

# Greenbank Connections



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*An Easter Garden. The children planted seeds in it.*

**Greenbank Parish Church, Edinburgh**

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## From the Minister



On Sunday 29th April we'll be focusing on the theme of Christian stewardship – how we use our time, talents and money to act in partnership with God as the church in the world.

Greenbank has a tremendous record of generous stewardship in all three categories, and I have been struck in a very short time in post by what our congregation is contributing. You are a very talented and resourceful bunch, and for that, thanks be to God!

The world is dynamic, our church is dynamic, and so we take a look at our contributions each year as a kind of “MOT” of our spiritual lives together in this special place and community. Elsewhere in this issue, John Ritchie writes about the kind of areas where your contribution of time could make a huge impact in our community. Equally, an investment of your time could bring you closer to God as you grow in your journey of faith.

Each of us has our own resources of time, talents and money available to us. If something has changed since last year, or you have joined us recently, then we'd invite you to undertake your own stewardship MOT, and if you feel moved to offer something more, or to amend your existing contribution, then please fill in one of the pledge cards for "time" and "money" enclosed and return them to John Ritchie in the envelope provided.

Thank you for all that you do to make Greenbank a tremendous congregation.

With my love and prayers,

Martin

## Pulpit Diary

### May 6

9.30am First Sunday Service led by the Kirk Session

10.30am Morning Worship

### May 13 Start of Christian Aid Week

10.30am Morning Worship

### May 20

10.30am Morning Worship

### May 27

10.30am Morning Worship

### Jun 3

9.00am Communion

10.30am Communion

3.00pm Communion

### Jun 10

10.30am Morning Worship

*Crèche for children under 3 is in the Hermitage Room at every 10.30 service throughout the year.*



## QII Corner

A few weeks ago QII were asked about their activities and for their view of Greenbank.

"Recently we have been studying Genesis – not the Fall, looking at alternative views and we have been discussing Steve's Big Questions; does evil exist, is God real? These are tough!

The best thing we have done this year was the Sleepover in the Church, we played lots of games, it was great fun.

About eight of us were at the Induction. It was interesting, good, different, a bit long, but we liked the huddle with all the long gowns.

We like helping with events in Greenbank like the Burns Supper, Holiday Club and meals. It's good getting to know people outside QII; we would like to meet and share with other groups in Greenbank and mix more. Our next Afternoon Tea will probably be soon.

The things we like about Greenbank are that we are allowed to try things, like Communion. We don't like not knowing people or what goes on and how things are decided. We like the music but some of the long hymns are boring. We would like to see more Big Questions in the services.

We met other groups like us at Lendrick Muir – that was good.

We are thinking about organising more trips – maybe to Iona or Lindisfarne or even to India."

Edith Armit

## Renovating the Manse

It is the overall responsibility of the Greenbank Church congregation to maintain the manse although Presbytery regularly inspect the property.

Our manse, a 1931 bungalow at 112 Greenbank Crescent comprising seven rooms, was purchased in 1984, when Rev Donald Mackay retired. Two former ministers have lived there (Rev Ian Scott & Rev Alison Swindells). Alison vacated the manse in May 2017.

A schedule of works to be undertaken at the manse prior to the appointment of a new minister was drawn up by August. A manse work-squad of eight was formed under the auspices of the Property Convenor) starting mid-October with a remit to do as much as they could, as well as keeping costs down. The Nominating Committee had a closing date for applications for our vacancy at the end of September.

The initial (and later) weeks were spent preparing walls, ceilings and woodwork for subsequent painting. This included the decision whether to paint or varnish the window frames. The overall state of these frames as a result of condensation and sun bleaching was fairly poor. This was not an easy decision but we decided the best outcome would be achieved by painting them white. We proceeded accordingly.

A small number of Springboard teenagers assisted by lifting a couple of unwanted carpets which were cut up and re-laid in out-of-sight places. Curtains were removed and bagged (many of these were passed to Fresh Start). Wall cupboards and wardrobes were dismantled (some were later re-used). Attic eaves were shelved for future practical storage use. A wall recess area in the master bedroom, previously used for hanging space, was considered no longer practical and changed into useful shelving with a cupboard below.



*Just some of the tools required*

The kitchen back door was re-panelled to look smarter. Twenty-one original door handles were renovated, requiring considerable ingenuity along the way. A Velux blind was repaired. A length of garden fencing was repaired, proving to be cold work and time-consuming. Once the new minister had received a unanimous vote on 21st January, this brought a new dimension into the work at the manse. Decisions



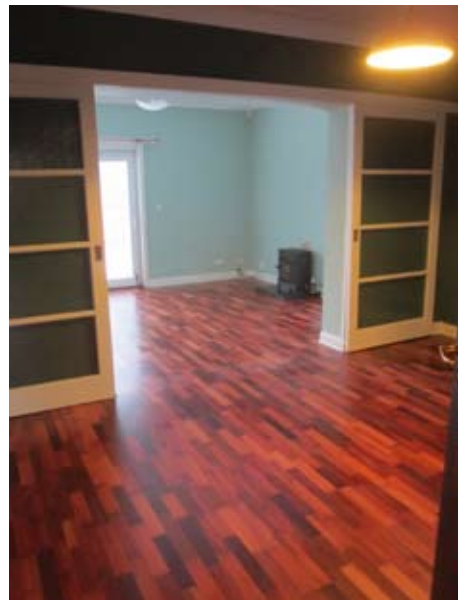
could be made with local tradesmen on how to prioritise and dovetail work over the next six weeks. Decorator, plumbers, joiners, gas engineers, flooring contractors, French polisher, handyman, wall and floor tilers all needed to be fitted in. The manse squad were still working around these professionals.

Now we knew what remained to be done this brought extra pressures. Light fittings were ordered and fitted (including four motion sensor outside lights needing attention). All remaining carpets were to be lifted, resulting in old carpets accumulating in the garage. Curtain rails came down and were replaced with curtain poles and blinds. By the end of February, a large skip was delivered and filled with unwanted house and garden items. Several items of furniture were collected by British Heart Foundation.

Numerous flat packs were constructed and some furniture repositioned in new surroundings. We now have a transformed manse where the new residents are 'thrilled to bits' with the final effect. Our

*Renovated kitchen with essential mugs and kettle manse squad played its part knowing we had accounted for 350 man hours of effort prior to 21st January and in excess of 150 mugs of tea and coffee to sustain us!*

**Charles Black**



*New flooring and stove*

## Pledge Cards

As a congregation of Christ's church, we review our commitments of time, talents and money at this time each year. For 2018 the theme is TIME.

You are asked to review your commitment to the Church and before the end of May return in the envelope one or both of the pledge cards enclosed with this month's *Connections*. The pledge cards will be brought into church by the Treasurer and presented to the Minister during the 10.30am Communion Service on Sunday 3rd June.

### Possible pledges of TIME include:

#### Time – to come to church

- If you can come a little earlier or stay a bit longer: join a Welcome Team, help make and serve coffee, help in Springboard, Spectrum or the Crèche, give someone a lift to church or take them home, offer to read the Lesson
- If you have a little time after church, stay and chat to folk over tea and coffee in the hall, deliver the church flowers or *Connections*
- If you can come on Sunday evenings, offer to help with QII

#### If you have time on a:

Monday	join in the Monday Bible Study
Tuesday	come to the Guild – or give someone a lift
Wednesday	come to the Friendship Club – or give someone a lift
Thursday	come to the Work Party if you can knit or sew come to Choir practice if you can sing in tune
Friday	(and several other evenings) help with the uniformed organisations

**If the time you have available fluctuates:**  
*and you have bookkeeping or finance skills,* offer your time to help the Treasurer – he needs someone to help with the banking, and someone to chase up Life & Work subscriptions

*and you enjoy offering hospitality and entertaining,* help the Social Committee with church functions,

*and you support the work of Christian Aid,* offer to help with the house-to-house collection,

*and you like arranging flowers,* speak to the flower convener and add your name to the flower rota for next year,

*and you like gardening,* help keep the church garden tidy,

*and you are good at DIY,* the Property Convener would love to speak to you.

We are all asked to take the time to remember in our prayers our minister and our fellow members, particularly those whom you know who are in difficulty.

John Ritchie

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## Muriel Gowan

We have received news of the death of a former member, Mrs Muriel Gowan, at one time a member and an elder at Greenbank. Muriel was 101, and died on 10th February, 2018. She moved to Aberdeen in 2004, to be near to one of her daughters, and lived in a care home there latterly. Her funeral took place in Aberdeen on 26th March. Our thoughts are with her family, and as we give thanks for her life, we particularly remember all that she gave in service at Greenbank, and for the friendships that she had here.

Martin Ritchie

## Interview with our new Minister

Martin was born in Edinburgh in 1972, but baptised in Insch, Aberdeenshire, in the local Scottish Episcopal Church. His father was a bank manager and so they moved every time he was promoted. Martin is the eldest of three children, Martin, Sally and Philip.

Living in Freuchie, Fife, the children were sent every week to the Church of Scotland Sunday School and Summer Mission. The latter was not the best of experiences! He was a cub there, but didn't carry on in Scouts when they moved to Kinghorn. There the family went to the local Episcopal church, a "Tin Tabernacle". About the age of twelve Martin started taking part in services; serving at the altar, playing the electronic organ. He attended secondary school in Kirkcaldy.

When the family moved to Dingwall Martin's relationship developed with the Episcopal church there and in particular with the Rev Stewart Mallin, Dean of the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness; a straightforward, sincere, and fun man, (originally a baker, who continued to work in the local bakery because he liked it), a baker of birthday cakes delivered on the day, the best sausage rolls, and the principal influence on young Martin's growth in faith. There was a lively youth group at the church and music making, which meant friends to share it all with.

Martin began to take organ lessons at Inverness Cathedral, among the roosting bats, on a proper pipe organ. He had begun to think about a vocation to ministry in



*Rev Stewart Mallin*

his later school years, but was advised to go to University first, so he went to Edinburgh to study Scottish History and Literature. During the summer vacations he worked morning, noon and night as a jobbing gardener in and around Dingwall. Years later, he gained a Diploma in Garden Design from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. Whilst at university he sang in the choir at St Peter's, Lutton Place, and then before graduation became organist and choirmaster for a couple of years.

After graduation, looking for work in arts administration he was pointed to a job in Glasgow where at 23 he became Company Manager for Scottish Opera. This was then followed by an intensive two years as Events Manager for the Scottish Ensemble, and then a number of years as

manager of the Theatre Royal in Glasgow. He was also Associate Director of Music at St Margaret's Newlands. As he was responsible for programming shows at the Theatre Royal, he really enjoyed working with tremendous artists and companies in contemporary ballet, dance, drama, and theatre for children and young people. Many big questions of life were tackled in wonderful art!

Martin has pretty wide musical tastes, but became interested in opera at school and university (Madam Butterfly in Inverness being his first experience), but prefers the more compact drama of Handel, Verdi or Britten to Wagner. He also likes all kinds of choral music, Scottish music, and Scottish folk music, traditional and contemporary.

He left the Theatre Royal to take his BD in Edinburgh, and his post as organist and choirmaster at Pilrig St Paul's Church brought him into the Church of Scotland. He had never been attracted by High Church Anglicanism, and feels at home with the simple, pared-down approach of the Reformed churches. While at Pilrig he founded and directed a youth choir and an adult community chorus alongside the church choir. At New College leading their Choir, he engaged as many people as possible; a mixed-ability, "Come and Sing" philosophy.

Beginning his path to Ministry, for six months he was an enquirer at Morning-side Parish Church evening services, with Derek Browning as supervisor. Once accepted as a candidate, he then had training placements in St Bryce



*Martin the Theatre Manager*

Kirk, Kirkcaldy, Greyfriars Kirk in Edinburgh, and finally St Mary's Haddington as Probationer. He also had short summer placements with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana and Tenafly Presbyterian Church, New Jersey.

As part of the training he was encouraged to continue his academic studies and graduated PhD in 2017 (along with his wife), in which he had pursued his interest in worship in the early Scottish Reformed Church, before the upheavals of 1617 onwards. He is seriously interested in wor-



ship within the Reformed liturgical and musical tradition.

At New College Martin met Sarah, whom he married in the autumn of 2015 in Spruce Presbyterian Church, Michigan with a reception in the family barn, newly renovated by Sarah's father and friends. Sarah is now Dr Sarah Lane Ritchie, with a post in the Theology Faculty of St Andrews University lecturing in Science and Theology, and managing post-doctoral students. She has an arduous commute, but has been (thankfully for our church) entirely supportive of Martin's Call to Greenbank.

Martin's parents, although not heavily involved with their church in Golspie, have always been supportive of Martin and were present at his Ordination and Induction. His brother Philip with little nephew Riley were also there, but sister Sally with two little boys and living in Hertford could not come.

Martin and Sarah keep fit at the gym and have two springer spaniels called Lola and Poppy who are enjoying Braidburn Valley Park. They are all very happy with the renovation of the manse where they were able to collaborate so much with the work team that it felt like home the minute they moved in. Given the large manse garden, it is a good thing that Martin likes gardening. Meanwhile the dogs can just enjoy it.

**Edith Armit,  
Louise Coghill and  
Alison Murison,  
Editors**

## Edinburgh's Street Pastors



Edinburgh Street Pastors have been listening, caring and helping on the streets of Scotland's capital since 2009. They currently have teams going out every Friday and at least one Saturday a month. They can be found in all areas of the city centre talking and assisting folks to help them stay safe and happy, sometimes when they are at their most vulnerable.

The Street Pastors would like to build up their existing Friday teams, so are always happy to welcome new street pastors to the team, and have on-going training sessions.

If you are interested in this voluntary work, please contact Heather Eboji on [edinburghsp.training@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghsp.training@gmail.com)

**Ian Thom**





## Jumble Sale Tales 2018

Well, after a worrying week, with Corporal Jones “don’t panic” much to mind, the sun finally shone on us for a hugely successful jumble sale raising around £9,000 after costs. So a great result and it is all thanks to everyone involved as every penny was earned by the commitment and input, through weeks of planning, a frenzied week of collections and sorting and a slightly chaotic Saturday Sale, from perhaps 150 volunteers; members, parents, former parents, “friends” of the Group and supporters from the Congregation and all who donated. If perhaps not cost effective our Jumble Sale is the annual event for everyone to get together to support Scouting at Greenbank and the Group are grateful to everyone who assisted.

Around 500 adults and 150 or so children came through the doors, slightly down from 2017 but more than enough to keep everyone busy. We clearly have a reputation as “THE jumble sale” but had to disappoint a few customers with an absence of sections catering for musical instruments and philately and our restaurant. Really all stalls performed well from niche jewellery to the traditional bric-a-brac. The list is too long but

there is little we did or did not try to sell on the day.

As always, we were pleased to have been able to distribute the surplus but saleable goods to Charity Shops. With individual shops having limited space, no volunteers at week-ends to collect goods, and not keen to receive goods at the shops at the week-end, this is more difficult than you would think. Additionally, while they like good quality books, clothes, jewellery etc they are less keen on pictures or even bric-a-brac given space issues for displaying; and only a few will take furniture or electrical goods. We were able to deliver to Charity Store Depots this year but we actively seek other alternatives.

The funds raised are the Group’s life blood and as they are already allocated to meet current and planned costs over the year you can imagine the relief – when we



*Bargain hunters queuing to get inside*

actually raise them! Together with other Fund Raising and Subscriptions this covers the costs of registration levies to District, Area and National Scouting, essential equipment replacements, repairs, first aid certifications, contributions for use of halls, equipment and public liability insurance, badges and Leader training (including outdoor) qualifications, around £8,000 a year before we start, and then to support a very active and varied programme of activities for each section.

It is like a small business. Outings, special events and camps have to be paid for but we try to ensure that such activities are inclusive for all of our members while also trying to provide some general subsidy.

So thanks again to everyone at Greenbank who is supporting Scouting at the jumble sale or in many other ways and could you put Saturday 13th April 2019 in your diary!

**Stuart Sanders**  
**Hon Secretary**

## The Guild



At our ABM warm thanks were expressed to Jennie Johnston who has retired from the committee after many years of sterling service in various offices including a period as Guild President and another as Guild Secretary. Ann Pirie has re-joined the Committee after a sabbatical following her service as Joint Co-ordinator.

After the Business part we heard an update about the work at SLA and were delighted that Amy Barnes joined us to answer questions about her time at Tuni working with the children there.

The Guild has enjoyed another year of excellent presentations during its winter meetings and is now looking forward to its summer outing on 1st May. The monthly coffee mornings commence on Tuesday 5th June at 10.30 am in the Main Hall and members, friends and members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

**Kathleen Patrick**



Christian Aid Week this year is 13th to 19th May. We are grateful

that so many have agreed, once again, to collect from the streets of our parish.

Additionally, we are preparing to hold an event on Saturday 26th May at Morningside Parish Church along with our neighbouring churches. This will include the sale of plants, books, baking and coffee.

**Christian Aid Fair**  
**Saturday 26th May at**  
**Morningside Parish Church**

It will certainly be a lot of fun! Look out for more on this.

You may also be interested in the Christian Aid book sales. The Holy Corner Sale will run from Saturday 12th May to Saturday 19th May and they are accepting books now.

St Andrew's & St George's West will be open to receive donations of items for their sale from Monday 30th April to Wednesday 9th May. Their sale runs from Saturday 12th May to Friday 18th May.

**David Ferguson**

## Thank You for the Music Saturday 12th May 2018

### The Food

The meal (to be served from 6pm prompt, prior to the concert at 7.30pm) will consist of an excellent hot pie from Pie Not?, mashed potatoes and braised vegetables, to be followed by a selection of sweet tray-bakes and tea or coffee. There are also vegetarian and gluten-free options if they have been requested in advance. You will be served a glass of wine or soft drink as part of the meal. Further drinks will be available to purchase.

There is a choice of pies, namely chicken and ham with leeks, or steak and ale with carrots and peas, and each is available in large or small sizes. The large pie is approximately the same size as a traditional Scotch pie, but there the resemblance ends!

If you have not already indicated your pie preference by completing a slip handed out at recent services, and only if you have not, please do so now by e-mailing me at

[donald.macleod@advocates.org.uk](mailto:donald.macleod@advocates.org.uk)

or contact me on Tel 07951 742 445

Donald R. MacLeod

Convener, Social Committee

### The Music

If you are unable to attend the meal prior to the concert but would like to attend the concert itself, you are welcome to do so – and you don't need to buy a ticket. Please be seated in the Church by about 7.15pm.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of *Music in Hospitals & Care*.

John Murison

Choir

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## Calling all Greenbank *ad hoc* ensemble instrumentalists plus any new players!

On the evening of Saturday 12th May, during *Thank You For the Music*, we are repeating our much appreciated performance at the Carol Party. All existing players should resume scraping and blowing practice in preparation. Regardless of ability, age or time since you last played, all new players are warmly invited to join in the fun. Music will be available shortly and a rehearsal date announced.



Please contact any of the people below to confirm your participation, express an interest in taking part, or for more information.

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Elizabeth Htet-Khin

Joan Fraser

Alan Irvine

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## Eco Column

### *Tools for Self Reliance*

Last year I cleared out tools from my garden hut. Although they were very rusty I heard that the charity Garvald would refurbish them. They run the Gorgie Workshop which is staffed by youngsters with learning difficulties under expert supervision. The tools are then sent out to African countries where they are used by disabled people being trained in farming and carpentry. They also send out hand sewing machines and knitting pins and train people to make clothing.

The Gorgie workshop is a large, well-equipped work space at 454/1 Gorgie Road which is open from 9am to 4pm each weekday.

This is a brilliant way to recycle items



which would otherwise go to landfill and is in line with our aim to be an eco-friendly congregation.

With this in mind we are arranging a collection of hand tools, no matter their condition, and knitting pins in Greenbank Main Hall before the 10.30am service on Sunday 13th May.

This is a really good reason to spring clean your garage, shed or workshop and you can make a real difference to

the lives of some disabled men and women in Africa, enabling them to grow food and even earn a living.

*If you have any questions please contact*

**Janet Ferguson  
or Anne Oxbrow**

## Friendship Club Outing

*Friday 11th May – Arniston House*



We meet outside the Church at 1pm, returning around 5pm. There are still a few seats left so please contact me if you are interested. Cost is £20 – payable by cheque to 'Greenbank Friendship Club.'

**Val Smart**



### ***Wanted – more good quality household goods for Fresh Start.***

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will not be another Fresh Start collection till **Sunday 10th June** (table in the Main Hall).

Thanks to the continuing generosity of those giving new and nearly new household items, I have continued to transport good quality goods down to the Ferry Road Drive warehouse. The starter packs made up from the donations, are distributed to new tenants who would otherwise struggle to make their new accommodation into a home.

**J cloths and cleaning materials** are in short supply and always welcome, should you not have bedding, towels etc.

Please refer to the list below to avoid giving unwanted goods.

#### ***Dishes and Crockery***

Dinner plates, side plates, bowls, cutlery, mugs, glass tumblers, tea-towels.

#### ***Pots and Pans Etc***

Pots with lids, milk pans, frying pans, plastic boxes, cooking utensils, can openers, potato peelers, wooden spoons.

#### ***Cleaning Things***

Washing up basins, washing-up liquid, toilet cleaner, toilet rolls, hand soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dust pans and brushes, bin bags and liners, all-purpose cleaner, laundry tablets, J cloths.

#### ***Bed Linen and Towels***

Single, double and king sheets and duvet covers, pillows, pillow cases, blankets, duvets, towels, face cloths, and curtains.

### ***Also Wanted are Small Household Electrical Items (not TVs)***

Kettles, toasters, lamps, vacuum cleaners, irons, radios, dvd players, microwaves, music systems.

Pick up a leaflet on a Fresh Start Sunday, see [www.freshstartweb.org.uk](http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk) under 'donate goods' or phone me, to find out more about Fresh Start.

Alison Ambler  
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## ***Life and Work: May 2018***

### ***50 Years of Women in Ministry***

The Rev Dr Margaret Forrester reflects on the journey which led to the ordination of women to the ministry in the Church of Scotland; and four female ministers reflect on their journey.

### ***General Assembly 2018***

Lynne McNeil meets the Moderator-Designate, the Rev Susan Brown.

Reports, Assembly and Fringe timetables, Heart and Soul preview.

### ***Dark Saturday***

Ron Ferguson explains why there is much to learn in the journey from Easter to Pentecost.

### ***Mission Mavericks***

The Very Rev Albert Bogle appeals to readers to inspire others to walk through 'open doors'.

### ***Generosity is Still Remembered***

John R Hume considers the history of a well-known church in central Glasgow.

### ***Two Halves***

The Rev Scott McKenna considers the creation narrative of Genesis.

## Welcome Teams

### May

- 6 Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young, Kathryn Sangster
- 13 Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo
- 20 Rosemary McCulloch**, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Christina Morrow, Alison Murison, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Toby Tucker
- 27 John George**, Rhian Ferguson, Alastair Hunter, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett-Brown

### June

- 3 John Ritchie**, Eric Brown, Clare Campbell, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Ian Thomson, Susan Jackman

## Congregational Register

*Omitted from the on-line version of Greenbank Connections*

## Coffee Rota

### May

- 6 Rachel McWilliam** (D58)
- 13 Neil Ross** (D24)
- 20 Diana Hastings** (D33) & **Clare Campbell** (D31A, D32)
- 27 Robin Nimmo** (D8)



## Flower Rota

### Provided by

### Delivered by

### May

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>6</b> Caroline Kehoe      | Catherine Ferguson |
| <b>13</b> Diana Bland        | Liz Foster         |
| <b>20</b> Rosemary McCulloch | Fiona Kelly        |
| <b>27</b> Gina Millar        | Susan Black        |

### June

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| <b>3</b> Ina Weir | Irene Horne |
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## Greenbank Calendar: June 2018

### May

6 Sun	9.30	First Sunday Service led by Kirk Session
	10.30	Morning Worship
11 Fri	13.00 – 17.00	Friendship Club Outing to Arniston House
13 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
20 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
27 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship

### June

1 Fri		Guild Summer Outing
3 Sun	9.00	Communion
	10.30	Communion
	15.00	Communion (Braid Room)
5 Tues	10.30	Guild Coffee Morning
	19.30	Kirk Session
10 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
12 Tues	19.30	Board

*Crèche for children under 3 is in the Hermitage Room at every 10.30 Sunday Service throughout the year.*

## Martin Luther King

A fascinating eye-witness account of the funeral of Martin Luther King, which took place in April 1968, in Atlanta 50 years ago, has been added to the Greenbank Church website:

[www.greenbankchurch.org/article/funeral-of-mlk.php](http://www.greenbankchurch.org/article/funeral-of-mlk.php)

It was by the late Alan Small, son of the Very Rev Dr Leonard Small, and a former Assistant at Greenbank, who was with his family and teaching in Atlanta at the time.

**Moira Small**



*Alan Small with Grade 5, Wellington School, Atlanta*

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