

Greenbank Connections



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Holiday Club 2019 was a great success! (see page 9)

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From the Minister



Dear Friends,

A change is as good as a rest, as the saying goes, and I would like to thank the Kirk Session for enabling Bill Stone and me to swap pulpits and congregations for the month of July. I had a great time with the folk at New Vernon, New Jersey, and I know that Bill and the family really enjoyed their time with you back at Greenbank. The Stones are a special family, and very much part of Greenbank still in our hearts. I hope that we can continue links between our two congregations, so watch this space! At the very least, if you're going to New Jersey in the near future, then a visit to Bill's place is a must – you'll be warmly welcomed, as Scots tend to be in the USA. I suspect that we can look forward to a few visitors from New Vernon, as they are a mobile and adventurous bunch!

As we look forward to a new session at Greenbank, we began with Homecoming Sunday on 18th August at the 10.30am service. It was a chance to welcome our church family back from holidays, but also to

extend invitations to others. The invitation to be part of the church is an important dimension of our mission. It's a simple thing, but incredibly powerful. To be invited. Jesus invited people to be part of his mission, to sit alongside him, offering a release from the tough things of their lives. Can we do the same, spotting opportunities in our programme for the year to bring someone along?



Bill and Hayley Stone and family

Shaping Greenbank: our Strategic Plan
September is an exciting month in our shared life together as Greenbank Parish Church. Everyone in our congregation – members, elders, and regular attenders – has a chance to contribute to the shaping of our **Greenbank Strategic Plan**, which will cover the next five years.

A small group from the Kirk Session was given the job to get the thinking started, and the whole Session has considered its suggestions which, with their input, have become the draft strategic plan.

Now it's your turn to offer your thoughts.

On Sundays 8th, 15th, and 22nd September, the 10.30am service will focus on the three key themes of our plan: *Discipleship, Outreach, and Care.* Following each service, there will be a number of breakout discussion sessions facilitated by one of our planning team, and we hope to gather as many views as possible. There will also be a feedback form available for anyone who can't make it along, or who feels more comfortable giving written rather than verbal comments.

Rooted and Growing

Over the summer I've been reflecting on the rich heritage we have at Greenbank. The legacy of David H C Read in the formation of Quest in the 1940s is still felt here today, and I connected with two members of Bill Stone's congregation at New Vernon who had been members of Dr Read's church at Madison Avenue Presbyterian in New York. Recognising things that have been formative is important in our present and future Greenbank story. At certain points in our congregation's life though, hard questions were asked about where we were going. Sometimes that kind of questioning sees things that might be better left behind. At other times, the legacy of the past can be profitably continued. We may tend to undervalue what we have right now, and so we should count our blessings for the many good things of Greenbank today. However, we cannot ignore the future, and innovating from a position of strength is the best way to go.

So please be part of shaping our strategy for the nurture and growth of God's vineyard at Greenbank.

With all my love to you – it's great to be home!

Martin

The Guild

The Guild is a friendly group which meets usually on the first and third Tuesday of the month from October to March. Our format is a short act of worship, a speaker, then a cup of tea and chat. After a good summer of coffee mornings and helping at Holiday Club we are looking forward to another varied, entertaining and interesting programme of speakers and activities. The topics range from *Dr Elsie Inglis* to *Arctic Convoys* via *Antiques* and a discussion of this year's Theme – *Companions on the Road* – with the Rev Peter Graham. Look out for the big Team Quiz on 5th October and a Gilbert and Sullivan evening in February.



The topic of our first meeting on 1st October in the Braid Room at 7.30pm is *Malawi Fruits*, a National Guild Project which we are supporting this year. This is a very effective project, supplying solar powered pumps to subsistence farmers to allow them to irrigate their crops, giving them food security and the ability to earn an income which they can use to improve their farming or pay for education for their children.

All are welcome at our meetings, and we look forward to catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Edith Armit
(Email e22armit@yahoo.co.uk)

World Mission Team

The team meets several times a year and our remit is to keep the congregation informed about issues of World Mission. Through articles in *Connections*, we pass on news from our Mission Partner, the Rev John McCulloch, who covers Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territory.

November and February or March.

The next stall will be held on Sunday 29th September 2019 after the 10.30am service, and we look forward to your support.

Christina Morrow



Greenbank is a Fair Trade Church and we promote fair trade products by selling a selection of goods from our One World Stall during the year, generally in September,

Ladies Badminton

Ladies Badminton meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am and begins on *Wednesday 11th September*. We are an active and social group where tea, coffee and chat are also on the agenda. If you have played badminton before and are interested in finding out more please contact

Susan Black
(Email sueblack29@hotmail.com)

Edinburgh Women's Aid

Thank you so much to everyone at Greenbank Parish Church, which raised over **£2,700** from the Easter Appeal to support local women affected by domestic abuse to gain financial independence. Economic abuse (where the perpetrator controls their partner by controlling finances) can be what keeps a woman and her children trapped in a harmful relationship. The employability project at *Edinburgh Women's Aid*, which Greenbank Parish Church is supporting, will help women in Edinburgh to become more economically independent, helping to improve their lives and their children's lives and enabling them to move on from an abusive relationship.

Thank you so much for your life changing support, Greenbank! We are hugely grateful.



Baby and Toddler Groups at Greenbank

The Baby and Toddler groups meet on Thursday and Friday mornings during term time in the Main Hall. It's a chance for the children to play with lots of super toys whilst parents and carers can catch up over a coffee and some home baking.

The groups run from 9.45am to 11.15am and entry is via the church office buzzer. A healthy snack is provided for the children; the cost per family is £2 per session.

This last year has been great fun with parties and activities for the children, and Santa even turned up at Christmas time! All children up to school age are welcome with their parents or carers. A warm welcome is extended to everyone so please come along and join us!

For more information please contact Carrie Reid (carrie.r@talk21.com) or Kirsten Pink (kirstenpink@hotmail.co.uk).

Follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/greenbankbabyandtoddler/

Crèche Volunteers Wanted

We require two helpers each Sunday morning to staff the Crèche for children under 3, and would love a larger pool of volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact me.

Anne Kinnear, Crèche co-ordinator
(Email aekinnear@talktalk.net).

Nile Grove Playgroup at Greenbank

The perfect place for your child to take the first step towards independence and to play and socialise with other children.

Childcare for 2¼–5 year olds, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9.15am–11.45am. Lunch Club is available Mondays and Wednesdays until 12.30pm. Cost: £12 per session (£17 with Lunch Club).

We are a local and friendly community playgroup running since 1984 and a registered charity (Charity no SC008817). The playgroup benefits from several events throughout the year to help raise much needed funds in order to enhance the learning environment for our little learners.

Each day the children will enjoy a host of toys and games alongside art and craft activities, messy play, dressing up, story time and singing. They will also enjoy a healthy snack and have some time to play outdoors in our private garden area.

The playgroup has strong links with the Church's Baby and Toddler groups, as well as with Greenbank Pre School, with our Lunch Club taking children directly into their afternoon session. This new initiative has proven to be very successful to help our local families with childcare needs, but also to continue to build on the good working relationship between the playgroup and the Pre School. Whether it is to help cover working commitments or to give yourself a couple of hours of peace, we would love to hear from you and invite you to come and visit us.

Playgroup Manager: **Elaine Ho**

Email: info@nilegroveplaygroup.co.uk

Tel: 07505 366 580 (during playgroup hours)

Website: www.nilegroveplaygroup.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/nilegroveplaygroup/



Country Dance Club

The Country Dance Club is a social club open to anyone interested in Country Dancing. We meet on Wednesday evenings in the Centenary Hall from 7.30pm to 9.30pm from September to March. We have a weekly programme of dances learnt previously and new dances taught by a qualified teacher.

While it is not essential, a basic knowledge of Country Dance steps is advisable. We look forward to welcoming new members at our first meeting on **Wednesday 25th September**.

For further information please contact Helen Millar (helenmillari@yahoo.co.uk) or Doris Laing (d.laing@phonecoop.coop).



Have you looked at the Greenbank website recently?

www.greenbankchurch.org

Greenbank Church Choir

Our enthusiastic choir of some twenty two members meets on Thursday nights at 7.30pm from the end of September to mid-June or Pentecost, mainly in the Braid Room.

The choir, under its new Director of Music, Alberto Massimo, sings a wide variety of interesting and inspiring choral works, often in four parts. It performs an introit and anthem at each Sunday service at 10.30am (except on Communion Sundays), sometimes rehearsing beforehand at 10am in the sanctuary.

We would encourage all keen singers, especially those who can read music, to come along and attend one of our rehearsals and subsequent service. You will be made most welcome. You may wish to approach Alberto directly after a service, for some more information.



Christian Aid

This national charity campaigns to relieve poverty and to promote equality and justice. It presently works in 37 countries worldwide. The small Christian Aid group at Greenbank participates in a committee with other local congregations to promote awareness of the charity and raise funds.

Our annual Advent appeal has for many years been in support of Christian Aid. During Christian Aid Week in May we organise house-to-house collections in the parish. This year the campaign was focussed on maternal health and neonatal death in Sierra Leone. Our motivating church service on Christian Aid Sunday included two moving films about life saving development work in that country. Around 50 volunteers then took part in the local collections and we raised **£4,242**, an excellent result.

Over the last year the local committee has organised an October film night in aid of the India Tsunami appeal, a December



coffee morning, an Apollo 11 moon landing evening in aid of Cyclone Idai appeal, and a Spring Fair. Several Greenbank members also helped with the successful Holy Corner book sale. Please look out for notifications of future events.

Following David Ferguson's retirement from the committee **we are looking for an additional Greenbank representative** to join us on the local committee. **We also need a few extra volunteers for the house to house collections in 2020** (it's never too soon to get in touch!) Please contact me if you would like more information about these worthwhile roles.

Fiona Watt

Email fiona.watt@blueyonder.co.uk

Young Church

We look forward to welcoming all children and young people to Young Church. They usually go into Church for the first part of the 10.30am Sunday Service before going to their various groups.

Crèche

The Crèche, for babies and children under 3, meets in the Hermitage Room.

Contact: Anne Kinnear

Spectrum

We have made some changes to arrangements this year. All children from age 3 up to Primary 6 will meet in the Centenary Hall for a short time together. Afterwards, they will break into groups to follow an interesting mix of Bible stories, activities, crafts and games tailored to their age and stage, using the *Spill The Beans* programme.

Contacts: Jenny Young
Moirra Small

Springboard

Primary 7 pupils and up will be helping Steve, as he introduces the Bible story and themes on Sunday mornings to Spectrum before digging into the story themselves. Like Spectrum, Springboard will base itself on *Spill The Beans*, and will spring into the 'big questions' and begin introducing various ways to read the Bible.

Contact: Steve Chaffee

QII

For S3 and older, QII meets on Sunday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. In line with QII's long history at Greenbank, here teens are encouraged to ask profound questions and to debate life and Christianity – all the while playing a few games, eating pizza, and having fun events outwith Greenbank. See the schedule in the Hub (Office corridor) for more details! (*See also the article about Springboard and QII on page 12.*)

Contact: Steve Chaffee

Thanks

We would like to record our thanks to Helen Barnes who is stepping down from her leadership of Springboard after many years. We are very grateful for her dedicated and enthusiastic contribution, for her leadership of weekends away and



for her positive and caring attitude towards our Greenbank teenagers.

Steve Chaffee, Youth Associate

Holiday Club 2019



“Gonnae no’ dae that?”: Mr Steven Chaffee and Rev Dr Martin Ritchie, aka Radge and Rabbie

As I write, we have completed the first day of *Backpackers*, our Holiday Club for 2019. With over sixty children enrolled, eighteen teenage young leaders and our experienced team of enthusiastic leaders, there was a wonderfully happy atmosphere in our halls today. Martin and Steve, whose costumes have to be seen to be believed, led us in lots of fun activities. (*See also front cover.*)

Two of our young people, about to start University, are currently backpacking in Europe but didn’t want to be left out, so each day they are telling the Bible story by video link. Today they made their film in Paris.

We are looking forward to four more successful days and the service and barbecue on Sunday. By the time you read this we will be starting to think about our one-day event at Christmas.

Alison Reid

Help the Homeless

This group, as its name suggests, was set up to try to help with some of the problems of homelessness in Edinburgh which, for many reasons, remain significant. It helps in three main ways:

Fresh Start provides help to the recently homeless who are moving into new accommodation. It supplies the basics required to move into unfurnished accommodation. Greenbank helps this effort by having regular collections of such things as crockery and bedding; keep an eye on **Connections** for details.

Greenbank also helps to staff **Edinburgh’s Winter Night Shelters**, 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 helps supply the hot meal and company for users. Bethany provides the professional help to those who need it. This year Greenbank provided food and company for five of the shelter nights.

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 three centres around Edinburgh where meals are provided daily for the homeless. At Christmas time, FareShare (at Richmond Craigmillar) was again added, as part of our **Reverse Advent Calendar** campaign.

Nora Kellock, Alison Ambler, Richard Dunbar

The Scouting Movement



Greenbank is home to a thriving Beaver colony, Cub pack, Scout troop and Explorer unit.

Over 50 Explorers (young people of 14 to 18 years) have had another action-packed year, including a ghost tour, fireworks evening, movie night, Burns Supper, Edinburgh wide game, “Bake Off”, night hike, a talk from Edinburgh Young Carers and our traditional end of year at Yellowcraigs Beach. Explorers

camped in September at St Anne’s near Moffat, in December in Blackwater Hall at Glen Shee, in June at Killin and in July near Chester (including a hike up Mount Snowdon and a day’s survival skills). There are 42 Scouts (10½ to 14), including the troop’s first three girls. The accent is on outdoor activities such as kayaking on the canal, orienteering in the Hermitage and a hike to a remote bothy in January for the patrol leaders. In March, 17 Scouts camped near Kirkcaldy and earned the Athletics, Camp Cook, and Emergency Aid badges. Other weekend camps included Bonaly in September and February, Lochgoilhead in November and Crook of Devon in May, culminating in Summer Camp for a week near Moffat (including a visit to the Loch Ken water activities centre as well as a hike and traditional camp skills, hiking and pioneering).

The 32-strong Cubs (8 to 10½) had a Pack camp at Bonaly in November including a night walk, fire lighting, cooking on fires and singing songs at a campfire. Twelve Cubs won the Chief Scout Silver Award – the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve. Cubs went to the Gang Show, bounced at Gravity and put on a production of The Jungle Book.

The 20 Beavers (6-8) worked towards the My Personal Challenge as well as Builder, Experiment and Sports Activity badges. Unbelievably, all the Beavers passed their first personal challenge – to sit still and not make a sound. Each year, Explorers and Scouts spend three weekends ski-ing at Glenshee.

Want to join? Explorers and Scouts meet on Fridays (7.15 to 9.15pm), Cubs meet on Thursdays (6.30 to 8.00pm) and Beavers meet on Tuesdays (6.30 to 7.30pm). The best initial contact is

4th.morningside.scouts@gmail.com

Want to help? Our main fundraising efforts are the sale of Christmas trees (delivered to your door) and that Greenbank institution the Jumble Sale (on Saturday 18th April next year) – both of which depend on the support of the congregation and the neighbourhood. And we’d be delighted to hear from anyone who wants to join our team of enthusiastic leaders, especially for the Explorers and the Beavers. Do email us if you can help.



Duncan Macniven

Scouts on a rope course

Greenbank Guides

The 162 City of Edinburgh Guides meet on Thursdays in the Lower Hall.

Guides offers girls aged 10-14 the opportunity to explore their abilities and develop themselves. One main ethos of Guiding is that it is girl-led and the girls choose what activities they do both in the hall and outside.

Recent activities have included yoga, bowling, exploring Blackford Hill, and visiting Bonaly Scout site to cook on fires.

The Guides also had a weekend away in May where we made our own ice-cream – always yummy!

The girls are attending the Tartan gig in August, an all-Guide music concert, taking place at the SSE Hydro with acts including Lewis Capaldi, James Arthur, Becky Hill and Jade Bird.



If your daughter is interested in Guides, our email address is

162edinburghguides@gmail.com

We are also always looking for volunteers for all sections – Rainbows (5-7 years), Brownies (7-10 years) and Guides (10-14 years). Please get in touch, or more information can be found at

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer

162B Brownies – the Thursday Brownies

We have had another busy year: attending a sleepover in the Blackpool Tower Ballroom, going to see three of our girls perform in the Edinburgh Gang Show, receiving a tour of the church from Martin, singing in a local nursing home, attending an action packed weekend at Dalguise and visiting the Scottish Parliament. Our main activities are games, crafts, trips, badges, singing, skills. We have 24 girls aged between 7 and 10. We meet in the Upper Hall on Thursdays during term time 6.30 to 7.45pm.

We were very sad to say farewell to outgoing Barn Owl Helen Barnes and Tawny Owl Shirley Sutherland.

Contact person: Lisa Pirrie
lisapirrie@blueyonder.co.uk



Brownies in Scottish Parliament Committee Room

Springboard and QII

Whew – what a summer! Having Bill Stone swap pulpits with Martin Ritchie meant that Bill had the chance to see some of the youth – now grown up! You might remember Beca, who got baptised at Easter, and Annie, who made her profession of faith with Beca and others the following week. They spent the summer interrailing, but made videos for the Holiday Club while away, telling the kids the Bible story every day. It was a really lovely way for them to be part of Holiday Club, even if they could not be physically present.

Now, at the start of the year, Springboard and QII have a whole schedule full to burst with events. For Springboard, we'll be continuing our usual Sunday morning routine, but they will be coming down to help lead parts of Young Church, with a few 'out of Church' events through the term. For QII, due to their rousing success, I have planned nearly twice as many 'Interview a Greenbanker' sessions. Don't be surprised if I come asking you about your availability! Also, through this year we will be running a 'Church Crawl', visiting other churches in the city for their Sunday evening services to see how they 'do' church. Finally, QII will be having 'teen led' nights, where individual members of QII will get a taste of how to envisage, plan, and lead a session of QII. All this, and more still!

Steve Chaffee

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



Messy Church and Challenge Church

We meet once a month on a Saturday, 4-6pm, offering fun, faith and food for families.

Messy Church is for pre-school to P4 children and their parents, with crafts, snacks and games relating to our chosen theme for the month.

Challenge Church is aimed at P5 and P6 children, with teamwork building activities, active games, and a tricky puzzle related to the theme.

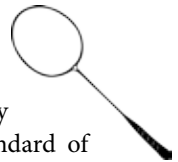
Messy Church and Challenge Church both then join for a time in the sanctuary, followed by a family meal together for chat and fellowship.

Dates: *21st September, 26th October, 23rd November, 18th January, 29th February, 21st March.*

Steve Chaffee

Badminton Club

Greenbank Church Badminton Club has been running now for decades and meets on a Monday evening at 7pm. The standard of badminton is a competitive lower league standard and the club is well suited to ex-competitive players who want a decent club night or to younger players (18+) looking to start in the Edinburgh club badminton scene via a small, friendly club. Please contact Richard Edmonstone (redmonsto@hotmail.com) if you are interested in coming along to try the club out. We can also point juniors or serious players at clubs suited to them within Edinburgh.



Work Party

For many years ladies (and a few gentlemen) in Greenbank have been knitting and crocheting for charities. At the moment there are about twelve of us, we are a very friendly group and we are always looking for new members. We meet on Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Hermitage Room to have tea and cake and hand in completed work and collect more yarn. This year's session starts on 26th September, then fortnightly until 5th December.

We knit children's jumpers and cardigans for the Edinburgh Clothing Store and a church at Muirhouse, Twiddle Muffs for dementia patients at the Open Door and the Elms, Knee Rugs for the Elms and Morlich House, Bedsocks for Morlich, Hats for the Homeless, Trauma Teddies for Children 1st and baby hats and jackets for Simpsons.

If you are interested and would like more information speak to me at Church, phone 445 3195 or come along on 26th September at 2.30 pm. If you cannot come on a Thursday, become one of our Outworkers.

We welcome gifts of Machine Washable Double Knitting yarn and any large buttons.

Anne Oxbrow

Friendship Club

Are you a senior citizen in the Greenbank area? Our club is for you, whether you are a church member or not. We meet on alternate Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall (with lift access) where we are entertained by speakers offering a wide range of topics, often illustrated, sometimes amusing or serious but always interesting.

Each meeting closes with chat over tea and biscuits. A pre-ordered lunch (soup, pudding and coffee) will be served before the first meeting of each month, and a DIY meeting of Games or Music will be on the third.

We have a Christmas party and annual Outing, usually in May. The subscription, which includes tea, is £15 per year.

Our new session begins on 2nd October, when, after lunch, Charles Everitt will talk on *Wildlife Crime*, so join us then when a warm welcome awaits you.

Please contact me for further information.

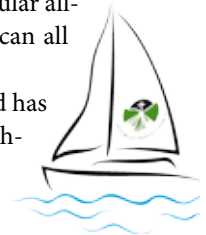
Val Smart, Coordinator

YACHT Ceilidh

The YACHT campaign is to sign off on its series of events with the popular all-age family Ceilidh on **Saturday 28th September 2019**. We hope you can all turn out to enjoy this final event in the campaign.

The band is tuning up and raring to go, Donald "Masterchef" MacLeod has the buffet in hand, the performers are being lined up, and the refreshments are on tap – it doesn't get any better! So come along and join in between 6.30pm and 9.30pm – young and old together.

Tickets are on sale in the Main Hall after Sunday services or from the Office: Adults £15 and Children under 12 £2.



Jim Young

Greenbank Calendar: September 2019

September

1 Sun	9.30	Family Friendly Communion
	10.30	Traditional Communion
	15.00	Afternoon Communion
	19.00	QII
4 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
5 Thurs	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
6 Fri	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
7 Sat	9.30	A Safe Listening Place Awareness Raising on Domestic Abuse
8 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship Greenbank Vision 1: Discipleship
	19.00	QII
9 Mon	19.30	Autumn Home Groups week
10 Tues	19.30	Kirk Session with Communion
11 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
12 Thurs	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
13 Fri	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
15 Sun	9.30	Quiet Communion
	10.30	Morning Worship Greenbank Vision 2: Outreach
	19.00	QII
16 Mon	19.30	Autumn Home Groups week
18 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
19 Thurs	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
20 Fri	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
21 Sat	4pm	Messy and Challenge Church
22 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship Greenbank Vision 3: Care
	18.00 for 18.30	Autumn Lecture Series 1 in Greenbank (note time)
	19.00	QII
23 Mon	19.30	Autumn Home Groups week

24 Tues	19.30	Congregational Board
25 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
26 Thurs	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
	19.30	Choir Practice
27 Fri	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
28 Sat	18.30	YACHT Family Ceilidh
29 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
	19.00	QII
	19.00 for 19.30	Autumn Lecture Series 2 in Greenbank
30 Mon	19.30	Autumn Home Groups week

October

1 Tues	19.30	Guild meeting
2 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	14.30	Friendship Club meeting
3 Thurs	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
	11.00	Preschool Harvest Service in Church
	19.30	Choir Practice
4 Fri	9.45	Baby and Toddler Group
5 Sat	18.00	Guild Family Quiz
6 Sun		<i>No First Sunday Service today</i>
	10.30	All Age Worship for Harvest
	19.00 for 19.30	Autumn Lecture Series 3 in Morningside
	19.00	QII

Coffee Rota

September

- 1 *Communion – no coffee*
- 8 Guild
- 15 Dorothy Whitehead (D89)
- 22 WAGs
- 29 Yes Group

October

- 6 The Country Dance Group

Welcome Teams

September

- 1 Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson, Julia Dunbar, John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Sandy Cameron, Moira Land, Jenny Wright, Carrie Reid, Amy Barnes
- 8 Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Charles Black, Kay Ellis, David Gourlay
- 15 Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young, Kathryn Sangster
- 22 Caroline Kehoe**, Richard Denison, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy

- 29 Rosemary McCulloch**, Alison Murison, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Christina Morrow, Martin Struthers, Barbara Middleton

October

- 6 Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo

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

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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

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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 October issue of Greenbank Connections should be delivered to the Church Office or to the Editors' pigeonhole in the Main Hall by Sunday 16th September or sent by e-mail by 9am on Tuesday 18th September to

greenbankconnections@gmail.com

Flower Rota

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September

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| 1 Hutchison Family | Fiona Connal |
| 8 Barnes Family | Catherine Cameron |
| 15 Christina Black | Julia Dunbar |
| 22 Adair/Andrews Wedding | Pamela Jack |
| 29 Katy Maguire | Catherine Denham & Rona Ferguson |

October

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| 6 Grace Maweu | Alison Ambler |
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Greenbank Pre School



Here children can enjoy playing and learning with friends in bright modern airy accommodation with two gardens with all-weather surfaces. At Greenbank we offer a nutritious organic snack and believe in promoting a healthy and positive outlook.

From August 2019 hot lunches will be available for children attending all day.

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**Centenary Hall, Greenbank Church,
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Summer Walks

Most readers will have heard about the Church walks programme which has taken place through July and August this year. Themed on 'Care for Creation' and our Eco Congregation commitments, a set of five outings has seen over twenty members explore our local environment, and venture further to cross the Pentlands, and walk the Union Canal as far as Ratho. The participants collectively walked over 180 miles!

All walks started and finished using public transport, and their eco-friendly credentials were further reinforced by foraging for wild raspberries and recording and checking all the wild flora and fauna seen en route! The summer explosion of butterflies was duly noted, as well as other natural and man-made influences on the environment. The social value of the walk series was also considerable – sometimes the loudest noise was the constant buzz of conversation throughout the duration of the walk!

There is talk of more regular walking group arrangements through the year. If you are interested please contact David Jack (davidinnesjack@gmail.com) or any member of the Eco Congregation Group.



Walking group, Pentlands, July 2019