm Midweek Prayers
- Oct 7 Sun**
9.30am First Sunday Service led by Springboard
10.30am Morning Worship and Guild dedication
- Oct 10 Wed**
1.00pm Midweek Prayers
- Oct 14 Sun**
10.30am Morning Worship
- Oct 17 Wed**
1.00pm Midweek Prayers
- Oct 21 Sun**
9.30am Quiet Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
- Oct 24 Wed**
1.00pm Midweek Prayers
- Oct 28 Sun**
10.30am Morning Worship and YACHT lunch
- Oct 31 Wed**
1.00pm Midweek Prayers
- Nov 4 Sun**
9.30am First Sunday Service led by the Guild
10.30am Morning Worship
3.00pm A Time to Remember
- Nov 7 Wed**
1.00pm Midweek Prayers
- Nov 11 Sun**
10.45am Remembrance Service

Crèche for children under 3 in the Hermitage Room at every 10.00 and 10.30 service throughout the year

Annual Business Meeting (10th June) – Main Points

The Annual Business Meeting is required by the Church's Constitution; it allows the reporting of the workings of the Congregational Board in the most recent business year of 2017. The Board is a committee made up of elected representatives of the congregation and appointed elders. The Board deals largely with the property and financial interests of the church.

Property

In 2017 around £28,000 was spent on unexpected stonework repairs on the roof of the building. It had also been discovered that the tower on the top of the Main Hall was rotten. It was demolished and the roof of the Main Hall restored to an A-line, with the approval of Presbytery, the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, and Edinburgh City Council's Planning and Building Control Departments. The spire above the church was painted to avoid a repeat of problems with the tower above the Main Hall. The rotten barbecue decking was replaced with flagstones. Powerful broadband was extended throughout the building. The Manse was inspected by Presbytery and the Board agreed to a major programme of works to be completed in time for the arrival of the new Minister. The sanctuary was refurbished by a legacy; a donation had allowed the upgrading of the kitchen, the women's toilets and the barbecue decking; and another donor had paid for the extension of WiFi throughout the building.

The Work Squad increased in size and contributed extensively in 2017 and in the early part of 2018 in getting the manse ready for the new Minister and his wife.

Health, Safety and Security

Brian Auld, the Church of Scotland's Safe Buildings Consultant, spoke to the Kirk Session in April and explained the joint responsibility of Board and Session members for Health and Safety. More regular risk assessments prior to planned events were made. Two minor accidents had been reported in the course of the year. Security at the main door to the hall was also improved. The Fire Alarm was tested regularly. Emergency lighting in the sanctuary was improved. Emergency lighting, fire and security alarms were tested regularly.

Finance

Total income received in 2017 had amounted to £298,602, being the total ordinary income of £277,278 together with the YACHT fund net income of £21,324. That compared to total ordinary income of £269,531 and £24,719 YACHT income in 2016. Expenditure in 2017 amounted to £284,780 compared to £249,724 in 2016. 48% of expenditure last year was Greenbank's contribution to the work of the Church of Scotland, which included the Minister's salary. 24% of expenditure represented the salaries of Greenbank's staff. The Youth Associate had been paid from the YACHT fund. 24% of expenditure related to maintenance costs of Church buildings and included heating, lighting and insurance. Overall income less expenditure gave a surplus of £13,822. However, the YACHT surplus of £21,324 had gone to the YACHT fund and the Church deficit £7,502 on the General Fund had been deducted from the Fabric Fund.

ABM (Cont'd)

Board Membership

The Board lost the services of Ulrike Buchan, Carrie Reid, Lyndsay Kennedy and John Ferguson following their appointment as elders in 2017. After six years' service Susan Black elected to retire and Mark Fergusson resigned his position when he moved away from the area. After 9, 6 and 3 years' service respectively, Donald Milne, Moira Land and Ian McWilliam agreed to continue on the Board. Three new members were nominated to the board from the congregation, namely David Bogie, Alistair Crawford and Simon Pink. The approval of the Congregation was sought and obtained for these nominations.

It was noted that David Allan, Christina Black, John Ferguson, John Ritchie and Gillian Sweetman were appointed as Kirk Session representatives on the Board for a three year period.

Alan Ramage
Clerk to the Board

Monday Bible Study Group

We meet at 7.30 pm in the Pentland Room for Bible study lasting about one hour followed by refreshments. Our studies are based on *Prayer – An adventure with God* (Scripture Union). We meet in October as follows:

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

22nd October: Blessing Other People –
Ephesians 1:15-23 and 3:14-21

All are welcome. For further information please contact Joan Ritchie or Gillian Sweetman.

Joan Ritchie

Heretics

I think often about heretics. I think about them because they belong to our story as the Church. It requires the spiritual discipline of charity to read their stories and to see what is so compelling about their arguments. It requires humility too to see why the Church could not go along with their various ideas. But what I find the most satisfying and edifying about their stories and the development of the teaching of the Church is how they constrain us. What do I mean by that?

Marcion, from the 2nd century, held that the God of the Old Testament was an evil god. The New Testament reveals a new god – one of love, who challenges the evil god. He separated the two Testaments in a way which has had a terrific and terrible knock-on effect. It's easy to see how a fair amount of anti-Semitism might be justified by this separation. But this separation was determined to be deficient. We cannot disentangle Jesus from his context as a Jew in the sight of the Old Testament. The teaching of the Church on this point constrains us – we must accept that the Old Testament has something important to teach us about the character of God.

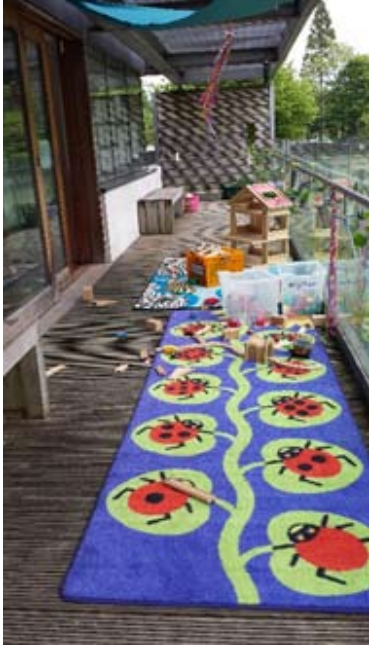
The crucifixion on Golgotha was terrible – but takes on more meaning when we remember that these hills are the same hills of the binding of Isaac. Without the Old Testament, we can only see Jesus' crucifixion in political terms: he was an upstart killed before he could spark a rebellion. With the Old Testament, we hear an answer to the binding of Isaac. When God provides, God provides out of God's very self. Abraham does not feel the pain of losing his son – but the Son will feel the pain of losing his Father.

Steve Chaffee

Greenbank Pre School Open Morning

Saturday 3rd November 10am–12 noon

Parents/carers of pre school children are welcome to visit us in the Centenary Hall. Bring your children to play, meet the staff and see the interesting interactive indoor and outdoor spaces. *Places are currently available for 3-5 year olds*



Session times are (Mon–Fri):

- 8.25am to 11.40am morning session
- 12.25pm to 3.40pm afternoon session.

For further information please see

web: greenbankpreschool.org

email: greenbankpreschool@gmail.com

fbook: [@GreenbankPreSchool](https://www.facebook.com/GreenbankPreSchool)

To visit at other times telephone 0131 447 8068.

Joan Ritchie



Safe Families for Children is a charity which links families in need



Safe Families for Children

with local volunteers who can offer help and support, often by providing respite care to children. When a crisis strikes a family with children, its effects can be devastating, especially where a wider family support network is lacking.

Supporting families before they reach breaking point is an important preventative step, reducing the number of children

who need to be taken into care. Since the 2013 launch of the charity in

the UK, over 5,000 children have benefited from its work. More information about the origins of the charity and how it operates is given on its website:

www.safeamiliesforchildren.com

The Presbytery of Edinburgh has encouraged congregations in Edinburgh to support this work. Can anyone in Greenbank help?

John Murison

Friendship Club

We begin the new Session on **Wednesday 3rd October at 2.30pm** with an illustrated talk from much-travelled retired architect and photographer Martin Millar on the “**Jewels of the Indian Ocean**”. This is followed on the **17th** by a talk about the “**Yard**” from Christie Thomson who will enlighten us as to what it is and what goes on there. Kathleen’s musical ***Lucky Dip*** can be heard on the **24th** and finally on the **31st** our own intrepid explorer Walter Crosby will take us to “**Iceland and the Faroes**” with one of his delightful Travelogues. Friends and relations of members and any interested members of the congregation are very welcome to join us at any or all of our meetings. The subscription for the



A Summer Outing

session of **£15** can be paid at the first meeting, preferably by cheque. Visitors pay **£2 per visit**.

Further information from **Val Smart**.

Annual Subscription for *Life and Work* and Donations for *Greenbank Connections*

You are invited to subscribe for 12 editions of the Church of Scotland’s *Life and Work* magazine for the year 2019. The subscription for *Life and Work* for 2019 is **£31**, payable by **15th November** to enable us to submit the Church’s bulk order. We shall order *Life and Work* for those who have made payment by that date and included their name and address with their payment. *Greenbank Connections*, with its regular news about Greenbank Church, is provided to all members. In order to help cover the costs, the Board suggests donating a minimum of **£10 per household**, also by **15th November**. A single payment of **£41** can be made to cover both *Greenbank Connections* and *Life and Work*. Payment, giving your name and address and stating whether you are subscribing to *Life and Work* and/or contributing to *Greenbank Connections*, should be placed in an envelope addressed to ‘*The Treasurer*’ and returned to me via the Church Office. Cheques should be made payable to ‘*Greenbank Church*’.

John Ritchie, Congregational Treasurer



Wanted – more good quality household goods for Fresh Start

Date For Your Diary: The next date for donations to Fresh Start is Sunday **14th October 2018** at the Sunday service.

J cloths and cleaning materials are in short supply and always welcome, should you not have bedding, towels etc.

Please refer to the list below to avoid giving unwanted goods.

Dishes and Crockery

Dinner plates, side plates, bowls, cutlery, mugs, glass tumblers, tea-towels.

Pots and Pans Etc

Pots with lids, milk pans, frying pans, plastic boxes, cooking utensils, can openers, potato peelers, wooden spoons.

Cleaning Things

Washing up basins, washing-up liquid, toilet cleaner, toilet rolls, hand soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dust pans and brushes, bin bags and liners, all-purpose cleaner, laundry tablets, J cloths.

Bed Linen and Towels

Single, double and king sheets and duvet covers, pillows, pillow cases, blankets, duvets, towels, face cloths, and curtains.

Also Wanted are Small Household Electrical Items (not TVs)

Kettles, toasters, lamps, vacuum cleaners, irons, radios, dvd players, microwaves, music systems.

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

Alison Ambler
(alison@ambler.me.uk)

Service Recordings



Listen to our church services

You can listen to recordings of our services: this facility is appreciated by those who find it difficult to get to church. It may also be of interest to those who missed a service due to illness or being away.

The recording is normally available later that Sunday. A link can be provided for listening to the recording of the sermon or the whole service, on a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

Other formats are available on a monthly basis – CD or memory stick.

Request these by emailing the church of office greenbankchurch@btconnect.com, or contact your elder, or speak to me.

Please could elders consider whether members of their district might appreciate this?

David Ferguson

Eco Column – Big Bike Event

Members might have caught sight of a banner on the church gable in July, advertising the Eco Congregation Group's Saturday Bike Clinic. Supported by the national Big Bike Revival initiative, the day provided a free bike mechanic service, trials and information about electric bikes, and cargo bike demonstrations. Visitors also had the chance to give opinions about cycle issues in the Greenbank area and share ideas.

A stalwart team of volunteers managed

the day, which included a pop up café and a display of climate change issues.

Around 50 people attended, with around half being people who had never visited the church before. However several Greenbankers were observed buzzing up and down the Braidburn Valley on electric bikes, and a good clutch of elderly or neglected bikes were brought back into service.

While the short notice for the day perhaps limited attendance, the Group was pleased to add this type of initiative to the range of activities contributing to our Eco Congregation objectives, while also experimenting with another strand of outreach into the parish.



Electric bikes, with Chris Doonan (of Electron Wheels)

David Jack

Baptism of Mollie Robertson



Mollie in the sanctuary after her baptism, with her parents and grandparents

Mollie Robertson was baptised on Sunday 16th September 2018 in Greenbank Parish Church by her maternal grandfather, Rev Ian G Scott.

The Guild

We enjoyed our Summer Coffee Mornings, particularly as we had lots of visitors. Members of Craiglockhart Guild joined us one day and at the last coffee morning a group of children from the Greenbank Pre-school came to sing to us – what a lot of songs they knew by heart!

Now we are looking forward to our autumn meetings, starting on the **2nd October** with speakers from the Boys Brigade whose *'Developing Faith in Young People'*, one of the current Guild Projects, we are supporting this year. We will be holding a fundraising *Games Night* in November: more details of these *Animal Antics* in next month's *Connections*.

The National Convenor of the Guild set us a challenge some months ago: to design and make a cushion front which would reflect the Guild Strategy, *One Journey, Many Roads*, and also our local area. Greenbank's entry came third in the Edinburgh Presbytery section. The top



three entries from all over Scotland were displayed at the Guild Annual National Gathering in Dundee last month.

Three Greenbank members attended the Annual Gathering in the Caird Hall, Dundee, and more watched it live at Craiglockhart Church.

The Moderator gave a lively and inspiring talk about her route to Min-

istry, and Mabel Sitchali from Malawi not only spoke about a very interesting project, but also sang for us in her own language – what an amazing voice! The Gathering is always a lively and enjoyable day: interesting speakers, great singing, and a chance to make new friends as we chatted over our picnic lunches in St Mary's Church Hall.

All are welcome to our meetings: why not have a look at the programme on the Guild Notice Board in the Hall corridor and come along to something that interests you. You will be very welcome.

Edith Armit

Pub Theology

Fancy chatting about some of the big questions of life over a drink or two and some tasty food? **Pub Theology** could be worth a go! It's a very relaxed and not overly "holy" gathering that we're piloting on **Monday 1st October** in the stylish and welcoming setting of the cosy rear room in the Hermitage Bar at Morningside Station.

If you fancy eating, come at 6.30pm, or join

at 7pm for a drink with chat beginning at 7.30pm. There'll be a starter topic for each week, but the discussion can just go where it goes depending upon who is around. This is a great chance to invite someone who's not part of our church to be part of it.

Contact Martin Ritchie or Phil Barnes if you'd like to know more. (Mob 07984 466 855 or email: MRitchie@churchofscotland.org.uk).

Calling all Singers!

Community Choir for Advent Carol Service



Experienced singers and newbies are invited to take part in a special choir being assembled by the Minister to sing at our **Advent Carol Service**, which is on **Sunday 2nd December at 6.30pm**. Rehearsals are **4pm–6pm** in the Main Hall on **Sundays 28th October; 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November, then on 2nd December for the service at 6.30pm**.

This is a great chance for our own choir members to be joined by singing friends from the congregation, our local community and beyond, so please spread the word! Contact me if you'd like to take part.

Martin Ritchie

(email: MRitchie@churchofscotland.org.uk or mob 07984 466 855)

Young Church



We had a really good session today in Young Church. We discussed the story of Cain and Abel and spoke about the feelings of jealousy and anger. For one of the activities we got the children to make a “feelings poster” with lots of different emotions – jealousy and anger as well as happiness, sadness, fear, surprise etc. They all worked really well – from the pre-school age up to the older ones who were helping with the writing and organisation.

Fiona Perris

YACHT News

Summer Walks

Many thanks to David Jack and Alastair Hunter for organising and leading the Canal Walks and Sundial Tour over the summer.

The Union Canal walk took place again this year, and with three sep-

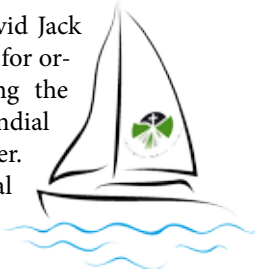
arate groups raised a total of £220 in donations; the Sundial Tour with one group raised £105 – a big increase on last year. More importantly perhaps, the participants enjoyed informative and social events, celebrating God's creation, and demonstrating our commitment to eco congregation objectives as well.

The weather was largely benign for the Canal walkers but for the Sundial tour unfortunately not good enough to tell the time by the sun!

David says the expert additional information added by the walkers this year on the lore and background to the canal and its environs means that an expanded knowledge base is available for future walks! And in the expert knowledge which Alastair imparted it turned out there were quite a few connections on the points of interest between the two walks.

David and Alastair would be willing to run additional walks/tours for families or other groups if these are wanted, so please contact them if you would like to take the walk/tour, even in a small group.

David davidinnesjack@gmail.com,
'Alastair ah@3peel.co.uk).



The front cover picture shows the Saturday Canal group passing the new Boroughmuir High School near the start of the trip.

2019 Calendars



The photo competition has resulted in a super 2019 Greenbank Calendar. Many, many thanks to all who contributed images and voted. Calendars will be on sale after Services through to the end of the year – price £6 each or 4 for £20. There is a limited supply, so get your order in quickly!

Congregational Lunch

We are very pleased that Ian Murray MP will be our guest at the Service and then lunch in the Main Hall on **Sunday 28th October 2018** between 12 and 2pm. A **warm invite to all**. There will be an update on the YACHT campaign and then Ian will address us on the topic “How can religion and politics relate to each other today”, followed by a Q&A when you and our youngsters may have some questions to ask! Tickets are available after Services or from the office. There is no charge for the lunch but donations will be requested on the day.

YACHT Committee

World Mission Team

Greenbank's New Mission Partner

The Kirk Session recently agreed to have *Rev Dr John McCulloch* as our Mission Partner. You may remember that on Palm Sunday this year the Session Clerk, Valerie Macniven, attended John's ordination and induction to two Church of Scotland churches, now united – the joint charge of St Andrew's Jerusalem and Tiberias. She reported live by video link to the congregation during our Sunday morning service.

John is a former Head of Hispanic Studies at Glasgow University and has taken up one of the Church of Scotland's most unusual roles to lead the Kirk's congregation in Jerusalem, together with his wife Annette, who is a GP with considerable experience in the field of refugee medicine and emergency care, and family. One of the reasons he was drawn to work



Rev Dr John McCulloch with his wife and family

in Jerusalem is the diversity of the congregation which includes Palestinians, Messianic Jews, expat Scots, international staff from NGOs and pilgrims; and the wide-ranging partners that the Church of Scotland is working with across Israel and The Palestinian Territories. Many of these partners are engaged in issues of social justice, across the divides of this conflicted land.

John was a contemporary of our own minister Martin during training so already has a link to Greenbank but we look forward to developing a connection with his congregation as a whole, as we keep in touch with John through prayer and correspondence and learn more about the challenges faced in the complex political and religious landscape of Israel/Palestine. In August John spoke at an Israel/Palestine meeting at Polwarth Church and we hope to welcome him to Greenbank during future return visits to Scotland.

The web links below provide more information about John and his work.

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2018/new_kirk_minister_swaps_rural_argyll_for_jerusalem

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/world_mission/mission_partners/israel-and-palestine

Janet Edwards

Retiral of Malcolm Watters and Iain Davidson from the Kirk Session and the Death of Donald Mackay



Donald Mackay, Lord Mackay of Drumadoon, died on 21st August after a period of illness. Donald was ordained to the eldership and admitted to the Kirk Session at Greenbank in 1987. He was a faithful District elder for District 61B where his visits were much enjoyed. He enjoyed attending Kirk Session meetings until his illness made that impossible. He will be much missed from the Session. Malcolm Watters and Iain Davidson have indicated that they wish to retire from the Kirk Session. Malcolm was ordained to the eldership and admitted to the Kirk Session at Greenbank in 1975 and, for the last few months, has been our senior elder. Malcolm took great pleasure from his role as a District elder, first in District 19 and later in Districts 34 and 35. He served on several committees, and as a Session representative on the Board

for many years, giving it the benefit of his professional skills. He has also been the link elder for the Friendship Club. Iain was ordained to the eldership and admitted to the Kirk Session at Greenbank in 1985 and soon became the District elder for District 17 where his visits and friendship were much appreciated. He was convener of our Parish and Community Interests Committee from 2000-2004 and immediately became Presbytery elder until 2007, serving with humour and diligence. He was the link elder for the Neighbourhood Group and also served on the Board.

The Session will miss Malcolm and Iain from their meetings but look forward to their continuing presence in the life of the congregation.

Valerie Macniven

Welcome Teams

October

- 7 **John Ritchie**, Eric Brown, Ralph Davidson, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Ian Thomson, Susan Jackman
- 14 **Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Iain Davidson, Hugh Cowan, Susan Black, Malcolm Watters, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay
- 21 **Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Kay Ellis, Charles Black, David Gourlay

October (cont'd)

- 28 **Caroline Kehoe**, David Allan,
Richard Denison, Ian McWilliam,
Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean
Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy

November

- 4 **Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson,
John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Sandy
Cameron, Carrie Reid, Moira Land,
Julia Dunbar, Amy Barnes

Congregational Register

*Omitted from the online
version of Connections*

Coffee Rota

October

- 7 YES Group
- 14 Moira Small
- 21 Mission and Service
- 28 Susan Inch & Chris Horne
(D48, D37, D66, D67)



November

- 4 Margot Fergusson & Vivien
Hutchison (D11, D71)

Flower Rota



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October

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| 7 | Grace Maweu | Alison Ambler |
| 14 | Ray Dely | Rachel Cadell |
| 21 | Eleanor Winton | Moira Little |
| 28 | Joan Ritchie | Irene Horne |

November

- 4 Rhian Ferguson Janet Inglis

Don't forget the Greenbank website
www.greenbankchurch.org

Greenbank Calendar: October 2018

October

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| 2 Tues | 19.30 | Guild |
| 3 Wed | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 14.30 | Friendship Club |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |
| 4 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 5 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 7 Sun | 9.30 | First Sunday Service led by Springboard |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| | 19.00 | Youth Alpha |
| 8 Mon | 19.30 | Bible Study Group |
| 9 Tues | 19.30 | Congregational Board |
| 10 Wed | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |
| 11 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| | 14.30 | Work Party |
| 12 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 14 Sun | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| | | <i>No meeting of Young Church</i> |
| 15 Mon | 19.30 | Bible Study Group |
| 16 Tues | 19.30 | Guild |
| 17 Wed | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 14.30 | Friendship Club |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |
| 18 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| | 14.30 | Work Party |
| 19 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 21 Sun | 9.30 | Quiet Communion |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| | 19.00 | Youth Alpha |
| 22 Mon | 19.30 | Bible Study Group |
| 24 Wed | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 14.30 | Friendship Club (musical) |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |
| 25 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| | 14.30 | Work Party |
| 26 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 28 Sun | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| | 12.00 | YACHT Lunch |
| | 18.30 | Contemplative Worship |
| 29 Mon | 19.30 | Bible Study Group |
| 30 Tues | 19.30 | Guild |
| 31 Wed | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 14.30 | Friendship Club |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |

November

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| 1 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 2 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 3 Sat | 16.00 | Messy Church |
| 4 Sun | 9.30 | First Sunday Service led by the Guild |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| | | Christmas Card Sale |
| | 15.00 | A Time to Remember |
| | 18.30 | Contemplative Worship |

The ministry team can be contacted through the Church Office or directly:

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Mr Steven Chaffee (Youth Associate)

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email: stevechaffee@greenbankchurch.org

For information about church organisations, please contact the Church Office:

(Mon–Fri, 8.30am–12.00 noon, 1.30pm–3.00pm)

Mrs Virginia Johnston

tel and fax: 0131 447 9969

email: greenbankchurch@btconnect.com

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

Website: www.greenbankchurch.org

*Postal address: Greenbank Parish Church
Braidburn Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 6ES*

Material for the November issue of Greenbank Connections should be delivered to the Church Office or to the Editors' pigeon-hole in the Main Hall by Sunday 14th October or sent by e-mail by 9am on Tuesday 16th October to

greenbankconnections@gmail.com