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From the Minister



Dear Friends,

October sees a second gathering of the clans. Our first gathering is when families return from school holidays, but then those who are flexible enough to holiday 'off-peak' head away for some September leisure. No sooner are they back than the school holidays are here again in October and the families are off! It's slightly comical, but great that we have such a mobile congregation. However, October is a busy month with lots happening at Greenbank and we hope that you'll be able to join us for some special events when you are around.

On 20th October at our 10.30am service there will be a chance to give thanks for the tremendous **YACHT (Youth at Church Today)** fundraising project as it nears its end. So many people have contributed one way or another to a

tremendous five years of focused fundraising. It has been great fun, a particular highlight being the intergenerational ceilidh complete with gourmet stovies and lots of Greenbank talent in performance – including some pretty nifty footwork on the floor! The Burns Supper has been epic, the Brides and Bubbles afternoon was extraordinary, the photograph competition and calendar has inspired us and rewarded talented snappers in our midst. Above all, the project has enabled us to keep focused on work amongst young people at Greenbank, and for that we're incredibly grateful. To Jim Young and members of the YACHT team and co-opted helpers, a huge thank you for all that you have done. Our youth ministry sows seeds, some of which we get to see germinate and grow whilst others take longer to sprout. We can trust that there will be impacts to our work that we see and some that we don't: but it's happening, somehow, sometime.

Later, on the 20th, we welcome everyone with a pet to bring them along to the **Pet Blessing Service at 3pm in the Main Hall**. Often our pets are not affirmed by the Church as part of our lives, so on this day we will bring them fully on board and acknowledge the amazing impact that they have on so many people. Please invite friends who have pets and ask them to indicate their participation by contacting the Office so we know what kind of zoo to cater for. All smaller pets in cages or carriers, please.

On 27th October at 10.30am our preacher will be the Very Rev Dr John Chalmers, former Moderator, Principal Clerk, and a chaplain to the Queen. John is an inspiring speaker and a tremendous person, and will be talking to us about the work of reconciliation of the conflicts in South Sudan as part of the Church of Scotland's work in World Mission. The service is followed by a congregational lunch. It's always fun, but let's make it very special this year with our eminent guest – sign up by contacting Ginny in the Church Office.

The following Sunday, 3rd November, will see us host a number of delegates from South Sudan who are visiting Scotland as part of the process of reconciliation. Please give them a great Greenbank welcome if you run into them.

It seems as if we're needing our very own reconciliation in the United Kingdom right now thanks to the rigours of Brexit. At this time of negotiation, spare a prayer for our leaders and for their development of an understanding of the distinctive issues in Scotland, reminding ourselves that our common humanity has to be the place to start these conversations. So let's fight for the kind of reconciliation which will cast out petty politics and eliminate fear whilst being honest about the impacts of decisions taken.

Looking forward to seeing you at worship and events during October.

With my love and best wishes to you all,

Martin

Come and Sing with the Advent Community Choir!

Last year a group of around 50 singers enjoyed meeting to form our Advent Community Choir which learned music under my direction.

It was such fun that we're going to run it again, leading up to our magical Advent Carol Service by Candlelight at **6.30pm on Sunday 1st December**.

If you enjoy singing and aren't fazed by using printed music copies, then you'd be very welcome to join us for some fun learning of new material in different styles. Rehearsals are on:

Sundays, 4pm–6pm in the Centenary Hall

27th October, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November

1st December, rehearsal followed by Service at 6.30pm

Feel free to invite friends to be part of it – the more the merrier! Contact me to register so we know how much music to provide.

Martin Ritchie

Email: mritchie@churchofscotland.org.uk Tel: 07984 466 855

Streaming

Now is the time to get involved!



We hope to run a training course on the technical aspects of TV camera work, the sound desk and the incorporation of text into the streamed broadcast (picture-in-picture) during the month of October.

If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested, please provide names to the Church Office as soon as possible.

David Ferguson

Cheques to Greenbank Church



The Bank of Scotland has advised that they will only accept cheques made out to

'Greenbank Church'

as that is the name of our Bank accounts. The Bank will not accept a cheque made payable to any other name than that, so you risk having your cheque rejected by the Bank, and may incur bank charges.

John Ritchie

QII



I was not kidding when I said we have a full schedule lined up for QII! Right out the gate we had our first interview – with Duncan Macniven. He spoke a bit about his own life and history with the church, as well as the outstanding questions he had.

We began our discussion series with the question *‘Why read the Bible?’* with all the stimulating chat one might expect flowing from it. As the weeks have gone on, we saw both Beca and Annie depart for Uni and gifted them both signed copies of a guide to independent coffee shops across Scotland; this may see a fair bit of use in the coming months!

We had the first of our Church Crawl nights where we attended an evening service at St Paul’s and St George’s (‘Ps and Gs’) in the New Town. It was lively, full of students coming into the city for Freshers’ week, and set a good precedent for our subsequent

outings. As usual, we had moments when we agreed and disagreed, which led to yet more stimulating discussion.

Johnny and Ben led our first ‘Teen-Led’ night, and we look forward to Amy and Elena leading the next one in November. I was most excited by our evening discussing *‘Whether Christianity is actually a religion?’*

Last, and of course not least, by the time you read this members of QII will have attended the YACHT Ceilidh, and will also have interviewed our second Greenbanker: Gillie Davidson.

It’s been really busy so far, but I would have it no other way. October will be a little more relaxed, with mainly discussion nights in the building. I will report on them in November.

Steve Chaffee

The Guild

The Guild is starting the 2019–20 session on **1st October at 7.30pm** in the Braid Room with a speaker from **Malawi Fruits**, a very interesting and effective project supplying solar-powered pumps to subsistence farmers in the north of Malawi, to enable them to irrigate their land. This gives not only food security for the families, but the chance of an income to improve their lives in many ways.

On **15th October** Mrs Margaret Barr will spill the beans with ‘**Confessions of a Moderator’s Wife**’.

All are welcome to our meetings – we are a cheerful friendly bunch.



The Big Quiz: Here’s a challenge for Greenbank! On **Saturday 5th October**, the Guild is hosting a general knowledge quiz. All members and friends are invited to make up teams, preferably not more than eight persons, age range 12 years to 100. The topics cover **Scotland, Food & Drink, Sport, Film & TV, History, Literature, General Knowledge, Bible and Geography**.

The Quiz will be held in Greenbank Main Hall, starting at 6.30 pm. The cost is £2 per head, refreshments included. Book your place by contacting me.

Edith Armit

Email e22armit@yahoo.co.uk

Subscriptions for *Life & Work* and Donations for *Greenbank Connections*

You are invited to subscribe for 12 editions of the Church of Scotland’s **Life & Work** magazine for the year 2020. The subscription for **Life & Work** for 2020 is **£31**, payable by 27th October to enable us to submit the Church’s bulk order. We shall order **Life & Work** for those who have made payment by that date and included their name and address with their payment.

Those ordering after 27th October will still receive **Life & Work** but will be charged **£34** as the discount will no longer be available.

Greenbank Connections, with its regular news about Greenbank Church, is provided to members. In order to help cover the costs,

the Board suggests donating a minimum of **£10** per household, also by 27th October.

A single payment of **£41** can be made to cover both **Greenbank Connections** and **Life & Work**. (It will be £44 after 27th October.)

Payment, giving your name and address and stating whether you are subscribing to **Life & 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

A Look Over One's Shoulder

It is time to reflect on my church insurance role as I pass on the reins to my successor. Turning the clock back to 1979, on entering the church vestibule I was approached by the then Preses, David Morris, who said 'I have the ideal job for you, Charles'. That is how I took over the role of Greenbank Church insurance representative.

As I look back, I find myself having worked with four Ministers, five Preses, six Treasurers and six Property Convenors; each of these know who they are and have their own memories of me! With email and the internet only making their appearance in the late 1990s, all my early records are by hand.

In September 1978 an assessor evaluated our church building complex for insurance purposes at **£452,000**. The valuation carried out early last year of our very much larger extended building complex was **£13,500,000**. The annual insurance premium is currently £7,812 + insurance premium tax, being the equivalent of VAT. Not only has our church building increased in its size but so many different groups and organisations use our buildings seven days a week.

When most of us deal with everyday insurance (car, home, travel) we are all too often caught out due to 'the small print'. Church Insurance is no different. Our policy

now has a Plain English Summary of Cover which runs to 30 pages; the full policy runs to over 100 pages.

Nowadays we have named Health & Safety as well as Fire Safety representatives all tied in with Risk Assessments. We even require a Dormitory Accommodation risk assessment form to be completed whenever a youth group stays overnight in our church halls!

Some of you may be interested to know about our overall insurance claims made from 1980 to 2018. We have made 43 successful claims (with the inevitable excesses deducted) covering all three Greenbank properties. They fall into the following:

Church /Halls	27
Manse	10
Church flat (Comiston Place)	6

Only a brief summary of 40 years can be made in a few paragraphs, but even this may give you an eye opener to a rather hidden role in the life of our church.

Charles Black

Men Baking for Women's Aid Helpline

It's a wee while since the male bakers in the congregation showed off their skills, and we've spotted the ideal trigger. The presentation about *Women's Aid* during the morning service at the end of August was very moving.

To widen involvement in the congregation and to allow men to support the cause in a practical way, given that they cannot be directly involved with the projects, we're organising a fundraising bake sale on **Sunday 24th November**. *Men: get out your aprons and bake something for sale after the service that day!*

David Allan and Duncan Macniven

Christmas Card Sale

Christmas Cards will be on sale after the 9.30am and 10.30am services on **Sunday 3rd November**. We will be selling cards on behalf of CrossReach (Church of Scotland Social Care Council) and Capability Scotland will also be selling their own cards and decorations.

Ian Thomson

Reflections on Outreach

A sermon preached by the Minister on Sunday 15th September

John 4: 1-15

Matthew 28: 16-20

Last week we began thinking about our *Strategic Plan* and the first section, **Discipleship**. We explored two images, the first of sitting at the feet of Jesus, imbibing what we can learn of the way he thought and lived from the stories of the Bible, and that in this sitting we are like trees at the waterside, putting down our roots to burrow into the riverbank to reach the living water that a relationship with Jesus leads us to. But that sitting, being planted, sends us out again, because we can't resist the implications of the messages of Jesus to get out there in the world, to be alongside the people that need help and affirmation in so many ways. So there's a contemplative and an activist side to discipleship that we also found in the two approaches of Martha and Mary in Luke's Gospel.

Today we move on to think about **Outreach**, and when I had another look over this section of our *Strategic Plan*, I noted that our priorities are very much towards looking out, engagement, but also to bringing people towards us. That, of course, is exactly what the great commission that we heard from the Gospel of Matthew is all about. Going out and nurturing disciples for Christ, hoping that they find a route to God with us here, and baptising them as they profess their faith.

Today's reading from the Gospel of John sets out an altogether different kind of outreach which is very challenging, but which should lie behind all of our actions.

This is a powerful multi-layered story. Here we have Jesus and his disciples heading back from Jerusalem to Galilee on the most direct route, which took them through Samaria. Ah yes, the Samaritans – remember the Good Samaritan, the one who crossed the road to help whilst the other local worthies didn't? We're in his territory now. Why? It wouldn't have been usual for Jews to go that way from Jerusalem to Galilee. There were other "safer" options. And there they were, in the middle of the scorching day, with Jesus having been left to rest whilst the other disciples went off to get provisions from the town, probably the Samaritan capital, Shechem. And where is Jesus? Sitting at the well of the great Patriarch, Jacob. This triggers a scriptural memory of Jacob meeting his future wife Rachel at a well. It reminds us of Abraham's servant meeting Rebekah at a well whilst out searching for a wife for Isaac. It's a reminder of Moses meeting his wife Zipporah. It's all shaping up to be rather symbolic. Something significant is happening here. We are in foreign territory, not secretly but in broad daylight, and right at the heart of the story of the people of Israel, when along comes a woman to draw water. But why is she doing it in the middle of the day? That's not peak water-drawing time. It would more sensibly be done first thing or later in the day. No, this woman is somehow also on the edge of things to be there at that time, not permitted to be around everyone else, although she's not coming to Jesus in secret as Nicodemus did. No, this woman

innocently stumbles onto the scene, and comes face to face with a **rabbi** who actually asks **HER** to give him a drink of water. She can immediately see that he's from the other lot. And a man. And a Rabbi. This is normally such a big deal, and she can't quite believe it. And so we have this slightly comical knock-around, where Jesus speaks of having living water that will quench every thirst, and she can't even work out how he'll give it to her because he's got no bucket. The pair of them are talking past each other as we sit by and enjoy the exchange, seeing what's going on and waiting for it to be worked out.

This story is culturally radical for its time, incendiary even, with so many boundaries

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of caste and propriety being crossed in the tale, but certainly hugely symbolic of who Jesus was and what he would do. This was someone who would unite the divisions of the people of Israel just by sitting down alongside them, even though it was one of the more dangerous things that he could have done. The message of this story for us today is that it is part of our discipleship to go out into the world and sit down alongside other people in places that are not ours. Not in our safe zones, but in the places of our communities where people hang out. In the work places, in the schools, in the parks, in all sorts of community and cultural activities. A major part of our mission is to

be with folk who are not Christians. Folk of any faith or culture. And we are to be as Christ to them by getting alongside them and striking up relationships. This is not just for times of crisis, although that is also a time when we should be getting alongside folk in our communities too. This is the work of the disciples, who in the first part of this story are identified as the ones who were going out to do the baptising. ***It wasn't Jesus – his friends were doing it.*** So that's all of us – everyone here is charged with the job of being a disciple of Christ in the world.

What might this involve for you? It might be quite overt. You might actually be very good at having conversations about faith, and hurrah for that, but equally, getting alongside people might never involve an explicit faith conversation. But if you are motivated and driven to show the love of God in Christ by affirming the worth and acceptance of everyone you come across, then that will be enough to show that you are a disciple.

There will be times that the reaching out and being alongside people will have a rather more intense dimension. Many of you will have been aware of local cases of suicide, and the fact that this was suicide prevention week. Some of you will have been aware of the suicide of a very successful and popular young American pastor, Jarrid Wilson, with everything going for him, but bearing the burden of severe depression. What do we have to offer in situations like this? Sometimes we wonder if we have anything, but we still have the mission to sit alongside people who are enduring this and other burdens and affirm their



value and the love that is held for them as children of God. Our very presence alongside them is a part of our outreach and is as significant as the medical support that they will receive. It's a message that says: **hang in there, God loves you and wants you here.**

When we think about outreach like this, it is clearly sometimes demanding, but also rather straightforward. We get ourselves to the places where people who are not part of the church go to. ***So where are those wells for you? Think about that as you go about your lives this week.***

I learned a new song this summer called "We are all just walking each other home."

It's a simple repeating song with the idea that in getting alongside people we are going on the journey of life with them, and back home to God. I love this idea that WE are walking each other home in the way that a courting couple might do. Shyly at first, but growing more deeply connected the more of the walking we do, respectfully and with a hope for closeness. Let's remember this simple but powerful strategy of Jesus as we wonder about where the wells will be for us when we sit down with strangers, become friends, and walk each other home.

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

Friendship Club

Our first meeting on **2nd October**, when Charles Everitt is talking to us about '*Wild-life Crime*', will be preceded by lunch in the Lower Hall at 1.30pm, cost **£2.50**. This **must** be pre-booked.

On **9th October** we will have our first DIY Games afternoon, followed on **16th** by a talk from David Syme taking us on our first overseas trip of the session to **Namibia**.

Following Lunch on 13th November (pre-book), Eric Brown is speaking on the intriguing topic of '**X+Y=...**'. We'll just have to wait and see.

Also at our first meeting we will warmly welcome our new Treasurer, Fiona Watt, and thank her for agreeing to take over from Alasdair Smart who has filled the role for the last 16 years – no mean feat! We thank him for keeping us afloat and financially in good heart, and wish him a stress-free retirement.

Do remember that your friends and relations are welcome to join us, either as members (£15) or for £2 per meeting.

Val Smart, Co-ordinator

Bible Study Group

Meetings of the Monday Bible Study group resume on **7th October** in the Pentland Room at 7.30 pm. Meetings generally last around 1½ hours. Our current studies are based on Christian Character – in the Lifebuilder series. Topics and bible passages are as follows:

7 Oct Serving others – *Philippians 2*

21 Oct Developing a Godly self-image –
Exodus 3:1-15; 4:1-17

4 Nov Using your spiritual gifts –
1 Corinthians 12:4-26

18 Nov Greatness through humility –
Mark 10:32-45

New members would be most welcome. For further information please contact

Joan Ritchie or Gillian Sweetman

Three Generations of Guides Plant More Trees – 84 years on!



Nearly 85 years after planting a cherry tree in Braidburn Valley Park, Anne Morham returned to plant another. Anne was part of the 5,000 strong Guide team in 1935 who planted 400 trees in the shape of the Guide Trefoil to mark the Silver Jubilee of King George V. As some of the trees now need to be replaced, Anne returned in April to do her bit. She was joined in the planting by Ms Elspeth Brown who has been blind from birth and has enthusiastically led many Guides with sight difficulties to reach their potential, and by Eilidh Davidson who is a member of the 162A Guide company in Greenbank Church.

World Mission Team

We are delighted to announce that there will be a variety of fantastic events in Scotland and members of the congregation are invited to get involved.

On **Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 10.30am** there is going to be **Just Scripture Equipping Day**. This event connects communities and encourages dialogue about a passage of scripture, and how to equip or inspire them to act on injustice. This event will take place in Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.

Harvest Supper on Saturday 5th October 2019 at 6.30pm. Join the congregation of Kelvinbridge Church, Glasgow, for their annual Harvest Supper if you are available. This will take place at Kelvinbridge Church Hall, Belmont Street, Glasgow, G12 8EY.



The **9th Annual Christian Aid Autumn Art and Scottish Books Sale** will take place from 10am to 3pm over the dates **Thursday 24th October to Saturday 26th October**. It will be held at St Andrew's & St George's West, 13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA.

It would be a grand gesture if we could come together and support Christian Aid during these great events.

Grace Maweu

Annual Business Meeting, June 2019

The Preses of the Congregational Board, Roddy Morrison, opened the meeting and noted that the work of the Board's sub-committees had increased not only in respect of Property and Finance but also with the associated issues of Health, Safety and Security (including Fire Safety), Data Protection and environmental matters. The Preses appealed to the congregation for assistance from any members who had expertise in these areas. A Halls Manager post had been created and had been filled by Moira Land to explore better use and co-ordination of Church facilities. Alan Armit would continue to be the point of contact for bookings.

The Preses thanked Charles Black who was standing down after 40 years advising the Church on insurance matters (*see article on p 7*). Susie MacLeod had offered to take over this role. John George had retired after 40 years as a Welcome Team leader and he was thanked for this remarkable service. Susan Jackman, who was to stand down after nine years as Convenor of the Neighbourhood Group, was also thanked for her service. The Preses thanked the members of the two sub-committees (Property and Finance), all office holders on the Board, the members of the Board and the Church's employees for all the work they had done in 2018.

Property

David Allan, the Property Convenor, reported that in 2018 the major project had been the expenditure of around £39,000 on modernising the manse. The other major project last year had been the stripping and sealing of the Centenary Hall floor, its lobbies and the staircase at a cost of over

£5,000. Over the past five years, the Congregational Board had recognised the need for significant additional funding needed to maintain Church buildings. The current year was proving to be very challenging.

2018 Accounts

The Treasurer, John Ritchie, said that income in 2018 (excluding YACHT) had been £243,000, including standing orders, Free Will Offerings, open plate and reclaimed tax. This income total sum was almost the same as in 2017. £30,000 had been received through letting the Church's premises and donations from its own organisations. Two legacies had been received: £1,000 from the late Mrs Elizabeth Shiel and £20,000 from the late Dr John Forrester.

Expenses (excluding YACHT Fund) had amounted to £318,000 in total, made up as follows: Mission & Ministries contribution and the Church's Presbytery dues amounted to £143,000 (45%), local salaries £60,000 (19%), building costs £90,000 (28%) (this had included the costs of refurbishing the manse) and all the other local costs £25,000 (8%).

With regard to funds, the Treasurer concluded by stating that the Fabric Fund stood at £55,000, Legacies and General Fund at £45,000, the YACHT Fund at £208,000 and other funds £8,000.

The Preses thanked both the Property Convenor and the Treasurer for all their hard work, and paid tribute to the work of the Church's Eco-Group, which has achieved the Eco-Congregation Bronze award and is working towards achieving its Silver award.

Alan Ramage
Secretary to the Board

Greenbank Calendar: October 2019

October

1 Tues	19.30	Guild meeting
2 Wed	9.30	Ladies badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	13.30	Friendship Club Lunch
	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
3 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	11.00	Preschool Harvest Service in Church
	19.30	Choir Practice
4 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
5 Sat	18.30	Guild Family Quiz
6 Sun		No First Sunday Service
	10.30	All Age Worship for Harvest
	19.00	QII
19.00 for	19.30	Autumn Lecture Series 3 <i>in Morningside PC</i>
7 Mon	19.30	Monday Bible Study
9 Wed	9.30	Ladies badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
10 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
11 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
13 Sun	10.30	Morning Service
	19.00	QII
19.00 for	19.30	Autumn Lecture Series 4 <i>in Morningside PC</i>
14 Mon	19.30	Monday Bible Study
15 Tues	19.30	Guild Meeting
16 Wed	9.30	Ladies badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
17 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	19.30	Choir Practice
18 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
20 Sun	9.30	Quiet Communion
	10.30	YACHT Thanksgiving Service
	15.00	Pet Blessing Service
	19.00	QII
21 Mon	19.30	Monday Bible Study

23 Wed	9.30	Ladies badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
24 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
25 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
26 Sat	16.00	Messy Church and Challenge Church
27 Sun	10.30	Morning Service. Preacher: Very Rev Dr John Chalmers
	12.00	Congregational Lunch
	16.00	Advent Choir
	19.00	QII
29 Tues	19.30	Guild Meeting
30 Wed	9.30	Ladies badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
31 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice

November

1 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
3 Sun	10.30	Morning Service
	14.30	A Time to Remember
	16.00	Advent Choir
	19.00	QII
4 Mon	19.30	Monday Bible Study
5 Tues	19.30	Guild Meeting
6 Wed	9.30	Ladies badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
7 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
8 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers

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



Congregational Register

Omitted from the on-line version of Greenbank Connections

New Facilities on the Church Website

The Greenbank Parish Church website is available at www.greenbankchurch.org. If you go to this website page, notice the top level tab – ‘Facilities’. Click on this tab and you will see that there are three items available: ‘Hall Bookings’, ‘Publicity’, ‘Links’. The last of these takes you to a list of useful links to other websites and has been available for a while. The first two, however, are relatively new.

Hall Bookings

The Hall Bookings pages on the website explain how to go about booking a room or hall on the Greenbank premises. You can find out which spaces can be hired, what facilities they provide and how much they are likely to cost.

A form is also provided to enable you to send an enquiry to the Halls Convener, Alan Armit.

The Halls and Rooms available for hire on the Greenbank premises are:

Halls: Main, Lower, Upper, Centenary

Rooms: Pentland, Hermitage, Braid

Publicity

There are many ‘publicity channels’ available. This area of the website describes how church organisations and individuals can make use of them, and who is available to help you produce your publicity, by whatever means you choose.

Available publicity channels:

- ▷ Order of Service intimation
- ▷ Greenbank Website
- ▷ *Greenbank Connections*
- ▷ Greenbank Facebook page
- ▷ Hall corridor monitor
- ▷ Advert in local free magazine
- ▷ Intimation during church service
- ▷ Photocopying
- ▷ Email

Help is also available to produce any of the following:

- ▷ Poster
- ▷ Flyer
- ▷ Event Ticket
- ▷ Banner

Organisation leaders might want to make themselves familiar with what is on offer.

John Murison

Welcome Teams

October

- 6 **Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo
- 13 **Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Charles Black, Kay Ellis, David Gourlay
- 20 **Ian Thomson**, Rhian Ferguson, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett Brown, David Bogie
- 27 **John Ritchie**, Susan Inch, Gillian Sweetman, Susan Jackman, Clare Campbell, Catherine Cameron, Ishbel Emery, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden

November

- 3 **Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Hugh Cowan, Susan Black, Malcolm Watters, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay

Coffee Rota

October

- 6 The Country Dance Group
- 13 Angus McLachlan (D43)
- 20 Lorna Perriss (D61)
- 27 Katy & Lennie Maguire (D19 & D20)



November

- 3 Ladies Badminton Club

Flower Rota

Provided by

Delivered by

October

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| 6 | Grace Maweu | Alison Ambler |
| 13 | Joan Ritchie | Pamela Jack |
| 20 | Catherine Hardie | Moira Little |
| 27 | Diana Bland | Rachel Cadell |



November

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Coffee Morning



Saturday 2nd November 10am–12noon

Morningside Parish Church Hall

(Foot of Braid Road)

Home Baking and Jam, Christian Aid Cards, Books, Raffle

Admission £3 (children £1) – includes Coffee, Tea, Pastries

Greenbank Pre School

Open Morning in the Centenary Hall

Saturday 2nd November 10am–12noon

All welcome

Families with children aged under 5 are welcome to our Open Morning – an opportunity to meet the staff, explore our indoor and outdoor areas with your child and find out more about what we offer.

We are a funded partner with City of Edinburgh Council for 3–5s attending for 600 or 1140 hours. We have a few spaces available this session and are now taking applications for next session.

Further information and application forms are available at greenbankpreschool.org.uk

If you wish to visit at another time, call us on 447 8068.

