

Greenbank Connections



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We have seen his star in the
East and have come to
worship him

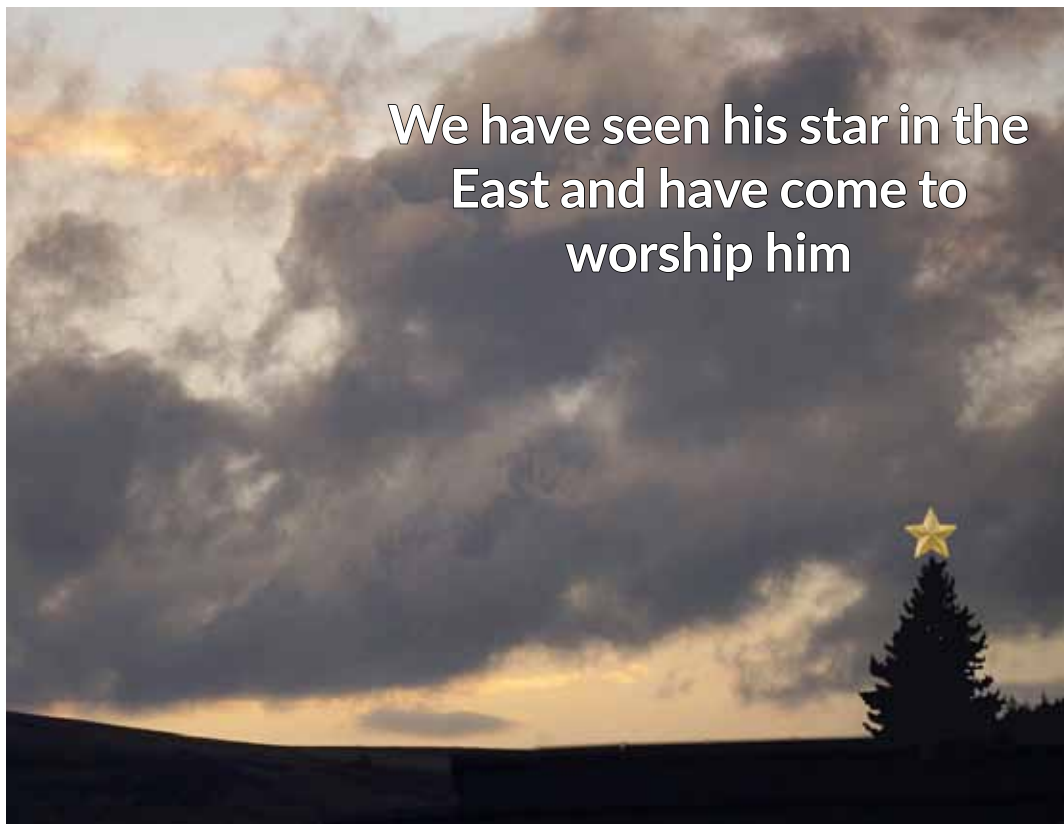


Image from Greenbank Parish Church Christmas Card 2017

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Locum Minister's Letter

Dear Friends



I love giving presents but I hate having to choose them. It's not the cost, it's not even the hassle of the Christmas rush, I quite like shopping for presents, it's just that I never know what to buy for people. If only they would tell me what they want then I would gladly give it. Then, you say, it wouldn't be a surprise. Well I for one don't much like surprises. I am always afraid that I won't like your surprise or that I already have it. Couples getting married have the right idea nowadays: they send out lists of what and where to buy and the price doesn't seem to matter, to them at least. It's not that we're talking about people who 'have everything', as they say. Most of my family wouldn't fall into that class. It's just that I don't know what they need or what they would like. Some people are quite hard to please. Others you can take them a bottle of something or give them a gift token and let them choose for themselves. If they would all just write to Santa that would save me a lot of trouble. Something for him, something for her (or maybe nowadays that doesn't matter!). Something to wear, something to use. Ah!

there's another thing. Who wants 'useful' things? If it is something useful you need, like a new stewing pan, you can go out and buy it yourself any time. Give yourself a treat. There's not a lot that's exciting about a new stewing pan. Then there's trying to remember what I gave them last year. 'Don't you remember you gave me socks last Christmas?' Well I suppose another pair won't go amiss - depending on the colour! Of course, they say, it's the thought that counts. That's the problem: it's the thinking and not the buying that worries me. How to choose the most appropriate gift for each person. So if you want to keep Aunt Betty or your in-laws happy I would ask around (secretly) and find out what they want.

PS: Make sure you give them something they can take back on Boxing Day!

I wonder if the wise men gave much thought to what they decided to take on their journey. They couldn't have known exactly what to expect or what Mary and Joseph would have wanted for their baby.

They opted for a variety of gifts. Their presents were quite pricey and I am sure Mary and Joseph were very appreciative but afterwards they must have thought "what are we going to do with gold and frankincense and myrrh in a stable and how are we going to get them out of the country when you have to take off at a moment's notice?" The shepherds had the right idea. A bit of mutton and lamb chops would always be welcome to the needy couple. But then both for shepherds and wise men it was the thought that counted. They gave what they could and they gave it willingly and with love and respect. Surely that is the secret. You give because you care and if it does take time and trouble to choose, it is because you care. And if you are still short of ideas why not give something to some of the causes which Greenbank Church is supporting? These will certainly be appreciated. The **Gift Service** is on **Sunday 17th December**.

Happy Christmas!

John Stevenson
Locum Minister

Session Clerk's News

Vacancy Matters and Electoral Register

Another month has gone by quickly and the work of the Nominating Committee is continuing as planned but I have no more news for you yet. However, as six months have passed since the creation of the Electoral Register of the congregation, the Kirk Session has decided that it will revise and update it. This means that more names of adherents can be added and adjustments made in line with ordinary changes to the Roll of the Congregation. I will be reading the necessary notices in church soon but if you wish your name to be considered for

addition or know anyone who might want this just get in touch with me or an office bearer.

Year of Young People 2018

This is a national initiative which the Church of Scotland will be supporting strongly. The Kirk Session has signed a pledge committing Greenbank Church to pray for and engage with young people during 2018.

We are encouraged to support the Year of Young People Launch Service on **28th January** – more on this later.

Valerie Macniven, Session Clerk

Pulpit Diary

3 December

- 9.00am Communion
- 10.30am Communion
- 3.00pm Communion (in Braid Room, Rev Peter Graham)

10 December

- 10.30am Readings and Carols

17 December

- 10.30am Gift Service and Young Church Nativity Play
- 6.30pm Carol Party

20 December (Wednesday)

- 7.00pm Communion

24 December

- 10.30am Morning Worship
- 6.30pm Christingle Service
- 11.30pm Watchnight Service

25 December (Monday)

- 10.30am Christmas Day Service
Steven Chaffee

31 December

- 10.30am Morning Worship

2018

7 January

- 10.30am Morning Worship
Rev John Fraser

14 January

- 10.30am Morning Worship

21 January

- 10.30am Morning Worship

28 January

- 10.30am Morning Worship

4 February

- 9.30am First Sunday Service led by Help the Homeless
- 10.30am Uniformed Organisations Service

11 February

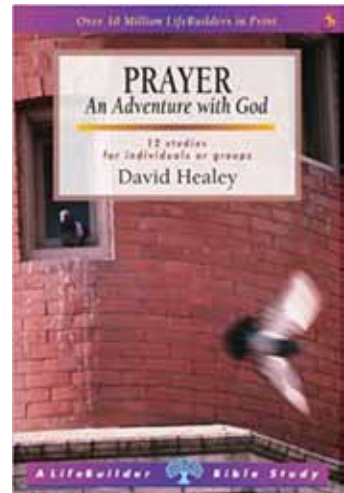
- 10.30am Morning Worship

Monday Bible Study Group

Our studies are based on **Prayer – An Adventure with God** by David Healey (Scripture Union).

- 4th Dec Discovering God's Will *Exodus 32:1-14*
- 15th Jan Answered Prayer *Nehemiah 1:1-2:8*
- 29th Jan Prayer and Spiritual Conflict *Daniel 10*
- 12th Feb Praying for the Nation *Ezekiel 22:23-31*

We meet at 7.30pm in the Pentland Room for Bible study lasting about one hour followed by refreshments. All welcome. For further information please contact **Joan Ritchie** or **Gillian Sweetman**.



Building Cathedrals in Time

The Bible itself is rife with waiting. Abraham and Sarah waited for Isaac. Joseph's descendants in Goshen waited for the coming of the Lord. Moses and the Hebrews waited for forty years in the desert, worshipping in a tent. Israel and Judah waited for priests, judges, and kings, and in the Babylonian exile the Israelites waited for their return to the promised land. Upon returning, they waited for the Lord as they rebuilt their temple.

Abraham Joshua Heschel's book *The Sabbath* speaks of the sabbath as a chance to build 'a cathedral in time.' The liturgical calendar, and Advent in particular, does this too. During Advent we attempt to sanctify the act of waiting. We wait for the impossible possibility of the coming of the Lord – though we know not how nor when nor why.

God, when God arrives, surprises us.

Yet even in arriving, God hides Godself. And, in hiding, God reveals Godself in a new way – thus it was that the apostles understood that Jesus' ascension was for the sake of the church, while the church exists for the sake of the world. So likewise, Advent is for us to reckon anew how we, as individuals and as the church, exist for the sake of the world, as 'stewards of the mystery of the faith' (1 Cor 4:1).

I think often on this – because for some of us waiting does not feel productive. We get restless and are eager to just 'get on with it'. That is precisely the point upon which to be reminded that waiting is a form of interior preparation, rather than exterior production. In this way, from Advent to Lent, we are given liturgical licence to learn how to build cathedrals in time – to create holy times, in and through holy places. So... what are you waiting for?

Steve Chaffee

Lent/Easter Appeal 2018

Members of the Congregation are invited to nominate local charities to be recipients of monies raised in next year's Lent/Easter Appeal. Nominations can be sent to me via the Church Office, left for me in the appropriate pigeonhole in the Main Hall or emailed to alandfio@yahoo.co.uk before Monday 1st January. Selection of a nominated charity (or charities) will be made at the January meeting of the Congregational Board.

Alan Ramage
Clerk to the Congregational Board

Come and Sing Carols in Greenbank Village

Do you like singing carols in the street? We are looking for singers of all ages and abilities to sing carols in Greenbank Village on the evening of Monday **18th December**. We will meet at the Nursery at the Littlejohn Avenue entrance to the village at **6.30pm**. 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



New Volunteer Opportunities at the Open Door

Our cosy community café would like your help!

The volunteer role involves: Serving customers, cash handling and light food preparation. We also encourage our coffee shop volunteers to chat with customers, as many pop in every day to see the volunteers and staff as well as having a bite to eat.

Every Tuesday 12 to 2.30pm and every second Wednesday 9.30 to 12noon.

Let's eat together – Our newest project runs on the first Sunday of each month and offers a Sunday lunch for those that are the most socially isolated within the community. It has been running for four months now and is a great success. We are looking for someone to help prepare and serve meals on the day.

The Saturday Break – We are seeking volunteers to join our Saturday break club, you will support staff to serve meals, help in the kitchen area and take part or help in whatever activity is on that day.

The Saturday Break provides a safe and stimulating environment for those living with dementia while carers enjoy a few hours to themselves. Referrals are made via Social Care Direct.

The morning starts with tea, toast and a chat around the table sharing news. Activities are tailored to suit the abilities and interests of members and there is always a choice of either quizzes, games, craft activities, reminiscence, music and gentle exercise. We have enough volunteers to work on

a one-to-one basis with individuals, ideal when coping with memory loss. Everyone sits down to share a freshly cooked lunch and during the summer months there are outings to be enjoyed by all.

The Open Door are looking for **collection tin service volunteers** across Morningside. The role would initially involve speaking to businesses in your local area and finding shops, pubs, leisure centres etc. who would be willing to place one of our collection tins in their shop. Once you have identified these businesses, you would be responsible for delivering empty cans and collecting full cans which can be posted back to The Open Door Café in Edinburgh.

This is a great opportunity to raise funds which will help those individuals that are the most socially isolated in the local community. This role will enable you to build up confidence while meeting all those that are in the local community. It will also look great on your CV and allow you to improve your skills in the following areas:

Communication Organisation
Using your own initiative Fundraising

Volunteers must be over the age of 18; the hours of work are 2 hours per fortnight initially and flexible for when you are available.

Call me for more information on any of these volunteer opportunities.

Any help sharing these opportunities would be greatly appreciated.

Dolina Gorman
(Tel 0131 447 9757)



Friendship Club

November's meetings by two Shonas brought us two contrasting and fascinating afternoons – local *designer blacksmithing* and the story of the *Georgian House*. Then Mary Robertson moved us with her account of the *Earthquake's effect on Nepal*.

We now look forward, on **6th December**, to some seasonal music from Kathleen, and at our party on the 13th to a return visit from Tom Gordon giving a *Sideways look at Christmas*.

And so to 2018, when on **10th January** we look at *Cathedrals Old and New* with Helen Godfrey; on the **17th**, Kathleen gives music with Scottish influences, and on the **24th** Dr Peter Kendrick again shows us some of his archive films, this time about Maurice Chevalier. What a

great start to the new year. Could one of your resolutions be to join us?

Val Smart



Rev Tom Gordon

Greenbank Parish Church Christmas Event
Saturday 9th December, 1.30pm to 4.30pm



Only
£5 per child

An Afternoon of Fun for Primary School Age Children

To reserve a place register online at www.greenbankchurch.org
or telephone the Church Office (Tel 0131 447 9969)

Toilet Twinning

Each time the World Mission Group holds a One World Stall we get to keep a little bit of the profit. Over time this has mounted up slowly and recently we were looking for a project to support.

At the same time our church had been having some refurbishment work done and one of the Work Squad, Mr Charles Black, asked us if we would consider raising some money to twin a church toilet as our Ladies and Gents had been redecorated.

We contacted Tearfund and found that **£60** would build a single toilet while **£240** would build a toilet block for a school.



We thought this was a really good cause so Greenbank's toilets are now twinned with a toilet block at Shamende Village, Mumbura District, Central Province, Zambia where it will help to protect the health of the children.

Copies of the picture shown here will go up in the Ladies and Gents off the Main Hall Corridor. Some 2.4 billion people in the world do not have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet. If you would like more information about this project speak to a member of the World Mission Group, or go to www.toilettwinning.org

Gift Service – Sunday 17th 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.

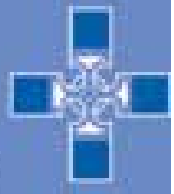
Whilst the children will want to choose a gift suitable for around their own age group, could I ask any adults wishing to donate a gift to consider choosing something for the teenagers as we are usually a little short for the older ones?

Many thanks,

Janet Ferguson
on behalf of the YES Group

Fresh Start

working to end homelessness



Wanted – more good quality household goods for Fresh Start

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: The next dates for good quality donations to Fresh Start are **3rd December 2017** and **7th January 2018** after the Sunday service.

Jay cloths and cleaning materials are in short supply and always welcome, should you not have bedding, towels etc. Please refer to the list below to avoid giving unwanted goods. There are one or two changes to the list – please destroy any previous list you may have kept.

DISHES AND CROCKERY

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

POTS AND PANS etc

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

CLEANING THINGS

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

BED LINEN AND TOWELS

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

ALSO WANTED Small household electrical items (not TVs)

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

Electrical Re-use

Fresh Start tests and re-uses small electrical appliances e.g. kettles, toasters, lamps, irons, etc. (i.e. items that are useful for everyday living). All items are tested to ensure they are fully operational, safe for use and comply with current regulations. Every year, Fresh Start produces for distribution around 1,000 electrical starter packs, each containing three appliances.

Pick up a leaflet on a Fresh Start Sunday, see www.freshstartweb.org.uk or telephone 476 7741, to find out more about Fresh Start.

Alison Ambler
(email: alison@ambler.me.uk)

Coffee Group Report

Thank you to the coffee and tea drinkers after the 10.30am service for all your donations.

I have been delighted to write three cheques: One of **£200** for the **Greenbank Work Party** to buy wool to make very much needed garments to give to charity; one of **£500** to give to **SLA** to help with the care of vulnerable children in India; and one of **£500** to give to the **Greenbank Help the Homeless Group** who cook and serve food for the homeless in Edinburgh.

My thanks go to Pauline Walker and Fiona Grant for their support through the year.

Isobel Thom



Greenbank Parish Church

Burns Supper

Tickets
available at
kirstenpink@
hotmail.co.uk

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY @7PM

Dinner by Ballintaggart Farm
Drinks Reception & Entertainment
Prize Draw & Auction
£400 for a table of 10, or £40 pp

Raising Money for YACHT
(Youth At Church Today)

After a very successful Burns Supper earlier this year plans are afoot to hold our second supper in 2018! Join us on Saturday 27th January 2018 at Greenbank Church and help support the Yacht Campaign. Drinks reception from 7pm before a 3 course sit down dinner cooked by Chris and Rachael Rowley of Ballintaggart Farm. With after dinner entertainment, a fabulous auction and fundraising prize draw we hope this will be a very special evening of fellowship and fun. Tickets are

on sale after church services. £400 for a table of 10 or £40 per head.

For more information and/or to buy tickets please contact Kirsten Pink (kirstenpink@hotmail.co.uk).

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

Messy Church

There was a very successful Messy Church event on 11th November – possibly the biggest ever – attended by around 45 children and 28 adults plus a dozen or so helpers. The theme was Light – don't hide your light in a drawer but let it shine. Steve Chaffee and Malcolm Reid provided a programme of games and a focus on the theme for the older children while the younger ones had a craft session. The children made lighthouses and candles, learned Morse code signalling and decorated biscuits. We then all went into the



Work Party News

As usual we have been busy. By the time you read this, a sack full of hats will have gone to the Homeless, little hats will be at Simpsons, Twiddle Muffs will be off to the Open Door and the Elms, and loads of children's jumpers, cardigans and blankets will be on their way to the Edinburgh Clothing Store, Children 1st and a church in north Edinburgh.

We realised early this year that our funds for buying yarn were rather low, but we have now received donations from our Guild, our Sunday Tea and Coffee Fund, and the Congregational Board. We are very grateful for all this support, which will enable us to continue knitting for local charities for a long time. Thanks too to the members of the congregation who have donated machine-washable DK yarn and who have knitted squares.



We hope that many of you saw our display on Sunday 19th November 2017.

Our new term starts on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 2.30pm in the Hermitage Room. New members and outworkers are always welcome.

Many thanks for your continuing support and encouragement.

Anne Oxbrow, Convenor



Church for songs and a talk on the theme led by Steve. After that it was time for dinner and friendly conversations for the children and parents. All afternoon the halls were buzzing with chat and laughter.

It was good to see so many families, some who had been many times before, some on their first visit. There is great enthusiasm for further events.

We have been very fortunate that Gillian Sweetman has led many Messy Church events for us but she has now retired from this role. Let's say a big thank you to her. Gillian has handed it over with full instructions and there is a strong group of helpers but we urgently need someone to coordinate it all. More cooks are needed too. Having never attended Messy Church until now I can honestly say it was one of the happiest afternoons I have spent in Greenbank. I am very keen to see it continue and grow.

Valerie Macniven

Would you like to lay out *Greenbank Connections*?

Have you ever wondered how each issue of *Greenbank Connections* is put together?

What usually happens is that the three editors, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill and Alison Murison, read and edit the contributions received by the deadline date – and nag any regulars who are late! Once they have declared the edited contributions ready for the next issue of *Connections*, it is my job to lay everything out, so that 16 A5 pages are filled up and the volume number, date and contents list are correct. I also have to ensure that the images – the photographs, line drawings and advertisements – are clear and well presented. Once this has all been done, the editors pore over the result, point out errors and suggest improvements. A final file is then produced and sent to the printers.

To do the layout job I use a computer package called Adobe InDesign. For each piece of text ('story') it enables one to specify which typeface, size and colour to use, as well as the details of how much vertical space there should be before and after each paragraph and between lines of text, whether the text should be right-justified, whether hyphenation is to be used, and so on. It also enables one to place images precisely on the page, and specify how the text is to flow around them.

InDesign is known as a 'page make-up' package, and it is inevitably quite complex. However, it is also well organised and accessible, and it is surprising how quickly someone new to the package can get to grips with it, and start producing attractive posters and pamphlets.

Would you be willing to contribute to the life of the Greenbank Congregation

by learning a new skill? Or perhaps you are already familiar with this package and could assist straight away? If you are interested, please get in touch with me. I will be happy to train you in the use of InDesign, and advise on aspects of document production and file handling. It will take some time to become proficient, and a level of commitment is required. However, there is no one too young or too old to start learning!

Any other offers of help in acquiring new articles and assisting in improving *Connections* generally will be welcome. We are trying to build up the production team both to freshen the approach and share tasks as we go forward.

John Murison
(johnmurison@gmail.com)

Spectrum Party

All the children in Spectrum are invited to a Christmas Party on **Saturday 16th December, 2.30pm–4.30pm**, in the Church Halls. They are welcome to each bring a friend along too if they'd like!

Janet Ferguson

Film Night

The Eco-Congregation group together with the World Mission group would like to invite you to a screening of *Before the Flood*, followed by a discussion on how Christians can respond to climate change, on **Sunday 14th January at 7pm** in the Lower Hall.

John Ferguson

Enough for Everyone

Christmas Appeal 2017



This Christmas many people in large areas of sub-Saharan Africa face hunger.

In Burkina Faso, one child in every three suffers from stunting as a result of chronic malnutrition, according to Unicef. With your support we can help change lives in Burkina Faso by training community nutrition workers and helping families to grow nutritious food in their market gardens. And in South Sudan, where famine was declared earlier this year, your support will provide urgent assistance, such as food vouchers for mothers to spend in local markets.



The Kirk Session has agreed that this year's Advent Collection for Christian Aid will specifically support the Enough for Everyone appeal. This will mean that our donations will be matched pound for pound by the UK Government.

Please join Christian Aid in ensuring there's enough healthy, nutritious food for everyone this Christmas.

Linguistics Project Help

This request comes via the Very Rev Finlay Macdonald.

I am Rachel Campbell, a final year Linguistic student at Edinburgh University. As part of

a wider cross-city departmental project I am seeking a small number of female participants aged 60+ who have lived in the Morningside area of Edinburgh, ideally for all (or most) of their lives.

Participation will involve being interviewed informally by me and having our conversation recorded. This will make a valuable contribution to the research of Edinburgh University and more specifically, the Linguistics and English department's ongoing project "Edinburgh Speaks".

Anyone who thinks they might be able to help can e-mail me at s143292@ed.ac.uk or Tel 07850 532 095 for more information. Thank you!



SLA Lunch



A hundred people supported the lunch to raise money for SLA on 29th October.

A great time was had while raising £850 for the charity from ticket sales for the bread and cheese lunch, book and very delicious baking stalls. Thanks to all who contributed.

Hazel Macaulay

Flowers in the Church

We all appreciate flowers in church and at the War Memorial window. After church these flowers are delivered to members of the congregation. The flowers in church can either be several bunches of large flowers in a vase, or flowers arranged in oasis in a container. Likewise, the flowers at the War Memorial window can be placed in a vase or a small arrangement in oasis.

If you would like to donate the flowers for a Sunday in 2018, please sign up on the notice in the corridor to the main hall. You can either:

- Put the flowers in yourself
- Or ask a friend to arrange them
- Or contact one of several volunteers to do this for you (I have a little list!)
- Or speak to the florists at Bloemen Ecke, or another florist of your choice, about making up a vase or arrangement for you.

Please sign up to ensure we have flowers in church every Sunday next year.

Mairi Stevenson

(john.stevenson27@btinternet.com)



Congregational Register

*Omitted from the online
version of Connections*

Flower Rota

<i>Provided by</i>	<i>Delivered by</i>
December	
3 Flower Group	Aileen Thomson
10 Julia Dunbar	Diana Hastings
17 <i>Christmas</i>	
24 <i>Christmas</i>	
31 <i>Christmas</i>	
January 2018	
7 Ishbel Clark	Aileen Thomson
14 Sinclair Family	Win Kerr
21 Mackay Family	Marjory Goodban
28 -	Rosemary Collier



Welcome Teams

December

- 3 **Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Iain Davidson, Hugh Cowan, Susan Black, Malcolm Watters, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay
- 10 **Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Kay Ellis, Charles Black, Catriana Black
- 17 **Caroline Kehoe**, David Allan, Richard Denison, Ian McWilliam, Anne Kinnear, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones, Lyndsay Kennedy
- 24 **Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson, John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Jenny Wright, Sandy Cameron, Carrie Reid, Moira Land, Julia Dunbar
- 31 **Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young, Kathryn Sangster

January 2018

- 7 **Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo
- 14 **Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Louise Coghill, Iain Davidson, Hugh Cowan, Susan Black, Malcolm Watters, Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay
- 21 **John George**, Rhian Ferguson, Alastair Hunter, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett-Brown

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

February

- 4 **Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young, Kathryn Sangster

Crèche Rota

December

- 3 Ailsa Cameron
10 Anne Kinnear
17 Pauline Walker
24 Janet Ferguson
31 Nora Kellock



Isobel Thom
Lorna Perriss

January 2018

- 7 Rachel McWilliam
14 Doreen Cockburn
21 Ailsa Cameron
28 Eleanor Winton

Coffee Rota

December

- 3 *Communion* (no coffee)
10 Gillian Sweetman (D22)
17 Moira Small
24 John Ferguson
31 Isobel and Ian Thom (D53, 54 & 56)



January 2018

- 7 Help the Homeless Group
14 Moira Davidson (D31B)
21 Christina Morrow (D41A & B)
28 Edith Armit (D12A)

February

- 4 SLA

Greenbank Calendar: Dec 2017 / Jan 2018

December

3 Sun	9.00, 10.30, 15.00	Communion
5 Tues	19.30	Guild
6 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club Music
	19.30	Country Dance Club
7 Thurs	14.30	Work Party
10 Sun	10.30	Readings and Carols
12 Tues	19.00	Guild Party
	19.30	Congregational Board
13 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
17 Sun	10.30	Gift Service
		Young Church end of term
	18.30	Carol Party
20 Wed	19.00	Communion
24 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
	18.30	Christingle Service
	23.30	Watchnight Service
25 Mon	10.30	Christmas Day Service
31 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship

January 2018

7 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
		Young Church start of term
9 Tues	10.00	Guild Coffee Morning
	19.30	Kirk Session
10 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
11 Thurs	14.30	Work Party
14 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
17 Wed	14.30	Joint Guild Meeting at Fairmilehead
	14.30	Friendship Club Music
	19.30	Country Dance Club
21 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
23 Tues	19.30	Congregational Board
24 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
25 Thurs	14.30	Work Party

28 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
30 Tues	19.30	Guild
31 Wed	19.30	Country Dance Club

February

4 Sun	9.30	First Sunday Service
	10.30	Uniformed Organisations Service
6 Tues	19.30	Guild
7 Wed	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
8 Thurs	14.30	Work Party
11 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship

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