



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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



**Saturday 29 October 2022
3pm**

Refreshments will be served after the service

Greenbank Parish Church
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HM Queen Elizabeth II addressing the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2002

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Letter from the Locum



Dear Friends,

The recent death of Queen Elizabeth II has seemed to those of us who have lived through it a real turning point in history. Most of us have never known a different monarch. Now though, King Charles III begins his reign and as we give thanks for the past, we also look to the future, we look to the new. Change is such an ongoing part of life. So it is in the life of a congregation too. God is always ready to do a 'new thing' amongst us. The time has come for me to leave and for you as a congregation to move forward into something new. It is always hard to say farewell and especially to a congregation whose members have been so welcoming and supportive. It is easier to leave though, knowing that you have a better option ahead of you. I am sure that you will all welcome Julia and offer her that same warmth and support. I wish the congregation of Greenbank much blessing and every joy as you move forward into the next stage of

Welcome Teams

Oct

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

9 **Rosemary McCulloch, Moira Land, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Fiona Grant, Martin Struthers, Barbara Middleton**

16 **Ian Thom, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Isobel Thom, Charles Black**

23 **Caroline Kehoe, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy**

30 **Ian Thomson, Kathleen Patrick, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett Brown, Karen Young**

Nov

6 **Christina Morrow, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Susan Black, Nora Kellock**

Coffee Rota

Oct

2 Vivien Hutchison, D 71

9 Gillie Davidson, SLA

16 Alison & John Murison, D60 & 62

23 Susan Inch & Chris Horne, D48,89,37,66 & 67

30 David Jack, D72

Nov

6 Lorna Perriss, D61



Flower Rota

provided by

October

2 R McCulloch Fiona Connal

9 Grace Maweu Catherine Cameron

16 Valerie Macniven Rachel Cadell

23 Alison Reid Rona Ferguson

30 Masters family Mary Hadden

delivered by

November

6 Louise Coghill Isabel Graham

Calendar 2023



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

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Tool Collection



GARVALD
EDINBURGH

Garvald Edinburgh is part of the Tools for Self-Reliance network. Volunteers refurbish gardening and carpentry tools. The output is high-quality refurbished tools ready for a long working life in Africa. Toolkits are then boxed and shipped to Malawi, to equip the vocational training centres, and provide toolkits to enable training the centres' graduates to start up their own businesses using their acquired skills.

Please search your attics and garden sheds for unused wooden handled tools (plastic handles disintegrate), either for carpentry or gardening. No shovels please.

Donations should be taken to the Pentland Room either on **Saturday 29th October, 2 to 4pm** (enter by Halls door), or at church on **Sunday 30th October**.

Alison Murison
Convener
Greenbank Eco-Group



Congregational Register

Deaths

- 24 Mar Mrs Sarah Maxwell (D69)
- 25 May Mrs Helen Johnston (D22)
- 16 June Mr Gordon Milligan (D41)
- 19 June Mrs Florence Sangster (D37)

Disjunctions

- 11 Aug Ms Emma Ross (D31B)
- 5 Sep Mr Hong Suk & Mrs Ahn Um (D15)

Well done Katie!

Congratulations to Katie Harling-Lee for passing her viva for her PhD thesis with **no corrections** (almost unheard of) at Durham University.



The subject: *Music in Conflict: Contemporary Concepts of Classical Music in the Musico-Literary Novel*

your journey. With grateful thanks for your companionship.

Rev Dr Anne T Logan

Associate Minister

Edinburgh Presbytery has agreed to appoint Julia Cato to Greenbank as one of their new style Assistant Ministers. She will be with us for 18 months from early October and be known locally as our Associate Minister.

This decision recognises that, because of the reorganisation of congregations within Presbyteries all over Scotland there are some congregations, like Greenbank, that have been left vacant. In parallel there is a group of candidates for the ministry who have not been able to become ordained and move to permanent appointments.

The appointment of Julia is different from the normal arrangements for calling a Minister. She will be ordained to the Presbytery not the congregation; and there will still be an Interim Moderator to chair the Kirk Session. In all other ways Julia will carry out all the normal duties of a Minister and will be with us full time.



Our locum Anne Logan will leave us when Julia starts. Anne's last Sunday with us is 25th September. Anne has been a wonderful and caring worship leader and pastor to Greenbank since the departure of Martin Ritchie and we will miss her greatly. However, Anne made clear to the Kirk Session in the spring that she would step aside as soon as a better arrangement became available for Greenbank and that, in any case, she would stand down no later than Easter 2023. She is delighted at the news about Julia's appointment.

Some of you will know Julia already. She has been our part-time children and families worker since last November and led this year's Holiday Club and the service on 14th August.

Julia has written:

I am thrilled that I will soon begin the next chapter of my ministry at Greenbank Church. I spent the last year working as locum minister, first at Bristol Craigmillar Church and then at Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse Church (GDS). While at GDS, I also began working with children and families at Greenbank and was moved by the commitment of Greenbank Church



to its parish families. I look forward to serving Greenbank and the parish as a full-time (and hopefully soon ordained!) minister, and our moving forward together through this season of change as followers of Christ caring for God's people and the world we live in.

We now look forward to welcoming Julia to Greenbank and to her ministry amongst us.

Longer term arrangements

By the time you read this the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian will have met to discuss its revised draft plan (called a working document) for the organisation of its congregations. The latest version, prepared after consultation, keeps the plan for Greenbank to be united with Fairmilehead and St John's Colinton Mains, retaining all three churches with two full time ministers and the possibility of some extra ministerial resources recruited locally. In addition Morningside Parish Church will no longer be united with Reid Memorial but will be included in a grouping with the union that includes Greenbank. There will be further consultations before Presbytery votes on a final plan in November. I will update you later.

**Rev Dr Alistair Donald
Interim Moderator**

Thought for the Month Ordination

As a congregation we look forward to the arrival of Julia Cato as our Associate Minister. At an early stage she will be ordained by the Presbytery to the ministry of word and sacrament.

At the heart of the ordination service are two biblical acts: prayer and the laying on of hands. In prayer God is thanked for what He has already done in times past, and God's further blessing on the ordinand and on the particular role to be undertaken is sought.

Although not normally used in the Church of Scotland's Service of Ordination, there is a little prayer first composed at the end of the 6th century for use at the end of services of ordination:

Guide us, Lord, in all our doings with your gracious favour,
and further us with your continuing help;
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and by your mercy attain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Guide us, Lord, in all our doings with your gracious favour... Whenever, wherever, and however we use this prayer, it is a request that the Lord may go ahead of us (older versions of this prayer begin somewhat confusingly to modern ears with "Prevent us" which simply means "Go

Persecuted Christians

It is estimated that over 360 million, or one in seven, Christians around the world suffer persecution and discrimination. Over 80% of those persecuted because of their faith are Christians. 5,898 Christians were murdered for their faith last year while 5,100 churches and Christian buildings were attacked.



Open Doors* produces an annual ranking of the countries where Chris-



tians face the most extreme persecution. Top of the list is Afghanistan.

Nigeria is in seventh place followed by Pakistan in eighth. Since 2015, extremist violence has killed more than 7,000 Christians in Nigeria with thousands maimed, kidnapped or had their homes and livelihoods destroyed. For Christians living in the Middle Belt and the North of Nigeria persecution is rife and life precarious but it is also spreading to the south. Nigeria was one of the few places in the world where Covid travel restrictions and lockdowns had little impact on attacks. Christian communities are targeted in deadly "religious cleansing" assaults by Jihadi Boko Haram, and in "your land or your blood" attacks by militant Fulani herdsmen, the latter partly a traditional conflict between migrating pastoralists and the settled mainly Christian arable farmers.

Earlier in the summer, this year's National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast brought together more than 700 MPs and church leaders to pray for the persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

Remember the persecuted Christians around the world in your prayers: they follow Jesus, no matter the cost.

**Alex Morrow
World Church Group**

*(www.opendoorsuk.org)

Recycling - Part 2

What happens to my recycling?

In this second article on recycling, I would like to explain what happens to recycled materials collected by the Council.

Paper, cardboard, plastics, cans and tins – the contents of green bins go to Biffa's sorting centre near Broxburn, which I visited in 2018. I watched recycling materials being loaded onto a conveyor belt and sorted initially by machines and then by a team of manual sorters. Aluminium cans go to Warrington; plastics go to Biffa Polymers plants in Redcar, Humberside and County Durham; steel tins go to a scrap merchant in Yorkshire and paper and card go to recyclers such as UPM and SAICA. Around 80% of the UK's plastic milk bottles contain plastic which came from one of Biffa's plastic recycling plants.

Food waste goes to the Biogen plant at Millerhill and is made into renewable electricity and fertiliser.

Garden waste is taken to one of Forth Resource Management's sites across the Lothians to be turned into compost sold under

the name Caledonian Horticulture. Free compost is available to schools and community groups.

Glass waste goes to Sibelco's plant in Motherwell where it is processed into raw materials for manufacturing new glass containers.

Small electrical equipment is recycled via Repic, textiles are taken to Nathans for recycling abroad and batteries are recycled by G&P Batteries, mostly in the UK.

Most people have seen pictures in the past of recycling from the UK being dumped overseas on developing countries. This is not true of most of the recycling collected in Edinburgh.

Councillor Neil Ross
Greenbank Eco-Group



before us"). It is a reminder that the initiative lies with God, not with us. In their wilderness journeys the Israelites were guided on their way to the promised land by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. We pray that God will do the same for us, and go before us with the divine "gracious favour", God's undeserved love and goodness to us.

And further us with your continuing help... We ask not only that God will lead us forward in whatever we seek to do as followers of Jesus. We ask also that God will give us the gifts and skills and strength to do what God wishes to be done. The task ahead of us is never as great as the strength behind us.

The purpose of our prayer is summed up in the closing words: *that in all our works, begun, contin-*

ued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name... The ultimate goal is that we give God the glory. The 17th century Shorter Catechism begins with the question, *What is the chief end of man?* And affirms *Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.*

All Christians share in ministry. According to one of the New Testament Letters the whole Church is "a royal priesthood". Every Christian has a ministry to fulfil as a member of the Body of Christ. In whatever role we find ourselves we can make this prayer our own. The inscription sometimes seen on churches or gravestones must be inscribed over all our service – whether as members, elders, or ministers, whether ordained or not: *ad majorem Dei gloria, for the greater glory of God.*

Peter Graham

District Visitors

In recent months, a few ladies have "retired" from their role as District Visitor:

Mrs Lesley Muir (D7), Mrs June Craig (D29 & 30) and Mrs Helen Allan (D43 & 44). We appreciate the many years of service they have given to Greenbank in this way and the interest they have shown in our members.

I'm grateful for the willingness which others have shown in taking on these districts. The new Visitors are Mrs Anne Oxbrow (D7), Mrs Fiona Watt (D29), Mrs Sue Rankin (D30), Mrs Catherine Longbottom (D43) and Mrs Catherine Denham (D44).

There have been other "retirees" too over the last couple of years – Mrs Isobel Brown (D14), Mrs Morna Morrison (D20), Mrs Mairi Simpson (D25), Mrs Rosemary McLaughlin (D27) and Mrs Gaynor Clark (D36). We thank these ladies too for all their visits to members over many years.

Many of the ladies have been Visitors for a long time, some from the days of the Rev Ian Scott's ministry and some from the days of Mr Mackay. We record here our sincere thanks to each one.

Janet Ferguson

Winter Homeless Shelter

For many years teams from Greenbank have been involved in catering for the homeless. Bethany Care Shelter has now been renamed '**The Welcome Centre**'. It is based at the Haymarket Hub Hotel and provides accommodation for approximately 60 homeless people. It is open from 5th October 2022 until 30th April 2023.



Bethany
Christian
Trust

We at Greenbank have agreed to participate in a rota cooking and serving hot evening meals on five nights during this period. We would really appreciate any donations towards the costs of the food and are also keen to recruit some new team members. Could you make a financial donation or would you like to get involved in the cooking?

The evenings are a rewarding experience and also a good way to get to know other members of the Greenbank family.

Please email me if you could help in any way or if you would like more information. You do not need to be a master chef – just a willing participant!

Abi Moran
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Friendship Club

In common with so many other groups at this difficult time we are sadly having to increase our annual subscription to £20, still very good value as the atmosphere, friendship and entertainment are superb. Therefore why not join us when our new session begins on Wednesday 12th October at 2.30pm, with another of Wendy Sodergren's gorgeous colourful presentations to cheer us after the sad days of our Queen's death. On the 26th we'll again welcome Eric Melvin to bring alive for us the visit to Edinburgh in August 1822 of King George IV.

Next month, on 9th November and third time lucky, Tom Kelly will at last help us to remember the "Forgotten Fifties".

I look forward to seeing you on the 12th. For further information contact me on 447 6001. **Val Smart**

Music at Craiglockhart

Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm
in the Church Sanctuary



Fiddle by the
Edinburgh Highland Reel
and Strathspey Society

Tickets £10.00

email: office@craiglockhartchurch.org
to reserve tickets
or at the door on the night

Guild

The Guild is a Church based organisation for men and women. We have a varied programme of talks planned for the coming session, ranging from the Work of the Moderator of the Church of Scotland through the Development of the Braidburn Valley Park to the lively events of the Greenbank Pre School. We have a Christmas Party, a Summer Outing and Coffee Mornings in the summer.

The National Guild supports six projects over a three year period and for the next two years Greenbank will be supporting *Home for Good* which is working in Scotland to find a home for every child who needs one through fostering, adoption and supported lodging and Starchild Uganda, a very valuable initiative which is supporting families with children who have physical or intellectual disabilities. There is little provision for them in Uganda and the children and their families are stigmatised and shunned.

In the past year we raised funds for a Vine Trust project, Kazunzu Village of Hope, Tanzania, which



is building a village on the shore of Lake Victoria providing homes and education for orphan children. The first houses are up and families have moved in. Building is continuing with more homes, a school, a medical centre and a Church under way. Although our planned programme was slightly curtailed by Covid and we were not able to hold a major Fundraiser, we raised £1,120 for the project. Thank you to all who gave so generously, Guild members and those attending the Summer Coffee Mornings and to the World Church Team who also supported the project.

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at 2.30pm in the Braid Room, starting on 4th October with a talk by Councillor Neil Ross on the work of the Council. There is always time for tea, biscuits and chat. We are a friendly bunch and new members are very welcome.

Edith Armit

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Live-streaming at Greenbank – Learn how it's done

Saturday 12th November 2022 from 10:30 to 11:30am

A training course

This is an opportunity to see what's involved with the cameras and sound used to stream our services. If interested please speak to David Ferguson or write to office@greenbankchurch.org by 31st October.

David Ferguson