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Our much-loved Knitted Nativity, created by Anne Oxbrow

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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends



Writing on a dreich November day, thinking of the warm glow of Christmas events and services is a happy thought to brighten the gloom! When the world is darkened by the harder sides of our human nature, the light of Christ shining through it all is what we need to keep us focused, hopeful and determined. The prophet Isaiah, long before the time of Jesus, used an image that many of you will know: “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” In his challenging times, too, hope was needed, and was offered. For us too, ‘light in darkness’ works very well as a metaphor in our rough northern climate with its short winter days. Christ the morning star. Christ the light of the world. Son (sun) of righteousness. Strong images, famously picked up in the Gospel of John: “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.” These images encourage us to be hopeful that the best side of our humanity can overcome

the more challenging behaviour and downright cruelty. We have recently been inspired by hearing firsthand from former Moderator John Chalmers and a visiting group of leaders (*see photo below*) from the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan about the work towards reconciliation in that country torn by civil war. There is a light still shining there that stands for peace and mutual flourishing despite threats of a return to conflict.

We will begin to journey towards Christmas with our own celebration of the light in our atmospheric **Advent Carol Service**, led by our 50-strong community choir on **Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm**.

Darkness to Light will be the theme in beautiful and powerful words and music in our stunning candlelit church. Come along and bring a friend to begin our celebrations of the birth of Jesus!

In this issue there's a centrespread about all of our services and events for the festive season. These are a great chance to invite

friends, family, and neighbours along to share all the good things that we do at Greenbank. Perhaps this could be your Christmas contribution to Greenbank's outreach to the community?

As we go through Advent, I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to be part of home groups reading and discussing the rich writing of the Prophecy of Isaiah. We know the famous bits, which are beautiful poetry, and this is a chance to look deeper, to understand more about where this important part of the Hebrew Bible was coming from, and to think about how it speaks to us today. Sign up with Chris Horne if you are able to be part of it – even if you can't manage a house group, read it with us and be part of the Advent journey!

With all my love to you, in anticipation of sharing a great festive season and with gratitude for sharing the journey of life together.



Sunday 3rd November 2019: our visitors from the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan

Community Bible Experience – a Journey with Isaiah this Advent

The Prophecy of Isaiah is one of the most powerful sections in the Hebrew Bible. It is full of rich and inspiring poetry and prophetic writing arising from the challenging times of ancient Israel. It challenged and encouraged people to take a good hard look at themselves, their world, and their God. Early Christians found in it deep echoes of their experience of Jesus, and this work shaped the New Testament in important ways. We hear some of it in worship during Advent and Christmas – and some of you might hear or sing it in Handel's *Messiah*!

How does Isaiah speak to us today?

This Advent we invite you to continue the **Community Bible Experience**, but in

a slightly different way. We'll use the New Revised Standard Version text (feel free to borrow a pew Bible!) and we'll provide some notes and pointers on key aspects of Isaiah to help you along. Then we'll meet as before for home group discussions on Monday–Thursday evenings at 7.30pm and 2pm on Thursday afternoons.

Week 1: **2nd–5th December**

Week 2: **9th–12th December**

Week 3: **16th–19th December**

Contact Chris Horne to sign up and choose your group. You can mix and match week to week according to your diary!

Email: Christophershorne2@talk21.com

Martin Ritchie



Advent and Christmas Appeal



Our Advent and Christmas Appeal will once again support the work of Christian Aid. Gift Aid envelopes will be in the pews each Sunday throughout Advent, and there will be retiring collection plates. The offerings at the Advent Carol Service and at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will also be sent to Christian Aid.

Guest Preachers

We're looking forward to welcoming two eminent and thought-provoking visitors to preach for us at Greenbank – put the dates in your diary!

Sunday 8th December at 10.30am – Rev Jock Stein

Jock was one of the most significant ministers of recent decades. Now busily retired in Haddington and part of the congregation at St Mary's Parish Church, he is still very influential in the spheres of theology/spirituality and the arts. He is known to many for running (along with his wife, Rev Margaret Stein) the former Church of Scotland retreat and conference centre at Carberry Tower, and for a much appreciated joint parish ministry at Kincardine-on-Forth. Jock's many publications of prose and poetry are now joined by his latest work, *Jock's Journey: memoir of a minister and a makar*. There will be a launch of this book after the service.

Sunday 12th January at 10.30am – Rev Sally Foster Fulton, Head of Christian Aid Scotland

Sally Foster Fulton is at the cutting edge of Christian Aid Scotland's work to engage with issues of climate change across the world, particularly as it affects the most vulnerable. As Greenbank tries to develop its identity as an eco-congregation, Sally will help us to reflect on the issues and some of the things that we can do to address them. Sally is a powerful preacher, and was formerly Associate Minister at Dunblane Cathedral, before taking up her appointment at Christian Aid Scotland.

Martin Ritchie

Gift Service – Sunday 15th December

Each Christmas, our children and young people bring presents to the Gift Service. These are given to children in difficult circumstances in our own city and, sadly, the need is great.

We'd love to have a large collection of gifts to pass on and so we're asking everyone to join in! We know the presents are appreciated.

Please bring any gifts to the Service, preferably in a gift bag, *with a detachable tag saying whether the gift is suitable for a boy or girl and what age/s it is suitable for*. The age range requested is from 3 up to 15. Whilst the children will want to choose a gift suitable for around their own age group, could I ask any adults wishing to donate a gift to **consider choosing something for the teenagers**, as we are usually a little short for the older ones?



Spectrum Party

All the children in Spectrum are invited to a Christmas Party on **Sunday 15th December from 12noon to 2pm**, after the Gift Service and Nativity.

Janet Ferguson
on behalf of the YES Group

**Crèche for children under 3 in the
Hermitage Room at every 10.30am Service**

GREENBANK PARISH CHURCH

COUNTDOWN to CHRISTMAS!

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

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

StreetWork (a homelessness charity)

Richmond Craigmillar's Fair Share

**St Catharine's Convent
Homeless Project**

FourSquare (supported
accommodation for young women)



We would be very grateful if you would bring your unwrapped gifts to Greenbank Parish Church during December, where you can put them into our Advent Hamper.

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

QII

November found us at QII with plenty on our plate – and was a masterclass in adjusting on the fly! Earlier in the year, we had two of our young men plan and run a QII night. Our second of these ‘Teenled’ nights was scheduled for 3rd November, but a few of our number were already committed to volunteering at the *SLA fireworks*, which led to a conflict of diaries. So, after a chat with QII, we decided we would volunteer en masse. This plan afoot, we had a good showing of seven QIIers and leaders come along to help, some at the earlier show but most at the later show. (Imagine my surprise at seeing half of Greenbank among the other volunteers!) You might recall, too, the annual *Intergenerational Tea* which Springboard and QII have hosted over the past few years. Typically a Spring event, QII asked if we could have an Autumn one too, so we put one in

our diary. The week following that, we went on the second of this term’s three *Church Crawls*, this time to an evening service at Greyfriars Kirk. It was an excellent chance to see and experience a contemplative service with a pace often lacking in today’s busy lives. Finally, we ended the month with our third interview of a Greenbanker, this time *Mr Donald MacLeod*.

What comes next? December, with all the pies and carols and Christmas tree lightings one could hope for! We will have a few evenings to ourselves: a final *Church Crawl to Old Saint Paul’s* and an *end of term dinner*. But QII will largely be in and about the congregation, helping at the Christmas Holiday Club event, the Carol Party, and maybe even carolling through Greenbank Village.

Steve Chaffee

All Creatures Great and Small

Greenbank's first ever Pet Blessing Service, held on Sunday 20th October at 3pm, was a great success. It was a lovely, lively occasion attended by a number of very well behaved dogs, a quiet cat, three lively rats, two fluffy bunnies, a cuddly guinea pig and a number of happy humans who enjoyed the opportunity to share in this special service with their pets.

It was interesting to note that the service attracted some people who were not regular attenders at Greenbank but from the local community, and one lady, at least, had read about the occasion on our Facebook page. Before the service a number of interested dog walkers stopped to chat on their way past, with a couple popping in to see what we were up to and planning to return.

Refreshments in the form of tea, coffee, dog and cat treats were served after the service.

As witnessed from the photographs they were a very well behaved group of pets – and owners – who thoroughly deserved their rewards! I feel certain this is going to become an annual event.

Hazel Macaulay



Anja Ferguson meets Ruby



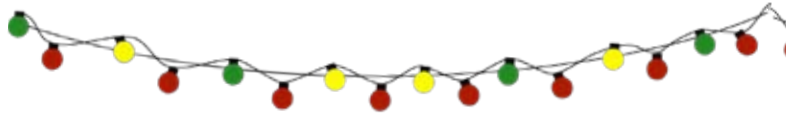
John and Enid Mowat with their son's dog, Inca



Final prayer



CHRISTMAS A



Saturday 7th December

**Christmas Event for Primary School Children
and Lighting the Greenbank Christmas Tree**

1.30pm–4.30pm in the Church Halls

£5 per child

Lighting the Greenbank Christmas Tree: 4.30pm on Braidburn Terrace

Loads of fun for primary school children with the Greenbank Holiday Club team to start the celebration of the Christmas season. Drop off your kids for the afternoon and go and do your Christmas shopping while they enjoy seasonal crafts, games, storytelling, and other activities. At the end of the afternoon children and parents are invited to be part of the Greenbank Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, when we'll sing carols round the tree, then head back into the cosy halls for festive treats.

Sunday 15th December

Nativity and Gift Service

10.30am in the Church

On Nativity Sunday to a packed church of congregation, friends, neighbours and family, our talented Young Church tell the Christmas story in our always enjoyable and heart-warming musical nativity play. We celebrate the gifts brought to Jesus at the stable in Bethlehem by bringing gifts for children in need in Edinburgh, and dedicate them at this service before they go off for distribution.

Sunday 15th December

Carol Party

6.30pm in the Main Hall

Free – contact the Office (447 9969) if you plan to come

The talents of the congregation get a chance to shine in this party which is like a Christmas Ceilidh – lots of singing, poems, stories, and instrumental solos to help us enjoy the season, followed by mince pies, mulled wine and seasonal spiced juice.

Monday 16th December Carol Singing at Greenbank Village

6.30pm at the Littlejohn Avenue entrance to the Village

Sunday 22nd December

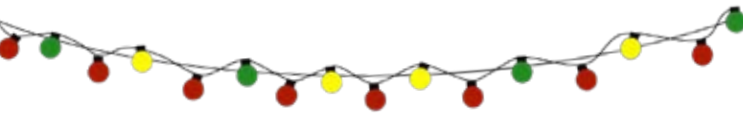
Lessons and Carols

10.30am in the Church

Our choir and Director of Music lead us in a beautiful musical journey through the Christmas story, with carols traditional and modern, choir and organ music, readings, and prayers to help us celebrate, and give thanks.



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Sunday 22nd December

4.00pm in the Church

Crazy Christmas fun with Malcolm Reid and Colin Macrae at the front in this interactive all-age event. Come along to discover what the mischievous duo have got in store for us this year, sing some great Christmas songs and then head for festive treats in the hall afterwards.

Family-Friendly Christmas Singalong

Free event

Tuesday 24th December

7.00pm in the Church

Anything can happen in this fun family service for all ages. Bring the kids for interactive fun, traditional and modern Christmas carols and songs, and telling the Christmas story in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Family Service for Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December

11.10pm Community Carol Singing & 11.30pm Watchnight Service in the Church

In our traditional Watchnight Service we gather for community carol singing in the church at 11.10pm, then the lights are dimmed for our atmospheric service. The lights of the tree twinkle, we sit alongside friends, family, and neighbours, we enjoy beautiful traditional carols, we hear the Christmas story, and reflect on what it means for us today as we wish each other a happy Christmas as the clock strikes midnight.

Watchnight Service

Wednesday 25th December

10.30am in the Church

A relaxed and interactive service for Christmas Day suitable for all ages. Bring along your best presents and we'll enjoy them as we tell the Christmas story and worship to celebrate the season together in our beautiful church.

Christmas Day Family Service

Sunday 29th December

10.30am in the Church

Between Christmas and New Year our thoughts turn to what has been happening in 2019 and what is to come in 2020. This service offers the chance to give thanks for the good things and to pray for a better year ahead where things have been tough. Inspirational words, music and readings to lead us into Hogmanay.

The Gate of the Year



YACHT – Completion of Campaign

The YACHT Campaign ran for five years from September 2014, and as at 30th September 2019 the gross amount collected was **£355,134**. After payment of youth ministry costs over the five-year period, the net YACHT funds stood at **£217,360**.

This was well short of the gross target of **£500,000** but still represents a significant fundraising effort. So enormous thanks are due to everyone who made pledges and donations – whether of money, time, prizes or talent – and supported the campaign. Any final donations welcome!

The Finance Committee has invested in the three funds within the Church of Scotland Investors Trust.

The “Easyfundraising” online shopping facility raised **£1,667** from inception, with around 58 supporters. This facility needs to be closed but the Committee has considered that it might be as well to run it over the Christmas/New Year period to capture any final amounts from those who shop using Easyfundraising for YACHT. Go to

easyfundraising.org.uk, select ‘Greenbank YACHT’ and then follow the instructions to find the appropriate retailer.

A wide range of fundraising events have been organised over the period of the campaign, and great thanks are due to the Committee members in the arrangements made and who attended many meetings over the period, namely Valerie

Macniven, John Murison, David Jack (who were there for the full term), and Hazel Macaulay, Alastair Ross, Helen Barnes, Rachel McWilliam, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Donald MacLeod and John George. They all made valuable and handsome contributions in time, ideas and hard work.

And albeit not Committee members as such, mention should be made of Carrie Reid and Kirsten Pink whose contribution to the Burns Suppers and Brides and Bubbles event was superb.

We hope you have enjoyed the many events – and grateful thanks once again for your support.

Jim Young
on behalf of the YACHT committee

Work Party

Once more it is my pleasure to report that the Greenbank Work Party has had a successful year. The ladies have enjoyed using their skills to make useful items; hopefully people will be pleased to wear our work. From hats (tiny and large) to bedsocks; from twiddle muffs to teddy bears; from jumpers to knee rugs, all will be sent off before Christmas carrying a message of our care.

We want to thank all the members of the congregation who have been so encouraging, handing in DK machine washable yarn and buttons. We even got a lot of yarn at the Scout Jumble Sale.

New members are always welcome at our meetings, on Thursday afternoons fortnightly at 2.30pm in the Hermitage Room, starting again on **9th January 2020**.

Anne Oxbrow

The Guild

At the beginning of November the Rev Peter Graham gave the Guild a lot to think about when he spoke to us about *Companions on the Road*, our theme for the year. It was a thought-provoking and inspiring evening. By the time you read this we will also have had one of Walter Crosby's splendid travelogues taking us through Germany and Poland.

In December we are looking forward to a talk entitled *Through Ice and Fire: Arctic Convoys*, and to the members' Christmas party.

We begin 2020 with a *Coffee Morning on 7th January at 10.30am in the Main Hall*. Everyone is very welcome to come along for home baking and to take time to catch up on all the news of Christmas and New Year jollifications. On *15th January* we are visiting Fairmilehead Guild to hear Eric Melvin give us the story of *Burke and Hare*. Then on *Sunday 2nd February* the Guild will lead the Early Service, and on *4th February* we will hear about the work of *L'Arche*.

We are looking forward to Christmas and the New Year!

Edith Armit

Mince Pie Mountain and Red Wine Lake!

We're looking forward to offering festive hospitality to a LOT of people! Could you help by donating a box of mince pies, or a bottle of red wine for mulling, or both? Drop your donation in at the church office by Friday 6th December to help make our festive events tasty celebrations!

Martin Ritchie

Friendship Club

Our only meeting in December is our *Christmas Party* on the 11th when we look forward to another amusing and thought-provoking time with **Tom Gordon**, getting us in the Christmas spirit.

At the first meeting of 2020 on *8th January* our speaker will be **Councillor Neil Ross**, enlightening us about how our Council functions and his part in that.

Steve Chaffee is going to drop in on our second *Games Afternoon* on *15th January* which will be fun and on the *22nd*, **Russell Clink** will be telling us about the making and marketing of *Nairn's Oatcakes*. I wonder if there will be any samples to nibble?

Lunch again on 12th February, and to follow an illustrated visit to *Wild Places*.

Val Smart

Guides at Greenbank

Two Guide units currently meet in Greenbank Church – one on a Wednesday evening and

the other on a Thursday evening. Unfortunately, due to a lack of leaders, *one unit is closing at Christmas and the other can only meet once every two weeks*.

If anyone is interested in volunteering as a leader, please contact the current leaders at 162edinburghguides@gmail.com

More general information about what is involved can be found at

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



Moira Little

Calendar: December 2019 & January 2020

December

1 Sun	9.30	First Sunday in Advent Family Friendly Communion
	10.30	Traditional Communion
	15.00	Afternoon Communion
	16.00	Advent Community Choir Practice
	18.30	Advent Carol Service
	19.00	QII
2 Mon		Advent House Gps week 1
3 Tues	19.30	Guild Meeting
4 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
5 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party Christmas Celebration
	19.30	Choir Practice
6 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
7 Sat	13.30 to 16.30	Christmas Event for Children
	16.30	Lighting of the Greenbank Christmas Tree followed by refreshments in the Hall
	19.30	Edinburgh Chamber Orchestra Concert
8 Sun		Second Sunday in Advent
	10.30	Morning Worship: guest preacher, Rev Jock Stein
	19.00	QII
9 Mon		Advent House Gps week 2
10 Tues	19.00	Guild Members' Party
11 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	14.30	Friendship Club Christmas Party
	19.30	Country Dance Club
12 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party Christmas Celebration
	19.30	Choir Practice
13 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers

15 Sun

9.30	Third Sunday in Advent Quiet Communion
10.30	Nativity and Gift Service followed by Young Church Party
18.30	Carol Party
19.00	QII
16 Mon	Advent House Gps week 3
18.30	Carol Singing round Greenbank Village
18 Wed	9.45 Pre School Nativity Service
19 Thurs	19.30 Choir Practice

22 Sun

9.30	Fourth Sunday in Advent Lessons and Carols with the Choir
16.00	Family-Friendly Christmas Singalong
24 Tues	Christmas Eve
19.00	All Age Christmas Eve Service
23.30	Watchnight Service (Carols from 23.10)

25 Wed

10.30	Christmas Day Family Service
29 Sun	10.30 The Gate of the Year Service of Readings & Music

January 2020

5 Sun	10.30	All Age Worship for Epiphany
	19.00	QII
7 Tues	10.30	Guild Coffee Morning
8 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
9 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
10 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
12 Sun	10.30	Morning Service
	19.00	QII

14 Tues	19.30	Kirk Session
15 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	14.30	Friendship Club
	14.30	Guild Joint Meeting with Fairmilehead
	19.30	Country Dance Club
16 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	19.30	Choir Practice
17 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
19 Sun	9.30	Quiet Communion
	10.30	Morning Service
	19.00	QII
20 Mon	19.30	Monday Bible Study
21 Tues	19.30	Board Meeting
22 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
23 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
24 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
26 Sun	10.30	Morning Service
	19.00	QII
29 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
30 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
31 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
February		
2 Sun	9.30	First Sunday Service led by The Guild
	10.30	Uniformed Organisations' Service
	19.00	QII

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



Sunday Coffee

Thanks to the members of the congregation for their donations for coffee and tea after the 10.30am Service.

After expenses and buying a new urn, I was able to write cheques of **£800 for SLA**, for their work with children in India and **£800 for the Help the Homeless Group**, for their valuable work in Edinburgh.

My thanks go to Pauline Walker and Fiona Grant for their support through the year and to all of the many groups who serve the coffee and tea each week.

Isobel Thom

Lent/Easter Appeal 2020

Nominations are invited for recipients of the 2020 Lent/Easter Appeal. Nominations should be sent to Alan Ramage, Clerk to the Congregational Board (by email to alandfio@yahoo.co.uk or by letter to the Church Office). The Board will decide the beneficiaries at its January meeting.

Alan Ramage

Monday Bible Study

On *20th January 2020* the group will conclude its study of the Lifebuilder series **Christian Character**. The topic is *Called to Persevere* – 2 Timothy 1:8-2:7.

We meet at 7.30pm in the Pentland Room.

Joan Ritchie

Have you looked at the Greenbank website recently?
www.greenbankchurch.org

Congregational Register

*Omitted from the online
version of Connections*

Red Poinsettias



This year, the church and hall Christmas decorations will include red poinsettias. If you would like to bring a red poinsettia in memory of a loved one, donations of these plants will be received in the Main Hall:

- ▶ *during office hours between 9th and 13th December*
- ▶ *between 9.30am and 11.30am on 14th December*

Please note that the plants will not be returned after they have been used. Please contact me for further information. Thank you.

Julia Dunbar
(julia.dunbar@btinternet.com)

Coffee Rota

December

- 1 Communion – *no coffee*
- 8 Choir
- 15 Gillian Sweetman (D22)
- 22 Property Committee
- 29 Richard Denison (D59A)



January 2020

- 5 Help the Homeless Group
- 12 Eco Group
- 19 Christina Morrow (D41)
- 26 Moira Davidson (D31B)

February

- 2 Scottish Love in Action

Flower Rota

Provided by

Delivered by

December

- 1 Julia Dunbar
- 8 *Advent/Christmas*
- 15 *Advent/Christmas*
- 22 *Advent/Christmas*
- 29 *Christmas*

Enid Mowat



January 2020

- 5 Isobel Clark
- 12 Sinclair Family
- 19 Ann Morham
& Isobel Brown
- 26 Winton Family

Aileen Thomson

Win Kerr

Anne Patrick

February

- 2 Moira Land

Janet Edwards

Welcome Teams

December

- 1 **Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Charles Black, Kay Ellis, David Gourlay
- 8 **Rosemary McCulloch**, Alison Murison, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Christina Morrow, Martin Struthers, Barbara Middleton
- 15 **Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo
- 22 **Ian Thomson**, Rhian Ferguson, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett Brown, David Bogie
- 29 **John Ritchie**, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Susan Jackman, Clare Campbell, Catherine Cameron, Ishbel Emery, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden

January 2020

- 5 **Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Hugh Cowan, Susan Black, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay, Anne Patrick, Neil Patrick
- 12 **Stuart Sanders**, Amy Barnes, Moira Davidson, Julia Dunbar, John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Sandy Cameron, Moira Land, Carrie Reid
- 19 **Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young, Kathryn Sangster

- 26 **Caroline Kehoe**, Richard Denison, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy, Jane Harkin

February

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

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Mrs Virginia Johnston

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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 February 2020 issue of *Greenbank Connections* should be delivered to the Church Office or to the Editors' pigeonhole in the Main Hall by Sunday 12th January, or sent by email by

9am on Tuesday 14th January to

greenbankconnections@gmail.com

Christmas Event for Children

at Greenbank Parish Church

on Saturday 7th December, 1.30pm-4.30pm



Only £5
per child

An afternoon of **FUN** for Primary School Children
Register Online at www.greenbankchurch.org
or contact the Greenbank Church Office (447 9969)

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm

Greenbank Parish Church

Music from our
Advent Community Choir
& organ music of the season

Everyone is welcome – bring a friend!