

Greenbank Connections



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Karen Young in volunteer dress at the COP-26 VVIP area she project managed (see p 9)

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From the Interim Moderator...



As Greenbank Parish Church moves into vacancy, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Interim Moderator. For all of us, the past 20 months have of course been very trying due to the consequences of the pandemic, perhaps through bereavement, or the many frustrations that have been common to all. I am aware that the past few months have also been particularly unsettling for the congregation. But as we now move forward, it is encouraging to see that so many congregational activities are starting up again and that such committed leadership remains in place.

Here is a little about my personal background. Hailing originally from Eaglesham in East Renfrewshire, I have been a minister of the Church of Scotland since 1999. In my first charge I was based at New Deer in rural Aberdeenshire, where I spent ten happy and productive years with my wife and three sons as I ministered to two linked congregations.

For the past 12 years I have served as full time Chaplain at Heriot-Watt University at Riccarton. Among other responsibilities, this gives me the great privilege of ministering to a campus-based Sunday congregation of international students from a variety of countries – currently Malaysia, India, Ghana, Nigeria, France and Germany. The Chaplaincy is also a busy hub for students to enjoy various meals and other social activities during the week.

One of the reasons that the Heriot-Watt post appealed to me was because of my earlier career. My doctorate is in environmental science and I worked in that field in both Wales and Scotland (latterly in the pre-devolution Scottish Office Environment Department) before being called to the ministry and studying at New College.

I am aware that these are days of great uncertainty for all Church of Scotland congregations, and par-

ticularly for those like Greenbank that find themselves in vacancy. During my time with you I will certainly endeavour to do all that I can to act in the congregation's best interests in its dealings with Presbytery during this time of change. It is helpful that the Session Clerk and I know each other from when we served together on the World Mission Council, and I am so glad that Anne Logan, whom I also know from a prior connection, is able to serve you as Locum Minister during the vacancy.

With very best wishes,

Alistair Donald,
Interim Moderator



Dementia Friendly Service

A Christmas Dementia Friendly Service will be held on 12th December at 4.30pm, led by the Rev Dr John Stevenson. This will be livestreamed with a recording on the website and will also be an in-person service – all welcome. No booking is required.

Mary Hadden

The Guild

November has been a very interesting month for the Guild. We started with a very funny, fascinating evening of 'Hats we have known and loved' by Val and Alasdair Smart, who have the most amazing collection of hats, all with wonderful stories.

The second meeting was very different. Susan Inch gave a most interesting account of the progress of the Safe Listening project. Covid of course has delayed it, but it is now moving forward. Her description of the need for such a service was harrowing as she told of the abuse suffered by so many women, not to mention the danger of death particularly after a woman has attempted



to leave. The effect it has on children is one of the most serious aspects. Women's Aid has been very helpful, with advice on how best to help, how to offer discreet and sensitive support. This is a very valuable service which deserves to be well supported by us in Greenbank.

By the time you read this we will also have had a splendid account from Kathleen Patrick of her journey from 'Southampton to Dubai by Sea'.

On 7th December we will have our Christmas Party in a different format from usual, then we will look forward to starting again in January.

Edith Armit

Friendship Club

James Cagney's life story in film was a nostalgic revelation and our trip to Alaska cruising with Kathleen was a great bit of armchair escapism with lots of mountains, blue skies, glorious views, even a raft of lazy otters. Now we look forward to our 8th December meeting and Party when, along with some tasty Christmas fare, we'll be entertained on his guitar by Raymond Williams who will also lead us in some carols, through our masks for this year only, we hope, !

At a recent committee meeting we decided that in view of the continuing uncertainty about Covid we would not restart serving lunches until possibly next session. So January's first meeting at 2.30pm on the 12th will begin the year with another of Wendy Soderger's glorious "visions of colour", then on the 26th we welcome back Eric Melvin to tell us all about King George IV's visit to Scotland. The International Rescue Corps is the topic for 9th February.

Val Smart

Thought for the Month: taking another road

In the parish church of Kirknewton, in north Northumberland, there is a 12th century stone carving which depicts the visit of the magi, seemingly wearing kilts, to the infant Jesus. Over the centuries the adoration of the magi has provided a subject for hundreds of painters and sculptors. It is

a simple, pious, good story, vividly told by Matthew, and no matter how often we hear it, read it, or see it enacted, it fires our imagination.

It is a tale packed with activity: journeys are made; meetings are held; prophetic history is brought into play; worship is offered; and gifts are given. It is also full of contrasts: between the magi and Herod, between the magi and Herod's advisers, above all between King Herod and King Jesus, one who ruled by killing and the other who ruled by dying. And we can recognise in it various familiar emotions: the excitement of a fresh discovery, the patience of a long quest, the frustration of being in the wrong place, the fear shown by Herod, the unadulterated joy of reaching journey's end.

But the magi did not remain in Bethlehem. The magi are warned in a dream not to return to Herod but to return to their own country by another road.

It seems that God did not mean for them to remain in Judaea, which, given their experience, must have been a great temptation. The magi

are charged to return home, but by a different route.

When we acknowledge the claims of Jesus on our lives, and hear the summons, "Follow me," we set off on the way of discipleship, taking a road other than that on which we may otherwise have travelled.

What is true of us as individuals is also true for us as a congregation. At this critical time in our life together, we may find ourselves challenged to take another road, on a journey where there may be no signposts or route maps. And that can be unsettling and uncomfortable, but it can also be exciting and enriching as we discover new possibilities for Greenbank Church.



The Kilted Magi

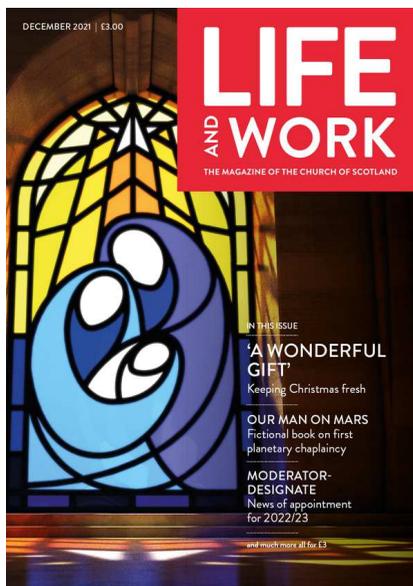


A strange, unfamiliar road may now be our path – but it is going somewhere. The ancient saying “I know not what the future may hold but I do know who holds the future” can help us here, as can a prayer composed in some dark days of the 20th century:

*Lord God, you call your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see
the ending,
by paths as yet untrdden, through
perils unknown:
give us faith to go out with a good
courage,
not knowing where we are going,
but only that your hand is leading us,
and your love supporting us;
to the glory of your name.**

Peter Graham

*Lutheran Book of Worship



SLA Christmas Card Volunteer Post

Save money and support a good cause!



We will deliver your cards, by bike or on foot, to EH9, EH10 and EH13 post codes, for 40p a card. Main door addresses only please. Sorry, no flats.

This will save you 45p on a first class, and 26p on a second class stamp.

All the money raised will go to support **Scottish Love in Action**.

Please look at our website to find out more about the work of our very special charity:

www.sla-india.org

Please deliver your Christmas Cards to one of the addresses below by 5pm on Friday 10th December, together with the correct postage (40p per card).

Margaret and Venetia

Margaret Clark
37/1 Mid Steil
Edinburgh
EH10 5XB

Venetia Thomson
13 Comiston Drive
Edinburgh
EH105QR

Fresh Start

helping people make a home for themselves

Fresh Start offers services to provide support for those who have been homeless and their mission is to “help turn a house into a home”. Most household items are gratefully received; please see the Fresh Start website.

Fresh Start

‘Cookers for Christmas’ appeal

Donations are welcome to help those who are struggling financially

by providing them with a cooker and other essential white goods for their home over Christmas. Further details here:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/CookersforChristmas21

Many thanks to all who have contacted me recently to donate items. Contact me if you have items to donate.

Eileen MacKinnon

emackinnon2010@hotmail.co.uk

www.freshstartweb.org.uk

The Scottish Chamber Choir on Saturday 18th December in Greenbank

The Scottish
Chamber Choir

Directed by Iain McLarty

Christmas Old & New

A concert of a cappella
Christmas music through the ages
from Renaissance composers to contemporary choral
works and favourite traditional carols

Sat 4 Dec 2021- 7:30pm
Rosslyn Chapel
Roslin, EH25 9PU

Sat 18 Dec 2021- 7:30pm
Greenbank Parish Church
Edinburgh, EH10 6ES



Tickets Rosslyn £12 | Concessions £10 | via Rosslyn Chapel website
Tickets Greenbank £12 | Students £6 | Under 18 free | via www.freshstart.org.uk or at the door (card only)
More information: <https://scottishchamberchoir.org.uk> | info@scottishchamberchoir.org.uk

Greenbank Work Party

Every year our small group of ladies produces a great many items for our charities. Covid and lockdowns have not stopped us; if anything we have spent even more time knitting. So this year some sixty jumpers, thirty hats and twenty baby blankets will be divided between Muirhouse Church, Edinburgh Clothing Store and Saughton visi-

tors' centre. All twenty-three ladies in Morlich House at Church Hill will receive bedsocks and knee rugs, and the forty residents at the Elms will share bedsocks, knee rugs and twiddle muffs.

Many homeless people will be needing our cosy hats, so we have more than fifty ready for them.

This photo shows a selection of the items sent recently to Muirhouse Church, and they will receive much more in time for Christmas. As we cannot have a display this year, there will be more photos in January.

Our thanks to those who have donated DK machine washable yarn, it all helps and nothing is ever wasted.

Please pray for us and for all those who receive our goods.

Anne Oxbrow



Coffee Group News

I am happy to let you know that the Coffee Group were able to give £800 to two charity groups this year: £400 to Bethany and £400 to SLA.

We were not able to serve coffee till August because of Covid restrictions, so this proves how generous you have all been with your donations at coffee time. The amount was

helped by the inclusion of a donation of £255 from visitors at Greenbank Open Day and would have been greater if we hadn't had to buy disposable and recyclable cups!

Again my thanks go to Pauline Walker and Fiona Grant for their continued support throughout the year.

Isobel Thom

It's a Fair COP!

Enthralling, exasperating, energising, engaging – all descriptions that could be applied to the 14 days (including one day of extra time) of the 26th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change – or COP26.

“Keep 1.5 Alive” was the mantra of the UK presidency as nearly 200 countries, 39,000 delegates, 100,000 climate protesters and many more came together in Glasgow as the best hope that the world has to limit climate change and therefore the future of humanity.

On the positive side the final Glasgow Climate Pact will speed up the pace of climate action by agreeing:

- To strengthen short-term national emissions reduction targets to 2030 with 90% of countries now having net zero targets.
- For the first time, to name fossil fuels as the cause of climate change and agreeing to phase them down (if not out).
- To increase the urgency and accountability by having yearly meetings and a Leaders' summit in 2023.
- To finalise The Paris Rulebook which sets out processes and mechanisms such as carbon trading and green finance.
- To increase significantly financial support for adaptation, loss and damage for developing countries by 2025 (if not before).



We saw headline-grabbing declarations on methane, deforestation and green finance, and a raft of other agreements that were more under the radar such as the Clydebank Declaration for Green Shipping Corridors.

On the negative side, Greta Thunberg summed it up with her “Blah, Blah, Blah” – all talk and not enough action on this existential crisis. The voices of young people, women and girls, and indigenous people who will bear the brunt of the devastating impacts of climate change were louder outside the conference halls and plenary rooms, than in.

Who could fail to be moved by the pleas from Tuvalu, Mauritius, the Marshall Islands and other low lying nations that will disappear beneath the waves even if the results of the Glasgow Climate Pact are implemented fully and we hold the temperature rise to 1.8 °C.

I am a COP26 addict. I volunteered and was part of the Edinburgh Rail Hub team getting delegates to and from Glasgow. Working for NatureScot, I designed and project managed

a nature-based solutions garden for the **Very Very Important Person's** area in the Blue Zone. This showcased different ways that nature can help climate and included a green living wall, green roof bike shelter, and residential and industrial rain gardens. All store carbon, manage rainwater to reduce flooding, increase biodiversity and help our wellbeing. Some of these technologies might even be coming to the church, or you will be able to see a recreated VVIP

garden in the Edinburgh Botanics after the COP. To cap it all, Robert, Rory and I joined 100,000 others in the Global Day of Action for Climate Justice March in wild conditions that reminded everyone that climate change is here and happening now.

As a Gold Eco-congregation we must play our part individually and collectively to "Keep 1.5 Alive".

Karen Young

Recycling the Staging of Cop26

There is a very slick operation run by Identity – the event management company that organised the whole thing for the UK government – that has strict guidelines on all materials and their re-use or recycling. For example, all the volunteer uniforms were made of recycled polyester and if you don't want to keep using the uniform, there are collection points on your last shift or at the COP site to hand it back for recycling.

The same applies to the materials used at the event. For example, the nature-based solutions garden for the VVIP area is going to the Botanic for re-creation as part of the COP legacy story. The plants that the Botanic can't take for biosecurity reasons are going to Glasgow parks.

All materials that can't be re-used and all journeys to the site are captured in a carbon calculator and the

UN are going to pay for tree planting or habitat restoration projects to capture the equivalent carbon so that the whole event is carbon neutral.

Karen Young



Karen in Cop26 uniform

'Greenbank Life'



*A Lockdown Life submission
(Emily Edwards: Princes Street at night)*

During the pandemic we had a weekly photographic competition called 'Lockdown Life', running from April until June 2020, and again from January until April 2021. The competition each week served to record images of interest to individuals, which were much enjoyed within the congregation. Each Thursday anyone with access to the Greenbank website could see all the entries and vote for their favourite photograph. Winning photographs from all the weeks of 'Lockdown Life' were displayed recently in the Braid Room corridor.

We have decided to hold a new competition, to be called 'Greenbank Life'

It will be monthly rather than weekly, and the winners will be reported

here in *Connections* rather than in the weekly e-newsletter.

Here is how it will work: take a photograph of something that stands out to you – something in nature, a picture of a view from your home, something happening with your close family, something that you've found in a clear-out – anything goes, but make sure photographs of

people have the consent of those in them. Then email it with a Subject line of 'Greenbank Life', a title (or explanation) and the name of the photographer, to

greenbankparish@gmail.com.

Submit as many photographs as you wish each month.

If we get a good response we will produce a Greenbank Calendar (for 2023!) using the winning photographs over the coming months. With this in mind, to fit the design of the calendar we require photographic entries to be in 'Landscape' orientation (like the above photograph), rather than 'Portrait'.

The competition details and entries to date can be seen by clicking



A Link with 1933

The Scout troop at Greenbank was founded in 1933 by six boys. One was Charlie Tulloch, who later became an elder and who some current Greenbankers will remember. Charlie died in 1986. But one of the six – John Cruickshank – is still alive and Duncan Macniven had lunch with him recently. Although it is many years since he visited Greenbank, he remembers it well – and in particular the Minister, Dr T Ratcliffe Barnett, who retired in 1939 and whom John describes as having “a very square face”. John also remembers an early Scout camp – train to Peebles, five days’ hiking covering 72 miles, staying in youth hostels and returning by train from Selkirk. John is now a member of Rubislaw Church in Aberdeen – where our former Minister Alison Swindells was an assistant – and is the last surviving Second World War holder of the Victoria Cross.



Duncan Macniven

on the Photo Comp button on the front page of the Church website:

www.greenbankchurch.org

The closing date for entries for the first ‘monthly’ competition is **Friday 14th January 2022** (longer than usual because the next issue of *Connections* doesn’t appear until February). Any submissions after this date will be entered into the next monthly competition.

Everyone will be able to vote for their favourite photograph **from Saturday 15th to Tuesday 18th January**, by clicking on the **Photo Comp** button on the Church website. Look out for the winning photograph(s) in the February issue of *Connections*!

I hope you will take part – by submitting photographs, by voting, or both.

John Murison

Christmas Gift Service – 12th December

Each Christmas, our children, young people and members of the congregation bring presents to the Gift Service. These are shared between two projects in Edinburgh. Some go to Barnardo's centre at the prison for prisoners' children and others go to the Old Kirk and Muirhouse Parish Church to be shared with children and families in need in their area.

We would love to have a large collection of gifts to pass on and so we are asking everyone to join in. This year we have extended the invitation to Babies and Toddlers and our uniformed organisations as well as, once again, Pre School.

We know that the presents are always appreciated. Please bring gifts to the service preferably UNWRAPPED in a gift bag or loosely wrapped in tissue paper. Please include a detachable tag saying whether the gift is suitable for a boy or girl and what age range it is suitable for.

The age range requested is from 2 to 16 years old. Whilst your child or children might want to choose a gift suitable for their own age group, could I ask any young people or adults to consider choosing a gift suitable for a teenager.



Last year we had a number of gift vouchers donated. These were appreciated by teenagers who were given a gift token and bus tokens to allow them to purchase their own gift without any additional expense for their parents.

The prison service uses the vouchers to buy age appropriate gifts. For convenience of use, the projects have suggested the following vouchers: **'One for All'** (available at Post Offices), Morrison's, Sainsbury's and Argos. Any denomination is welcome – whatever you can afford.

If you can't make it to the service, but would still like to donate a gift, you can hand it in at the Church Office during office hours. Please could you put any gift vouchers into an envelope marked "Gift Vouchers" and put them through the post box in the Office door.

I will also be at the Church on weekday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the weeks beginning 29th November and 6th December to receive any gifts.

Both projects want to emphasise how much they appreciate all the donations they receive. Thank you for your support.

Hazel McLachlan
Young Church Administrator

The Open Door

The Open Door is holding its wonderful Christmas Raffle to raise funds to support the work of its daycare centre, providing care for older people in the local community.

Prizes include a hand-made quilt; a 50" Smart TV; £250 cash; a signed Hearts football top, food and beauty hampers; bottles of whisky; vouchers for haircuts; vouchers for meals; and various other prizes, all generously donated by individuals and local companies who support The Open Door.

The draw will be at 2pm on Wednesday 15th December at The Open Door.

The price is £2 per ticket, with tickets available from The Open Door Cafe at 420 Morningside Road. Telephone 0131 447 9757

The Cafe now has extended opening hours 8am - 4pm, Monday to Friday.

You will receive a warm welcome from the staff when you come in for raffle tickets and to sample the new menu.

Simon Warr
Operational Manager



Attending In Person

From Sunday 5th December, it will no longer be necessary to book a place at a service, except for the two services on Christmas Eve.

Signing in will be required at the entrance for every service and at coffee. Masks and hand sanitising will still be needed. Alternate pews will remain unused, and you will be asked to leave some space in the pew between your party and anyone else.

Lateral flow tests are encouraged as a good way to help friends, family and the wider community be safe.

Valerie Macniven

Christian Aid – campaigning and raising funds

Christian Aid continues to work to support families living in poverty. The campaigns team has been heavily involved in the COP 26 conference in Glasgow and you can read their summary on the Christian Aid website:

www.christianaid.org.uk/news/what-happened-cop26-and-what-next

As individuals we can help by donating money, but this year Christian Aid also has a campaign action for Christmas, as it is keen to keep climate justice on the political agenda. It is suggesting that people send a Christmas card to the Prime Minister asking that he continue to work for climate justice. From 24th November there will be a dedicated page on the Christian Aid website with more details and suggested messages to put in your Christmas card. Please consider taking part in this initiative.

Annual Advent and Christmas appeal for Christian Aid

Throughout Advent we will be having our customary appeal for Christian Aid. The country focus of Christian Aid's Christmas appeal in 2021 is South Sudan, centred on the impossible choices people have to make – dirty water or none at all! From flooding to droughts, climate chaos pollutes water, kills crops and destroys livelihoods. Our gifts this Christmas can help build boreholes,



provide seeds and farming tools, and improve lives.

1. The preferred way of donating is by bank transfer to the Collections account – see below. By using a reference including your name, the church can claim Gift Aid where relevant and this will ultimately be passed on to Christian Aid.
2. We will also have Gift Aid Advent envelopes available in the church vestibule from Sunday 28th November. Any cheques should be made payable to “Greenbank Church Collections.”
3. Subject to agreement from the Moderator's Committee, the contactless terminal may be available for Christian Aid donations via debit or credit card throughout Advent and for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Sunday 26th December services. The contactless terminal, which will be in the vestibule, is set for donations of £5, £10 or £20 with repeat donations allowed for larger sums.

Bank Details

Account name:

Greenbank Church Collections;

Sort code 80-02-27;

Account number 10786266;

Reference – Your surname Advent

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Fiona Watt
Christian Aid Coordinator

SLA Big Give

Giving Voice to Young People in India

This year Scottish Love in Action is taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge. During the week 30th November (St Andrew's Day) and 6th December, all donations made directly to the Big Give will be match-funded, so that a £50 donation will be worth £100. We hope to raise £12,000 and the Big Give will then double that amount making it up to £24,000 plus any Gift Aid.

Please help us to reach this target – you will be giving young people in India a voice, which they really need at the moment. As you will know, COVID has hit India hard, and SLA's partners are reporting that their work "is being undone by COVID".

Education is the proven route out of poverty, and schools have been closed in India since the original COVID lockdown in March 2020, with only a short period of re-opening. SLA's partner in India, VOICE 4 Girls, has been recruiting counsellors to provide online sessions to girls and boys at home, using WhatsApp and mobile phones. The young people are telling the counsellors that "they have forgotten what they have learnt" and are uncertain about returning to school. The closure of schools has put them at higher risk of violence and child marriage. VOICE 4 Girls is working hard to help adolescents see the value of returning to education for their long-term future.

There have been unforeseen benefits in this delivery at home. Girls and boys have immediately shared what they have learnt with their friends and family in their village and communities. This "ripple effect" is a key element in creating meaningful social change.

How to give to the Big Give Christmas Challenge

Between midday on 30th November and midday on 6th December when you donate at this site, your donation will be doubled:

tinyurl.com/txpk93jm

You will be making a difference as these adolescent girls and boys navigate these difficult times, are encouraged to return to education and build a better future for themselves.

You will be giving young people in India a voice.

Sheila Cannell



Greenbank Calendar:

December

- 2 Thurs 19.30 Choir Practice
4 Sat 14.00 Christmas Event for Children
19.30 S1 to S3 Youth Club
5 Sun 10.30 **Communion**
7 Tues 14.30 Guild Christmas Party
8 Wed 14.30 Friendship Club
9 Thurs 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
19.30 Choir Practice
10 Fri 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
12 Sun 10.30 **Gift Service**
16.30 Dementia Friendly Service
16 Thurs 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
19.30 Choir Practice
17 Fri 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
19 Sun 10.30 **Nativity Service**
16.00 Colin and Malcolm's Christmas Singalong
24 Fri 19.00 **Family Carol Service**
23.30 **Watchnight Service**
25 Sat 10.30 **Christmas Day Service**
26 Sun 10.30 **Reflective Service**

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- 2 Sun 10.30 **Service for Epiphany**
9 Sun 10.30 **Morning Worship**
11 Tues 10.30 Guild Coffee morning
12 Wed 14.30 Friendship Club
13 Thurs 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
14 Fri 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
16 Sun 10.30 **Morning Worship**
18 Tues 14.30 Guild Meeting
20 Thurs 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
19.30 Choir Practice
21 Fri 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
23 Sun 10.30 **Morning Worship**
26 Wed 14.30 Friendship Club
27 Thurs 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
19.30 Choir Practice
28 Fri 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
30 Sun 10.30 **Morning Worship**

Flower Rota

provided by delivered by

Dec

- 5 Julia Dunbar Diana Hastings
12 Advent/Christmas
19 Advent/Christmas
26 Advent Christmas

Jan 2022

- 2 Epiphany
9 Ishbel Clark Aileen Thomson
16 Alison Murison Winn Kerr
23 Pauline Walker Anne Patrick
30 Janet Edwards

Feb

- 6 Katy Maguire



February

- 1 Tues 14.30 Guild Meeting
3 Thurs 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
19.30 Choir Practice
4 Fri 9.45 Babies and Toddlers
6 Sun 10.30 **Morning Worship**

Welcome Teams

December

- 5 Ian Thom, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Isobel Thom, Charles Black
- 12 Donald King, Jan Corbett, Roderick Morrison, Jim Young, Elaine McRae, Jane Harkin
- 19 Caroline Kehoe, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy
- 26 Ian Thomson, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett Brown, David Bogie

January 2022

- 2 Christina Morrow, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Susan Black, Nora Kellock, Malcolm Watters
- 9 Keith Winton, Richard Dunbar, Chris Horne, Robin Nimmo, Hazel Macaulay, Moira Small
- 16 John Ritchie, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Clare Campbell, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden, Moira Small
- 23 Rosemary McCulloch, Moira Land, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Martin Struthers, Barbara Middleton
- 30 Stuart Sanders, Moira Davidson, Julia Dunbar, John Murison, Alison Murison, Rachel Cadell

February

- 6 Ian Thom, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Isobel Thom, Charles Black

Coffee Rota

December

- 5 No Coffee Communion
- 12 Christina Morrow (D41)
- 19 Gillian Sweetman (D22)
- 26 No Coffee

January 2022

- 2 No Coffee
- 9 Richard Dunbar (Help the Homeless)
- 16 Hazel and Angus McLachlan (D43)
- 23 Lorna Perriss (D61)
- 30 Diana Hastings (D33)

Feb

- 6 Helen and Phil Barnes (D42,89)



The Ministry Team can be contacted directly

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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:
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Braidburn Terrace,
Edinburgh EH10 6ES

Material for the February 2022 issue of **Greenbank Connections** should be delivered to the Church Office by Sunday 16th January 2022 or sent by e-mail by 8pm on

Thursday 20th January 2022 to
greenbankconnections@gmail.com

COUNTDOWN to CHRISTMAS!

You are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable food during Advent, for donation to our nominated charities –



StreetWork (homelessness charity) **FourSquare** (supported accommodation for young women)

Richmond Fair Share : Old Kirk & Muirhouse Parish Church : Edinburgh City Mission
(these charities provide food to people in need)



We would be very grateful if you would drop off your (unwrapped) gifts at any of the collection points below during Advent...

Helen & Phil Barnes,
4 Greenbank Crescent,
EH10 5SG

Kirsten & Mark O'Hagan,
15 Rattray Grove,
EH10 5TL

David & Rona Sommerville,
40 Plewlands Gardens,
EH10 5JR

Julia & Richard Dunbar,
26 Easter Steil,
EH10 5XE

Kirsten & Simon Pink,
1 Shearie Knowe Gdns,
EH13 0FN

Karen & Robert Young,
13 Greenbank Loan,
EH10 5SH

Alison & John Murison,
17 Jordan Lane,
EH10 4RA

Alison & David Reid,
27 Comiston View,
EH10 6LP

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