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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends



November is a time when we do a lot of remembering. In the pre-Reformation church, All Souls and All Saints days were liturgical opportunities to remember those who had died, recognising the mixed picture of loss, grief, thankfulness and celebration that characterise our experiences of losing people that we love. However, the early Reformed Church of Scotland was characterised by a sense of aversion to Roman Catholic practices of venerating relics and the religious market of paying for prayers and masses to be said to benefit the souls of the dead in their perceived state of “purgatory.” That aversion was very much of its time, and although the Reformed Church had legitimate points, the polemical reaction led to an incredibly severe practice around death. The corpse would be taken to the graveside and buried without ceremony. The *Forme of Prayers* concedes that if they really had to, it was permitted to return to the church for a sermon touching on the resurrection.

This was definitely not a eulogy for the deceased.

I am mightily relieved that this is not our current practice in the Kirk. I am equally relieved that we can now pray for those who have died without thinking that our prayers will be associated with “time off purgatory!” Even more significantly, I am glad that we can pastorally embrace bereaved friends and family in a way that fully recognises their loss, and names it in funeral services alongside appropriate notes of thanksgiving and celebration.

In that spirit, we are holding *A Time to Remember*, on the afternoon of *Sunday*

4th November. The church will be open from **2.30pm** for private reflective time, and there will be beautiful organ music and words for remembering and giving thanks for those we loved in a service in the main sanctuary at **3pm**.

I hope that many of you who have lost a friend, family member, or colleague, recently or long ago, or who simply want to give thanks for those who have been part of the Greenbank family over the years, will come along and join me for that service. You will be most welcome.

With my love and prayers,

Martin

Pulpit Diary

Nov 4 Sun

- 9.30am First Sunday Service led by the Guild
- 10.30am Morning Worship
- 3.00pm A Time to Remember

Nov 7 Wed

- 1.00pm Midweek Prayers

Nov 10 Sat

- 2.00pm at Morningside Cemetery

Nov 11 Sun

- 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service

Nov 14 Wed

- 1.00pm Midweek Prayers

Nov 18 Sun

- 9.30am Quiet Communion
- 10.30am Morning Worship

Nov 21 Wed

- 1.00pm Midweek Prayers

Nov 25 Sun

- 10.30am Morning Worship

Nov 28 Wed

- 1.00pm Midweek Prayers

Dec 2 First Sunday in Advent

- 9.30am Family Friendly Communion
- 10.30am Traditional Communion
- 3.00pm Afternoon Communion
- 6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Dec 5 Wed

- 1.00pm Midweek Prayers

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



Work Party

Are you curious about the work we do? Make a point of coming through for coffee in the Main Hall after the service on **Sunday 18th November**. Our work will be on display before everything is distributed to the charities in time for Christmas.

Anne Oxbrow

Mantra of Gratitude

This term at QII we have started what I called the *Mantra of Gratitude*. It is a spiritual practice with which we end our evenings – a sort of prayerful contemplation. It was born out of times when I felt tugged in too many directions from work, personal life, uncertainty about the future, and the like.

We have adapted the form for QII, but its method is simple. I would list the things that I was taking for granted – starting with the categories of food, shelter, and love. “I have food in my fridge” I would begin. “I have a roof over my head”, after a pause. “I have a family who loves me”. And so on. Since my arrival here, I have been struck by the need young people have to perform: academically, physically – I have even heard bragging matches about video games! Yet, as Christians we believe in, to a greater or lesser degree, justification by grace. That is, that we are justified apart from our own works (and faith!), but rather by the work and faithfulness of Jesus. And that is a hard teaching for many, especially those who derive their self-worth from their academic ability, career, or achievements. The mantra entails a fair amount of silence – sometimes taking us as long as 10 minutes to complete! (Try sitting in silence for 10 minutes without anything to occupy yourself, and you’ll see it is difficult!) But silence is invaluable. Silence is, according to one Roman Catholic bishop, “a magnifier of the soul”. In silence, we might find feelings, concerns, and problems rearing up that we kept pressed out of sight during the rush of the day. “May we feast on the rich silence.” I said one night. “Rich silence?...I quite like that” one QII-er replied. So do I.

Steve Chaffee

Poppyscotland Appeal 2018

As I am sure you are aware, it is 100 years since the end of the First World War. One of the many ways Poppyscotland is marking this poignant event is the newly commissioned Centenary Poppy, which has “1918–2018” embossed in gold across the traditional iconic red paper poppy.



Poppyscotland’s aim is to reach out to those who have served, those still serving and their families in time of need and crisis.

If you would like to contribute to this year’s appeal then I will be outside church for both morning services on **4th November** and on **Remembrance Sunday, 11th November**.

I hope to see you then with this year’s poppy to mark the end of the First World War.

John Adair

Isobel Hastings

Clifford wishes to express grateful thanks to all those members of Greenbank who have sent letters and cards of sympathy and also for the support received at her Thanksgiving Service.

Music for Remembrance

Saturday 10th November 4.30pm–5.45pm

Greenbank Parish Church is pleased to present a concert of Remembrance for this centenary year since the end of the First World War. Alistair Savage and Tom Rathbone are both members of the Scottish Symphony Orchestra and will provide an inspirational programme of classical,



Alistair Savage

Flower Rota 2019

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 – please sign up on the Notice Board in the corridor opposite the Office during November, to ensure we have flowers in the Church every Sunday next year.

Katy Maguire

folk and new music written by Alistair. The concert is a tribute to those affected by both World Wars. These two highly talented professional musicians will entertain and impress you with their uplifting afternoon of music. Please do come along.

Free admission, with the retiring collection split between the musicians and Poppyscotland.

John Adair



Tom Rathbone

Lent/Easter Appeal 2019

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 **Tuesday 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

Christmas Card Sale



Christmas Cards will be on sale after the 9.30am and 10.30am services on Sunday 4th November. We will be selling cards on behalf of Cross-Reach (Church of Scotland Social Care Council), and expect that Capability Scotland will also be selling their own cards and decorations.

Ian Thomson

Visit from the Malawi Farmers

In September, *Just Trading Scotland* (JTS) organised a meeting at Greenbank Church to give people the opportunity to hear first-hand from two of the Malawi farmers who have benefited from the 90kg Rice Challenge.

Howard and Webster are farmers from the rural Karonga region in the north-east of Malawi, near the shores of Lake Malawi. This is one of the poorest parts of Malawi where the people have

little education. Their main crop is rice, but they grow other crops such as cassava and maize. Many also keep livestock including cows, goats, pigs and hens but they would typically only have one cow and maybe four goats. They also live on fish such as chambo from Lake Malawi. Howard and Webster gave us a picture of their typical day. At certain times of the year when the sun is particularly hot at midday, they would get up around 3am and work until 10am, then eat and rest and return to the fields from 2pm to 5pm, only using their draught animals at the coolest parts of the day. Due to climate change, the rains are less predictable, and it can be up to two months between rainfalls. From planting the rice to harvesting it takes around six months. Once harvested it is dried on tarpaulins provided by JTS, which helps avoid contamination. After the harvest there is a Thanksgiving Service where most people contribute 10% of their harvest for the work of the church.

Howard and Webster have been involved with an organisation called KASFA

(Kaporo Smallholders Farmers' Association) for small farmers which has grown from 2,500 members to around 7,000, of which two-thirds are women. JTS has run a seed mul-



tiplication programme and helped set up a seed bank. They have also funded the digging of shallow wells to assist when there is drought, while others have helped fund two rotavators. The Organisation is very well structured, consisting

of four associations each with a chair, vice-chair, secretary, etc. Farmers who are members have grown in confidence and seen their incomes grow, and now have better houses and can even afford mobile phones. JTS has also provided training in crop production, diversification and conservation agriculture, and they have provided 50 ox carts to help with transporting the heavy bags of rice. After the farmers receive these carts they pay for them in instalments and the money goes back into the Organisation.

With the help of JTS, life for these smallholder farmers has improved but they still need funds to buy more ploughs and rotavators, and they also want to become fair trade certified.

JTS were delighted to receive a cheque for **£119** for the rice sold on recent Sundays at Greenbank. More was sold during the evening event.

Our next *One World Stall* will be after the 10.30am service on **Sunday 25th November** when we shall have Christmas cards, paper, gifts, etc. as well as our usual chocolate, biscuits, Fairtrade coffee and tea.

Christina Morrow, World Mission Team

Greenbank Pre School

Open Morning and ECO School Celebration Saturday 3rd November, 10am-12 noon Greenbank Church Centenary Hall

We welcome Greenbank families and visitors to our Open Morning celebrating the renewal of our ECO school status. Come and meet the staff and other families while your children explore and play. Refreshments available.

We are a partner-provider offering morning (08.35-11.40) and afternoon (12.25-15.40) sessions for 3-5 year olds, with an experienced staff team led by a teacher/manager.



Spaces are currently available

Application forms are available on our website:

www.greenbankpreschool.org

Children's names can be added to the waiting list
from the age of 2 years

To arrange to visit at another time, please

Tel: 0131 447 8068

Book of the Month

A Little History of Religion

by Richard Holloway

Published 2016, Yale University Press, ISBN-13: 978-0300228816. Paperback edition ca £8.05; available from Edinburgh Public Libraries as a paper book or e-book.

Richard Holloway was bishop of Edinburgh, and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church until his retirement. He is a well-known Edinburgh figure in church, literary and arts circles and is still prominent in the broadcast media. His liberal theological stance and vocal support for the ordination of women and an inclusive

[The Bible] was designed to make you think about life's meanings, not give you information about life's mechanics

approach to LGBT Christians made him an important and controversial figure in Scottish church life.

He has written many books, the language always clear and direct, however complex the subject matter. The present volume, *A Little History of Religion*, compresses a lifetime's thought into 40 brief chapters, with titles like *Is Anybody There?*, *Stirring up the Mud*, *Born in the USA*, and *Angry Religion*.

Here is an extract of his take on Darwinism: "Many read [The Origin of Species] and became convinced Darwin was right. So the Bible must be wrong! And the house of faith fell round their ears. Losing their religion made them sad, much the

way children feel when they stop believing in Santa Claus. But other believers took a leaf out of Darwin's book and adapted their religion to the new science. They did this by learning to read the Bible in a new way. It was designed to make you think about life's meanings, not give you information about life's mechanics. Their religion survived, but it lost its old certainty. Which meant it became faith for the first time! Certainty is not faith. It is the opposite of faith..."

This is an approachable, thought-provoking book, highly recommended.

John Murison

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club year has begun and already we have travelled north to the ice and snow and south to the sun and sand. On **14th November** Ian Rintoul makes yet another welcome return visit to Greenbank, though he is taking us nearer to home in **Duddingston**. Then on the **21st** Kathleen's music celebrates **Anniversaries** and on the **28th** we again stay near to Edinburgh with Simon Fairnie's talk on **Fisherwives**.

Christmas is coming ever nearer and our December Party meeting on the **12th** will be all about **Christmas Customs**.

Do come and join us!

We do have an urgent request for someone to be our Tea Convenor. If you could buy biscuits and milk and set up the cups every second Wednesday afternoon, please contact me. It isn't an arduous job and you would hear all our wonderful speakers and enjoy the friendship.

Val Smart

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

The Guild

The Guild began the session in very good form. At our first meeting Speakers from the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association told us about the work they do and their plans for developing *Faith in Young People*, one of the projects supported for the next three years by the Church of Scotland Guild. As this is the Year of the Child we decided that in Greenbank we would support the project this year. On **24th November** we will be holding an All Age Games Evening (see advert) in aid of the Boys Brigade Project. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

We were very glad that Martin gave us the opportunity to take part in the Guild Dedication Service, and appreciated his use of a Guild Tartan scarf to illustrate his sermon.

On **4th November** the Guild are leading the First Service at 9.30am. Then on the **6th** Rosy Carmichael will be showing us Christmas Crafts, Gifts and Decorations.

Edith Armit



Well done, Clare!

Clare Campbell ran 10K for *Maggie's Centre*, raising **£2,071.30**.

She did it in one hour, 12 mins, 53 seconds.

justgiving.com/fundraising/clare-campbell12

“Animal Antics”

Games Evening for all ages (5 to 95)

Saturday 24th November 6.30pm–9pm

Main Hall, Greenbank Parish Church

In aid of The Guild project – Faith in Young People

Tickets (£6 adults, £3 children, includes refreshments) available from the Church Office and in the Main Hall after Church



Thanks to those who continue to donate good quality (some new) items for the Fresh Start starter packs. It is particularly helpful that some people give cleaning materials, dish cloths and toiletries: if you don't have any household items please consider giving these. Alternatively, with Christmas approaching, why not give some money to Fresh Start? They will be running their *Cookers for Christmas* appeal again this year. Contact Fresh Start directly about that.

The next two Fresh Start Collections will be on *Sundays 25th November* and *13th January*. For more information please see me on one of those Sundays, or contact me.

Alison Ambler
(alison@ambler.me.uk)

Service Recordings



Listen
to our
church
services

Recordings of Greenbank Church services can be listened to online on a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

On the Greenbank Church website (<http://greenbankchurch.org/>) select **Audio** from the top menu bar and then click on *Here is a link to an mp3 archive of Greenbank service recordings.*

David Ferguson

Tools for Self-Reliance

Many thanks to all those who donated their old tools to the Gorgie Workshop. We delivered a good collection again. The workshop was very busy and some refurbished tools have been given to Scottish charities, while the woodworking tools have again gone to Malawi.

They are particularly keen to acquire *saw-sharpening files and setting tools, traditional wood planes and block or record style metal planes, sash and G-type clamps, and small hand axes and hammers.*

The workshop at 454/1 Gorgie Road is open every weekday from 9am to 4pm. If you have difficulty delivering items, please contact me.

Anne Oxbrow

Monday Bible Study Group

We meet at 7.30 pm in the Pentland Room for a time to study together, followed by refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome, regardless of the depth of your Bible knowledge. We read the text together then discuss the questions posed in a study guide. We are currently exploring aspects of prayer:

5th Nov *Praying Together* – Acts 4:23-31

19th Nov *Praying with Confidence* –

Luke 11:1-13

For further information please contact **Joan Ritchie** or **Gillian Sweetman**.

Indonesian Tsunami

The retiring offering on 7th October which raised **£744.74** was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee for the Indonesian Tsunami Appeal.

John Ritchie

Advent Home Groups

Sometimes it can be hard to get to know people in a large congregation. For both new and longer-standing members, the chat over coffee on a Sunday can be a bit “hit and run,” especially if crowds are not your thing!

This Advent, we are offering the chance to take part in the more intimate experience of a home group for a three week study of Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan’s accessible and thought-provoking book, *The First Christmas*. Borg and Crossan draw us into a deeper exploration

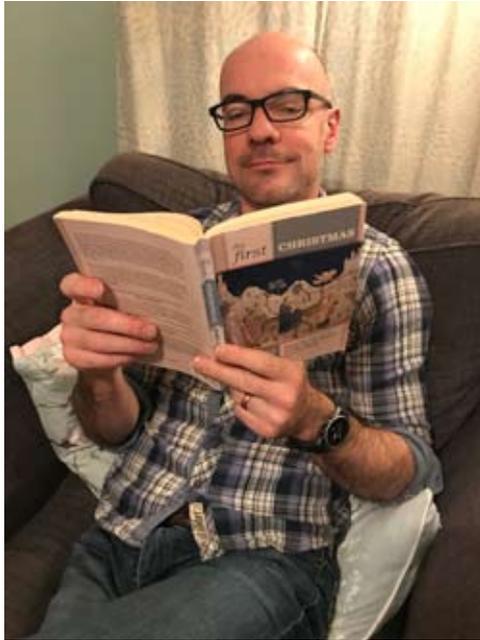
of the distinctive ways in which the story of the birth of Jesus was told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, provoking us to delve into the world behind these stories, their deep meaning, and to ask what the birth of Jesus means for us today.

I hope that the home groups will be a chance for us to go to deeper places of faith together, but also simply to get to know one another more. The birth of Jesus was about God getting to know us better, and so here’s a chance for us to model that by getting alongside a few Greenbank folk and getting to know them! Our plan is to have home groups meeting

in different locations on *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in weeks commencing 3rd, 10th and 17th December and also on Thursday afternoons 6th, 13th and 20th December at 2pm* in one of the rooms at the church.

Each week we will provide a different focus on one of the three parts of the book.

If you’d like to be part of a Home Group, please contact Chris Horne (Tel 0131 662 0615; Mob: 0788 645 019; Email: christopherhorne2@talk21.com) indicating which night of the week you’d prefer.



He’ll then fix you up with a group that will work for you.

The book is published by *Harper Collins*, and you can get hold of it from various bookshops, including *Cornerstone* at St John’s Church, Princes St, and the usual on-line retailers such as *Amazon*, so we will leave it to participants to purchase their own copy and read it during November! There are different formats

such as an audio-book.

It would be fabulous if everyone at Greenbank took part – why not give it a try for just one night on these three weeks?

Martin Ritchie and Chris Horne
Adult Education Committee

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

Christmas Trees

Christmas Trees will again be sold to raise funds for the Scout Group and YACHT. Orders can be given in the Main Hall on *Sundays 11th and 18th November* or by email (sandersstuart@aol.com). Details will shortly appear in the weekly intimations.

Stuart Saunders



Greenbank Parish Church Christmas Event Saturday 1st 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)

Ministries and Mission Contributions

Each month Greenbank Church makes a Ministries and Mission contribution to the Church of Scotland. In 2018 it amounts to over **£141,000**. I quote from a letter from the central office of the Church: “83.5% of this goes towards the cost of providing over 750 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland. The contribution also assists with the costs of recruitment and training.” In local terms here in Greenbank this part of the contribution pays for our minister’s stipend, national insurance and pension contributions. Greenbank meets the cost of our ministry and is supporting other congregations.

“16.5% of our Ministries and Mission Contribution is used to support the Church’s work in:

- *resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach;*
- *providing social care services in Christ’s name to further the caring work to people in need;*
- *accompanying partners around the world on our shared Christian journey;*
- *contributing the Church’s opinion in public debate and on issues affecting Scotland and the World;*
- *providing central day-to-day service work in administration, financial and legal matters;*
- *planning the General Assembly and ensuring the Moderator represents the Church.”*

John Ritchie, Treasurer

Festival of Peace

On Remembrance Sunday weekend this year we remember the centenary of the end of the First World War. After such a terrible conflict, thoughts were of peace and how to make a better world out of the ashes of war. Our Festival asks the question, ***What kind of World...?*** See separate brochure and poster for full details.

10am–1pm: Morningside Parish Church

- ▷ **Coffee Morning** in support of **Poppyscotland** (all morning)
- ▷ **Art and Poetry Display** from South Morningside Primary School, Buckstone Primary School, and the Royal Blind School (all morning)
- ▷ **Morningside and World War One** – Historical display by Morningside Heritage Association (all morning)
- ▷ **Music from George Watson’s College** (10.30am–11am)
- ▷ **What kind of World...?** A panel discussion with young adults from the Church of Scotland National Youth Assembly (11.30am)

2pm–2.15pm: Morningside Cemetery

Community Remembrance Service
at the Cross of Sacrifice

4.30pm–5.45pm: Greenbank Parish Church

Music for Remembrance – See page 5.

Congregational Register

**Omitted from the online
version of Connections**

Greenbank Calendar: November 2018

November

1 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers	16 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	19.30	Choir Practice	18 Sun	9.30	Quiet Communion
2 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers		10.30	Morning Worship
3 Sat	16.00	Messy Church		16.00	Advent Community Choir
4 Sun	9.30	First Sunday Service led by the Guild		18.30	Explore Contemplation
	10.30	Morning Worship	19 Mon	19.30	QII: Youth Alpha
	15.00	Christmas Card Sale		19.30	Bible Study Group
	16.00	A Time to Remember	20 Tues	19.30	Congregational Board
	16.00	Advent Community Choir	21 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	18.30	Explore Contemplation		14.30	Friendship Club
	19.00	QII: Youth Alpha		19.00	Chapters with Chesterton
5 Mon	19.30	Bible Study Group		19.30	Country Dance Club
6 Tues	19.30	Choir Practice	22 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
7 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers		14.30	Work Party
	19.00	Chapters with Chesterton		19.30	Choir Practice
	19.30	Country Dance Club	23 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
8 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers	24 Sat	19.30	Guild Fund Raiser
	14.30	Work Party	25 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
	19.30	Choir Practice		16.00	Advent Community Choir
9 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers		18.30	Explore Contemplation
10 Sat	10.00	Festival of Peace in		18.30	QII
to 13.00		Morningside PC (jointly with Greenbank, Morningside and Fairmilehead PCs)	28 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers
	14.00	Remembrance service at		14.30	Friendship Club
to 14.15		Morningside Cemetery		19.30	Country Dance Club
	16.30	Music for Remembrance	29 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
to 17.45		in Greenbank PC		19.30	Choir Practice
11 Sun	10.45	Remembrance Service	30 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	16.00	Advent Community Choir			
	18.30	Explore Contemplation			
	19.00	QII			
13 Tues	19.30	Kirk Session			
14 Wed	13.00	Midweek Prayers			
	14.30	Friendship Club			
	19.00	Chapters with Chesterton			
	19.30	Country Dance Club			
15 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers			
	19.30	Choir Practice			

December

1 Sat	13.30	Christmas Holiday Club
2 Sun		First Sunday in Advent
	9.30	Family Friendly Communion
	10.30	Traditional Communion
	15.00	Afternoon Communion
	18.30	Advent Carol Service
	19.00	QII

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

Welcome Teams

November

- 4 **Stuart Sanders**, Moira Davidson, John Murison, Rachel Cadell, Sandy Cameron, Carrie Reid, Moira Land, Julia Dunbar, Amy Barnes
- 11 **Rosemary McCulloch**, Alison Murison, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Christina Morrow, Martin Struthers.
- 18 **Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young, Kathryn Sangster
- 25 **Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo

December

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

Flower Rota

Provided by  *Delivered by*

November

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| 4 Rhian Ferguson | Janet Inglis |
| 11 Margo Fraser | Isabel Graham |
| 18 Louise Coghill | Gail Beveridge |
| 25 Helen Aitken | Miriam Jackson |

December

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| 2 Marion Wilkinson | Enid Mowat |
| 9 Julia Dunbar | Diana Hastings |

Coffee Rota

November

- 4 Margot Fergusson and Vivien Hutchison (D11, 71)
- 11 Scouts
- 18 Guild
- 25 Ladies Badminton



December

- 2 Communion – *no coffee*

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

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

tel: 07984 466 855

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 December/January issue of Greenbank Connections should be delivered to the Church Office or to the Editors' pigeon-hole in the Main Hall by Sunday 11th November or sent by e-mail by 9am on Tuesday 13th November to greenbankconnections@gmail.com