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Remembrance Sunday

8th November at 10.45am

Our Act of Remembrance this year will be contained in the livestreamed service beginning at the later time of 10.45am, and will include the laying of wreaths to remember both those connected to the Greenbank congregation and all those who have given their lives in service to our country.

Martin

From the Minister

Dear Friends,



We're not long back from the USA after a really great time introducing Rowan to her American family. We managed to get both her US and UK passports sorted out in time for our departure, so she is officially fully American and fully British. Work that out if you can – but I guess that the theologians amongst you are used to grappling with that sort of conundrum!

I'm so grateful to Prof David Fergusson for acting as both Locum and Interim Moderator during my leave, and also to Peter Graham for leading worship on a number of occasions too. It was a blessing that Ian Scott, one of our former ministers, was able to conduct the funeral of Betty Sutherland, mother of Alison Reid. We send our love and sympathy to Alison, David, and all the family in their loss. On the administrative front, grateful thanks to Valerie Macniven and the Mod-

erator's Committee for all that they have done to help keep Greenbank wrestling effectively with the continuing challenges of COVID-19 and the operation of our buildings, amongst many other things.

When Sarah and I booked our trip we were optimistic that things with COVID-19 might have improved by the time we returned, but of course we now see the resurgence of the virus across Europe and around the world with a different transmission pattern. The impact on our lives is the same as in the spring, with increased restrictions on gathering and lots of precautions to be taken for the good of the health and wellbeing of our neighbours in the widest sense. For many, this will be more challenging as we head into the winter, and so we will need to continue to be aware of when people are struggling. Equally, I hope that if you are finding it tough, you will feel that the load can be shared with someone in the community at Greenbank. Please don't be afraid to contact me in the first instance if practical help, a regular phone chat, or a one-off conversation might help. We are lucky that we have many people willing to be a good neighbour to you in Christ's name.

As the evenings draw in, the symbolism of the Gospel of John, where Jesus is referred to as the light which shines in the darkness and which can never be extinguished, becomes more potent. We are the ones that carry that light in the world today. So, lamps at the ready, let us hold up our warming, encouraging lights in acts of mercy and compassion, so that the words of the Advent blessing may have a

powerful meaning for many:

May Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you, and scatter the darkness from before your path...

Sending my gratitude, love and best wishes to you all.



Martin Ritchie

Advent Carol Service

29th November at 6pm: Hope

This year's atmospheric candlelit Advent Carol Service on the theme of *Hope* will be a hybrid in person and online event.

There will be live readings and prayers in the church, and recorded music from our Advent Community Choir.

If you'd like to attend the service, the booking is in the usual way for a Sunday evening. (See *Reserving a seat* on p.14.)

If you'd prefer to take part online then you can visit our website and join as for a Sunday morning livestream. We hope that you'll join us and spread the word as we start the festive season with the beauty, mystery, and joy of Advent.

Martin



A Time to Remember

Sunday 1st November at 2pm in the Church

For those who have lost someone dear to them this year, it has been a difficult and even more painful time to say farewells in such limited circumstances. For those who have lost someone a bit longer ago, the loss might seem just as sharp.

This special service of music, readings, and prayers allows us to remember with thanksgiving and to bring the tender-

ness of our hearts before God in a beautiful and safe space. If you'd like to come, please book a place. (See *Reserving a seat* on p 14.)

If you would like the name of someone included in the prayers during the service, please drop me a line on:

mritchie@churchofscotland.org.uk

Martin

World Mission

The Greenbank World Mission Group has continued to meet over recent months, catching up on Zoom every few months to share and hear news from around the world, including from our Mission Partner the Rev Dr John McCulloch. You can find out more and keep up to date with the Church of Scotland World Mission Update newsletter:

<https://churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/world-mission/world-mission-news>

Closer to home, the **Scottish Interfaith Week (8th to 15th November)** will be running a series of events for interfaith groups, faith communities, schools, organisations and local communities across the country to celebrate Scotland's religious diversity. Established by Interfaith Scotland in 2004, the week has grown from strength to strength with around 100 events now being held each year across the whole of Scotland.

This year the event will be held online with sessions scheduled for each day of the week. These will include an exhibition of postcards for solidarity, a self-portrait drawing workshop, and even a musical drumming session using whatever 'instrument' you have to hand at home.

You can find out more about Scottish Interfaith Week here: scottishinterfaithweek.org

Clare Campbell



Thought for the Month

As we live through this challenging pandemic, which has brought discomfort, isolation, loss of employment and greatly reduced income for so many, it's tempting to become disheartened. My Tesco delivery driver last weekend, when I commented on the lovely day (remember sunny and bright?) said 'Aye, it's lovely today, but what about tomorrow?!' But there are positives in this experience too. Alongside a growing awareness of climate change, economic inequality, and a shameful history of racial injustice – we have perhaps grown more sharply conscious of our interconnectedness within the web of life?

I find myself reflecting at this time on what Walter Brueggemann calls – the 'unmanaged newness' that the early Christians experienced in their relationship with Jesus. A new way of living with a focus different from the dominant culture. Are there maybe some parallels today? We don't know what change will look like, but we're hard-wired to resist, unless we are

motivated by a compelling vision... One of my heroes is the late Viktor Frankl, an Austrian psychiatrist who survived Auschwitz, but lost most of his family in the Holocaust. Having lived through the unimaginable horrors of the concentration camps, he went on to develop logotherapy, born

'He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how'.

of the conviction that our primary motivation is not the search for pleasure, but instead the search for meaning,

so to find meaning (not the answer) in suffering can be transformative. (cf. Nietzsche 'He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how'.) I find his argument compelling...

Is it not the case that the Good News of the Gospel reminds us that, not corralled within the present reality, we can journey forward in faith? As a community of hope, we search for signs of a deeper humanity, reflecting justice, compassion, and love, while remaining resistant to those aspects of 'virtual reality' that would seek to distract us from them.

Mary McMahon

Poppy Scotland Collection 1st & 8th November

This year the Poppy Appeal will go ahead but not quite in the usual manner. You will see Poppy sellers around and boxes in shops. It was felt that I should not sell face to face, so a table will be placed by the memorial window for the *Time to Remember* afternoon service, the evening service on the **1st November** and the Remembrance Sunday evening service on the **8th November**.

Although I will not be thanking you personally, all the veterans who are supported by your donations will appreciate your support. If you are unable to be at those services but would still like to support Poppy Scotland then donations can be made online at their website

www.poppyscotland.org.uk



I have to mention that this is the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. There is nothing I can add to what you already know of the bravery, dedication and self-sacrifice of so many young chaps who flew every day against the odds and changed the course of the Second World War.

A poem written by Flt Lt William Walker, who was a Battle of Britain pilot, is inscribed on the memorial wall at Capelle-Ferne in Kent and captures one man's wartime experience.

John Adair

Our Wall

Here inscribed the names of friends we knew,
Young men with whom we often flew.
Scrambled to many angels high,
They knew that they or friends might die.
Many were very scarcely trained,
And many badly burnt or maimed.
Behind each name a story lies
Of bravery in summer skies;
Though many brave unwritten tales
Were simply told in vapour trails.
Many now lie in sacred graves
And many rest beneath the waves.
Outnumbered every day they flew,
Remembered here as just 'The Few'.

Flt Lt William Walker

Eco-Group Update



Readers will be aware of the efforts of the Group during the recent season of Creationtide. In each of the Minister's weekly e-newsletters in September and early October, content covered different aspects of our faith-based response to caring for God's creation. Everything from our personal lifestyle responses to the environmental and climate crisis was featured, alongside the bigger issues associated with campaigning and lobbying for change. We were greatly motivated by the inspiring preaching, addressing different but related Creation themes, which took place before and during Martin's absence.

At national level, the Church of Scotland has given its commitment to being a zero-carbon organisation by 2030. Other organisations including Christian Aid, Friends of the Earth, Operation Noah and Eco-Congregation Scotland have also launched the **Scottish Churches COP26 Pledge**, designed to ensure fossil fuel divestment and support for a just and green recovery from coronavirus.

The COP26 climate talks in Glasgow next year are the next major opportunity to set the world on a safe and green path to the future. The Pledge can be found in detail at the Eco-Congregation Scotland website:

www.ecocongregationscotland.org/

Individuals are called on to register support for it, and to consider reviewing their pension savings and investments to ensure that these are placed in ethical funds. Local congregations, Presbyteries and Dioceses and other partner organisations will all be working towards divestment from fossil fuels at the same time.

Meanwhile our own Eco-Group has an expanded membership, and we are reviewing our workplan and project ideas in the light of the pandemic's restrictions. We are keen to get more views and contributions from members, especially ideas for new aspects of the Greenbank agenda in Eco-Congregation matters. This is a growing topic area, with many more ways in which to demonstrate our faith in action. It is no longer at the margins, but at the heart of our Christian response to the world's problems.

David Jack

Greenbank Connections

Greenbank Connections, with its regular news about Greenbank Church, is provided nine times each year to members.

In order to help cover the costs, it is suggested that members might donate a minimum of **£10** per household.

Payment, giving your name and address, 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

Young Church

My oh my, how the autumn is passing along! I have been in contact with a fair few families in the past few months, checking in to see how parents and children are coping with all the changes. I had even managed a few visits to coffee in the backyard (when that sort of thing was available and the weather more pleasant!) I have been pleasantly surprised too in many of these visits to remark that 'You've gotten taller!' to most of our youth. It has been a welcome and enjoyed point of contact with the youth and their families.

Way back at the start of the pandemic, we started a PM Sunday Club for the older primary school children. It was well attended, as it gave an opportunity to socialise, play a few games, and catch up with one another. Coming into the autumn, we began re-integrating Sunday Club's material with the Borrowing Box and my little video from the service each week. It has led to really interesting and engaging questions – my favourite of which so far was 'what is the opposite of love'? Let it not be said that our children are unable to engage with deep topics! I look forward to seeing what other conversations will spring from the Hebrew Bible readings of the coming months.

You may have heard as well that we have plans to pilot an AM Sunday Club, as a chance for even younger children to gather together online shortly before the Livestream on Sunday at 9.45am–10.15am. They



Steve Chaffee, Youth Associate

will have a chance to chat, have a short craft activity, and even sing a song or two (complete with my dance moves!), all before the 10.30am Livestream. Please do get in contact with me to register your interest.

Finally – December is coming! I have had my thinking cap on and conversations with various members of our Young Church volunteers about how we can celebrate our usual events for the Christmas season, taking

into account where we might be by that stage. Lots of great plans in the air – which I will be excited to show... in the fullness of time!

Steve Chaffee



CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

Cards for Good Causes is now open, selling charity Christmas cards on behalf of over 30 charities, national and local, at St John's Church, Edinburgh, on Princes St. Opening hours are 10:00 to 16:00 Monday to Saturday. (Closed 11:00–12:00 on Wednesdays for church service.)

We will be open until the 14th December, unless church services are taking place or COVID-19 restrictions make it impossible. Christmas cards are also available from the Cards for Good Causes website,

<https://www.cardsforcharity.co.uk/>

Hazel McLachlan

Life and Work

Life and Work have informed us that the cost per issue is going up to £3 in 2021. Furthermore, if Greenbank Church orders the magazine for members in bulk, as we have done in the past, there will be no discount, so the cost to each member would be £36 for 2021. (The cost in 2020 was £31.)

However, if members subscribe individually, they will receive a discount and will only be charged for 10 issues rather than 12, so the cost to them will be £30. In addition, each issue will be posted direct to them.

It appears to me, therefore, that members should order their own copies in future. **I have decided to cancel the Church's bulk order.**

Existing subscribers to *Life and Work* are being sent the forms required to take out a subscription for 2021. Others interested in taking out a new subscription should contact Ginny in the Church Office in the first instance. Alternatively, to save resources, an online subscription is available at: pocketmags.com/life-and-work-magazine

One consequence of this change is that, from January 2021, District Visitors will no longer be asked to deliver *Life and Work*.



John Ritchie, Congregational Treasurer

Fresh Start

At the moment, Fresh Start is not accepting any donations of goods, having run out of space as a result of a huge influx after the lockdown.

Please donate to Fresh Start by any of the following methods:

- ▷ using the Just Giving page via the following link:
www.freshstartweb.org.uk/donate
- ▷ by making a bank transfer to Fresh Start's bank account:
Sort code 80-11-05, Acc no 00470086
- ▷ by sending a cheque to Fresh Start:
22-24 Ferry Road Drive, EH4 4BR

A new Fresh Start project, working in North Edinburgh, aims to give local residents healthier diets, at less cost. The project is called Fresh Start Hub. Residents from the local area join a kind of food cooperative, and make savings on fresh food. See the Fresh Start website for more details.

www.freshstartweb.org.uk

I will keep you informed of any further developments which might allow Greenbank members to start donating items for the Starter Packs again.

Alison Ambler
(alison@ambler.me.uk)

The Original Greenbank Scout Patrol (Update)

I ended last month's *Connections* article about the six boys who set up the first Scout patrol at Greenbank in 1933, by asking whether readers could add anything. As I expected, someone could! But it was a slightly sad addendum.



Douglas Reith

Douglas Reith was one of the two boys who made the original suggestion. I had lost his trail in 1939 – but my informant traced a relative who pointed to the George Watson's College website which supplied the rest of his story.

He was a Watson's boy, leaving school in 1937 and entering the Faculty of Medicine at Edinburgh University. Joining the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939, he was wounded at El Alamein and spent six months in hospital. After the war, he

decided to make the army his career and in 1949 was sent to Hong Kong, as tension rose in the East. In 1950 he was the Brigade Major of the 27th Infantry Brigade and in the August of that year was sent to Korea. He took part in a campaign of exceptional difficulty and hardship but death came tragically on 27th October when the road on which he was travelling, which had been mined, collapsed and his vehicle rolled over twice, killing him. In the words of his Commander in Korea "he was a delightful companion".

Duncan Macniven
Assistant Scout Leader



*Images from Harvest Thanksgiving
(see also the cover photograph)*

Changing the World One Gift at a Time™

With some charity shops closing or no longer accepting donations, and the 2020 Greenbank Scout Jumble Sale unable to proceed due to COVID-19, I was looking for alternative ways to find new homes for surplus items. I joined the Edinburgh Group of the *Freecycle Network*, and my experience so far has been very positive, with new owners coming forward by email in a matter of hours, to the benefit of both parties. More information can be found at

www.freecycle.org/

Our mission is to build a worldwide sharing movement that reduces waste, saves precious resources and eases the burden on our landfills while enabling our members to benefit from the strength of a larger community.

Perhaps you too could join the Freecycle Network community as a giver or receiver of gifts?

The title of this article is the tagline of the Freecycle Network, but it could also apply to the idea of using reusable fabric to wrap

gifts in order to reduce waste. The wraps in the photograph below were purchased in the handmade cosmetics store LUSH, which has a clear environmental ethos.

The wrap on the left is made from 100% organic cotton from India, but interestingly the other two are each made from two recycled 500ml plastic bottles and have a lovely silky texture. The idea of using cloth to wrap gifts comes from an ancient Japanese art called *Furoshiki* and there is a Korean equivalent called *Bojagi*. There are videos online which demonstrate different ways of tying fabric (no tape or ribbon required). You don't actually need to buy special wraps however, as maybe you have a square silk scarf which you no longer wear or a tea-towel which would make a nice wrap, or you could buy such items or a piece of fabric from a charity shop. The wrap becomes part of the gift and can be used again and again.

Have fun being creative with sustainable wrapping ideas!

Janet Edwards



Winter Night Shelters



Every winter, for many years, Greenbank volunteers have worked alongside Bethany staff to help run emergency night shelters, providing a meal and a bed for those who would otherwise be sleeping rough.

During lockdown Bethany has continued to provide the Care Shelter, from the Waverley Hotel. Whilst it has not been possible to help in the traditional way, Greenbank has continued to support the work of the charity in other ways, including securing the generous weekly delivery of pizzas by Pizza Hut to the Care Shelter, and financial support to the charity.

Building on its success in the past and looking to the future, Bethany has modified its Care Shelter model by introducing a new **Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre**, which is running for 30 weeks from this October 2020 until May 2021.

In announcing the new arrangements, Bethany said they are taking “all the very best from what we have learned from operating the Care Shelter over the last 24 years into this new service: the professional staff team, the expert visiting agencies and organisations, the hundreds of church volunteers providing excellent food and the care, love and dignity given to each and every person attending, but the context and set up is new and exciting.”

The Centre will operate from the Hay-

market Hub Hotel, providing individual, COVID-safe en suite bedrooms. It will be open 24 hours per day, for “even more effective referrals to housing and interventions from health and other visiting partners as offices are open more during the day”.

Greenbank is committed to continuing to support Bethany’s work and ultimate vision to end homelessness in Scotland in whatever way it can, and it is currently working with the charity to find out how best to do this.

Richard Dunbar

The Guild

Sadly we have not been able to start the Guild as hoped, but we have our programme all ready to go as soon as the regulations allow. We are keeping in touch with all our members through phone calls, emails and chats on the doorsteps.

We are still supporting SLA: in the current dire circumstances in India the girls in the mentoring project are reporting being taken out of education, some forced into early marriage or work. In the Asritha Rainbow Home, the staff have made huge efforts to keep the children safe and are desperate to find the IT equipment they need to enable the children to access online learning.

You can help by supporting the SLA Diwali Dinner: see the poster on the back page. This will be a great way to celebrate light in the darkness, thinking both of the November weather and the grim situation of the children we support in Hyderabad.

The Guild project in Scotland we hoped to support this year, **Join Up the Dots**, is relevant to these times, as it tackles social





Mary Hunter

isolation. We will be thinking up ways of fundraising for that in the next few months. We were saddened to hear of the death of **Mary Hunter**, a former President of Greenbank Guild who is remembered as a great worker for the Guild and a friend to many. She convened a meeting of 16 Greenbank members in autumn 1995 to consider making a banner for the Church. This became the **Banner Group** whose first project was the *All Things Bright and Beautiful* banner, dedicated and hung in the Main Hall in November 1999. This was almost finished when the news of the Dunblane shooting shook Scotland, and the group added to their design a daisy chain of sixteen flowers in memory of the children who died. Under Mary's leadership the group went on to create banners for the pillars of the nave to mark the seasons of the Church year, and to embroider decorations for the Church Christmas Tree. She was a great family person and cared faithfully for her husband Stewart in his later years. She will be remembered for her warmth and friendliness and particularly for her smile.

Edith Armit

Prisoners' Week 15th to 22nd November

Prisoners' Week is an initiative of churches in Scotland. It aims to share information and stimulate discussion about life in prison in Scotland today. Normally there are events in prisons and in communities organised by the prison chaplaincy teams and others. There are materials for use in worship, and publications. Within the prisons there are worship services that families can join and activities for children and their prisoner parents to share. This year it is different but is still going ahead.

The theme this year is **Not Alone**. There will be a pre-recorded service which will go out at 10am on the 15th November and be available online later. There will be evening forums covering different subjects, including one on 'Support Inside Prisons' with a panel including HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, Wendy Sinclair-Gieben. Details are here:

www.prisonersweek.org.uk

There are over 8,000 prisoners in Scotland, one of the highest ever figures. Most of them are men; about 400 are women; and just over 300 are under 21. At any one time around 27,000 children have a close family link to a prisoner.

Greenbank Parish Church has supported the work in Edinburgh prison for many years: a group of members used to visit prisoners, and the congregation donates lots of Christmas presents for prisoners to give to their children. When Prisoners' Week comes round, maybe you can look at the website and share in the resources, praying for prisoners and their families as well as for the victims of crime and for everyone who has a part to play in the criminal justice system.

Valerie Macniven

Services at Greenbank

The church is open for a weekly service of reflective worship at 6pm every Sunday. It is also open for self-guided reflection and prayer each Wednesday from 1pm to 2pm. *Our main worship will continue to be the livestream on Sundays at 10.30am.*

You are asked to book in order to attend Sunday services (not Wednesdays). See the adjacent article for details.

Welcome Teams

Sundays (6pm unless stated otherwise)

November

- 1 **2pm: A Time to Remember**
Jill Powlett Brown, Susan Inch,
John Adair, Isobel Thom

6pm:

- Rona Ferguson**, Katie Bogie, John Murison, Alison Murison
- 8 **Caroline Kehoe**, Jill Powlett Brown, Keith Clark, Louise Coghill
- 15 **Donald King**, Katie Bogie, Elaine McRae, John Adair, Pam Adair
- 22 **Phil Barnes**, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden, Hazel Macaulay
- 29 **Rona Ferguson**, Jane Harkin, John Murison, Alison Murison

Wednesdays (1pm to 2pm)

November

- 4 **John Murison**, Alison Murison
- 11 **Alison Kerr**, Louise Coghill
- 18 **Ray Dely**, Alison Kerr
- 25 **Isobel Thom**, Susan Black

Reserving a seat

The Government has set a cap of 50 for the total number of people allowed in the church at one time. Here is what you need to do to reserve one of the seats in the church for Sunday evening worship, or for “A Time to Remember” at 2pm on 1st November. (There is no booking needed for Wednesday prayers, but stewards will be on hand.)

- ▷ You can book by email or phone. The email address is bookgreenbank@gmail.com; the phone number is 0771 883 6683.
- ▷ Booking will be open from 8pm every Sunday until 5pm on Friday.
- ▷ Please provide your name and phone number and, if you are coming with other people from your household, their details also.
- ▷ Entry to the service will not be possible unless you have reserved a place. Please do not turn up without having booked!

Here is some more information about what you will find when you arrive:

- ▷ The Church will be open from half an hour before the service.
- ▷ You will be asked to apply hand sanitiser and wear a face covering.
- ▷ The church will be marked out in a way that allows family groups of up to three to sit together.
- ▷ There will be no live singing.
- ▷ Toilets will be available.
- ▷ There will be no cash offerings taken. Please give by bank transfer or use the donate button on the website, or by sending a cheque to the Treasurer.

We're looking forward to welcoming you!

Martin

Flowers for the Church

We continue to be extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed to the Flower Fund or is arranging flowers in the Church. Many of you have commented on how much you value flowers as part of worship and others enjoy placing flowers in Church to commemorate a special anniversary. If you would like to arrange flowers on a particular date in 2021, do please contact me so I can try to allocate this date for you in next year's flower rota. I can be reached at

landfamily@hotmail.com

Moira Land

Flower Rota

Provided by

November

- 1 Isobel Thom
- 8 Louise Coghill
- 15 Christine Buist
- 22 Susan Black
- 29 Diana Bland

December

- 6 Julia Dunbar

Please also see the article above.

Coffee Rota

There will be no requirement for a Sunday coffee rota until morning worship resumes at Greenbank.

Congregational Register

Omitted from the online version of Connections

The Ministry Team can be contacted directly

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Mr Steven Chaffee (Youth Associate)

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email: stevechaffee@greenbankchurch.org

Due to COVID-19 precautions the Office is closed to personal callers. Contact the Administrator by phone or email in the first instance until further notice.

Administrator: Mrs Virginia Johnston

phone and fax: 0131 447 9969

email: greenbankchurch@btconnect.com

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

Website: www.greenbankchurch.org

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

Material for the December/January issue of Greenbank Connections should be delivered to the Church Office by

Sunday 15th November, or

sent by e-mail by 9am on

Friday 20th November to

greenbankconnections@gmail.com

Diwali DINNER



Celebrating the Festival of Light

Join **Scottish Love in Action** and **Truscott Property** in celebrating Diwali's Festival of Light.

Organise a Diwali Dinner in your home any night in November or celebrate on the actual night of Diwali, Saturday the 14th November 2020.

Enjoy with your immediate household, and if allowed, invite friends and wider family.

Each guest donates an amount to SLA for the meal.

Monies you raise will be matched by **Truscott Property** pound for pound.

Cook, have a pot-luck dinner, get a takeaway, or buy in a ready-meal – the choice is yours!

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3. Send in your donation to SLA and you will be entered into a prize draw to win **4 VIP Tickets to the SLA Fireworks Extravaganza 2021.**

www.sla-india.org



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