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10th November is Remembrance Sunday; see also p.9. (Photo courtesy of pixabay.com)

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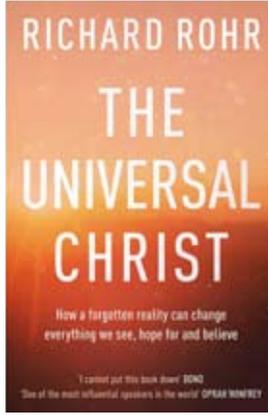
From the Minister



I’m writing this on my holidays in the Charente/Dordogne area of rural France. The Limousin cattle are beautiful beasts, crowding up against the fence next to the garden. The French, of course, claim them as the best in the world! The farmers are cutting the last of the maize crop, ploughing, and prepping for the next rotation. The farm cottages are strangely like East Lothian or Fife, with their terracotta-tiled roofs. The grander renaissance buildings bear witness to architectural relationships between Scotland and France – all those royal marriages brought us closer together, centuries ago. Walking through the impressive ancient town centre of Sarlat is very much like walking in the old towns of Stirling or Edinburgh. So much is the same, but yet much is different, with cultural patterns that diverge as much as they converge. In this environment I’ve been reading a book which has been at the top of my pile for a while. Somehow I managed to not read it this summer, so now was the time. I’m

so glad that I did. It's Richard Rohr's latest enriching work, *The Universal Christ*. Rohr is a Franciscan priest, and one of the most prolific and profound writers and speakers on Christian spirituality of our times. He has the knack of being deep without being obscure, and precise without being dogmatic. He respects Scripture, treats it carefully and intelligently, and he connects his thinking about Jesus to the reality of our lives today. In the same way that Scotland and France seem similar in some ways, but are different in others, Christianity and its account of Jesus has various different slants. To be crudely simplistic, in handling the New Testament, there are some who treat it as an account of documentary-like accuracy. On the other hand, there are those who say that the stories of Jesus are myth-making of the "fairy story" variety. *I feel that neither of these positions is faithful to the genres of Scripture and the attempt to both express the experience of Jesus in his time, and the immensity of his identity for us in the resurrection.*

Rohr opens up a much richer way of exploring the identity of Jesus the man, and Jesus the Christ. These two titles of "Jesus" and "Christ" are carefully used to explore how we in the Western Church have often embraced the human but not the cosmic dimensions of Jesus, and have instead found ourselves looking at ourselves in a mirror of religion that is time and culture bound, can be exclusive, overly localised, and without any sense of the all-embracing love of God who is at the beginning and end, and beyond all things. There are deliciously deep waters of spirituality here, but also very practical



implications for things like community building and care for the environment. Rohr sketches out perceptions, motivations, and implications for a very securely grounded "God in and beyond all things" theology, which is grounded in the experience of life. He rediscovers this in core texts of the Bible that we've not heard in that way because we've been so used to them being overlaid

with other interpretations. Rohr brings in the Apostle Paul, many of the earliest heroes of the church, our own John Duns Scotus, Francis of Assisi, and others, to support his perspectives, which in many ways are deeply orthodox.

It's an exciting read! Apparently the singer Bono said 'I cannot put this book down.' I'd like to offer you the chance to be gripped by it too, and then the opportunity to talk about it. So, in discussion with Chris Horne, the convener of Adult Education at Greenbank, we're planning to have a one week focus on *The Universal Christ*. In the last week of November, we'll offer home group style gatherings on Monday–Wednesday evenings, and also on Thursday afternoon, in a similar way to the *Community Bible Experience* (see p.12). We hope all of you will take the chance to read the book, even if you can't attend a group, but we hope you'll do both.

In my view, this book can really help Greenbank to continue to put down roots of spirituality, and open ourselves up to the world in a way that is compelling and attractive. Please make the effort to read it and join in – you won't regret it!

With all my love,

QII

As I said at the end of my last article, October is a quieter month for QII. The majority of our meetings are in-house. On the 6th, we had a long and interesting winding conversation on ‘*Whether Christians have to worship?*’ We took a good long while defining all the relevant terms and teasing out an answer. I’ll leave you to ask a QIIer what resolution we got to on that question!

The YACHT thanksgiving service involved us collecting together meaningful memories and stories from Springboard, QII, Holiday Clubs, and more – all to showcase the many ways Greenbank’s YACHT fund helps to enable youth ministry today.

As October progresses, we have another exciting question coming up: ‘*Whether God cares about what we do?*’ – which will be challenging for all involved! The end of October is our second-running ‘*Parents’ Night!*’ This time Rob Waller and Fiona Perriss join Steve to host a round-table discussion on faith and anxiety for both teens and parents.

In some respects, October is a ‘waiting’ month, where I get QII ready for the rush of November and December. I intend to participate in *Edinburgh’s Big Sleep Out* again this year, which means we need to have a fundraising idea in place for November. By the sounds of it too, some of the youth would like to dye their hair this time around, but more to come on that later. And, in November we have planned another intergenerational Tea and a Church Crawl – this time to Greyfriars Kirk.

It seems, while October was quieter – November won’t be!

Steve Chaffee

Going Loopy!

We’ve been looking recently at how to make our church buildings accessible for those of us who have specific needs.

One area people identified is **sound**. Do you have a difficulty at times hearing what is being said in Greenbank? Some of those attending find difficulty in hearing what is said in the church, the Main Hall, the Lower Hall or in the Braid Room. Good news is at hand!

The new sound system in the church allows better amplification of sound for those who would just like things to be a little clearer. There is also a loop system for those who have hearing aids with a T-loop button. Soon we hope to extend this to the balcony. A very generous donation will allow us to add both amplification and a T-loop system to the Main Hall and the Lower Hall.

We already have both in the Braid Room and they’re being used in all Board and Session meetings and can be set up for other meetings on request. That leaves the Centenary Hall, where we may install a loop system in the future if money permits.

What if your hearing aid doesn’t have a T-loop button? You should be in luck if your aid was issued by Lothian Audiology (NHS). All you need to do is to telephone them (0131 536 1637) and ask for an appointment at the **Audiology Clinic in Lauriston Place** to have your aid(s) serviced; you should do this every 6 to 12 months in any case. You should get an appointment in about a week. When you get there, tell them that your church is installing loop systems throughout the building and that you have some difficulty hearing what is said. They should then discuss getting an aid with a T-loop.

Good luck!

David Allan

Coffee Morning



Saturday 2nd November 10am–12 noon
in Morningside Parish Church Hall
(Foot of Braid Road)

Home Baking and Jam, Christian Aid Cards, Books, Raffle
Admission £3 (children £1) – includes Coffee, Tea, Pastries

Come and Sing with the Advent Community Choir!

Last year a group of around 50 singers enjoyed meeting to form our Advent Community Choir which learned music under my direction. It was such fun that we're going to run it again, leading up to our magical **Advent Carol Service by Candlelight** at **6.30pm on Sunday 1st December** (see also back cover).

If you enjoy singing and aren't fazed by using printed music copies, then you'd be very welcome to join us for some fun learning of new material in different styles. Rehearsals are on:

Sundays, 4pm–6pm, in the Centenary Hall
27th October, 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November,
1st December– rehearsal followed by Service at 6.30pm

Feel free to invite friends to be part of it – the more the merrier!
Contact me to register so we know how much music to provide.

Martin Ritchie
Email: mritchie@churchofscotland.org.uk Tel: 07984 466 855

Streaming of Worship to the Internet – Update

Members will have seen the completion of our camera and sound installations, and the establishment of the new control desk in the South Transept in the Sanctuary. In spite of some equipment delays and technical issues which had to be resolved, most of the work is now complete, and the focus is turning to becoming familiar with the new set up, training the operators during November, and preparing for our intended launch in the New Year.

It is hoped that by broadcasting our worship via the internet we will move into a new dimension of outreach, and enlarge the community of faith in Greenbank and beyond. Members who are housebound, or abroad or on vacation should be able to ‘switch on’ and share in worship, and of course new links are anticipated with those who do not currently attend church, alongside our wider ranging social media presence.

None of this could have been achieved without the commitment of time and resources from many members. Prominent in all of the complexities of installing the equipment have been David Ferguson and Ewan Walker, who have put in countless hours on the project plan and its delivery. Andy Stanley built the new control desk using recycled pew timber, a major stand-alone task in the course of the installation preparations in the late summer. Josh Harling-Lee has assisted in many aspects of the sound set up. Others have given their advice and help in many ways.

However, the funds needed to see the scheme to fruition were significant, and the congregation’s generosity in making

donations to project costs has been extraordinary. Over **£16,000** has been gifted, and this has allowed all of the equipment costs to be met, including some key sound enhancements for both music and speech transmission. *The project team would like to thank everyone for their efforts in raising this magnificent sum.*

There will be an open session for those interested in learning about the camera and sound work needed for broadcasting our worship on the internet on **Saturday 16th November, at 10am in the Braid Room.**

There will be an introductory section from Martin, and technical and best practice advice from others, including *Sanctus Media*. Even if you are just interested, rather than committing to helping with operations in the near future, please feel free to attend. If you intend to come, please let David Ferguson (david.ferguson@live.co.uk) or the Church Office know in advance.

David Jack



See ‘Men Baking’ article (opposite)

Men Baking for Women's Aid Helpline

Sunday 24th November



It's a while since the men of the congregation have shown their baking prowess and there's now another good cause that would welcome their support. Many of us found the Edinburgh Women's Aid presentation during the morning service in August very moving – particularly the video which you can view at

womensaid.scot/project/building-equality/

Men can't take a direct role in helping the charity's work with victims of domestic abuse. But we can help indirectly by raising money, particularly for *the domestic*

abuse helpline which is there to support both men and women who are affected by domestic abuse and in need of help.

So, men (of all ages), get your pinnies on! Bake and bring your goodies along on **Sunday 24th November** for our Baking Sale in the Main Hall after the morning service! *The only special food hygiene rules are no cream, and stick to cakes (or biscuits, tablet, bread) rather than things like quiche.* The Scouts have just done a bake-off and here's one of the cakes they made (see p.6) – surely their brothers/husbands/fathers/uncles/grandfathers can beat that! It would be great if you could let **Duncan Macniven (447 6903) or David Allan (313 4445)** know that you're up for the challenge. And everyone else, come and buy on 24th November!

Duncan Macniven

The Guild

We started the session in good form with an excellent talk about the project we are supporting this year, Malawi Fruits. The work already done is proving effective and is expanding successfully. The **BIG QUIZ** was great fun and raised almost £100 for the project. **Well done** the Praise Band team who came first, followed by the Fife

Flyers (aka the McLachlan Family et al) and then the Choir.

In November we will have the Rev Peter Graham speaking on this year's Guild Theme

Companions on the Road

on the 5th, and on the 19th Walter Crosby will be telling us about one of his most interesting journeys, ***from Berlin to Krakow via Auschwitz.***

Everyone is welcome to our meetings.



**Have you looked at the
Greenbank website recently?
www.greenbankchurch.org**

Edith Armit

D-Day 75th Anniversary

6th June 2019 marked the start of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Eric Brown, now 95, was a radio signalman whose job was to intercept German transmissions. He passed them on to Bletchley Park, the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers, for intelligence gathering.

Eric, a former member of the Greenbank Kirk Session, said: “Our training was to learn how the German army operated their communication system and what signals they used. Getting our speed up in Morse was really the main thing. It takes quite a long time to learn to read and write Morse at a high speed, which was necessary. The difficult things like the Enigma code were sent up to Bletchley Park to be decoded.”



Eric was among the troops who remained in Normandy for three months before advancing into France. He remembers vividly the sense of “history” as he passed through French towns and villages that had been liberated from German forces.

He said: “We were stuck in Normandy for quite a few weeks – from June until September when we broke out. We didn’t have a general idea of what was going on, whether the Germans were advancing or retreating. There were a lot of bodies of German troops lying by the side of the roads, burnt-out tanks and so on. And I remember thinking to myself, as we passed through some of these places and French people were out waving flags, this is history. I’m taking part in history and someone will probably be remembering this and writing about it.” And, of course, it was.



Unforgotten Forces

Every year I have the honour of standing outside church collecting for *Poppyscotland*.

The considerable money collected goes towards the many areas of support for our Armed Forces personnel and veterans. A relatively new service has been created using a consortium of organisations including Poppyscotland under the title, *Unforgotten Forces*. This partnership of charities was awarded £4 million from the Aged Veterans Fund to support the more mature veterans (over 65s) and their families. The extra money for this was given by HM Treasury grant-giving body from the recent Libor banking fines. The aim is to deliver a range of new services



and enhancements including advice, access to healthcare, prevention of social isolation, respite and creative activities for those in care settings all aimed at the mature veteran. The

funding will also enable Poppyscotland to offer more of the popular and beneficial Poppy Breaks, small holidays funded by the charity.

This is just one of the many services available to veterans and their families.

Please do ask me about how Poppyscotland could help friends or families that you know and I can put you into touch with one of their advisors.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Adair

A Time To Remember

**Sunday 3rd November at 2.30pm
in the Church**

In the season of All Saints and All Souls we offer the chance to come to give thanks to God for the lives of those we've loved and lost, recently or long ago, and also to bring our grieving too. This beautiful service includes reflective organ music beforehand from 2pm, and then prayers, readings, and a chance to light a candle as you remember. Afterwards, for those who would like to stay, there will be refreshments in the Hermitage Room. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Martin Ritchie

World Mission

Christmas Stall

We all find it difficult to choose Christmas presents for family and friends. Shopping at our *One World Stall* on **Sunday 24th November** may solve some problems. We will have a good selection of gifts including bamboo socks, biscuits, sweets and chocolate, even bamboo tooth brushes and soap. Buying from us means ethically sourced items which will help the producers to a better life. So bring your Christmas list and a large shopping bag.

For even more choice, why not visit the *One World Shop* at St John's at the West End?

Anne Oxbrow

New Faces: Anne and Neil Patrick

In the past Anne and Neil had been members of both Colinton and Craiglockhart, but when they came to this area they attended a funeral at Greenbank and appreciated the manner and approach of the service. They have found this a comfortable and welcoming place and enjoy the Sunday services. They knew quite a few people among the members which helped them to settle in. Both are very interested in sport.

Their family, a daughter and a son and four grandchildren, live locally. The grandchildren are interested in sport, music and dancing. Neil is looking forward to getting back to golf after a break and they enjoy time with the family in their cottage in Elie.

Edith Armit



Flowers for the Church

We all appreciate flowers in the Church on Sunday, but this requires a sizeable Rota, so if you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday in 2020 then please sign up on the Notice Board in the corridor opposite the Office to ensure that we have flowers in the Church every Sunday next year.



Moira Land and Katy Maguire

Friendship Club

Our first lunch last month was a great success with 20 very satisfied members singing the praises of our chef, Donald MacLeod. The next lunch is prior to our meeting on **13th November** when our own Eric Brown (see p.8) will enlighten us about the title of his talk **$X+Y=...$** ! (To book lunch on the 13th November please telephone me.)

Ten members played games on 9th October and this month on the 20th we will have a **Do-It-Yourself Music Session** – bring your own CDs to create a varied programme.

Finally on the **27th November** we will travel with Kathleen Patrick on another of her fabulous visits, this time to **Burma**.

Once again, on **11th December**, we welcome Tom Gordon back to join us at our **Christmas Party**. He always inspires and entertains us and we look forward to his visit on our last meeting of the year.

Val Smart, Co-ordinator

Help Needed – Student Hospitality



Festive season. Such hospitality is greatly sought after and valued by students far from home whose only alternative may be a lonely hall of residence.

Our “festive season” does not just mean Christmas but can also mean weekends in the run up to Christmas, and New Year. Your guest will be someone curious to experience British life with all its special traditions and culture, and keen to share those of their home country. Your hospitality will be a unique gift, a treasured memory and rewarding in so many ways.

Please consider opening your home and heart to an international student.

To learn more, please go to our website www.hostuk.org or leave us a message on visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost



There is no difficulty (above) in telling who is having the better time; it is sad to think of anyone being on their own at Christmas. HOST UK arranges one day and weekend visits for International students all year round, with three-night visits during the



The next collection dates are **Sundays 24th November** and **15th December** at the Sunday Service. Please leave donations in the Ladies’ Cloakroom for collection.

Thanks to all those who have responded to previous requests for goods to this worthwhile cause. The need for good quality

items in the Starter Pack Scheme is as great as ever.

Briefly, the contributions needed are: **dishes and cutlery, pots and pans, cleaning items, bed linen and towels and small electrical items such as kettles and toasters.**

For further information please see

freshstartweb.org.uk

or telephone 0131 476 7741 for more information about the work of Fresh Start.

Susan MacLeod

Community Bible Experience – a journey with Isaiah this Advent

The Prophecy of Isaiah is one of the most powerful sections in the Hebrew Bible. It is full of rich and inspiring poetry and prophetic writing arising from the challenging times of ancient Israel. It challenged and encouraged people to take a good hard look at themselves, their world, and their God. Early Christians found in it deep echoes of their experience of Jesus, and this work shaped the New Testament in important ways. We hear some of it in worship during Advent and Christmas – and for some you might hear or sing it in Handel's *Messiah*!



slightly different way. We'll use the New Revised Standard Version text (feel free to borrow a pew Bible!) and we'll provide some notes and pointers on key aspects of Isaiah to help you along. Then we'll meet as before for home group discussions on Monday–Thursday evenings at 7.30pm and 2pm on Thursday afternoons.

Week 1: **2nd–5th December**

Week 2: **9th–12th December**

Week 3: **16th–19th December**

Contact Chris Horne to sign up and choose your group. You can mix and match week to week according to your diary!

Email: Christopherhorne2@talk21.com

Martin Ritchie

How does Isaiah speak to us today?

This Advent we invite you to continue the *Community Bible Experience*, but in a

Richard Rohr

“The Universal Christ”

Published by SPCK

(See p.3) This book is available from all mainline book sellers, but please contact Chris (see below) if you'd like a copy as we'll make a bulk order with Cornerstone Books. It retails at around £10, but can be obtained more cheaply and in a Kindle edition.

The Universal Christ Home Groups in November: Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th evenings at 7.30pm and Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm. Choose one group

Christmas Card Sale

Christmas Cards will be on sale after the 9.30am and 10.30am services on **Sunday 3rd November**. We will be selling cards on behalf of CrossReach (Church of Scotland Social Care Council), and Capability Scotland will also be selling their own cards and decorations.

Ian Thomson

to attend by contacting Chris Horne:

Email: Christopherhorne2@talk21.com

Martin Ritchie

Greenbank Calendar: November 2019

November

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| 1 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 3 Sun | 10.30 | Morning Service |
| | 14.30 | A Time to Remember |
| | 16.00 | Advent Community Choir |
| | 19.00 | QII |
| 4 Mon | 19.30 | Monday Bible Study |
| | 19.30 | Guild Meeting |
| 6 Wed | 9.30 | Ladies Badminton |
| | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |
| 7 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| | 14.30 | Work Party |
| | 19.30 | Choir Practice |
| 8 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 10 Sun | 10.45 | Remembrance Sunday |
| | 16.00 | Advent Community Choir |
| | 19.00 | QII |
| 13 Wed | 9.30 | Ladies badminton |
| | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 13.30 | Friendship Club Lunch |
| | 14.30 | Friendship Club |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |
| 14 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| | 19.30 | Choir Practice |
| 15 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 17 Sun | 9.30 | Quiet Communion |
| | 10.30 | Morning Service |
| | 16.00 | Advent Community Choir |
| | 19.00 | QII |
| 18 Mon | 19.30 | Monday Bible Study |
| 19 Tues | 19.30 | Guild |
| 20 Wed | 9.30 | Ladies badminton |
| | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 14.30 | Friendship Club |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |
| 21 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| | 14.30 | Work Party |
| | 19.30 | Choir Practice |
| 22 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 23 Sat | 16.00 | Messy Church and Challenge Church |

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| 24 Sun | 10.30 | Morning Service |
| | 16.00 | Advent Community Choir |
| | 19.00 | QII |
| 25 Mon | 18.30 | (for 19.30) Pub Theology, Hermitage Bar |
| 26 Tues | 19.30 | Congregational Board |
| 27 Wed | 9.30 | Ladies badminton |
| | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |
| 28 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| | 14.30 | Work Party |
| | 19.30 | Choir Practice |
| 29 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |

December

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| 1 Sun | | First Sunday in Advent |
| | 9.30 | Family Friendly Communion |
| | 10.30 | Traditional Communion |
| | 15.00 | Afternoon Communion |
| | 16.00 | Advent Community Choir |
| | 18.30 | Advent Carol Service |
| | 19.00 | QII |
| 4 Wed | 9.30 | Ladies badminton |
| | 13.00 | Midweek Prayers |
| | 19.30 | Country Dance Club |
| 5 Thurs | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| | 14.30 | Work Party Christmas Celebration |
| | 19.30 | Choir Practice |
| 6 Fri | 9.45 | Babies and Toddlers |
| 7 Sat | 13.30 | (to 16.30) Christmas Event for Children |
| | 16.30 | Lighting of the Greenbank Christmas Tree |
| 8 Sun | | Second Sunday in Advent |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship with guest preacher, Rev Jock Stein |

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



Guest Preachers at Greenbank

We're looking forward to welcoming two eminent and thought-provoking visitors to preach for us at Greenbank - put the dates in your diary!

Sunday 8th December at 10.30am – Rev Jock Stein

Jock was one of the most significant ministers of recent decades. Now busily retired in Haddington and part of the congregation at St Mary's Parish Church, he is still very influential in the spheres of theology/spirituality and the arts. He is known to many for running (along with his wife, Rev Margaret Stein), the Church of Scotland retreat and conference centre at Carberry Tower, and for a much appreciated joint parish ministry at Kincardine-on-Forth. Jock's many publications of prose and poetry are now joined by his memoir, *Jock's Journey*: memoir of a minister and a makar, and there will be a launch of this book after the service.

Sunday 12th January at 10.30am – Rev Sally Foster Fulton, Head of Christian Aid Scotland

Sally Foster Fulton is at the cutting edge of Christian Aid Scotland's work to engage with issues of climate change across the world, and particularly as it affects the most vulnerable. As Greenbank tries to develop its identity as an eco-congregation, Sally will help us to reflect on the issues and some of the things that we can do to address them. Sally is a powerful preacher, and was formerly Associate Minister at Dunblane Cathedral, before taking up her appointment at Christian Aid Scotland.

Martin Ritchie

Winter's Coming!

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

As usual, The Help the Homeless Group, providing meals at some of the night shelters run by Bethany, will take the items for distribution. ***Please leave your donations on the shelf above the food box situated in the porch at the entry to the Church.***

Thank you.

Pauline Walker

Scout Christmas Trees

After three very successful years, the Scouts will no longer be delivering Christmas trees this year. We started doing it as our contribution to the YACHT fundraising, which has just finished, and we will concentrate on the Jumble Sale (***18th April*** next year) as our main fundraising activity. Many thanks to all our past customers!

Duncan Macniven

Congregational Register

Omitted from the
on-line version of

Greenbank Connections

Welcome Teams

November

- 3 **Alan Armit**, Edith Armit, Susan Black, Louise Coghill, Hugh Cowan
Nora Kellock, Elizabeth Mackay
- 10 **Stuart Sanders**, Amy Barnes, Rachel Cadell, Sandy Cameron, Moira Davidson, Julia Dunbar, Moira Land, John Murison, Carrie Reid
- 17 **Donald King**, Brian Barron, Walter Crosby, Donald MacLeod, Roderick Morrison, Kathryn Sangster, Mairi Stevenson, Jim Young
- 24 **Caroline Kehoe**, Richard Denison, Jane Harkin, Lyndsay Kennedy, Anne Kinnear, Ian McWilliam, John Mowat, Jean Roynon-Jones

December

- 1 **Ian Thom**, Charles Black, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Kay Ellis, David Gourlay, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom

Coffee Rota

November

- 3 Ladies Badminton Club
- 10 Scouts (*Remembrance Sunday*)
- 17 Monday Badminton Club
- 24 Communications Committee



December

- 1 *Communion – no coffee*

Flower Rota

Provided by

Delivered by

November

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| 3 Helen Aitken | Isabel Graham |
| 10 Susan Black | Julie Nimmo |
| 17 Christine Buist | Gail Beveridge |
| 24 Ray Dely | Miriam Jackson |



December

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| 1 Julia Dunbar | Enid Mowat |
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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' pigeonhole in the Main Hall by Sunday 10th November, or sent by email by 9am on Tuesday 12th November to greenbankconnections@gmail.com

Christmas Event for Children

At Greenbank Parish Church

on Saturday 7th December, 1.30pm–4.30pm



Only £5
per child

An afternoon of **FUN** for Primary School Children
Register Online at www.greenbankchurch.org
or contact the Greenbank Church Office (447 9969)

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm

Greenbank Parish Church

Music from our
Advent Community Choir
& organ music of the season

Everyone is welcome – bring a friend!