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From the Minister



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I hope that you've had a great summer, enjoying our Scottish heatwave and time to relax and recharge whether at home or away. Sarah and I spent an excellent vacation visiting her family in Michigan, when we took part in her brother's wedding. There were many adventures, including me being unexpectedly asked to conduct the wedding ceremony in a little orchard on the family property! Life is never dull in Michigan, but it was a great time to step away from all the pressures of work, to be in each other's company, and to enjoy the simple pleasures of sitting around a bonfire of an evening with a beer in hand admiring the sunset. Then there was some fairly epic outdoorsy activity involving forests, rivers and lakes...!

Back at Greenbank, we moved into a different gear with our Sunday worship pattern, and I'm very grateful to everyone who helped out with the leading of our

summer 10am services. These were designed to be family-friendly, and it was lovely to see many children coming along and being involved in the services. Thanks to the duty teams who were so willing to welcome children into doing things like carrying in the Bible and helping to collect the offering. We had many special moments to treasure in our worship!

'Nurture' is a frequently used word around Greenbank, and this is extremely important. Nurture is of course an all-age activity – we should never be done with thinking about what people in our community might need, whether 9 months or 90 years old. What a privilege it is to have a multi-generational nurturing congregation – thanks be to God for that!

There's another word that I hope will come to characterise our life together in the months ahead, and that is 'explore.' You'll find in this issue a leaflet called *Explore Faith and Life at Greenbank*. This contains information about chances to dig into faith and the big questions of life in our community, and we hope that you'll be excited to try at least one of the varied opportunities. Why not have a go at something a bit different from your usual – what's to lose, and potentially much to gain!

During the summer we mourned the death of some much-loved older members. Alongside this sadness we welcomed two babies in baptism and a number of new members. Our congregation continues to grow and develop – we are never static, and the more I get to know it and the parish, the more I am aware of the richly complex layers of community life

here. As we set out on a new chapter of our story this autumn, and the activities of church family life begin again, let's pray that the holiday club song words "it's great to be on God's team" are a reality for us in all that we experience here.

*This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it*

(Psalm 118: 24)

With my love and gratitude for all of you.

Martin

Pulpit Diary

Sep 2 *Creationtide*

9.00am Family friendly Communion

10.30am Traditional Communion

3.00pm Traditional Communion

Sep 9 *Creationtide*

10.30am Morning Worship

Sep 16 *Creationtide*

9.30am Quiet Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Sep 23 *Creationtide*

10.30am Morning Worship

Sep 30 *All Age celebration for Harvest*

10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving

Oct 7

9.30am First Sunday Service
led by Springboard

10.30am Morning Worship

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



World Mission

Meet the Rice Farmers

We are hosting an event in Greenbank at which one or two representatives of the farmers from Malawi who benefited from the Rice Challenge which we supported recently have been invited to report to their supporters, and enlighten us about how they operate. They are part of a huge association of over 7,000 small holder farmers in the north of Malawi, of whom half are women. The rice project enables them to buy equipment such as ploughs and oxcarts which are made locally. They can also invest in irrigation which is important as climate change has made rains increasingly unpredictable in timing and volume.

They will tell us more about what they do, and how the sale of the rice benefits them and their families. Come along to hear more about the project so far, and plans for the future. The event will be at Greenbank on **Monday 10th September at 7.30pm**. Rice will be on sale on the evening and there will be tea or coffee and biscuits.



Director of Music

We are continuing to search for a successor to Alan Irvine as our Director of Music. Over the summer we have been able to enjoy excellent music at all our services, thanks to Louise Coghill and Patricia Fisher at the organ, Joan Fraser at the piano and Richard Dunbar, Tom Inglis, Lyndsay Kennedy, Lorna Htet-Khin and others playing in the band and singing. These arrangements will continue into the autumn when we will also have occasional guest organists.

Kathleen Patrick has kindly agreed to re-start choir practices in time for the choir to sing an introit and anthem at the Harvest Service on 30th September.

[Valerie Macniven, Session Clerk](#)

Fair Trade

Greenbank is a Fair Trade Church. We promote Fair Trade by using Fair Trade products and by selling a selection of goods from the One World Shop through our **One World Stall**.

The next one will be held on **Sunday 30th September** after the 10.30am service.

[Moira Davidson](#)

DMin for Rev Alison Swindells

Alison Swindells has completed her Doctor of Ministry degree and graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She would like to thank Greenbank for all the encouragement and support she received during her studies. In June she and Sean travelled to Pittsburgh for her graduation ceremony with other course members who had studied for the degree in Scotland and America.

[Valerie Macniven, Session Clerk](#)



The Guild

We are a church-based organisation for men and women that normally meets in the Braid Room at 7.30pm on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month** from October to March. As well as a varied programme of talks we raise funds for one of the projects promoted by the national Church of Scotland Guild of which we are a part.

This season we are supporting the Boys' Brigade; we shall learn more about them at our opening meeting on **2nd October** and our fund-raising event will be held on **Saturday 24th November**: you will hear more about this fun all-age games evening soon.

The current national strategy for the Guild is *One journey, many roads* with the theme



for 2018/19 *Seeking the Way*; aspects of these are reflected in some of our topics for the season.

During the summer we host monthly coffee mornings, open to all members and friends, the last of which this year will be in the Main Hall on **Tuesday 4th September** from 10.30am to 11.45am.

Our evening meetings are open to anyone who is interested in one of our topics and we are always delighted if newcomers then decide to join our fellowship as Guild members. Details of our syllabus and other information will be posted regularly on our webpage on the church website and on the Guild part of the notice boards in the Main Hall corridor of the church premises.

Further information may also be obtained from the joint co-ordinators:

Kathleen Patrick and Edith Armit

Badminton Club

7pm–9pm Monday evenings

We are a friendly, small one-court badminton club consisting of mid-league club standard badminton players. We are not a beginners club, but we are well suited to players looking to return to competitive badminton after a lay off or to younger players looking to introduce themselves to the Edinburgh club and league scene. Note that due to legislation players must be 18+, but we welcome players aged 16-17 if accompanied by a parent who remains present for the evening. We warmly invite anyone interested in competitive badminton to come along and try us out.

If you are interested, please contact Richard (redmonst0@hotmail.com).

Winter's Coming!

Socks, hats, gloves, men's underwear, new or nearly new are very welcome for the homeless. Greenbank congregation has always been very generous in giving these items, for which Bethany Christian Trust is extremely grateful.

As usual, *The Help the Homeless Group*, providing meals at some of the night shelters run by Bethany, will take the above items for distribution.

Please leave your donations on the shelf above the food box situated in the porch at the entrance to the church.

Thank you,

Pauline Walker

Nile Grove Playgroup at Greenbank

The perfect place for your child to take the first step towards independence and to play and socialise with other children.

Childcare for 2¼ to 5 year olds

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
9.15am to 11.45am

Lunch Club available Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday until 12.30pm

£11 per session (£16 with lunch club)

We are a local and friendly community playgroup running since 1984.

Each day the children enjoy a host of toys and games alongside art and craft activities, messy play, dressing up, story time and singing. They also enjoy a healthy snack and have some time to play outdoors in our private garden area.

The playgroup has strong links with the

church's baby and toddler group as well as with Greenbank Pre-school – with our lunch club taking children directly into the afternoon session. This new initiative has proven to be very successful to help our local families with childcare but also continues to build on the good working relationship between the playgroup and the Pre-school.

Whether it's to help cover working commitments, or to give yourself a couple of hours of peace, we'd love to hear from you and invite you to come and visit us.

E: info@nilegroveplaygroup.co.uk

T: 07505 366 580 (during playgroup hours)

W: www.nilegroveplaygroup.co.uk

F: www.facebook.com/nilegroveplaygroup

Elaine Ho

162 Brownies

As you might expect, the 162 Brownies have been really busy this year! We've been on sleepovers to see fellow Brownies along with Guides, Cubs and Scouts perform in The Gang Show, as well as a fun sleepover where we learned about "Great Girls" past and present including Malala Yousafzai, Coco Chanel and Jessica Ennis-Hill.

Being active is something we love! We've tried a variety of sports this year including rugby, heptathlon, paddle boarding and dancing. As well as looking after ourselves, it's important to look after the people around us too. That's why we had a Mummy pampers night, giving our Mums hand massages and making them feel special. We didn't forget about the Dads though... they were treated to a night of fun, laughter (and mess!) later in the year too. Residents at local nursing

homes were also treated to carol singing at Christmas and a board games night in the summer.

Along with indoor activities such as origami to celebrate Chinese New Year and writing to our American pen pals, we've spent time outside – gaining our stargazing badge in the dark winter nights and completing a treasure hunt around The Hermitage on the longer summer nights. And that's not forgetting our "honeymoon party" to celebrate Little Owl's wedding as the "chick party" we planned before her big day got snowed off.

With a brand new programme, we expect to have even more fun this year! New leaders always welcome if you want to be part of it. For further information please contact 162greenbankbrownies@gmail.com

Heather Coyle

Baby and Toddler Groups at Greenbank

The Baby and Toddler Groups meet on Thursday and Friday mornings during term time in the Main Hall. It's a chance for the children to play with lots of super toys whilst parents and carers can catch up over a coffee and some home baking. The groups run from **9.45am to 11.15am** and entry is via the church office buzzer.

A healthy snack is provided for the children too and cost per family is £2 per session. This last year has been great fun with parties and activities for the children, Santa even turned up at Christmas time! 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

Kirsten Pink (kirstenpink@hotmail.co.uk)
or **Carrie Reid** (carrie.r@talk21.com)

Rainbows

Rainbows are the youngest members of Girlguiding and are for girls aged between 5 and 7 years. We meet on **Thursdays between 6.30pm and 7.30pm** in the Centenary Hall at Greenbank Parish Church.

Our main focus is the Rainbow Roundabout programme. This offers the girls a wide range of games, crafts, and other exciting things to do. Our Rainbows are encouraged, with support, to make their own choices, to learn and develop new skills and friendships. This is all done in an atmosphere of safety and fun, always keeping in mind our Rainbow promise and close links

to the other members of our Girlguiding family.

This year our Rainbows have been busy completing a range of activities for their Roundabout badges, which have included making our own "glow in the dark" Dragonflies, decorating Hedgehog and Bonfire cakes, creating sock puppets for a puppet show and making our own Survival Kits.

In addition our Rainbows have also enjoyed some parachute games, a Commonwealth Games sports evening, Teddy Bear Picnic party and our annual Christmas trip to the King's Theatre Panto.

We are urgently in need of new adult volunteers. If you would like to know more about this or Rainbows in general please contact:

Jane Crutchley
or **Frances Wallace**

Greenbank Pre School

A unique pre school with

- high quality, inclusive provision
- emphasis on promoting creativity, curiosity,
- freedom of expression, resilience and well-being
- rich interactive spaces
- partnership with parents and our community

Session times are Mon-Fri: 08.25 to 11.40 for the morning session and 12.25 to 15.40 for the afternoon session.

Spaces are currently available for children to attend full time (5 sessions) or part-time (minimum 3 sessions).

For information and application forms please see greenbankpreschool.org

Joan Ritchie
Management Committee Chair

Help the Homeless

This group, as its name suggests, was set up to try to help with some of the problems of homelessness in Edinburgh which, for many reasons, remain significant. It helps in three main ways:

Fresh Start provides help to the recently homeless who are moving into new accommodation. They supply the basics required to move into unfurnished accommodation. Greenbank helps this effort by having regular collections of such things as crockery and bedding; keep an eye on [Connections](#) for details. Greenbank also helps to staff Edinburgh's night shelter, which is run by Bethany over the winter months. This provides a hot meal and a bed for anyone who needs it. Accommodation is supplied by central Edinburgh churches and Greenbank supplies the hot meal and company for users. Bethany provides the professional help to those who need it. This year Greenbank provided food and company for five of the shelter nights over the winter months.

Finally, the Foodbox, situated at the main door of the church, is there to receive non-perishable food donations from those who wish to contribute. These are distributed to three centres around Edinburgh where meals are provided daily for the homeless. At Christmas time, FareShare (at Richmond Craigmillar) was added, as part of our reverse Advent Calendar campaign.

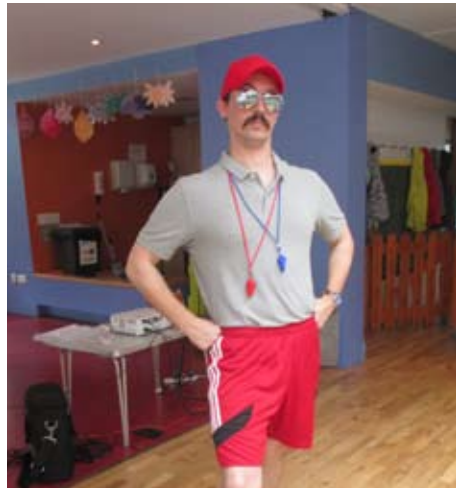
**Nora Kellock, Alison Ambler,
Richard Dunbar**



Ladies Badminton

Ladies Badminton meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30am beginning on **Wednesday 12th September**. We are happy to welcome new members and are very happy for you to come and give us a try any Wednesday, whether or not you have played recently! Tea, coffee and chat are also on the agenda.

Contact Diana Hastings
(buckstone.1066@hotmail.co.uk)
or **Susan Black**
(susanblack29@hotmail.com)



Head Coach (!)

Holiday Club – 6th to 10th August 2018

I've been going to holiday club since I was in P1 and it keeps getting better every year! This was the first year that I helped out and I loved it.

We started each day by doing a quick starter activity in our teams which always got everybody thinking and chatting. For example we had to draw ourselves on the first day and one of the other days we designed team caps. Then, we moved onto our Squad Warm Up led by Head Coach (aka Steve!) This involved stretching, singing, a short video with the Bible story of the day and the memory verse.

After squad time, we split into our teams again and did games, crafts and snack. The most popular crafts were tee-shirt painting and painting piggy banks. Then we finished the day with a drama scene from the young leaders on their journey to The Team Builders Final.

Holiday Club is brilliant for bringing together all ages and learning new things. Of course it couldn't happen without the sixty children who came in every morning smiling and the dedication of the 20 young helpers and 15 adult helpers. I'm looking forward to the Christmas event already.

Jamie Reid, S1 Helper (aka Kit Washer)



Some images of Holiday Club 2018



The Scouting Movement

Greenbank is home to a thriving Beaver Colony, Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Explorer Unit. In June, to celebrate the Troop's 85th Anniversary, around 90 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders went to a 2 day camp near Loch Lomond.

The **Explorers** (young people of 14-18 years) have had another action-packed year, including "Ready Steady Cook", a Halloween party, a debate night and driving range – with a week's camp in July involving hiking through the Lairig Ghru, outdoor activities based at a lodge at Nethy Bridge, and a campsite near Aberdeen.

For the **Scouts** (10½-14), the accent is on outdoor activities such as sailing at South Queensferry and camps at Bonaly (including winning the trophy for the best-cooked meal), plus evenings indoors gaining badges such as Electronics, Sports Enthusiast, Local Knowledge and Entertainer, and a week-long summer camp at a rain-free Spean Bridge.

The **Cubs** (8-10½) had a weekend camp at Bonaly in November focussing on "Our Outdoor" and "Our Adventure" challenge badges. Thursday nights have included visits to the Ratho Climbing Arena and the

Churchill Theatre (where some of our Cubs were performing), together with numerous activity badges.

The **Beavers** (6-8) do activities which are more hall-based but which include shorter camps at places like Bonaly.

Each year, Explorers and Scouts spend three weekends ski-ing at Glenshee.

Want to join? Explorers and Scouts meet on Fridays (7.15pm to 9.15pm), Cubs meet on Thursdays (6.30pm to 8.00pm) and Beavers meet on Tuesdays (6.30pm to 7.30pm).

4th.morningside.scouts@gmail.com is the best initial contact. But it's a tribute to our success that we have few spaces!

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 13th 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 a female leader for the Scouts, because girls will be joining the troop at Easter. Do email us if you can help.

Duncan Macniven



YACHT News

There are a number of events coming up to further the YACHT campaign in providing funds to resource, support, encourage and develop our work with youth and children in Greenbank.

Ceilidh

First of all we hold the **YACHT Ceilidh for all ages** on **Saturday 29th September 2018** in the Church Halls between 6.30pm and 9.30pm.

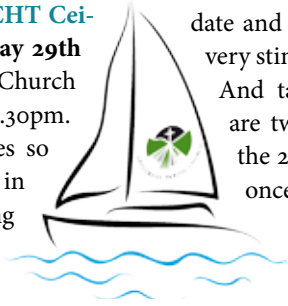
This is an event for all ages so please come along and join in the fun. There will be dancing to our live Ceilidh Band, musical performances, and refreshments and a buffet (commencing around 7.30pm) of stovies or macaroni and cheese to enjoy. As they say, "what's not to like" – tickets on sale after Church services or at the Church office (Adults £15; Children under 12 £2).

Greenbank Church Calendar

From the beginning of October the **2019 Greenbank Church Calendar** will be available. It comprises the photographs you have voted for from the fine and varied display in the corridor outside the Braid Room. There will be a limited supply so do not be disappointed and get a purchase in early!

Church Lunch

On **Sunday 28th October 2018** the **YACHT Church Lunch** will take place. On that day we wish to celebrate the work that we do with young people and are pleased to say that Ian Murray our constituency MP has accepted an invitation to attend our service, and then to take part in a question and answer session with our young people about the place of the Church in society and interaction with the political life. Tickets will



be on sale in October; meantime save the date and come along to what should be a very stimulating event.

And talking of saving the date, there are two more for the 2019 diary (and the 2019 Greenbank Church Calendar once available!):

Burns Supper

The **YACHT Burns Supper** will take place on **Saturday 26th January 2019**. We are very pleased that Ballintaggart Farm will again cater the event and provide us with some very fine fare. This event will again showcase the huge amount of speaking and musical talent available in Greenbank. Tickets will come on sale in November.



Wedding Dresses through the years

And then the **YACHT Wedding dresses through the years** event on the afternoon of **Saturday 30th March 2019**. More on this in the coming months, but we will be asking our brides of former years if they would be prepared to look out and provide their wedding dresses for a compèred fashion show at an elegant afternoon tea event in the Church Halls. Not to be missed!

So lots to look forward to – and our thanks to all those who have supported and continue to support this campaign. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

YACHT Committee

Belonging at Greenbank

Belonging has many layers – it’s complicated! These days, “membership” has perhaps fallen out of fashion, but passionate commitment to community and ideas is actually reviving. This is good news for the Church at large, if we can tap into it in our outreach. “Membership” of our congregation is a way of showing a personal commitment both to our community and to Christ. If you are not a member of Greenbank, and are interested in becoming more formally associated, then there are various options.

For those who have been communicant members of another Church of Scotland congregation, or another denomination, a simple transfer and welcome in a communion service with the right hand of fellowship would recognise your existing commitments to Christ and his Church.

If you’ve been baptised, but never became a communicant member of any denomination, then confirmation could be the way forward. Confirmation is a service in which we invoke the Holy Spirit’s action to confirm the grace of God already working within the baptised, and incorporating an adult profession of faith.

Neighbourhood Group (Volunteer driving)

We are a small group of drivers who can offer lifts when they are requested. We mainly take people to medical appointments or to Wednesday afternoon meetings of the Friendship Club at Greenbank Church.

For more information please contact Susan Jackman at smjackman1@gmail.com, or telephone the Church Office.

If you’ve never been baptised, then baptism with profession of faith would be an option. Both of these routes would follow a period of faith exploration working alongside the Minister in a supportive group. On Sunday evenings in the spring, we’ll begin a series of sessions which give the chance to explore your commitment to Christ and the Church.

The members of Greenbank welcome everyone who comes amongst us and there is no obligation to join formally. But, if you do take a step towards membership, you will automatically become part of our network of information-sharing and pastoral care, and be allocated a dedicated Elder who will be a regular point of contact for you.

If you are interested in membership of Greenbank please get in touch with me or the Minister, now or in the future, and we will be happy to discuss what might be best for you.

Valerie Macniven, Session Clerk

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 and ask for Glen or Alison (Tel 447 3239).

*glen.brady@crossreach.org.uk
Alison.scobie@crossreach.org.uk*

Tools for Self-Reliance

As promised, we are holding another collection of old gardening and woodworking tools for Garvald's Gorgie Workshops at 454/1 Gorgie Road. They are open from 9am to 4pm each weekday and refurbish tools to go out to Malawi to help train disabled people.



Our collection date is **23rd September 2018**: please hand them in to the Main Hall before the 10.30am service.

So please look out your rusty, handleless tools, old sewing machines and knitting pins and get them recycled.

If you have any questions, contact

Anne Oxbrow (Tel 445 3195)

Country Dance Club

The Country Dance Club meets on **Wednesday evenings** in the Centenary Hall from **7.30pm to 9.30pm**. Our weekly programme is made up of some new dances and dances learnt previously all taught by a qualified teacher. Knowledge of basic Country Dance steps is advisable but not a necessity. The first meeting after the summer break will be held on Wednesday 26th September when anyone interested in joining us will be made very welcome. For further information please contact



**Doris Laing
or Helen Millar**

Work Party

Calling all Knitters!



The Work Party starts up again after the summer break on **Thursday 27th September 2018 at 2.30pm** in the Hermitage Room. Thereafter the meetings are fortnightly.

We always welcome new members, and even if you want to knit at home please get in touch. We knit for a number of charities, from hats for the homeless, jumpers for children, twiddle muffs for dementia sufferers, to bed socks for the elderly.

Donations of odd balls of DK machine-washable yarn are always welcome.

Anne Oxbrow

New Midweek Prayers

From **12th September**, we'll be having a simple and reflective 20 minute service each week on Wednesdays at 1pm, usually in the Braid Room.

We hope that this will be a helpful opportunity for those who are around during the daytimes to spend time before God together. Everyone is welcome.

Martin Ritchie

Friendship Club

Are you a senior citizen and do you live in the Greenbank area? Then the Friendship Club is for you (you do not have to be a church member) – so do come and join us. We meet on alternate Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall (with lift access) where we are entertained by speakers offering a wide range of topics – often illustrated, sometimes amusing or serious but always interesting.

We close with chat over tea and biscuits, an opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones.

Each month there is a themed musical meeting, but the highlights of the year are the Christmas Party and our Summer Outing in May.

Our new session begins on **Wednesday 3rd October** when Martin Millar will tell us about the *Jewels of the Indian Ocean*.

Present members are encouraged to bring any interested friends and we look forward to welcoming you all then. The subscription is £15 which covers refreshments.

For further information contact

Val Smart

Church Choir



After a summer break the church choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings in the Braid Room commencing on **Thursday 13th September at 8pm** and thereafter on subsequent **Thursdays at 7.30pm**. The choir normally sings an Introit and Anthem at Sunday morning worship with additional music during Advent and Easter. Our first anthem for the autumn session will be sung at the Harvest service on Sunday 30th September.

We are a friendly group of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses and would be happy to welcome more singers interested in singing sacred music. If you would like to join us please contact Kathleen Patrick, either through the church office or in the choir stalls after a Sunday morning service.

Canal Outing

A number of members and friends spent a very pleasant July afternoon on the Union Canal, cruising from Ratho to the Almond Aqueduct. Having boarded three boats operated by The Seagull Trust (www.seagulltrust.org.uk), we were treated to a delightful trip through beautiful, unspoilt countryside. We enjoyed the sights and sounds of the canal, including a very inquisitive family of swans.

Particular thanks must go to Diana Hastings, a volunteer with the Trust, who made it all possible.



Welcome Teams

September

- 2 **Caroline Kehoe**, David Allan, Richard Denison, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy
- 9 **Rosemary McCulloch**, Alison Murison, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Christina Morrow, Martin Struthers
- 16 **Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young, Kathryn Sangster

- 23 **Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo
- 30 **John George**, Rhian Ferguson, Alastair Hunter, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett-Brown

October

- 7 **John Ritchie**, Eric Brown, Ralph Davidson, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Ian Thomson, Susan Jackman

Coffee Rota

September

- 2 *Communion – no coffee*
- 9 Lorna Perriss (D61)
- 16 Monday House Group
- 23 Dorothy Whitehead (D89)
- 30 Edith Armit (D12A)



October

- 7 YES Group

Flower Rota



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September

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 Helen Aitken | Fiona Connal |
| 9 Rona Sommerville | Catherine Cameron |
| 16 Susan Black | Julia Dunbar |
| 23 Christina Black | Pamela Jack |
| 30 Katy Maguire | Catherine Denham & Rona Ferguson |

October

- 7 Grace Maweu Alison Ambler



Greenbank Calendar: September 2018

September

1 Sat	14.00	Messy Church at T in the (Braidburn) Park
	16.00	Messy Church (Greenbank)
2 Sun		Creationtide
	9.00	Family Friendly Communion
	10.30	Traditional Communion
	15.00	Traditional Communion
	18.30	Autumn Lecture Series (Morningside PC)
4 Tues	10.30	Guild Coffee Morning
6 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
7 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
9 Sun	10.30	Creationtide Worship
	18.30	Autumn Lecture Series
	19.00	Youth Alpha
10 Mon	19.30	Bible Study Group
12 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
13 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
14 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
16 Sun	9.30	Quiet Communion
	10.30	Creationtide Worship
	18.30	Autumn Lecture Series
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27 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
28 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
29 Sat	18.30	YACHT Ceilidh
30 Sun	10.30	All Age Celebration for Harvest

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2 Tues	19.30	Guild
3 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club

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4 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
5 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
7 Sun	9.30	First Sunday Service led by Springboard
	10.30	Morning Worship
	19.00	Youth Alpha
8 Mon	19.30	Bible Study Group
9 Tues	19.30	Congregational Board
10 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club

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