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Leaders meet before the Christmas Event for Children (7th December 2019)

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The cover photograph represents the detailed preparation and care that went into Greenbank's many successful Christmas events.

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends



Greenbank is a congregation that continues to throw up surprises. What a privilege to be your Minister at a time of exciting development! Our live-streaming of worship is scheduled to begin on **Sunday 23rd February at 10.20am** – please spread the word! You'll be able to visit the Greenbank webpage at

www.greenbankchurch.org/video/

and click onto the link that will take you to the webcast, which you can watch live or on demand for four weeks after the broadcast. Much work has been undertaken by the "Stream Team", but especially by David Ferguson, Ewan Walker, and Josh Harling-Lee. A huge thank you to them, to those who supported the project financially, and all of the volunteers operating sound, cameras, and screen on a Sunday morning. (See also article on p 10.)

In the article below this letter you can read about the **Strategic Plan** for our common

life over the next five years. Our gratitude goes to the strategy team who put it together, and to everyone from the congregation who gave feedback towards the final version. No plan can ever encompass every aspect of our path, and we are mindful of the joke: “How do you make God laugh? Make plans!” Despite that, a shared plan is a great beginning on our journey forward, and we hope that you will all feel that there is a special place in it for you.

Our Session Clerk has borne much of the burden of scribing the many revisions of paperwork, and I am very grateful to Valerie for all that she has been doing. A parallel process that is still ongoing is the review of our governance and committee/action group framework. The Session will continue to refine this over the coming months, with a view to launching a new structure later in 2020.

At the end of the day, all of this is important for only one reason. It is our best attempt to create an environment where together we can live out and proclaim our faith as disciples of Jesus in this place. At the heart of that faith is the love of God which came among us in Christ, a universal love that urges us on to greater care and compassion for this fragile earth and its people. “God our Makar” is a phrase you will hear frequently from my lips. By using this address, I emphasise the dimension of God which is like a poet who “draws beauty out of chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow, and leads the exiles home.” God uses us too in this creative enterprise which we are part of by simply being born. With all my love and gratitude to you wonderful people.



Martin Ritchie

Greenbank’s Plans for the Next Five Years

The Strategic Plan for Greenbank in the next five years is now complete. *You will find a copy included with this edition of **Connections***, and when you are next in touch with your District elder they will be glad to discuss it with you.

The Plan has benefited from input from the congregation, including at the consultation meetings held in September 2019. The Minister and Kirk Session are very grateful for that. The Plan is now at the delivery stage and here is where you can get involved. There is to be a new system of church committees, groups and teams to replace the ones that have been in place for over 20 years. They have served us well but are now showing their age. The Session and Board will need more people to help make sure that all the good ideas in the Plan get taken forward

and also that successful existing arrangements keep running.

Your elder will speak to you more about this but the message is clear – anyone with an interest in the future of Greenbank can play a part; youth or age are no barrier. For example, if you can’t get out and about as much as before, you might be able to help by sharing with friends articles and insights from **Greenbank Connections** or Sunday worship via our streaming service.

Please read the Strategic Plan and think how you can be involved in its delivery. Speak to your elder about it or, if you wish, contact me directly. This is an exciting time in the life of Greenbank as we embark on our next five year journey.

Valerie Macniven
Session Clerk

Deepening Commitment at Greenbank – Membership

What does it mean to be a member? How can you become a member of the congregation?

Membership on the most important level is through Baptism, when the church affirms God's "yes" to us by the sacrament which uses the symbolism of going under the water and re-emerging to remind us of the crucifixion and resurrection, and the drama of a new start with God which washes away anything that is weighing us down. Infant baptism reminds us of the simplicity of God's relationship with us – an unconditional acceptance as we offer the child into the mystery of relationship with God, and life in the community of God's Church. Adult baptism contains the same offer, but with the chance to profess faith, which is done on behalf of infants by the parents, supported by the congregation. If you have never been baptised, then why not consider a path to offering yourself into that new relationship with God? If you have been baptised as an infant, why not consider offering yourself in

Confirmation/Profession of Faith? If you have been a member of another church, why not transfer your membership to Greenbank if you are settled here? If you have been a member of another denomination, why not consider being welcomed into membership here, through the offer of a hand of fellowship? If you feel that you'd like to associate with Greenbank formally, but are not able to commit to profession of faith, then there is the option to become an "adherent", which connects you to our congregational networks.

Membership is symbolic, but also practical. It helps us to keep close to you as we grow in relationship. You will have an elder who offers contact with the church and pastoral care. Above all, you will have affirmed your commitment to Greenbank as a part of the Church of God, and we'd love to have you draw closer.

If you'd like to talk over and explore any of these options, please contact the Minister for a chat.

Martin

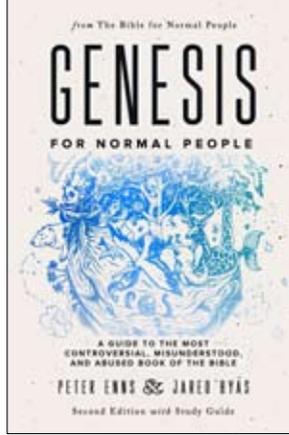


A table at the Friendship Club's Christmas Party

Genesis for Normal People!

Our Lent Study for 2020

Hot off the presses is the second edition of this engaging, witty and accessible entry point to the book of Genesis, which we'll be using as the basis for our Lent Study in 2020. Some of you will remember the excellent podcast that I've mentioned: *The Bible for Normal People*. It's a tongue-in-cheek title which acknowledges that the jargon and specialisation of Biblicalgeekery can sometimes



get in the way. Despite this aim, the podcast and this book are underpinned by impressive scholarship from Pete Enns and Jared Byas – but they wear the scholarship lightly.

In the words of the authors: “This book is not for scholars or seminary students, but we will gladly sell them a copy if they want one. We wrote this for people like you – people who are curious about the Bible and want to get a handle on what Genesis is about; people who don’t want to spend the next five years of their lives learning Hebrew or slogging through thousands of pages of

details. We know how it is. You want to get to the point. And we want to help.”

In the book you’ll find clarity on the issues of ancient culture, cosmology, and politics. Excellent and engaging diagrams, maps, and tables draw a wealth of scholarship into digestible formats. There’s a gentle tone, which makes it easy to read, but which reveals very important perspectives on “the sacred book” and the famous stories that it contains. Not “just myth” but sacred writing from the people of Israel that asked the “why” questions in attempting to understand their story in light of their faith in Yahweh, the God of Israel.

This Lent, we invite you to read the book, join a home group led by one of the ministry team, and enjoy the *Bible for Normal People* experience. You can mix and match home groups according to your weekly schedule, but subject to availability we are planning to offer Monday-Thursday evenings and Thursday afternoon sessions. It’s a great way to get to know more people in the congregation in a relaxed atmosphere as well as to get stuck into the book.

Home groups in weeks commencing: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March.

Sign up for a home group and order your copy of the book at the adult education table at coffee on a Sunday morning, or else contact Chris Horne:

(Email: Christopherhorne2@talk21.com)

Friendship Club

February’s Friendship Club begins on the **12th at 1.15pm** with lunch, hopefully delicious Cullen Skink created again for us by Donald MacLeod. Join us to enjoy our own **Favourite musical selections** on the **19th**, and then on a trip down memory lane on the **26th** with Charmaine McMeechin talking about her father, *The Railway Man*.

Val Smart

Martin

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a prayer movement with an annual service held on or near the first Friday in March (**6th March 2020**). It is interdenominational and ecumenical, and for all ages.



The service is written this year by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. In this service we think about God's invitation to "*Rise, take your mat and walk*". Are we ready to move towards peace, love and reconciliation?

You are all invited – the World Day of Prayer is for everyone. Will you accept our invitation?

A warm welcome awaits you at our local service:

Friday 6th March
Greenbank Parish Church
Braidburn Terrace
Coffee at 10.30am Service at 11am

June Craig

Thank you!

From this month the audio recorded version of **Greenbank Connections** will no longer be available as there is no-one now needing it. We would like to thank our readers, **Isabel Graham** and **Helen Falconer**, who have spent so many hours recording it. Their pleasant voices and clear diction meant that it was very much appreciated by those who needed it.

Edith Armit



Very many thanks to Susan MacLeod for collecting and delivering items to Fresh Start since April 2019. I hope to resume as co-ordinator at the end of February. The system will be that new or nearly new household items left in the ladies' cloakroom or with the church office will be taken to Fresh Start by the last Friday of each month, until further notice. See the notice in the corridor leading to the Main Hall for information on what is needed.

Alison Ambler
(alison@ambler.me.uk)

QII

It had been a very busy December! While I was away, QII helped out at a variety of the Christmas services, the Carol Party, and had a great end-of-term Christmas potluck. A potluck complete with, I gather, a prank concerning an errant shoe that remained errant for a little too long! Worry not, the shoe was reunited with the owner. After the welcome break of Christmas and New Year, we are back at it again! As with last term, we will be continuing our 'Church Crawl', visiting churches like Old Saint Paul's, Destiny Gorgie, and the University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy.

The hunger to interview longtime members of Greenbank Parish Church has not abated – with one twist: I have at least one Greenbanker who would like to interview QII! More on that to come.

Three more of our new 'Teen-Led' nights are on the schedule. By the time we get to



New Faces

Katie and Josh Harling-Lee

Josh is originally from Birmingham and Katie from Debenham, a village in Suffolk. They met at Durham University, being undergraduates in the same college and both being interested in music. They moved to Edinburgh just over a year ago to read for PhDs, Josh in Biology and Katie in English Literature (although she's still a student at Durham, and just commutes down for meetings!).

When they got a nice flat in Morningside they decided to try different local churches, but were astonished by the number there were. They tried the closest to them, and then came to Greenbank and liked it so much they stayed. They were impressed with how friendly people were, and particularly that people remembered them the second time round. Durham Cathedral, where they previously attended, had wonderful music, but was not such a close community.

They really like the blended worship here and are amazed at how much goes on in the church. They like the feeling of community in Greenbank, and in particular how people laugh so much! Katie enjoys being part of the Choir and both Josh and Katie enjoy helping in the Praise Band, and are interested in how Greenbank is moving forward.

Katie is also in the Edinburgh Chamber Orchestra, having been invited by our Director of Music, Alberto. One thing they regret is that their families are so far south and so they miss seeing them easily.



Edith Armit

Lent and Easter, we will be ready for some calm. Once exams hit, we switch into what I call 'Stressbuster' events. A trip to Luca's, an outing to play Archery Tag, and as always: pizza!

We will be introducing a new series into our programme, called *Interrogating the Bible with* The series is designed to introduce a blend of biblical studies material and church history, with the goal of showing QII how the Bible has been

read creatively by figures like Paul, Origen, and Martin Luther (among others). More to report on that once we start digging into the material.

This is a cursory look at the schedule. There are still our 'normal' nights yet, where we ask all manner of questions one would not normally ask in everyday life. Just as there is plenty afoot at Greenbank generally, there is plenty afoot at QII as well!

Steve Chaffee

News from Scottish Love in Action

Scottish Love in Action has been speaking up for destitute and marginalised children in India with all its challenges for the last 20 years. At the start of 2020 we are delighted to have some bright news to share.

On **Sunday 23rd February** there will be a brief focus on Scottish Love in Action at our morning service. So many of you have made it possible for SLA to bring love, education and independence to our Indian children, and we say a very sincere thank you to all who have so lovingly supported and encouraged us over the many years since QII adventured to India.

On **Sunday 8th March**, International Women's Day, we are delighted that the BBC have chosen Scottish Love in Action to be the **BBC Radio 4 Charity Appeal Partner**. There will be more information in the March **Connections**.

As you know, our great sadness this past year has been having to withdraw our funding from the **Light of Love School and Home in Tuni**. This has been an incredibly difficult but correct decision – we had no option. But Tuni will always have a special place in our hearts.

However, we have moved on to help the **ASRITHA Rainbow Home**, home to about 100 girls rescued from living on the street. Hyderabad is one of the fastest growing cities in the world, with an estimated 28,000 street children. **Rainbow Homes** rescues boys and girls and gives them a home and education.



CARING FOR CHILDREN IN INDIA

VOICE 4 Girls works with marginalised girls who are at risk of being removed from education. This inspirational programme empowers girls to resist early marriage (often at 12 or 13 years old), and to cope with the violence against females endemic in Indian society. Recently **VOICE 4 Girls** has also been working with boys, recog-

nising that it is essential to change their mindsets too.

We are thrilled that The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh, is partnering with us in our social welfare enterprise dairy farm in India. During January, Sheila Cannell, SLA Trustee, and Michelle Davitt, SLA CEO, visited the Hyderabad home for our Annual Inspection.

For more information do look at SLA's web site: www.sla-india.org

Gillie Davidson

Socks, socks & more socks!

Grateful thanks for the generous donations of socks, hats, gloves and men's underwear for the homeless. In the past six weeks I've taken to the Bethany night shelter **four black bags full of these items**. But please continue to give, there's always a need.



Pauline Walker

Towards Making Greenbank Dementia Friendly

Last autumn a brief meeting was held after the morning service to develop further our aim of removing barriers to participation in Greenbank. This meeting focused on the needs of people living with Dementia. Following that, a small group met and made plans to take us forward. The four areas we focused on were:



1. The establishment of a **monthly dementia friendly service of worship**. These will be held on Thursday afternoons and will last 35–40 minutes, using familiar hymns and readings and a simple address. The service will take place in the familiarity of the sanctuary and be preceded by tea and coffee in the Main Hall. The first of these will be on **Thursday 27th February at 3 pm**. *Members and friends are encouraged to come along to share refreshments and worship with those who are experiencing the effects of dementia. These gestures of friendship will be an important part of our provision.*
2. Two “Dementia Friends” talks will be held on **Thursday 5th March in the Braid Room at 1.30pm and again at 3.30pm** to which all are invited; see below.
3. Two of our members with experience in the field of dementia have conducted a walk around the buildings and will liaise with the Property Convener to discuss maximum safe access.
4. We will promote a long term goal of seeking a **Dementia Friendly Award**, an important part of which will be letting people know that we value being dementia friendly and accommodating the needs of all our people.

If you can help in any way with this important development in the life of Greenbank, or would like to attend one of the talks on Thursday 5th March, please contact:

Mary Hadden (Email mjhadden34@gmail.com), or
Jan Corbett (Email jancorbett@virginmedia.com)

Janet Allan

Out and About in Edinburgh

The Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) **Out and About in Edinburgh** Group meets twice per month on the **second and fourth Wednesday** of the month. We depart from the Eric Liddell Centre at **10am** and return there at **12.45pm**. Together we visit places of interest in and around Edinburgh, have a short walk and a cup of tea and a blether. The group is for anyone who would like to get out and about in the company of some friendly people. **We would love to welcome you.**
For further information please contact



Jan Corbett, RVS Volunteer Coordinator
(Email: jancorbett@virginmedia.com)

Online Broadcasts of Worship – Starting Soon!

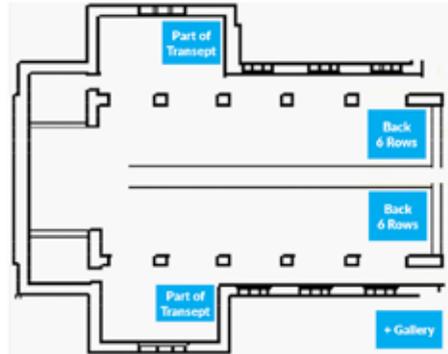
Greenbankers will be aware that our main worship on Sundays (normally at 10.30am) will soon be filmed and broadcast weekly on the internet. As part of our new Strategy for Outreach, we aim to harness new media routes to connect with our members and the wider community. The Kirk Session determined this route with a view to supporting existing members who are away, or housebound, and who can “catch up” with worship at times which suit them; each service will be available for four weeks.

Local care homes have indicated an interest in showing our Sunday services live on their large screens, as they are unable to obtain transport to bring residents to church on Sunday mornings. We also aim to attract people to online worship from our local community and beyond, who are either unable to attend, or who would like to try us out at a distance, possibly before coming to worship in person at the church. Much of the new equipment has been in use over recent months, including the projection and sound systems. A lot of preparatory work has gone into planning for aspects such as camera angles, sound and lighting. The various issues of safeguarding and risk have been carefully assessed in line with Church of Scotland guidance and in consultation with the congregation. A sample service was filmed on 8th December, and shown on 19th January to those members who wished to see it.

In order to highlight for visitors or newcomers that worship is being broadcast, each service will be introduced with a welcome to those watching online. The printed Order of Service will contain

a reference at the top of the inside front page, and there will be a notice in the vestibule.

Although we will not be focusing cameras on the congregation on a regular basis, if you do not wish to be on film occasionally you can choose to sit in areas of the church which will not be covered by the cameras. These are the rear nave pews below the balcony, parts of the north and south transepts, and the gallery. If you need guidance on where these areas are, ask a member of the welcome team on a Sunday morning.



Off Camera Seating

If you have any questions about this exciting new initiative in our faith journey, please contact any member of the streaming project team, your elder or the Session Clerk.

The current pattern of worship will be unchanged, and after a short time we anticipate that it will become part of our normal outreach. We ask for God’s blessing on this new dimension to spreading the Gospel, and that readers pray for it to bear fruit!

David Jack
on behalf of the Kirk Session

World Mission News

Christmas, and happy times celebrating with friends and families over the holiday, may seem like a distant memory now: all the planning and preparation in the past, the lights and decorations firmly packed away for another year.

We received news from our Mission Partner in the days leading up to Christmas, which brought home the many gifts and delights of the season that we can all take for granted. In the letter (available on the Church of Scotland website), the Rev John McCulloch described the daily trials of crossing the Gaza Border at the Hamas Checkpoint. John spoke of a young baby and her grandmother, whom he had met on a recent crossing and who were travelling on to Jerusalem for specialist cancer treatment for the little girl, Sajida. The article outlined that it was not uncommon for children to cross the border without their parents; Israel does not grant many parents the permission to accompany their children, so that they don't remain 'illegally' within Israel or the West Bank.

John and his wife offered to help Sajida and her grandmother through the checkpoint with their bags and to drive them straight on to the hospital in Jerusalem. They do not know if the little girl survived her treatment or was re-united with her parents. Nor do they know if they made it back from Jerusalem into Gaza.

Another article, published in *The Guardian* earlier in 2019, entitled 'A Jeru-

salem hospital where Palestinian babies die alone' and written by Oliver Holmes & Hazem Balousha, talks of the impossibly difficult situations some new mothers find themselves in, when their babies are receiving medical care in Jerusalem. See:

www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jun/20/a-jerusalem-hospital-where-palestinian-babies-die-alone

The Olive Grove Chapel (at the Tent of Nations, near Bethlehem) provides us with an opportunity to pray for peace in the Middle East and to learn more about the Palestinian situation. You can learn more by visiting the Church of Scotland Community channel on YouTube.

We're delighted to announce that the next **Fair Trade Stall** will be on **Sunday 8th March 2020** after the morning service. Here you will be able to stock up on the usual supplies of chocolate, tea, etc.

Clare Campbell
World Mission Team



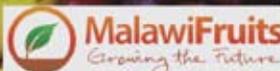
Fairtrade Stall at Greenbank

The Guild



A Gilbert and Sullivan Evening
Saturday 22nd February 7.30pm
with Edinburgh Gilbert and
Sullivan Concert Party
In aid of the Guild's
Malawi Fruits Project
Tickets £8 (including refreshments) on sale after
Church in the Main Hall, or from the Church Office
or Edith Armit (447 1687)

 EDGAS
Edinburgh Gilbert & Sullivan Society

 MalawiFruits
Growing the Future

The Guild finished last year with an excellent Christmas Party; the food was well received (a large spread vanished remarkably quickly), the puzzles and quizzes produced a bit of head scratching, but we finished in good voice with carols. We would like to thank Rob Waller very much for leading us in such a lively sing-song.

We started 2020 equally well with a Coffee Morning: even the weather can't keep Greenbankers away from coffee, cakes and chat! We were very pleased to hear Gillie Davidson and Sheila Cannell give us an interesting view of *SLA's Developing Projects in India*.

There are two meetings in February: on the *4th* we will have a speaker from *L'Arche* to tell us about their comprehensive care for

those with disabilities; and on the *18th* Ms Theo Burrell will be telling us *Tales of Treasures* (No, not gold doubloons – Antiques). All are very welcome to our meetings, which start at *7.30pm in the Braid Room*.

This year the Guild is supporting the very necessary and effective *Malawi Fruits Project*, and has invited the *Edinburgh Gilbert and Sullivan Concert Party* to entertain us on *Saturday 22nd February* (see poster above). Please support us.

Edith Armit

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

Two Elders Retire from Kirk Session

Two long-serving elders have retired from active service in the Kirk Session, **Dorothy Whitehead** in November and **Richard Denison** in January.

Both were ordained and admitted to the Kirk Session in 1991. Dorothy served as District elder for part of District 89 for 28 years and also coordinated the whole D89 team. Richard looked after District 59 and later District 59A for all his time on the Session. Both Richard and Dorothy were active on Kirk Session Committees, Dorothy serving for 4 years as Convener of the Nominations Committee.

The Kirk Session is sorry to lose them from its midst but, happily, we will all continue to see them in the congregation.

Valerie Macniven



Line-up of Greenbank's 'Men Bakers'

Congregational Register

Omitted from the online version of Connections

Men Baking for Women's Aid Helpline

The November issue of *Connections* included an article describing a 'Men Baking' event, to take place on 24th November, in aid of Edinburgh Women's Aid domestic abuse helpline.

The event duly took place, and we are delighted to report that **£580** was raised for this worthy cause.

Greenbank Calendar: February 2020

February

2 Sun	9.30	First Sunday Service led by The Guild
	10.30	Uniformed Organisations' Service
	19.00	QII
4 Tues	19.30	Guild Meeting
5 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Mid-week Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
6 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
7 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
9 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
	19.00	QII
12 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Mid-week Prayers
	13.30	Friendship Club Lunch
	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
13 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	19.30	Choir Practice
14 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
16 Sun	9.30	Quiet Communion
	10.30	Morning Worship
	19.00	QII
18 Tues	19.30	Guild Meeting
19 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Mid-week Prayers
	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
20 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
21 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
22 Sat	19.30	Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan (Guild Fundraiser)
23 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
	19.00	QII

26 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Mid-week Prayers
	14.30	Friendship Club
	19.30	Country Dance Club
27 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
28 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
29 Sat	16.00	Messy Church and Challenge Church

March

1 Sun	9.30	Family Friendly Communion
	10.30	Traditional Communion
	15.00	Afternoon Communion
	19.00	QII
3 Tues	19.30	Guild Meeting
4 Wed	9.30	Ladies Badminton
	13.00	Mid-week Prayers
	19.30	Country Dance Club
5 Thurs	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	14.30	Work Party
	19.30	Choir Practice
6 Fri	9.45	Babies and Toddlers
	11.00	World Day of Prayer Service at Greenbank
		Coffee from 10.30am
8 Sun	10.30	Morning Worship
		Young Church fundraising lunch
	19.00	QII

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



Welcome Teams

February

- 2 **Keith Winton**, Richard Dunbar, Clifford Hastings, Chris Horne, Doris Laing, Enid Mowat, Robin Nimmo
- 9 **Ian Thom**, Keith Clark, Ray Dely, Catherine Hardie, Elizabeth Htet-Khin, Anne Oxbrow, Isobel Thom, Charles Black, Kay Ellis, David Gourlay
- 16 **Ian Thomson**, Rhian Ferguson, Kathleen Patrick, Dorothy Whitehead, Tony Foster, Diana Teasdale, Jill Powlett Brown, David Bogie
- 23 **John Ritchie**, Susan Inch, Gill Sweetman, Susan Jackman, Clare Campbell, Catherine Cameron, Ishbel Emery, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden

March

- 1 **Rosemary McCulloch**, Alison Murison, Malcolm Reid, Joan Ritchie, Rona Ferguson, Fiona Grant, Christina Morrow, Martin Struthers, Barbara Middleton

Flower Rota

Provided by

Delivered by

February

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| 2 | Moira Land | Janet Edwards |
| 9 | Grace Maweu | Katy Maguire |
| 16 | Isabel Hunter | Caroline Kehoe |
| 23 | Chrissie Munro | Helen Aitken |

March

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| 1 | Ishbel Emery | Rosemarie Crawford |
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Coffee Rota

February

- 2 SLA
- 9 John & Alison Murison (D60 & 62)
- 16 Caroline Kehoe (D70)
- 23 Donald MacLeod (D46)



March

- 1 *Communion – no coffee*

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

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

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email: MRitchie@churchofscotland.org.uk

Mr Steven Chaffee (Youth Associate)

tel: 07729 000 788

email: stevechaffee@greenbankchurch.org

For information about church organisations, please contact the Church Office: (Mon–Fri, 8.30am–12 noon, 1.30pm–3pm)

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 March 2020 issue of Greenbank Connections should be delivered to the Church Office or to the Editors' pigeonhole in the Main Hall by Sunday 9th February, or emailed by 9am on Friday 14th February to greenbankconnections@gmail.com

Christian Aid Film Night

Thursday 13th February 7.15pm

(finish at about 9.45pm)

Centenary Hall

Tickets £8

(includes ice cream)

from Fiona Watt
and Helen Barnes

All proceeds are for Christian Aid Lent Appeal
for drought-hit communities in Kenya



Book Café for Scottish Love in Action

Saturday 29th February 2020

It will be held at **George Watson's College**
Dining Hall, Colinton Road, Edinburgh

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