

# Greenbank Connections



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*Joan and Alan Irvine were the Choir's guests at lunch on the day after 'Thank You for the Music' (see p 9)*

## Greenbank Parish Church, Edinburgh

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## From the Minister



One of the attractions of the Greenbank congregation when I was engaged in the application process for the post of minister, was the extent to which the kirk session, nominating committee and congregation had dug deep into thinking about their priorities for the next chapter of their shared story.

The process of consultation and discussion often begins when a new minister comes. Here, it had already started, so I felt that I was arriving as a character in the middle of a chapter rather than being introduced onto a blank page.

One of the benefits of this is that I have been encouraged and indeed expected to quickly be engaged in further strategic discussion and planning, and to make some decisions and recommendations about key areas of our life. One of those is our worship pattern.

A key question for any new minister is “what is good and life-giving about worship

here, and is God able to speak powerfully through it to the wide range of people who come to Greenbank?" I am glad to say that I have been extremely encouraged by the depth of spirituality that I have encountered here. There is much that nurtures and sustains us already.

The kirk session approved my proposals contained in a paper on worship development that I presented to the last meeting, so I would like to take the chance to outline some key features of what will be happening in the near future:

- **Summer worship:** there will be one "Summer Service" at **10am** throughout the summer running from 24th June, until the **Holiday Club service on Sunday 12th August, which will see us return to 10.30am**. The summer services will take place in the church, will be around 45–50 minutes in length, and will be shaped to engage all ages in our church family. Crèche will run as usual on each Sunday, and there will be coffee after the service in the hall.
- **Regular Sunday morning worship** with the summer services will remain at 10.30am, continuing our "blended" approach of contemporary and traditional influences.
- **Quarterly Communion Sundays** (from September 2018) will now feature:
  - 9.30am All age Communion service** in the Centenary Hall
  - 10.30am Traditional Communion** in the church
  - 3pm Afternoon Communion** in the Braid Room
- **A new Quiet Communion service** will be held at 9.30am on the third Sunday of every month except June and July in

the Braid Room. This service is designed to be reflective and peaceful, offering a contrasting mood to our other communion celebrations.

- **9.30am Communion services** in the Braid Room at Easter and Pentecost, as at present.
- **9.30am First Sunday services** in the Centenary Hall during some months, created and led by members of the congregation through particular groups in our congregation, such as The Guild and the Monday Bible Study group.

Some of this looks familiar, other aspects are slightly different. The thinking is to provide a wider range of worship styles and opportunities to create more ways in which God can feed and nourish us, and those who we aim to draw to God in this place in the future.

I was extremely encouraged by the support of the session, and particularly the way in which our elders have been willing to support proposals which might seem risky. God's mission for us is always risky to some extent, but I hope that you will sense that we have the wellbeing and growth of this congregation at heart. We need your support to make the most of these new developments. In all that we are doing across the board at Greenbank, we are seeking to discern how this place can be one of powerful encounter, strong community, and where everyone from babes in arms to our much loved senior members may find a place of nurture, rest, inspiration and growth: a place where the words of Jesus, "love one another, as I have loved you" may be a reality. Rest assured that you have my love and gratitude for all of you.

Martin

## Pulpit Diary

### Jun 3

- 9.00am Communion
- 10.30am Communion
- 3.00pm Communion

### Jun 10

- 10.30am Morning Worship including Annual Business Meeting

### Jun 17

- 10.30am All Age Service for end of Young Church year and Picnic/Boat race in park

### Jun 24 *Summer Services begin*

- 10.00am Summer Worship

### Jul 1

- 10.00am Summer Worship

### Jul 8

- 10.00am Summer Worship

### Jul 15

- 10.00am Summer Worship

### Jul 22

- 10.00am Summer Worship

### Jul 29

- 10.00am Summer Worship

### Aug 5 *Last Summer Service*

- 10.00am Summer Worship

### Aug 12

- 10.30am Holiday Club Service

### Aug 19

- 9.30am Quiet Communion
- 10.30am Morning Worship

### Aug 26

- 10.30am Morning Worship

### Sep 2 *Creationtide Worship*

- 9.30am Communion
- 10.30am Communion
- 3.00pm Communion

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



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## Monday Bible Study Group

All are welcome to join us for Bible Study – expert knowledge of the Bible is not required as we explore the Bible together. We are currently studying Prayer, using as our guide *Prayer – An adventure with God* (Scripture Union). Meetings are held in the Pentland Room from 7.30pm. After a study period of about an



hour we have refreshments and time for fellowship. Dates for the autumn term are **10th and 24th September, 8th and 22nd October and 5th and 19th November.**

If you would like any further information, please contact either **Joan Ritchie** or **Gillian Sweetman**.

# Hoof It

**Scottish Love in Action** have launched the **Hoof it to Hyderabad Challenge** and it is now open for registration.

Help SLA to virtually walk the 5,000 miles, 8,000 km or 12,106,000 steps from Scotland to Hyderabad in India and raise money for their **Girls' Lives Matter** Appeal.

**During the month of June 2018** SLA hopes you will walk, run or cycle a minimum of 10km or 15,133 steps which will contribute towards their aim to walk the equivalent distance from Scotland to Hyderabad.

The joy of this is that it is up to you on how you want to challenge yourself, there is no set date or set place; you set the place, the distance and the pace and have the chance to exercise that Fitbit. Every step counts, every step gets us a step closer.

Visit the **Hoof it to Hyderabad Challenge page** on the SLA website at [www.sla-india.org](http://www.sla-india.org) to find out more and to register. Text Hoofit to 70660 to register for £5 or sign up on the website. Groups aged U18 can register for free on the website.

## Win two flights to India or a TrailblazersGo Experience

All eligible participants aged 18+ will be entered into a prize draw to win either two return flights to India generously donated by Virgin Atlantic or, for groups or individuals aged under 18, a two hour bush craft experience from TrailblazersGo.

**HOOF IT TO  
HYDERABAD  
CHALLENGE**

Text  
**Hoofit** to  
**70660** to  
register  
for £5

**I'M  
TAKING  
PART!..**

TAKE PART  
FOR A  
CHANCE  
TO...

WIN TWO  
FLIGHTS  
TO INDIA  
virginatlantic

WIN A  
TRAILBLAZERSGO  
EXPERIENCE  
TrailblazersGo

## Thanks to Peter Graham

We shall say farewell to the Rev Peter Graham as our Associate Minister at the end of June. Peter decided some time ago that he would retire once whoever became our new Minister had been inducted. Happily for us Peter will continue as an active member of the congregation and will still give some assistance to the Minister.

It was just over nine years ago, in February 2009, that Peter took up his appointment. The Kirk Session minutes of the time record that it was for an initial period of 18 months. How glad we are that he stayed for so much longer and became a familiar figure in the homes of many of our members, in care homes and hospitals and in the pulpit! Peter has quietly and faithfully provided welcome pastoral care to people in need of comfort, company, compassion or simply cheering up. He has conducted the funerals of those he came to know through his visits and helped families find the right words to say their farewells to loved ones. He was a support to Alison Swindells for most of her ministry here, helping with visiting and leading worship during her holidays or study leave. And he has helped Martin settle in.



As he takes his retirement we thank Peter for all he has done for Greenbank, for personal and shared memories, and for his calm reassurance to many in times of need. We wish him and Isobel a long and happy retirement.

If you wish to contribute to a leaving gift for Peter, please put your contribution into the Church Office by **Thursday 14th June**, marked “**Gift for Peter Graham**”.

**Valerie Macniven**

**Editors’ Postscript:** We would like to add our sincere thanks for the thought-provoking and much appreciated *Afterthoughts* column which Peter contributed to the *Leaflet* for many years.

## Greenbank Summer Cruise

On **Wednesday 18th July** there will be an opportunity for members of the congregation, plus friends, to enjoy a **Canal Trip on a Seagull Trust Barge from Ratho** from 3pm to 5.30pm, including refreshments. We already have some names through the Friendship Club but more names are welcome; contact Julia Dunbar if you are interested. Boats and facilities are wheelchair-friendly and we hope to be able to arrange some private transport.

The cost is £5 so that we can make a donation to this worthwhile charity.

**Diana Hastings**

## Every Picture Tells a Story

If that saying is true, the pictures of the Farewell Concert (see page 9) for our organist Alan Irvine tell a whole book of stories. In capturing the enjoyment of one evening in the life of Greenbank Church these pictures reflect the 14 happy and fruitful years in which we have enjoyed Alan's musical leadership of our worship.

Church organists are very hard to find, especially ones that will take charge of a choir like ours! In 2004 we searched in *The Scotsman, Life and Work* and the organists' professional journal but the miracle was that we found Alan right under our noses, or at any rate in the choir and occasionally at our own organ. At the time Alan saw himself as a stop-gap. He asked the Kirk Session to keep up the search for a permanent candidate, and to re-examine the position every three years. Well, thanks to collective amnesia, that re-examination was quietly overlooked and 13 years went by until Alan announced last May that he would retire at the end of the choir season in May 2018. It is not publicly recorded (though Alan may have done so) how many services Alan has played for, nor the number of hymns, nor anthems, nor voluntaries, nor introits, nor seasonal recessionals (think Danny Boy, Ae Fond Kiss, Land of our Fathers or those that marked some outcome at Murrayfield). Weddings, funerals, special



events, carol parties, Burns Suppers (but that's another tale (or tail)) – all have benefitted from Alan's faith, dedication, commitment, sense of humour and love of music. Thousands of hours of preparation at the organ console and hundreds of hours wielding the choir master's notional or real baton have all given great inspiration to our worship. Three Ministers, one locum (twice over), and Ministerial Assistants have all enjoyed their partnership with Alan, the choir have gone from strength to strength and the organ itself has benefitted from his attention to its needs.

But all good things must come to an end and so it is with Alan's service as our organist. Joan and his family have waited patiently for more of his company and maybe his golf will now improve. We thank him for the music and hope to enjoy his fellowship amongst us for many years to come and, maybe, again hear his voice in the choir or even his fingers on the keyboard.

Valerie Macniven



## Rice Challenge

Many thanks to all the congregation for your support in helping us complete the 90kg Rice Challenge which we held before Easter. By doing so you have enabled a hardworking Malawian farmer to send a child to secondary school for a year.

If you would like to continue to support the farmers and you enjoyed the Kilombero rice, you can find it locally for sale at Scotmid in Colinton Mains or at Margiotta stores in Warrender Park and Polwarth Gardens.

**Christina Morrow**  
(World Mission Team)

## The Guild

The summer outing this year was a visit to Lauriston Castle on 1st May. Members were given an interesting tour of the premises after hearing a talk about its history. Unfortunately the tea-room closed before the end of the tour and it was too

cold and damp to stroll round the grounds, but some members may go independently to revisit this intriguing part of Edinburgh's built heritage when the sun is shining.

Our **monthly summer coffee mornings** will be held in the Main Hall from 10.30am to 11.45am commencing on **Tuesday 5th June**; subsequent dates (all Tuesdays) are **3rd July, 14th August and 4th September**. All members, friends and visitors are welcome to attend.

**Kathleen Patrick**

## QII

In QII we ask many questions as a way to grow in our faith, such as, '*What initiates an act of evil?*', '*What are the differences between mercy and justice?*', going all the way to '*Is God real?*'

We have the opportunity to discuss our opinions and questions with each other over pizza and playing games. In QII we thoroughly enjoy creating and developing games such as our favourite 'hoop wars' and we take our dodgeball very seriously. We are looking forward to tag archery and hope to win. In Springboard, we have studied Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt, the imagery of Christmas and how we can help God's Kingdom grow.

We went on a weekend away at the end of February to Lendrick Muir. We got the chance to share our famous game of 'hoop wars' with others and we had the opportunity to meet other people. We looked at Philippians over the weekend, had discussions in groups, and time to ask questions. As QII and Springboard, we love helping out at events such as the **Intergenerational Lunch**. This gave us an opportunity to speak with people we don't normally get the chance to. Some of us also attend **Powerpoint**, an event where young people from all over Edinburgh come together to praise God.

We enjoy being a part of the 10.30am service by doing a reading. We hope to continue helping out, getting to know others and questioning our faith.

**Beca Gourlay**

## Thank You for the Music

The Greenbank Church Choir, under the direction of Alan Irvine, hosted a well-attended and very well received concert on Saturday 12th May. Please see the photographs on this and the following pages.

Many thanks to Donald MacLeod and his Social Committee for feeding over two hundred and forty people, and all the groups and soloists who helped entertain during the evening. There was a retiring collection in aid of *Music in Hospitals and Care*, which raised over £1,000. For more details of this excellent organisation, please see their website:

<https://mihc.org.uk/about/>



*Lorna Htet-Khin*



*Isla and Kirsty Htet-Khin*



*David Henderson*



*Some of our instrumentalists*



*Choir and audience*



*The Centenary Hall, one of **three** venues used to feed over 240 people before the concert*



*Alan Irvine with John Stevenson (who gave the vote of thanks)*



*Alan conducts the Choir – none of whom appear to be looking at him!*

## The Choir's thanks to Alan

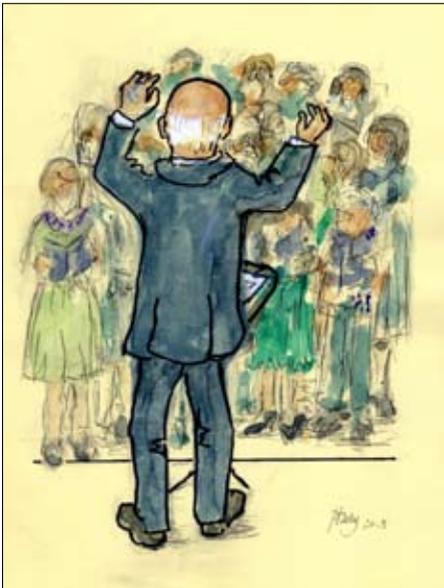
The Choir held a very happy lunch at Mortonhall Golf Club on the day after the memorable *Thank You for the Music* concert; Joan and Alan Irvine, and Mairi and John Stevenson, were our guests.

During the lunch, Alan and Joan were given presents, along with a card signed by all the Choir. It included Ray Dely's representation of Alan conducting the choir, and an affectionate poem written by Alasdair Smart.

There will also be a congregational presentation to Alan, due to be made at the end of May 2018 (when he retires).



Isabel Hunter gives her account of The Messiah



Alan Irvine conducts the Greenbank Choir  
(Ray Dely)

Some say "Ready. Steady. Go"  
At this we'd be prepared  
To sing our hearts out and we'd show  
To Alan that we cared.

In actual fact, we like to sing,  
To really give it laldy  
On Bach, Beethoven, Beatles, Bing,  
Tom Inglis or Vivaldi!

When Alan says "Now, ready and"  
We dare not ask "And what?"  
We even let him make us stand  
Because we love him, quite a lot.

So, Alan, this is not goodbye  
But rather, we hope, au revoir.  
For you and Joan, good health for aye,  
Your loving Greenbank choir.

Greenbank Choir's farewell to Alan  
(Alasdair Smart)

## HeartEdge – Heart & Voice Uniting

**Tuesday 12th June, 2.15pm–7pm, at Greenbank Parish Church**

Led by Sam Wells, the inspiring Church of England minister, writer and broadcaster, **HeartEdge** is a network of Christians, which explores new possibilities for the relationship between church and community. Greenbank is honoured to be hosting this workshop afternoon focusing on the possibilities for using art and culture, and especially music, as a missional resource. There will be contributions from: Sam Wells (Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields, London), Richard Frazer (Minister, Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh), Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Andrew Earis (Director of Music, St Martin-in-the-Fields) and Martin Ritchie (Greenbank Parish Church).

As part of the afternoon, the professional Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields will perform ‘**Great Sacred Music**’, a 35-minute lunchtime sequence speaking to heart, head, and soul that explores through song and readings the great classical music of our religious heritage. Following this performance there will be input on and discussion of approaches to using music in mission, including “attractational worship.” The event will end with ‘Sing Joyfully’, a concert at 6pm with the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields.



Everyone is welcome to take part in the afternoon workshops. Tickets should be booked using the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heart-voice-uniting-tickets-45971004512>

*The concert at 6pm is free of charge, and open to anyone in the congregation and community who'd like to come along and experience world-class choral music in our beautiful sanctuary. Why not invite a friend or two along? The concert will last for an hour, and there will be a retiring collection in support of the expenses of the day if you feel moved to contribute.*

## Annual Accounts

Greenbank Parish Church's Annual Accounts for the past year are enclosed with this issue of **Connections**.

**Please bring them with you** to the Annual Business Meeting, which takes place during the **10.30am Service on Sunday 10th June**.

**John Ritchie**



The next collections for Fresh Start will be on Sundays **10th June** and **29th July** in the Main Hall. Thanks to all those who continue to give generously to this worthy cause. The **good news** that has resulted from my wrist injury is that I have gathered together a team of willing helpers who will help out from time to time with the collections and delivery of the goods to Fresh Start.

**Alison Ambler**

# TEAM BUILDERS

A Holiday Club at Greenbank for all  
children of Primary School age  
From 10am to 12.15pm,  
Monday 6th – Friday 10th August 2018

**Where is it?** At Greenbank Parish Church, Braidburn Terrace,  
Edinburgh EH10 6ES

**How much?** £20 for the week (£4 per morning)

**How do I register?**

You can register and pay online at:  
[www.greenbankchurch.org](http://www.greenbankchurch.org)  
or contact the Church Office (Tel 447 9969)

For more information contact Mrs Alison Reid (Tel 477 6537)



## YACHT News

### Photographic Competition 2018 – Care for Creation

Please consider entering this year's photographic competition. There are very few entries so far – we are looking for a good few more!

You are asked to submit (in landscape orientation) photographs illustrative of: *The Wonder of Creation, Care for Creation, Climate Change, Rural or Urban Land Use, or Sustainability.*

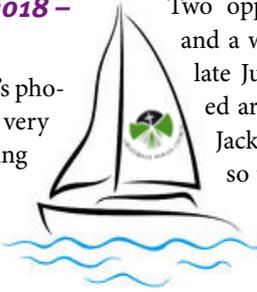
Submit your photographs as email attachments to [greenbankparish@gmail.com](mailto:greenbankparish@gmail.com) with a Subject line of 'Photographic Competition 2018'; for each photograph include a hymn or bible reference and briefly describe the subject. The deadline is **Sunday 29th July**. Submit as many entries as you wish.

Entries will be displayed in the corridor beside the Braid and Hermitage rooms during the month of August, when you will be able to vote for your favourites.

### Summer Walks

As the summer returns, you are invited to take part in one or more of the special interest walks which were run last year. These offer the chance of a day out in convivial company, while, in the best traditions of Steele and Addison, the founders of *The Spectator*, also offering 'didactic and entertaining' content.

The *Union Canal* walk, with historic and topical points of interest, will operate on the same route as last year (updated to avoid the episode where Rachel McWilliam lost her camera behind a security fence!).



Two opportunities, giving a weekday and a weekend date will be offered in late July/August, and those interested are encouraged to contact David Jack ([davidinnesjack@gmail.com](mailto:davidinnesjack@gmail.com)), so that suitable dates can be identified.

A brand new *Sundials event* will be offered by Alastair Hunter, looking at some interesting and in some cases recently restored sundials in Edinburgh parks and gardens. The plan here is to travel by car to various locations and visit the sundial sites on foot. A weekend time slot is proposed for this year, so that everyone can participate. Again, those interested should contact Alastair ([ah@peel.co.uk](mailto:ah@peel.co.uk)) in the first instance.

Don't forget that these events are also designed to raise funds for YACHT. Each participant is expected to contribute at least £10 to the campaign (perhaps uprated this year to reflect inflation!).

Look out for intimations of the agreed dates for the walks nearer the time. If anyone has a group of interested individuals wanting to take up a walk as a special event, please contact David or Alistair as above.

### Save the Date

The YACHT Scottish Music & Ceilidh Night will this year take place on **Saturday 29th September**. There will be dancing, entertainment and buffet for all ages. So please put the date in your diaries. *Further information and ticket sales in August 2018.* Please support these fundraising events for the benefit of the YACHT Campaign.

YACHT Committee

## Life and Work: June 2018

### **Abstinence and Addiction**

Jackie Macadam charts the history of abstinence in the Church of Scotland and examines the continuing work with addicts at home and overseas.

### **'I Love What I Do'**

Interview with Ann Lyall DCS, a deacon who works with the homeless and people dealing with addiction.

### **Somebody's Child**

Stewart Lowe describes his encounters with homelessness on the streets of Edinburgh.

### **General Assembly**

Summaries of reports to this year's Assembly.

### **Teachers Who Inspire**

Ron Ferguson reflects on inspiring teachers and celebrates the 90th birthday of Professor Bill Shaw.

### **A Change of Mindset**

The Very Rev Albert Bogle urges congregations to give permission to change.

### **The Medicine of Meditation**

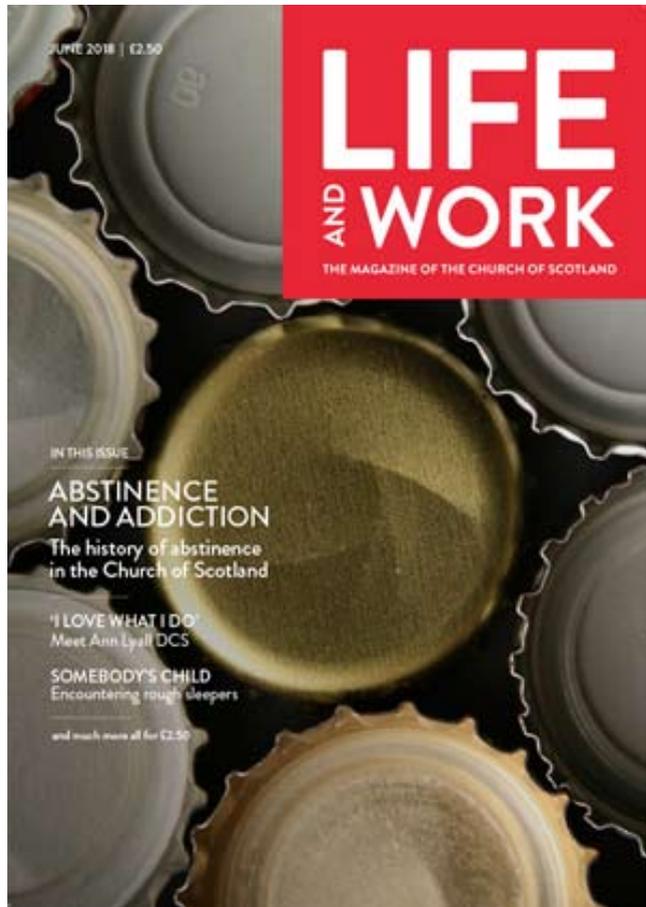
The Rev Scott McKenna examines the miracle of Moses and the burning bush.

### **True Holiness**

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers explains why holiness is about who we are.

**Plus** news, reviews, letters, registers and crosswords.

**Online** visit us at [www.lifeandwork.org](http://www.lifeandwork.org) for regular news and exclusive features, find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter [@cofslifeandwork](https://twitter.com/cofslifeandwork).



## Eco Column

The Church Eco Group is pushing on with plans for 'greening up' the area in front of the church and hall doors. The latest design includes benches and planters in the area between the main church door and the noticeboards on the western corner of the buildings.

A possible relocation of the bike racks to the zone between the hall and church doors, and the shift of the bins away from the hall frontage are also being considered.

The main landscape features will be a large planter with a tree and bench surrounds in the centre of the square, other benches and planters, a water butt area, and some ground level planting behind the low wall on the pavement edge. Recycled timber options for the planters are being looked into and costed, and a plants list is being drawn up.

The current draft of the design can be seen on the church website

<http://greenbankchurch.org/about/article/greening-the-entrance.php>

and members' views, and offers of help and expertise when it comes to installation, would be welcome.

There is also the question of funding the scheme, which will cost a significant sum in total. The group is looking for individual or group sponsorship for the costs of the various elements, and offers of assistance in this matter, whether anonymous, or attributed, would also be welcome. Contact may be made with John Ferguson, the Convenor, or the minister if preferred.

David Jack

### Tools for Self Reliance

Many thanks to all who brought in their unwanted tools, which have now gone to Garvald's Gorgie workshop. Once they have been refurbished, they will go out to Malawi to help disabled people there. If you didn't manage to donate items this time or if you come across more tools during the summer, we intend to have another collection in September, so watch out for that date in the September *Connections*.



Anne Oxbrow



## Morlich House

### Relief Staff Required

We are looking for care staff for occasional work in a Care Home for older people.

Morlich House is in the Morningside area of Edinburgh. No experience required, just a willingness to learn and a caring attitude. If you are interested, please call or email for an application pack or further information (Tel 447 3239) and ask for Glen or Alison.

[glen.brady@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:glen.brady@crossreach.org.uk)  
[alison.scobie@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:alison.scobie@crossreach.org.uk)

## Welcome Teams

### June

- 3 **John Ritchie**, Eric Brown, Ralph Davidson, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Ian Thomson, Susan Jackman
- 10 **Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Iain Davidson, Hugh Cowan, Susan Black, Malcolm Watters, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay
- 17 **Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Kay Ellis, Charles Black, David Gourlay
- 24 **Caroline Kehoe**, David Allan, Richard Denison, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy

### July

- 1 **Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson, John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Sandy Cameron, Carrie Reid, Moira Land, Julia Dunbar, Amy Barnes
- 8 **Rosemary McCulloch**, Alison Murison, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Christina Morrow, Martin Struthers
- 15 **Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young, Kathryn Sangster
- 22 **Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo
- 29 **John George**, Rhian Ferguson, Alastair Hunter, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett-Brown

### August

- 5 **John Ritchie**, Eric Brown, Ralph Davidson, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Ian Thomson, Susan Jackman
- 12 **Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Iain Davidson, Hugh Cowan, Susan Black, Malcolm Watters, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay
- 19 **Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Kay Ellis, Charles Black, David Gourlay
- 26 **Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson, John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Sandy Cameron, Carrie Reid, Moira Land, Julia Dunbar, Amy Barnes

### September

- 2 **Caroline Kehoe**, David Allan, Richard Denison, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy

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## Friendship Club

The Club visited Arniston House in Midlothian and were impressed by the tour of the house, a fascinating building with an interesting history and excellent displays. It's not often one is shown round an historic house by three generations of the owners. Mother and daughter conducted the tour and granddaughter, aged 7, led us to an amazingly beautiful room where we had tea – all home baked and equally amazing. As Michelin would say, *Vaut la visite*.

**Edith Armit**

## Coffee Rota

### June

- 3 Communion – no coffee
- 10 Pam & John Adair
- 17 Joan Ritchie
- 24 Elizabeth Htet-Khin



### July

- 1 Elizabeth Mackay
- 8 Jean Roynon-Jones
- 15 Janet Ferguson
- 22 Katy Maguire
- 29 Anne Kinnear

### August

- 5 Rosemary McCulloch
- 12 Rona Sommerville
- 19 Clare Campbell
- 26 Gillian Sweetman

## A Puzzle and Regrets

On the 26th September 1945 my family went to watch the Victory Parade along Princes Street. I remember asking why there was a lady leading an Army contingent. I can see her yet! Today that does happen, then it was unheard of.

Sixty years later, at a funeral, I heard that the lady was my friend Mary Millar, a trim, pleasant, but reserved lady, with whom I played Bridge. Despite, over fourteen years, struggling to gain facts about her army life, with many possible stories she might have had to tell, my latest information does not give me much confirmation. Visiting her in her Care Home, I never thought to say “What did you do in the War Mary?”

How I wish I had.

Margo Fraser

## Flower Rota

*Provided by*      *Delivered by*



### June

- |    |                   |                   |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|
| 3  | Ina Weir          | Ishbel Emery      |
| 10 | Rutherford Family | Katie Bogie       |
| 17 | Dorothy Whitehead | Dorothy Whitehead |
| 24 | Anne Oxbrow       | Sheena Marshall   |

### July

- |    |                     |                  |
|----|---------------------|------------------|
| 1  | Margot Fergusson    | Alison Murison   |
| 8  | Kathleen Patrick    | Diana Teasdale   |
| 15 | Joshua Munyao       | Moira Davidson   |
| 22 | Frances Wight       | Cathie Maclennan |
| 29 | Margaret Pitkeathly | Isobel Brown     |

### August

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|----|-------------------|--------------|
| 5  | Pauline Macdonald | Kay Ellis    |
| 12 | Sweetman Family   | Ishbel Clark |
| 19 | Marjorie Thomson  | Pam Adair    |
| 26 | Janet Ferguson    | Janet Walker |

### September

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| 2 | Helen Aitken | Fiona Connal |
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## Congregational Register

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

## Greenbank Calendar: June–August 2018

### June

3 Sun	9.30	Communion
	10.30	Communion
	15.00	Communion
5 Tues	10.30	Guild Coffee Morning
10 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship including ABM
12 Tues	14.15	HeartEdge event (see pg9)
17 Sun	10.30	All Age Service for end of Young Church year and Picnic/Boat Race in park
24 Sun		<b>Summer Services begin</b>
	10.00	Summer Worship

### July

1 Sun	10.00	Summer Worship
3 Tues	10.30	Guild Coffee Morning
8 Sun	10.00	Summer Worship
15 Sun	10.00	Summer Worship
22 Sun	10.00	Summer Worship
29 Sun	10.00	Summer Worship

### August

5 Sun		<b>Last Summer Service</b>
	10.00	Summer Worship
6 Mon to 10 Fri		Holiday Club

12 Sun	10.30	Holiday Club Service
14 Tues	10.30	Guild Coffee Morning
19 Sun	9.30	Quiet Communion
	10.30	Morning Worship
26 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship

### September

2 Sun		<b>Creationtide Worship</b>
	9.30	Communion
	10.30	Communion
	15.00	Communion
4 Tues	10.30	Guild Coffee Morning

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## BAGs is back!!

### BBQ and Quiz night

#### Thursday 14th June, 8pm, Centenary Hall

After a period of intense planning (almost two years!?) **Blokes at Greenbank** are delighted to invite all men aged 18-118 to a BBQ and quiz night (possibly with a World Cup theme) on Thursday 14th June at 8pm. Everyone is welcome. To help with catering arrangements please add your name to the list in the church hall corridor, or contact Kenny Htet-Khin or one of the BAGs 'committee' members.

Donation: £5 on the door.

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