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Our local MP, Ian Murray, addressed some of the congregation on Sunday 28th October, 2018 (see p7)

Greenbank Parish Church, Edinburgh

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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends



I'm writing this on Remembrance Sunday and thinking that it can't be time for Christmas already, but planning has to go on, and the copy deadline for the December/January issue of *Connections* has to be met!

I'm a big fan of Advent and Christmas, and an even bigger fan of enjoying both as distinctive seasons. The delayed gratification of focusing on the reflective Advent mood of quiet anticipation, and then exploding into Christmas has always been one of my favourite seasonal shifts. Of course, you can't be too purist about it all, as there are parties, concerts, and nativity plays to enjoy throughout December, but one of my favourite experiences was to sit in Durham Cathedral for a peaceful service of Choral Evensong on 23rd December a few years ago, whilst the rest of the world seemed to be going crazy and stressed-out on festivities!

In the midst of all of the fun, Christ slips into the world. The story of the stable may owe more to piety than history, but the idea is right. God is born and virtually nobody notices. Our mission for Advent

and Christmas at Greenbank is to make sure that people **do** notice, and that the story speaks freshly into their experience today. An old song, but with a new spin for today's context.

I hope that many of you will take the chance to be part of our Advent home groups, beginning in the week commencing 3rd December, and continuing in the weeks of 10th and 17th. Contact Chris Horne (christopherhorne2@talk21.com, Tel 662 0615) if you would like to come and we'll let you know the options for a group on a night of the week to suit you, and in an appropriate location. We hope that the groups will help us to meet others in the congregation, and we'll be using Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan's book, *The First Christmas*, as the focus. It takes us on an exploration of the different ways in which the Christmas story has been told in

the Gospels – you may find some surprises! Christmas is a great time to invite friends, family and neighbours to church. Why not take the chance to invite someone to our new candlelit Advent Carol Service led by our Advent community choir on 2nd December at 6.30pm, or to one of our other Christmas services or social events later in the month?

The message of Christmas is that the Prince of Peace comes to a world that is anything but peaceful and prods us to reconsider our priorities. May your Christmas be full of fun, but may there also be time for a quiet moment, perhaps around a candle in these darkest days of the year, to remember that the light of Christ still shines in the darkness.

With my love to all you fabulous people of Greenbank.



Pulpit Diary

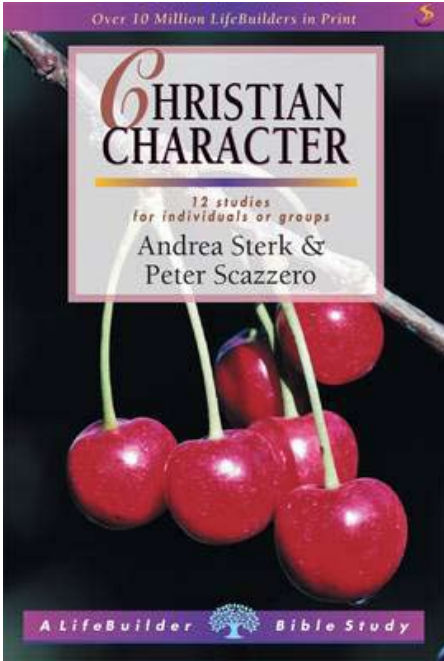
The Pulpit Diary is henceforth being incorporated into the monthly Calendar (see p 14). Worship events are rendered in the Calendar **in bold text**.

Advent and Christmas Appeal



Our Advent and Christmas Appeal will once again support the work of Christian Aid. Gift Aid envelopes will be in the pews each Sunday throughout Advent, and there will be retiring collection plates. The offerings at the Advent Carol Service and at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will also be sent to Christian Aid.

Monday Bible Study



Are you interested in exploring the Bible in a small group? If you would like to join us on Monday evenings during the winter months you would be most welcome.

On **14th January** we are starting a new guide – **Christian Character (Lifebuilder)**, ISBN 9781859993750. Our studies are followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Future dates are **28th January, 11th and 25th March**. Meetings commence at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Joan Ritchie (Tel 447 3192) or Gillian Sweetman (Tel 447 1048).

Joan Ritchie

Crèche for children under 3 is in the Hermitage Room at every 10.30am service (10am in the summer)



New Running Group for Greenbank!

I am hoping to set up a church running group open to members and also the wider local community. If this is something you or someone you know might be interested in please don't hesitate to message me! Dates/times will be arranged to hopefully include as many people as possible.

Katie Bogie (Tel 07557 676 231)

World Mission Team



We have for some years been a Fairtrade Church and Edinburgh is intent on being a Fairtrade City. Our regular **One World stalls** are always well supported and we are grateful to all of you who buy everything from bamboo socks to jelly beans.

Remember if at any time you run out of coffee or are looking for a special present, the **One World shop at St. John's at the West End** is an Aladdin's cave of gifts from many nations. The **Oxfam shop in Morningside Road** has a stock of goods, and many of our supermarkets now stock Fairtrade goods from roses to bananas, from tea to wine.

So if you are still wondering what to buy someone for Christmas, why not check out the Fairtrade goods and help farmers and craftsmen and women from other countries to earn a better living.

Perhaps we could even make buying Fairtrade goods our New Year's resolution.

Anne Oxbrow

Gift Service – Sunday 16th December

Each Christmas, our children and young people bring presents to the Gift Service. These are given to children in difficult circumstances in our own city and, sadly, the need is great.

We'd love to have a large collection of gifts to pass on and so we're asking everyone to join in! We know the presents are appreciated.

Please bring any gifts to the Service, preferably in a gift bag, *with a detachable tag saying whether the gift is suitable for a boy or girl and what age/s it is suitable for.* The age range requested is from 3 up to 15.

Whilst the children will want to choose a gift suitable for around their own age group, could I ask any adults wishing to donate a gift to consider choosing something for the teenagers, as we are usually a little short for the older ones?



Spectrum Party

All the children in Spectrum are invited to a Christmas Party on **Sunday 16th December from 12noon to 2pm**, after the Gift Service and Nativity.

Janet Ferguson
on behalf of the YES Group



An Invitation to an Ecumenical Evening Service of Prayer and Worship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

Edinburgh Churches Together invite you to this service which it is hosting for the first time at **Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh on Monday 21st January at 7.30pm.**

Each year the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in Rome invite a national church to choose a theme and prepare worship

materials for the week. For 2019, the Christian Church in Indonesia has chosen the theme of *Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue* (Deuteronomy 16: 18-20). Our service will be led by Mgr Philip Kerr, Parish Priest of St. Patrick's, Cowgate, Convener of ECT, and the Rev Marjory McPherson, Edinburgh Presbytery Clerk and Vice Convener of ECT. The guest preacher on 21st January will be the Rev Colin Sinclair, Moderator Elect of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

There will be a reception following the service to which everyone is warmly invited.

Imogen Gibson
Communications and Administration Officer, Edinburgh Churches Together

Wine & Mince Pies Needed!!

We need a mountain of mince pies and a lake of red wine for our Carol Party and Christmas Sing-along!

Could you help by donating a bottle (or two!) of red wine and/or a box of mince pies? We need them to be dropped off at the Office by **Friday 14th December**, but please let Ginny Johnston, our administrator, know if you are going to donate something, so that we can judge how we're doing.

We need to mull the wine ahead of the Carol Party on **16th December**, so please don't bring it along on the day.

Thank you!

Martin Ritchie

Come and Sing Carols in Greenbank Village

Do you like singing carols? We are looking for singers of all ages and abilities to sing carols in Greenbank Village on the evening of **Monday 17th December**. We will meet at the Nursery at the Littlejohn Avenue entrance to the village at **6.30 pm**. Please come and join us – we can't guarantee the weather but you will get a warm welcome & refreshments afterwards kindly provided by Julia and Richard Dunbar.

Neil Ross

YACHT Burns Supper



Join us on **Saturday 26th January 2019** for another fabulous Burns Supper in aid of the YACHT Campaign. Drinks will be served from 7pm before a three course sit down dinner cooked by Chris and Rachel Rowley of Ballintaggart Farm. With after dinner entertainment, an exciting auction and fundraising prizes we hope this will be a very special evening of fellowship and fun. Tickets go on sale after the church service on 18th November: £400 for a table of 10 or £40 per person. For more information and/or to buy tickets please contact Kirsten Pink (kirstenpink@hotmail.co.uk).

P.S. If you would like to donate a prize for the prize draw or the auction, anything from a bottle of champagne to a week's holiday home rental will be gratefully received. Contact Jim Young (jimgillyoung@btinternet.com).

2019 Flower Rota

We all appreciate flowers in the Church on a Sunday. But this requires a sizeable Rota, so – if you would like to donate the flowers for a Sunday in 2019 then please sign up on the Notice Board in the corridor opposite the Office to ensure we have flowers in the Church every Sunday next year.

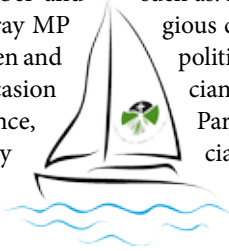
Katy Maguire

YACHT News

Thanks to everyone who attended the YACHT Ceilidh on 29th September and the Church Lunch with Ian Murray MP on 28th October. About 130 children and adults enjoyed a super family occasion at our fifth Ceilidh evening of dance, piping and song. Hazel Macaulay again led the Ceilidh Band with great aplomb and we are lucky to have such a fine band playing for us and to have Malcolm Reid “calling” us through the dances. Stirring piping from Katy Pink and Jamie Jackson entranced the youngsters. The multi-talented Tom Inglis again entertained with his tunes and songs. Everyone managed to squeeze into the lower hall for the traditional buffet of stovies or macaroni and oatcakes prepared for us by Serenity Café run by the charity **Comas** (Gaelic word for ability) who help those with enduring health, mental health and social problems. We were treated with Margaret Pitkeathly’s simply marvellous shortbread – all 180 pieces delivered safely and all scooped! Grateful thanks to David Ferguson for the lighting, and the Social Committee and all the willing helpers who turned out to set the tables, serve and clear up!

All good fun and the net proceeds added another **£780** to the YACHT fund.

The Church lunch was preceded by a talk from Ian Murray on the topic “*How can religion and politics relate to each other today?*” (see front cover photograph). Perhaps not the easiest of briefs to give our MP – he indicated that the librarian at the House of Commons had been a little nonplussed when asked if he had any articles which might be useful, his only contribution being “good luck on Sunday”. He responded admirably,



fielding good questions from our youngsters such as: how his and other politicians’ religious convictions were reflected in their political views; how open were politicians in their religious convictions in Parliament; and to what extent politicians spoke about motivating youth participation.

So there was plenty to talk about for the 100 or so who enjoyed the buffet lunch that followed with its array of quiches, different salads and cakes provided by **181 Delicatessen** and again masterminded by our very own Donald “MasterChef” MacLeod and his team of helpers. Thanks to all for your donations which after settling the costs ensured another **£160** to campaign funds.

YACHT started in 2014 and is now entering its final year. It reflected the Kirk Session’s desire to continue to develop Greenbank’s commitment to ministry to children and young people. We know it has been a great encouragement to Martin Ritchie that the congregation is so committed to young people. He and we are enormously grateful to all who have contributed so generously.

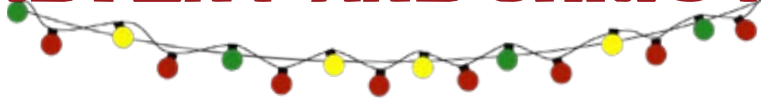
In the past four years the campaign has raised almost **£300,000**. We have pledges in place that, with fundraising, should take the gross total to **£350,000**. This is a wonderful result. *Can we make one last push to reach the original target of £500,000 and so guarantee the continuation of our youth ministry for many years to come?*

Our final year started with the receipt of **£680** from the retiral collection at Professor John Knox’s funeral, which was a wonderful gesture and contribution to the fund.

Jim Young



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



Saturday 1st December **Christmas Event for Primary School Children**
1.30pm–4.30pm in the Church Halls *£5 per child*

All the usual fun led by Alison Reid and her amazing team of helpers sporting a shocking array of Christmas outfits. Drop the kids and head off to enjoy some relaxation or to do your Christmas shopping! Register your children in advance via the church website.

Sunday 2nd December **Advent Carol Service by Candlelight**
6.30pm in the Church *Free event*

Our new Advent Community Choir have been rehearsing hard over recent weeks and will lead a magical candlelight service on the theme of The Promise. Beautiful and powerful words and music drawing us into the loving purposes of God for the world through the mists of time and beyond.

Saturday 8th December **Watsonian Community Choir Christmas Concert**
3.00pm in the Church *Tickets (£5 for adults, free for children & concessions)*
from GWC Senior School reception, or at the door

Seasonal favourites from the 70-strong Watsonian Community Choir, including some of our congregation!

Saturday 8th December **Lighting the Greenbank Christmas Tree**
4.30pm, gather at the Pre-school entrance *Free event*

Join members of the Watsonian Community Choir around the Greenbank Christmas Tree for the switching on of the lights, followed by festive refreshments for all in the Main Hall.

Wednesday 12th December **Greenbank Pre-school Nativity Service**
10.45am in the Church

All are welcome to come along to support our lovely pre-schoolers in their Christmas nativity service. Refreshments to follow in the Main Hall afterwards.

Sunday 16th December **Greenbank Nativity Service**
10.30am in the Church

Enjoy the children performing in our Nativity Service with lots of join-in carols and an array of talent on show!



CHRISTMAS AT GREENBANK



Sunday 16th December

6.30pm–8.00pm in the Main Hall

Carol Party

Free event, but please contact the Office
(Tel 477 9969) if you plan to come

Join us for festive refreshments as our organist emeritus, Alan Irvine, leads us in a heart-warming festive offering of traditional carols to join in, along with festive solos and poems.

Monday 17th December

6.30pm at the Littlejohn Avenue entrance to the Village

Carol Singing at Greenbank Village

Sunday 23rd December

10.30am in the Church

Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols

A traditional service of lessons and carols led by the choir and guest organist, Colin Tipple.

Sunday 23rd December

4.00pm in the Church

Family-Friendly Christmas Sing-along

Free event

Malcolm Reid and Colin Macrae have lots of fun planned for families in this all-age event. Enjoy carols, stories and general nonsense then some festive refreshments for everyone afterwards.

Monday 24th December

7.00pm in the Church

All-Age Carol Service for Christmas Eve

An interactive carol service for all the family.

Monday 24th December

11.10pm Community Carol Singing in the Church

Watchnight Service

11.30pm Watchnight Service in the Church

Tuesday 25th December

10.30am in the Church

Family Service for

Christmas Morning

Bring your best Christmas gift for a “show and tell” as we celebrate in this fun and informal service.

Sunday 30th December

10.30am in the Church

The Gate of the Year

A service of music and readings as we continue to celebrate Christmas and think of the year past and the year ahead.

Martin Ritchie



The Guild

A talk about the *Botanics* on **16th October** was well received, as we learned all sorts of interesting curiosities about the Garden – do you know about the Spitfire? On **30th October** we had an inspiring evening with our minister Martin Ritchie who illustrated our theme of *Seeking the Way*, the first part of our strategy of One Journey Many Roads with an outline of the paths he followed on his own journey of faith which has now led him to Greenbank.

A different type of journey was revealed by Rosy Carmichael on **6th November** as she showed the many *Crafts, Gifts and Decorations* she had made over the years – a demonstration of creating new items by “up-cycling” fabrics, boxes and other items that might otherwise be discarded after one use. Many of us went home fired with enthusiasm for making intriguing decorations or gifts.

By the time this issue is published we shall have held our *Fundraising Games Evening* on **24th November** in aid of the Boys Brigade project. Our next open meeting is on 4th December when our Session Clerk, Valerie Macniven, will tell us about some of her personal experiences of working with the *World Mission Council*.

All too soon a New Year will have dawned and on **8th January** there is a *Coffee Morning* open to all in the Main Hall (10.30am to 11.45am) when we can relax and chat after the bustle and euphoria of the Festive period. On 15th January at 2.30pm we shall have a joint meeting in the Braid Room with our fellow Guild members from Fairmilehead to learn about the *Regeneration of Craigmillar* from the Rev Liz Henderson; and our next evening meeting will be on **29th January**.

Kathleen Patrick, Edith Armit

Friendship Club

Almost Christmas once again and we start December with seasonal music from Kathleen on **Wednesday 5th**, followed on the **12th** by our Party afternoon when Maureen and Sheena Bowman will be telling us about some *Traditional Christmas Customs*.

Then after all the festivities, another new year will dawn and on **9th January** we will be off to warmer climes when Kathleen takes us to *Sri Lanka*. Her musical afternoon on the following Wednesday, the **16th**, is more seemingly seasonal about *Wind Power*. On the **23rd** local historian Eric Melvin will give us one of his excellent talks; this time on *Mary Queen of Scots*, and we will greet February with song.

Val Smart

Bridal and Bubbly!

Save the date for an afternoon tea with a difference. Come and join us on **Saturday 30th March 2019** for a scrumptious afternoon tea, a glass of bubbles and a display of wedding dresses through the decades. We are hoping to display wedding dresses from every decade as far back as we can go.

We need your help to do this! If you would be willing to donate your wedding dress for the afternoon, please contact Carrie Reid (carrie.r@talk21.com) or Kirsten Pink (kirstenpink@hotmail.co.uk) All proceeds go to the YACHT campaign.



Eco Column – Festive Reminders

After an absence from the pages of *Connections*, Eco Column is back to suggest an approach to the festive season in line with our eco congregation credentials. In a world where there is so much conspicuous consumption at this time of year, we should be mindful of the excessive use of scarce natural resources.

So, first of all, have a think about how much we consume at Christmas and try and reduce it a bit, even in small ways. Cutting down on some of the elements we take for granted will help. For example sending fewer cards and substituting electronic greetings cards reduces paper waste, while limiting our exotic food purchases will save fossil fuels by reducing food miles.

Re-use is a theme here as well. Make an effort to use last year's decorations, and the most sustainable Christmas tree is the one brought in in its pot from last year! That said, the advice is that if you have a plastic tree, re-use it, but don't buy a new one. New trees should come from sustainable sources (like our Scout-supplied trees), but make sure you compost these after the festive season. Older Christmas lights, however, should be replaced with new LED light sets, since these significantly reduce energy consumption.



If you can't re-use decorations from last time, a good sustainable approach is to make them from natural materials. There is plenty of guidance and ideas around on this. Pine cones and dried fruit slices make good decoration strings. Paper, glue, and card go a long way in making a sustainable Christmas. Grandas and grandchildren can produce high quality material from almost nothing,

as our picture attests!

As to gifts, rather than expensive 'things', ethical gifts to help the developing world are easily found – helping local farming and other sustainable growth in poor economies for example. Our own fair trade stall carries more tangible ethical gifts, and a much wider range is available from fair trade outlets on and off line. When it comes to wrapping, recycling old paper, or using other paper with home decorated additions can be attractive.

A final word on food. Recent commentaries encourage us to think of reducing meat consumption for health and to preserve the environment. A bit more creativity could take you into the now more extensive world of vegetarian options, but if this is a bridge too far, think more about sourcing your Christmas dinner from organic (and more local) suppliers.

David Jack

The Bible for Normal People!

Steve and Martin recommend this podcast for non-specialists which digs into all sorts of issues and details of the incredible resource that is the Bible. It is amazingly accessible yet rooted in great scholarship. You'll find challenging voices, encouraging voices, and new perspectives on these rich texts at the heart of our faith tradition.

The back catalogue contains loads to choose from – download to your phone and listen in the car or wherever. Just go to the App Store. 69 episodes and 2 million downloads tell the story of its popularity! <https://thebiblefornormalpeople.podbean.com>



FreshStart

helping people make a home for themselves

The next two Fresh Start Collections will be on **Sundays 13th January and 24th February 2019**. For more information please see me on one of those Sundays, or contact me.

Alison Ambler
(alison@ambler.me.uk)

Hand Made Poppies

Some Greenbank members contributed various hand-made poppies to the display at Liberton Kirk. Edith Armit photographed the result.

GREENBANK PARISH CHURCH COUNTDOWN to CHRISTMAS!

This is a project during Advent designed to help those in Edinburgh less fortunate than we are. You are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable food, for donation to several Edinburgh charities



Please bring your *unwrapped* gifts to Greenbank Parish Church during December, where you can put them into our **Advent Hamper**. For further details, please contact **Julia Dunbar** (Tel 0131 447 6218, julia.dunbar@btinternet.com)

Congregational Register

*Omitted from the online
version of Connections*

Flowers for Christmas



This year, the church and hall Christmas decorations will include red poinsettias. If you would like to bring a red poinsettia in memory of a loved one, donations of these plants will be received in the Main Hall **during office hours between 3rd and 7th December**, and between **9.30am and 11.30am on 8th December**. Please note that the plants will not be returned after they have been used. Please contact me for further information. Thank you.

Julia Dunbar

Coffee Rota

December

- 2 Communion – *no coffee*
- 9 WAGs
- 16 Gillian Sweetman (D22)
- 23 Flower Group
- 30 Ian & Isobel Thom (D53, 54 & 56)



January 2019

- 6 Help the Homeless Group
- 13 Moira Davidson (D31B)
- 20 Christina Morrow (D41)
- 27 Rosemary McCulloch (D49 & 50)

February

- 3 SLA

Flower Rota

Provided by

Delivered by

December

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 2 Marion Wilkinson | Enid Mowat |
| 9 Julia Dunbar | Diana Hastings |
| 16 <i>Christmas</i> | |
| 23 <i>Christmas</i> | |
| 30 <i>Christmas</i> | |



January 2019

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6 Isobel Clark | Aileen Thomson |
| 13 Sinclair Family | Win Kerr |
| 20 Ann Morham
& Isobel Brown | Margery
Goodban |
| 27 Winton Family | Rosemary
Collier |

February

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| 3 Moira Land | Janet Edwards |
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Greenbank Calendar: Dec 2018 / Jan 2019

Worship events are rendered in **bold text**

December

2 Sun	9.30	<i>First Sunday in Advent</i> Family Friendly Communion
	10.30	Traditional Communion
	15.00	Afternoon Communion
	18.30	Advent Carol Service
	19.00	QII Youth Alpha
4 Tues	19.30	Guild
5 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	14.30	Friendship Club Music
	19.30	Country Dance Club
6 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
7 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
8 Sat	10.00	Christian Aid Coffee Morn- ing in Morningside PC
	15.00	Watsonian Community Choir Concert
	16.45	Community Lighting of Greenbank Christmas Tree
9 Sun		<i>Second Sunday in Advent</i> Morning Worship
	18.30	Explore Contemplation
	19.00	QII
11 Tues	19.00	Guild Party
12 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	14.30	Friendship Club
13 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	19.30	Choir Practice
14 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
16 Sun		<i>Third Sunday in Advent</i> Quiet Communion
	10.30	All Age Gift Service and Nativity , followed by Spectrum Party
	18.30	Carol Party
17 Mon	18.30	Carol Singing in Greenbank Village
19 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
20 Thurs	19.30	Choir Practice
23 Sun		<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> Lessons and Carols
	15.00	Carol Sing-along
24 Mon	19.00	Christmas Eve Service
	23.30	Watch Night Service (Carols from 23.10)

25 Tues	10.30	Family Service for Christmas Day
30 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship

January 2019

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25 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
26 Sat	19.00	YACHT Burns Supper
27 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
	19.00	QII
28 Mon	19.30	Bible Study Group
30 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
31 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	19.30	Choir Practice

February

1 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
3 Sun	9.30	First Sunday Service
	10.30	Uniformed Orgns Service
	19.00	QII

*Crèche for children under 3 in the
Hermitage Room at every 10.30am Service*

Welcome Teams

December

- 2 John George**, Rhian Ferguson, Alastair Hunter, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett-Brown
- 9 John Ritchie**, Eric Brown, Ralph Davidson, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Ian Thomson, Susan Jackman
- 16 Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Hugh Cowan, Susan Black, Malcolm Watters, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay
- 23 Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Kay Ellis, Charles Black, David Gourlay
- 30 Caroline Kehoe**, David Allan, Richard Denison, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy

January 2019

- 6 Rosemary McCulloch**, Alison Murison, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Christina Morrow, Martin Struthers
- 13 Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson, Julia Dunbar, John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Sandy Cameron, Moira Land, Jenny Wright, Carrie Reid.
- 20 Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young, Kathryn Sangster

- 27 Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo

February

- 3 John George**, Rhian Ferguson, Alastair Hunter, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett-Brown

The ministry team can be contacted through the Church Office or directly:

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email: MRitchie@churchofscotland.org.uk

Mr Steven Chaffee (Youth Associate)

tel: 07729 000 788

email: stevechaffee@greenbankchurch.org

For information about church organisations, please contact the Church Office: (Mon–Fri, 8.30am–12.00 noon, 1.30pm–3.00pm)

Mrs Virginia Johnston

tel and fax: 0131 447 9969

email: greenbankchurch@btconnect.com

To make contact with any organisation featured in Greenbank Connections, please use the telephone number or email address given, if there is one. Otherwise contact the Church Office.

Website: www.greenbankchurch.org

*Postal address: Greenbank Parish Church
Braidburn Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 6ES*

Material for the February issue of Greenbank Connections should be delivered to the Church Office or to the Editors' pigeon-hole in the Main Hall by Sunday 13th January or sent by e-mail by 9am on Tuesday 15th January to greenbankconnections@gmail.com

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 2nd December at 6.30pm

Greenbank Parish Church

Readings and prayers on the theme of
"The promise"

Music from our Advent Community Choir
and Organ music of the season

Everyone is welcome – bring a friend!



Please come to the Christian Aid Coffee Morning, which this year will be held on Saturday 8th December, 10am–12 noon in Morningside Parish Church Hall, at the foot of Braid Road

Admission: £3 (children £1)

For more information refer to intimations nearer the time