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Letter from the Locum



The summer holidays are almost over, children and teachers are heading back into school and the Church activities are starting up again. This edition of *Connections* shows that things are getting back to normal. It would be easy for us to think it's just a return to 'Auld Claes and Parritch' but the last couple of years of Pandemic have taught us to take nothing for granted. So, when we think of Church life returning to normal, it is with great joy and renewed appreciation of the life we share as a community.

But it isn't just a return to normal. There are new challenges and opportunities ahead, not least as we all try to get to grips with the Presbytery Plan and fleshing out what the changes mean for us all. The Psalmist wrote about God's steadfast love 'Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.' (Ps 63) or Ps 118 which

speaks of the steadfast love of the Lord enduring forever. That steadfast love, 'chesed' (or 'hesed' in the Romanised version) is not simply an emotion but an action. God doesn't just feel love for us, God lives love for us. As we face this new session in the life of Greenbank, we draw on that steadfast love and go forward.



Rev Dr Anne T Logan

The Guild

Our successful Summer Coffee Mornings raised an appreciable amount for the Vine Trust Project *Kazunzu Village of Hope* (there was a lot of cake eaten! and we were entertained by the Pre School with its amazing range of songs).

We have planned an interesting series of meetings starting in October, ranging from speakers on topics of local interest to the Starchild Project which we will be supporting for a year, and which addresses the challenge of stigma and myths related to intellectual and physical disability in Uganda. It will offer support, training and guidance to the most marginalised, and so prevent disabled children being hidden in their communities and seen as worthless.



Edith Armit

Pastoral Care Group

The Pastoral Care Team is available to support the Minister, District Elders and District Visitors where extra pastoral help is felt to be needed. Such care could be general befriending for those who are lonely, hospital and care home visits, visiting those who are ill or caring for someone who is very ill or dependent.



The team is led by Vivien Hutchison (Elder, left) and Pauline Macdonald (District Visitor, right) with the support of four volunteers.

There is a recognition that loneliness and isolation are issues which have been made worse by the restrictions that the Covid policy placed upon us as individuals, and on opportunities to gather in Church.

The team would welcome members to get in touch if they would like additional contact with/support from the Church and can offer phone calls and visits to supplement those from Elders and District Visitors.

Please contact, in the first instance, the Church Office on:

0131 447 9969

office@greenbankchurch.org

The Open Door Anniversary

The Open Door has been at the heart of the Morningside community for the past 40 years.

Peggy Hunter, a former member and elder of Greenbank, was the founder. Throughout our history we have stayed true to her vision: supporting our local community by reducing isolation and loneliness through friendship, support and love.

As part of our 40th Anniversary Celebrations we are having a Thanksgiving Service at Greenbank Church on Saturday 29th October at 3pm. All are warmly welcome.



Diana Teasdale
Greenbank Representative

World Church Group

The World Church Group follows news of events around the world, and the work of Church of Scotland mission partners and international partner churches. As well as keeping the congregation in touch, the group takes practical action in support of global concerns such as the Fairtrade movement. We hold Fairtrade stalls several times each year, after church services and at special events. These stalls are very well supported by members of the congregation and the community – thank you!

Occasionally the group is in a position to make a donation to charity from the small margin made. We are pleased to be making a £75 contribution to the Greenbank Guild's

collection for the Vine Trust's [Kazunzu Village of Hope](#) project in Tanzania. If you would like more information about the World Church Group or would like to help with a Fairtrade stall, please get in touch via the church office.

Janet Edwards



Easter Stall



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

All warmly invited to our Anniversary Service
celebrating 40 years of The Open Door bringing love,
care and inclusion into people's lives.



Saturday 29 October 2022

3pm

Refreshments will be served after the service

Greenbank Parish Church

Braidburn Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 6ES

Young Church

Young Church meets on Sundays at 10.30am

Young Church 1: Babies, Toddlers and Pre-schoolers

We enjoy having babies and toddlers in Church and they are always welcome throughout the service. Sometimes, however, parents appreciate being able to have their children looked after while they are in the service. So Young Church 1 caters for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers during the service. A wide variety of toys and books are set up to cater for the whole age range.

Young Church 2

Young Church 2 is for children in Primary 1 upwards. Children go into the first part of the service for a story on the week's theme before heading downstairs to the Centenary Hall until the end of the Church service. They have time for fun and crafts connected to the Bible story introduced in the service.

Young Church 2 has previously put on Nativity plays, enjoyed Christmas parties and end of term picnics in the park.

If you'd like to find out more, contact

Hazel McLachlan
Young Church Administrator

Girlguiding



Girlguiding offers a safe, welcoming space for girls and women to try new things, help other people and discover their talent while having fun and making new friends. We have been helping girls push the limit for over 100 years, listening to them and changing with the times so we stay one step ahead. We know all girls are amazing and can do anything they set their minds to and we encourage them to try new challenges and adventures, be it indoors or outdoors. Each new experience helps them to find out how much they are capable of, while learning new skills that will give them confidence and help prepare for the future. In Comiston District we have one Guide Unit (age 10 to 14 years), four Brownie Units (age 7 to 10 years) and two Rainbow Units (age 4 to 7 years).

Girlguiding and Comiston District cannot survive without the commitment of adult helpers and over the past four years we have had to close two Guide Units due to lack of volunteers. Apart from being hugely worthwhile, as an adult volunteer you can develop your talents, learn useful and new skills and make friends. If you feel that this is an experience you would like to be involved with, please contact the Comiston District Commissioner for further information at:

Sandra_walton@hotmail.com

Greenbank Eco-Group

The Eco-Group seeks to play a part in the fight against climate change. The group now has several strands:

- a [Facebook Group](#) (Greenbank Eco Forum) providing a neighbourhood forum on Green Issues
- providing an article from one of the group in every issue of *Connections*
- greening the front of the church
- creating a year long pollination pocket at the church
- creating a mini-orchard and other food growing projects around the church
- ethical procurement – Fairtrade consumables, flowers, sustainable products etc, raw materials for handymen
- church building improvements to meet ethical standards e.g.

ensuring the new boiler can be converted to burning Hydrogen, insulation of buildings.

We would be delighted to welcome new members, especially on the days when we are gardening in the Church and Pre School gardens.

Alison Murison
Eco-Group Convener

Church Social Saturday 24th September



Springboard and QII

Springboard

Children from P7 to S3 meet either morning or evening on Sundays.

QII

Young people from S4 upwards meet on Sunday evenings.

Contact Helen and Phil Barnes through the Church Office.

office@greenbankchurch.org

A celebratory social evening to mark the return to more normal church life after Covid will be held at 6.30pm on Saturday 24th September. It will include supper and a varied programme of musical and other entertainment.

Come along and join friends and families for good food and a relaxed evening of fellowship and celebration.

Tickets will be available from Sunday 4th September - £10 for adults, £6 for children.

David Jack
Richard Dunbar

The Scouting Movement at Greenbank



Greenbank is home to a thriving Beaver colony, Cub pack, Scout troop and Explorer unit. We'll be celebrating our 90th anniversary in 2023.

Our Explorers (young people of 14 to 18 years) have had another busy year which has felt increasingly 'normal' after the year of lockdown. Evening highlights included a bake off, a trip to Foxlake Adventures near Dunbar, wide games around Morningside and across the city, hikes and backwoods skills at Bonaly. There were camps in October at Moffat, in December in Blackwater Hall at Glen Shee and in August at Spean Bridge where the highlights were the ascent of Ben Nevis and canyoning near Loch Laggan.

There are over 50 Scouts (10½ to 14). In the spring, they worked on the World Challenge badge (including local history and learning some sign language) and summer activities included a cycle evening, a hike up Corstorphine Hill and help for the Friends of the Braidburn Valley Park (painting gas building at entrance, clearing butterbur and other tasks). 43 Scouts attended an October weekend camp in Northumberland (possibly the biggest-ever Scout section camp!) with Scout skills, games and ex-

ploring the local area including a trip to Holy Island. Spring camp at Invertrossachs saw 32 Scouts doing badge work - Chef, Craft, Emergency and Navigator. Summer Camp at Spean Bridge with 30 Scouts involved white water rafting, swimming in the river, cooking meals, an overnight hike and a visit to the Commando memorial and other local points of interest.

Highlights for the 22-strong Cubs (8-10½) included night walks, celebrating Diwali, bouncing at Gravity, learning new sports and building structures out of pioneering poles - as well as the usual favourites of Halloween party, Christmas DIY and end-of-term BBQ at Bonaly. Almost all the Cubs attended the Group camp at Fordell Firs campsite. The 20 Beavers (6-8) tried to get outdoors as much as possible as they worked towards completing Challenge and Activity badges, with the aim of introducing them to Scouting.

Each year, Explorers and Scouts spend three weekends skiing at Glenshee - although this year the lack of snow diversified our activities! The entire Group camped at Fordell Firs in Fife at the end of May, full of activities and games with 10 Beavers, 20 Cubs, 41 Scouts, 15 Explorers and 11 Leaders. Want to join? Explorers and Scouts meet on Fridays (7.15 - 9.15pm), Cubs meet on Thursdays (6.30

to 8.00pm) and Beavers meet on Tuesdays (6.30 to 7.30pm).

The best initial contact is:

4th.braid.scouts@gmail.com

Want to help? Our main fundraising efforts are the sale of Christmas trees (delivered to your door) and that Greenbank institution, the Jumble Sale (on Saturday 15th April next year) – both of which depend on the support of the congregation and the neighbourhood. And we'd be

delighted to hear from anyone who wants to join our team of enthusiastic leaders, especially for the Explorers and the Beavers. We also need members of the Executive Committee which oversees the charity – so if you aren't into camping and knots you can still help as a charity trustee.

Do email us if you can help in any way.

Duncan Macniven

An advertisement for Morningside Pilates. The background is a photograph of a woman in a blue top and black leggings standing in front of a red door of a stone building. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left, a green circle contains the text 'New to Greenbank 2022!'. At the top right, the 'MORNINGSIDE PILATES' logo is shown, consisting of a crescent moon and the text 'MORNINGSIDE PILATES'. In the center, a large green circle contains the text 'LEARN PILATES WITH JOY' and 'FRIENDLY CLASSES WELCOMING MEN & WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES'. Below this, it says 'Complete beginners available Tuesday and Thursday mornings'. At the bottom, a pink rounded rectangle contains the text 'To book, please email Joy: morningsidepilates@gmail.com Or call 07305994949'. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'BODY CONTROL PILATES CERTIFIED TEACHER' with a stylized figure. At the bottom, a green bar contains the text 'Greenbank Church, Braidburn Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 6ES'.

Learn Pilates with Joy

New this year, Joy from Morningside Pilates is offering a range of classes for men and women from Complete Beginners to Intermediate and other specialist Bone Health classes. Free taster class for anyone who would like to try in September 2022, just mention "Greenbank Connections" when contacting Joy at:

morningsidepilates@gmail.com

Baby and Toddler Groups at Greenbank

The Baby and Toddler groups meet on Thursday and Friday mornings during term time in the Church's Main Hall. It's a chance for the children to play with lots of super toys whilst parents and carers can catch up over coffee and home baking. A healthy snack is provided for the children. The cost per family is £2 per session.

The groups run from 9.45am – 11.15am. Entry is via the Church Office buzzer.

This last year has been great fun despite Covid restrictions; we held an Easter party with Bouncy Castle and craft activities! All children up to school age are welcome with their parents and carers.



A warm welcome is extended to everyone so please come along and join us! For more information please contact:

check out our Facebook Page at [Greenbank Baby and Toddler Group](#)

Monday Night Greenbank Badminton Club

We are a group of players who gather socially every Monday evening in the Main Hall at Greenbank Church between 7pm and 9pm from September-April.

There is one court where we play doubles and mixed doubles with feather Yonex AS30 Shuttles.



We currently have 8-10 members and are always keen to welcome new players. Juniors can attend with a parent/guardian. You must provide your own racket and be able to play to a reasonable standard as we are not a club that can offer coaching.

Fees are £5 per night or a seasonal membership (Price TBC).

Gillian Robinson

gillianrobinson2010@gmail.com

Ladies Badminton Club

The Ladies Badminton Club meets every Wednesday morning in the Main Hall from 9.30 – 11.30am when we play doubles in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We even have time for tea or coffee!

The session begins on Wednesday 14th September 2022. So do consider joining us for a morning of exercise and fun in equal measure. If you enjoy playing badminton you will be made most welcome.

For more information contact



Susan Black

Friendship Club

Our Club is well named. If you are retired and live locally you will be made very welcome. We meet once a fortnight on alternate Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall (with lift access). This session's syllabus is varied and we hope will inspire and entertain.

We begin on 12th October with the return of a riot of colour with Wendy Sodergren.

As all good meetings should, we finish with tea and biscuits and much animated chatter when friendships are made. A Christmas Party, Summer Outing and Summer Coffee Mornings complete our yearly programme, so why not join us?

For further information and for transport arrangements please contact me on 447 6001.



Val Smart
Coordinator

Enjoying a
summer coffee
morning

Stagecoach

0131 610 0636

www.stagecoach.co.uk/edinburgh

Stagecoach Classes run weekly during term time at Greenbank Church on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

At Stagecoach, children and teens work with our team of highly experienced teachers to develop skills in drama, dance and singing and help to build their creative courage for life.

Early Stages (4-6yrs)

Young children become more confident and develop lifelong skills at our safe, fun and welcoming singing, dancing and drama classes. Our Early Stages classes last 90 minutes and are split into three 30 minute classes with equal time devoted to singing, dancing and acting. With opportunities to put on costumed shows for family and friends, children love to

show the skills they have been learning.

Main Stages (6-18yrs)

Children and teens explore their creativity as they develop singing, dancing and drama skills in our engaging performing arts classes. Split into small groups by age, our Main Stages classes run for three hours per week in term time. Students learn different rhythms, tempos, singing styles and vocal techniques in our singing lessons, while danc-



ing classes feature pop, street and musical theatre routines. In acting classes, children enjoy working on role play, improvisation and performance. With opportunities to perform in fully costumed theatre shows, take part in professional auditions and performance opportunities and work with a team of industry experts.



Greenbank Country Dance Club

The Country Dance Club is a social club open to anyone interested in Country Dancing. Our meetings are held on Wednesday evenings in the Centenary Hall from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The weekly programme of new and more familiar dances is taught by a qualified instructor.

While it is not essential a basic knowledge of Country Dance steps is advisable. We look forward to welcoming new members at our first meeting on Wednesday 28th September.

For further information contact Helen Millar

Zumba Fitness

Get lost in the Music and find yourself in Shape!

Tuesday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm In the Lower Hall, Greenbank Parish Church.



Come join me. I guarantee you will enjoy yourself! Suitable for all ages and levels of fitness.

Drop in class £5.00

Lana@ZumbaFitnessEdinburgh.co.uk

Greenbank Pre School

Pre School began life as Greenbank Playgroup in the 1970s, and over the years has grown and developed into a thriving Pre School provision funded by the City of Edinburgh Council, and uses the Centenary Hall and lower gardens.

We open between 8.25am and 3.30pm during school terms – the majority of the children attending 1140 hours spread over four or five days, but we also offer “mornings only”. Hot lunches are provided by Little Lunches.

The staff are led by our teacher/manager Mrs Kyra Okoth, supported by a team of Early Years Practitioners. The Management Committee comprises church members and parent representatives. Parental involvement is welcomed both in sharing skills with the children and helping develop the garden areas. We are an Eco-School and



collaborate with the Greenbank Church Eco-Group.

At Greenbank we believe that the learning environment is the main teacher. The hall and outdoor spaces are set up daily to provide creative and interactive opportunities for all the children. The staff have regular consultations with the parents to ensure we are providing suitable challenges and learning opportunities.

The play activities we provide are aimed at the areas of children's de-



velopment and learning identified in the early level of the Curriculum for Excellence: Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Expressive Arts, Technologies and Religious and Moral Education.

The children spend time outdoors in the garden and on walks through the Hermitage of Braid. Parental involvement is welcomed. A highlight of last session was a visit to the Pre School by a pilot (a parent) who did a simulated flight with the children, printed real boarding passes for them and then gave them seat belts and safety cards!

The children and staff attend services in the church to celebrate Harvest, Christmas and Easter. There is always a special celebration at the end of the school year – in June 2022 the children performed dances from “The Nutcracker Circus” under the guidance of Jonathan Burnett, ballet teacher.

Further information and application form are available on our website

www.greenbankpreschool.org

There are currently a few places available for this session. Please phone 0131 447 8068. Although children cannot start at Pre School before their third birthday, application can be made when a child turns two.

Joan Ritchie
Chair of the Management Committee



Finding somewhere safe to share worrying issues that are affecting us can be hard. No one needs to face these alone. If you have concerns or are worried about a loved one, confidential help is on hand, a listening ear and support if needed to find the right pathway to expert help.

Bereavement Dementia
Domestic Abuse Wellbeing

Taking those first steps towards getting help are often hardest ... we are here for you.

The Safe Listening Place Team is available in Greenbank on the first Sunday of the month during or after the 10:30am service, or you can call our designated confidential phone line on 07516 990889 between 10am - 12noon on the first Sunday of every month or email us:

safelisteningplace@greenbankchurch.org

Women's Aid: call the helpline 0131 315 8110 for free confidential support or visit the website at:

www.edinwomensaid.co.uk

Scotland's Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 0271234 24-hour service

Respect Men's Advice Line:

Free phone 0808 8010327

An Open Hand

We have delivered a steady flow of presents to parents across Edinburgh who otherwise would be unable to afford birthday gifts. The children have been of a variety of ages, and there is a huge range of interest amongst them! We have thankfully been able to get presents that their parents wanted to give them, and know they will be happy to receive on their birthday. The families are also finding the family bags useful, for the children, their siblings and parents to use together, so we have been encouraged by this.

We continue to receive warm support from shops in Edinburgh. Toys Galore remains our regular 'go to' place for toys, and we are immensely grateful for the huge discount they generously give for each toy. This enables us to get far larger presents for our children, for the budget we have. We would really like to thank them very much



for this ongoing very kind and open-handed support.

John Lewis have given us a huge number of beautiful toys and also a large financial donation. We were quite overwhelmed by the size of their donation and it will help enormously.

The Edinburgh Bookshop is giving us good advice on books to include in the family bags and also a discount, which again helps tremendously. We are very keen to ensure that each family bag contains a book for the birthday child.

On 11th September we are hoping to give a short presentation and update of our work during the church service.

After the service, we will be in the hall to speak to anyone who wishes to hear more about what we are doing and ask any questions. We would very much welcome any donations of new wrapping paper and birthday cards anyone feels able to contribute.

We are looking to open up our project further around the city and would also welcome suggestions of other organisations members of the congregation might recommend we connect to. If you have any questions please contact An Open Hand at:

katie@edinburghcitymission.org.uk

Katie Bogie



Greenbank Work Party

On the hottest day of the year, I found myself knitting bedsocks!

All summer our knitters have been busy as usual and we have all been squirrelling away hats, scarves, twiddle muffs, bedsocks, knee rugs and baby blankets in our cupboard, ready for winter.

We have received several gifts of knitting yarn from church members, including a large number of cones of machine-knitting yarn which Isobel Thom has kindly made into hats and scarves. See photos!

As usual we intend to donate all our work to Muirhouse Church, the Visitors Centre at Saughton Prison, Edinburgh Clothing Store, Morlich House and the Elms, and the Homeless Shelter in Gorgie.

Since we have not been able to show the congregation our work due to Covid except for photos in *Connections*, we hope to hold a display of everything at coffee on a Sunday in November before it is all distributed in time for Christmas.

We will start our fortnightly meetings in the Hermitage Room at 2pm on Thursday 29th September, and as always we would be delighted to welcome new knitters to our ranks.

Any queries, please phone me.

Anne Oxbrow



Afternoon Worship

On Sunday, 7th August at 3pm, Greenbank Parish Church held its eighth 'Afternoon Service'; geared towards helping those who might find difficulty attending the normal morning service. There must have been at least forty people in the congregation.



It was a glorious day! The sun filtered through our beautiful stained glass windows and the church was warm and welcoming, as were the people waiting at the doors to direct people and help those with mobility problems out of their transport and into the church.

Offers of transport from members of the church had been accepted

and several former church members were able to come – some from retirement homes – some from their own homes.

Rev John Stevenson conducted a service of 'healing, wholeness, reflection and faith renewed', punctuated by several well-known hymns, accompanied by Louise Coghill on the piano and Tom Inglis on the concertina.



We ended by singing the lovely hymn 'May the God of peace go with us' sung to the famous strains of 'Ae fond kiss'. It was a truly 'special' service.

People came back to church for the first time who had simply not felt able to return since Covid became part of our lives.

I was particularly struck by the statement of an elderly member of the congregation who, wreathed in happy smiles, said how lovely the service had been, how good it was to be back and – ‘We didn’t think we were ever going to be able to come back to church’.

After the service we were all treated to a delightful afternoon tea of home baked cakes and scones, served at tables adorned with pretty tea cloths and fine bone china – who else knows and remembers the atmospheric ‘Betty’s Tea Rooms’ of North Yorkshire? We were even entertained by a medley of well-known music performed by Louise on the piano. It was indeed, if I may again quote our Rev John Stevenson – a P(leasant) S(unday) A(fternoon), one which can be revisited and shared online by simply going to the church website to ‘Watch Services’ then choose the ‘Dementia Friendly live or recorded’ option.

Sheila Ferguson-Smith



Pyramid Rock Holiday Club 2022

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14). The children came, over 50 of them, and we delighted at learning, from them, a little more about God’s kingdom. I was a Holiday Club novice, so this might not be new to the experienced volunteers who have organised and run Holiday Clubs at Greenbank Church for many, many years.

The Pyramid Rock Holiday Club received the help of over 40 volunteers, including teen helpers and church members. We could not have enjoyed five days of crafts and games, refreshments, music,



film and drama all while learning about the story, character and experiences of Joseph without the support of people willing to give of their time and talents. The children felt welcomed and cared for thanks to the attention of everyone who helped.

Julia Cato



Drawing a "Joseph" to clothe with many colours



Making a Mummy



The Holiday Club Sunday Service

What's On at Greenbank Parish Church and Halls

We will do our best to facilitate these classes and events. Please note that groups may sometimes be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

Sundays

Church with Crèche and Young Church 10.30-11.30am www.greenbankchurch.org
 Springboard for P7-S3 morning/evening
 Qll for S4 and upwards 7-9pm

Under-5s

Babies & Toddlers 9.45-11.15am
 (Thursdays & Fridays) Facebook [Greenbank Baby and Toddler Group](#)

Greenbank Pre-School (Monday-Friday) 8.25am-3.30pm www.greenbankpreschool.org

Youth Groups

162B Rainbows various
 162B Brownies various
 162 Brownies various
 Beavers Tuesdays, 6.30-7.30pm
 Cubs Thursdays, 6.30-8.00pm
 Scouts Fridays 7.15-9.15pm
 Explorer Scouts Fridays, 7.15-9.15pm
 Greenbank Church Youth Club occasional Saturday evenings

Church Groups

Guild Tuesdays fortnightly, 2-4.30pm
 Guild Work Party (knitting etc) Thursdays fortnightly, 2-4pm
 Friendship Club (for over-60s) Wednesdays fortnightly, 2.30-4pm
(open to all in the community)
 Church Choir Practice Thursdays, 7-9.30pm
 Greenbank Country Dancing Wednesdays, 7.30-9.30pm
(open to all in the community?)
 Ladies Badminton Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am

External groups

Monday Badminton Club Mondays, 7-9pm
 Capital Voices Choir Tuesdays, 7-9pm
 Edina Country Dancers Wednesdays, 7-9.30pm
 Edinburgh Chamber Orchestra Wednesdays, 7.15-9.45pm
 NCT Antenatal Classes various
 Pilates various
 RSCDS Country Dancing Tuesdays, 8-9.45pm
 Stagecoach Performing Arts Thursdays, 5-8pm; Saturdays; 9.30am-12.30pm
 Yoga (Fleetwood) Tuesdays, 9.30-10.30am;
 Tuesdays 8-9pm (mens' group);
 Thursdays, 8-9pm and Fridays, 9.30-12noon

If you would like to book a room for a business meeting or children's party, or to run an activity or club, please contact us via the halls section of our website at www.greenbankchurch.org or email hallsbookings@greenbankchurch.org

Recycling – part 1

What can I recycle?

'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' is the advice from the City of Edinburgh Council's Waste team. We can reduce the need for recycling by the choices we make, for example, avoiding single use plastics, taking our own shopping bags, reusing materials and giving away unwanted items but how can we recycle more of what remains? In this, the first of two articles on recycling, I would like to help answer that question.

The Council deals with most of our recycling needs and explains what each bin is for. You can find this at

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/recycling-3/individual-kerbside-collections

More help is available from a new feature on the Council's website to answer questions on recycling. It is an easy-to-use online recycling sorter

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/recyclingsorter

You type in an item and it tells you if it can be recycled, which bin to put it in or where to take it.

Some items may be recyclable but not necessarily by Edinburgh Council! The Council has contracts in place to handle most common recycling (more on this in part 2) and the energy recovery plant at Millerhill burns most of what is left with less than 5% of waste going into landfill.



Soft plastics (fruit and veg bags, clear film and crisp packets) can be recycled at most supermarkets. Coffee pods can be recycled via Podback collection bags available at Morrisons. The website

www.recycle-more.co.uk/

may help with further recycling questions.

Councillor Neil Ross
Greenbank Eco-Group

Church Choir

The choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm from the end of September until June to prepare music for Sunday worship. Our Director of Music is Alberto Massimo. The choir is a friendly group that enjoys singing and is always happy to welcome new members, especially since



several members have retired recently.

If you would like to join us please have a word with Maestro Massimo or a member of the choir after a Sunday morning service. The first rehearsal this season is on 29th September.

Kathleen Patrick

Welcome Teams

Sept

- 4 **Ian Thomson**, Kathleen Patrick, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett Brown, David Bogie, Karen Young
- 11 **Donald King**, Jan Corbett, Roderick Morrison, Jim Young, Elaine McRae, Jane Harkin
- 18 **Keith Winton** Richard Dunbar, Chris Horne, Robin Nimmo, Hazel Macaulay, Moira Small
- 25 **John Ritchie** Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Clare Campbell, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden

Oct

- 2 **Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson, Julia Dunbar, John Murison, Alison Murison, Rachel Cadell

Coffee Rota

Sept

- 4 Communion
- 11 Guild (Edith Armit & Ann Pirie)
- 18 Pre School (Joan Ritchie)
- 25 Nora Kellock

Oct

- 2 Vivien Hutchison, D71

Flower Rota

provided by *delivered by*

September

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4 Vivien Hutchison | Hayley Ferguson |
| 11 Janet Edwards | Alison Ambler |
| 18 Louise Coghill | Moira Little |
| 25 Katy Maguire
(Harvest) | Julia Dunbar,
Pam Jack |

October

- 2 Rosemary McCulloch
Fiona Connal

Greenbank Calendar 2023



A Calendar will be on sale in the Autumn using the best photos from the Competition

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Autumn Lectures 2022



I was a stranger...



Three lectures, organised by Morningside and Greenbank Parish Churches, exploring the theme of refugees and their place in our society – and our responses to them.

**On Sundays 11th, 18th & 25th September
at 6.30pm (refreshments) for 7pm (lecture)
Venue: Greenbank Parish Church**

A retiring offering will be taken for the Church of Scotland's Ukrainian Aid appeal.



Sunday 11th September

Sabir Zazai, CEO of the Scottish Refugee Council. He arrived in the UK as an asylum seeker in 1999 and has a wealth of knowledge in refugee integration, and is passionate about refugee rights, social justice and intercultural relations.



Sunday 18th September

Fr Vasyl Krenus, Priest of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Leith. Vasyl has been instrumental in helping with the response to the Ukrainian displaced persons crisis in Edinburgh and beyond.



Sunday 25th September

David Bradwell, Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees and the Church of Scotland's Scottish Churches Parliamentary Officer. David co-ordinates the Church's response to refugee issues.