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*Christmas at Greenbank*

## Greenbank Parish Church, Edinburgh

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## From the Manse

Dear Friends,



One of the rituals that Sarah and I have had in the last eight years has been to go along to Handel's *Messiah* performed by *Dunedin Consort* at the Queen's Hall. Each year I find that this wonderful piece of music, rooted in its intricate scriptural libretto, becomes more profoundly powerful. I don't think that I could have predicted that this would be the case when I was first turned on in my teens to *Messiah* by a lean and dynamic recording from *The Sixteen*. Sadly, there will be no live performance of *Messiah* that we can attend this year. So, in tribute we will listen to a recording, perhaps the one by French baroque group, *Les Arts Florissants*, which has overtaken *The Sixteen* in my league table!

Back in the day that some of you may dimly recall, *Messiah* was always performed by huge choral society forces, usually meaning that the pace was more sedate, and the effect more stately than exciting. By the late twentieth century, the period performance revival had resuscitated big works like *Messiah* and breathed new life into them. I wonder if 2020 might be the year when Christmas becomes less bloated, and more lean and exciting? This is in our hands, but Greenbank is doing its best to offer Christmas to the community in our livestreams and in-person events, in the hope that this year will be an extra special one. Please join us to be part of it, and encourage your friends and neighbours, far and wide, to join in. Details can be found later in this edition.

Sending my love to you all,



Martin Ritchie

## John Ritchie – an appreciation

John Ritchie has been serving as our Congregational Treasurer for the last five years. It's a massive job, and he has invested a huge amount of time and energy in it on our behalf. His professional life as an accountant made him an ideal candidate for the role, which has made his retirement a very busy one so far. John committed to serve five years, and is stepping down as he vowed he would! We thank him warmly for his faithful service expressed in this crucial role for Greenbank. John's last task will be to complete the 2020 accounts, so he'll be beavering away for a while yet, but no new tasks after 31st December!

A testimony to the huge amount of work that he has done is that the future finance functions of the congregation are to be shared by an enlarged finance team. There will still be a Treasurer, but we hope that the load can be borne by more people. See Valerie's article below for further details.

Martin

## Can you help the new Finance Team?

In preparation for the retirement of John Ritchie as Church Treasurer we are assembling a new team to look after our finances. We are dividing the work into manageable packages so that nothing is too much for any one person. In an active congregation like ours finance is a big function and needs a mixture of talents. Fortunately we already have a group of volunteers who are working with John on the transition and the future arrangements, but we need a few more people. Could you be part of this team? There is no need to be an accountant – we have some of these in the team already. What we want are people who like being part of a team, have basic IT skills, are not afraid of figures and have an enquiring and practical mind. There must be lots of you out there!

If you feel you can help and want to know more, please contact me.

Valerie Macniven

## Advent and Christmas Appeal for Christian Aid

Our annual appeal for Christian Aid will run through from Advent Sunday until the end of 2020. This year we can't deal with cash donations, so please make a bank transfer to Greenbank, write us a cheque, or make a donation direct to Christian Aid via their website:



[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

If you are making us a bank transfer or writing a cheque, please specify that it is for the *Advent and Christmas Appeal*.

Please help us to support this effective and important charity in its extraordinary work towards transforming communities in dire straits around the world.

Martin

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## Youth and Families at Greenbank

In some ways, Youth and Families work has changed dramatically, while in other ways the core has remained the same. The past months have meant many more one-on-one walks with parents as we catch up and I check in on how they and their children are handling the days and weeks. There has been the odd interruption to schedules as COVID cases spring up in schools or workplaces, and the ongoing



*Steve Chaffee, Youth Associate*

work for families and individuals to take in the enormity of the moment facing us. We have expanded our Young Church offerings now to two different calls on Sunday – an AM Sunday Club for younger children and a PM Sunday Club call for older children. Due to the timing of it (late afternoons on Sundays), the PM Sunday Club has become more discussion-based as we chat through our weeks and the Bible story of the week and start ask-

ing the 'big questions'. In it, I see glimmers of the next QII cohort. We are very pleased too for a (cautious) return to Greenbank of QII, which has hitherto been meeting via Zoom and our communal WhatsApp, and the odd in-person meeting outside and socially distanced.

With December, we have found that the limitations provided by the regulations have allowed us to attempt totally new forms of favourite

Christmas season activities. Alison Reid and I are working up plans for the Christmas Holiday Club event, and I am cooking up a 'bedtime story' digital stream for the middle weeks of December to take us up to Christmas. So, while we may yet be distanced for December, Greenbank's Youth Programme is working hard to ensure many ways and forms that we can remain connected through the Christmas season.

Steve Chaffee

## SLA Christmas Card Volunteer Post

***Save money and support a good cause!***

We will deliver your cards, by bike or on foot, to EH9, EH10 and EH13 postcodes for **40 pence a card**. **Main door addresses only please.** This will save you 36 pence on a first class, and 25 pence on a second class stamp.

All the money raised will go to support **Scottish Love in Action**. Please look at their website to find out more about the work of this very special charity: [www.sla-india.org](http://www.sla-india.org)

Please deliver your Christmas Cards to one of the addresses below **by 5pm on Friday 4th December**, together with the correct postage (40p per card).



Many thanks,

**Margaret Clark**

37/1 Mid Steil  
Edinburgh  
EH10 5XB  
Tel 07763 779344

**Venetia Thomson**

13 Comiston Drive  
Edinburgh  
EH10 5QR  
Tel 07505 284657

## Work Party

The Work Party ladies would normally be looking forward to displaying their work in the Main Hall at coffee after a 10.30am service. Although this is not a normal year, we have still been knitting (to maintain our sanity!) and we know that the charities we supply are in even greater need than usual.

This photograph shows some of the work we have completed –



– twiddle muffs, baby blankets, knee rugs, jumpers, cardigans, bed socks and hats of various sizes. We will deliver these Christmas gifts to as many of the charities as possible, where they will place the articles in quarantine for three days when they get them and then be able to distribute them.

I don't know when we will be able to meet up again, but nothing will stop the knitting pins from clicking.

Best wishes and take care.

**Anne Oxbrow**



Fresh Start is launching its *Cookers for Christmas Campaign 2020*. The appeal, which has run at Christmas for several years now, aims to raise funds and provide cookers and other white goods to people who are struggling. It has been a difficult year for many families and this campaign will go some way towards improving their lives at Christmas.

Donations of goods for the Starter Packs are being taken by appointment only. Receiving days are Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 9am and 3.30pm. Please note that all the items on the Starter Pack list are welcomed, except for pillows, duvets, cushions, and bric a brac. See the website and information list for details.

Fresh Start's contact details are:

22-24 Ferry Road Drive,  
Edinburgh EH4 4BR.  
Phone 0131 476 7741

[www.freshstartweb.org.uk](http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk)

Alison Ambler

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## Grace Chocolates

This is a small but growing faith based Community Interest Company (CIC) set up in Stirling designed to help women touched by the criminal justice system gain valuable employment experience through contributing to the making, packaging and marketing of chocolates. Also not just any chocolates but *'exquisitely made chocolates'*!



Looking for a Christmas present with a difference? Look no further: chocolates available in boxes of 2, 6, 12 and 24 and in a variety of flavours – and now including a stunning vegan range.

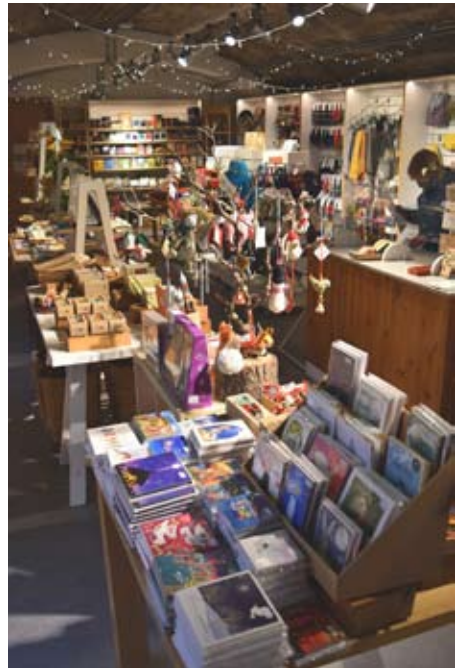
For readers with families, please consider buying a *Chocolate Making Kit*. Great fun to do, with results to share.

See our website:

[www.gracechocolates.co.uk/shop/](http://www.gracechocolates.co.uk/shop/)

This is an opportunity to offer real tangible support to a potentially life changing activity.

Contributed by Valerie Macniven



One World Shop (see Fairtrade article opposite)

## Fairtrade



At this time of year, the World Mission Team usually runs a One World stall for fair trade and ethical gifts, cards, decorations, Christmas foods and Advent Calendars. These are sourced from fair trade producers across the world, who this year need your support more than ever. Supporting fair trade is part and parcel of our commitments as an established Fairtrade Church and active eco-congregation.

Our stall is obtained from the **One World Shop** (which is under St John's Church at the West End of Princes Street) and they are very much open for your ethical shopping needs. In addition to items we usually sell on the stall, the shop has sourced a wonderful new range of eco-products that are friendly both to planet and people.

The shop is open: Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm and Sundays 12-5pm, and they have put in a range of safety measures including a 'one-way system', hand sanitiser at the door, screens at the till and, although the shop is rarely so busy, only 6 people in the shop at one time. In addition, they are offering a personal appointment service every Thursday; this can be arranged by telephone, 0131 229 4541, or by email [info@oneworldshop.co.uk](mailto:info@oneworldshop.co.uk). For online orders they operate a free click and collect service and a local delivery service for £3.60.

Pam Jack

## Greenbank Pre School

During lockdown, staff provided resources for families with ongoing support and classes on Zoom. Pre School reopened in August, and with more 3-5 year olds attending for 1,140 hours



we engaged an additional member of staff. Places are funded by the City of Edinburgh Council. Pre School caters for up to 24 children for lunch each day. Hot lunches are provided by **Little Lunches**.

COVID-19 has brought additional challenges, but the staff, parents and children have risen to these. Learning and play are outdoors as much as possible.

Topics this term have included colours of autumn, black history, exploring shape and pattern. The children celebrated Halloween and Diwali. As family and friends will not be able to attend the nativity service, it will be recorded and DVDs given to the parents; the term will close with a Christmas party.

**Places are available for children starting Pre School in August 2021. Applications are open for children aged 2 to 4 at**

[greenbankpreschool.org](http://greenbankpreschool.org)

Further information and photographs are available on the website and Facebook pages: [FB@GreenbankPreSchool](https://www.facebook.com/FB@GreenbankPreSchool). Contact the staff on 447 8068 for further information.

Joan Ritchie

Chair of the Management Committee



# Welcome to Advent at Greenbank

*Despite the challenges of COVID-19, we aim to make the most of our in-person and online events and services – come and join us. The Christmas tree will be up and lit.*

**Sunday 29th November at 6pm**

**Advent Carol Service  
– livestreamed and in-person**

Our Virtual Advent Community Choir lead the singing in this atmospheric candlelit service for Advent Sunday with organ and choral music of the season.

**Saturday 5th December 2.30-4pm**

**Christmas Event for Primary School  
Children – on Zoom**

All the usual festive fun, crafts, music, stories and more with Alison, Steve and the team, but happening on Zoom. Sign up by visiting [www.greenbankchurch.org](http://www.greenbankchurch.org).

**Thursdays 10th and 17th December at 6.30pm**

**Steve's Advent Firesides  
– livestreamed**

A lovely family time of stories, songs and an activity as Steve helps us to tell the Christmas story.

**Sunday 13th December at 10.30am**

**Gift Service – livestreamed**

We dedicate the gifts given by members of the community for children of prisoners as we think of God's gifts to us at Christmas.

**Sunday 13th December at 6pm**

**Gift Service – in-person**

**Sunday 20th December at 10.30am**

**Nativity Service – livestreamed**

Our Young Church gets creative to make this year's digital nativity!

**Sunday 20th December at 6pm**

**Carols by Candlelight  
– livestreamed and in-person**

Enjoy the magical atmosphere of readings and music telling the Christmas story.

**Livestreamed:** Go to [www.greenbankchurch.org](http://www.greenbankchurch.org)

**In-person:** Email [bookgreenbank@gm](mailto:bookgreenbank@gm)



# ent and Christmas Parish Church



*Christmas festival special. You'll be very welcome at any of  
I join in for fun, beauty and peace in our beautiful church.  
and we'll be ready to celebrate!*

**Tuesday 22nd December at 6.30pm**

**Colin and Malcolm's Virtual  
Christmas Singalong – livestreamed**

*All the usual fun and nonsense as Colin and Malcolm find more madcap ways to tell the Christmas story. What will they get up to this year? Tune in with the kids to find out.*

**Thursday 24th December at 6.30pm**

**Christingle Service – livestreamed**

*Our beautiful family service for Christmas Eve includes the challenge of making a Christingle: to find out what you need, visit the church website, then tune in to the service. Lots of fun carols and Christmas songs to sing, and this year you don't even have to leave the house!*

**Thursday 24th December at 11.30pm**

**Watchnight Service – livestreamed**

*Get yourself comfortable as we gather to bring in the festival of Christmas in this candlelit service including carols, readings, live organ music, and a Christmas reflection.*

**Friday 25th December at 10.30am**

**Christmas Day Service  
– livestreamed and in-person**

*Bring along one of your Christmas presents to show us – or text a photo to the Minister on 07984 466 855 during the service!*

**Sunday 27th December at 10.30am**

**The Gate of the Year – livestreamed**

*Readings, carols, and live music as we approach the turn of the year. Between Christmas and New Year our thoughts turn to what has been happening in 2020 and what is to come in 2021. This service offers the chance to give thanks for the good things and to pray for a better year ahead where things have been tough. Inspirational words, music and readings to lead us into Hogmanay.*

[h.org](#) and press the 'Watch Services' button.

[mail.com](#) to book a place; see also p 13.

## Lent Study 2021

A heads-up that our Lent Study in 2021 will focus on two books and a film. The first book is, ***God is Green: Christianity and the Environment***, by Ian Bradley (Darton, Longman, and Todd, 2nd edition, 2020). The book is broken down into five sections:

- ▷ God's concern for all creation
- ▷ The dance of creation
- ▷ The fall of nature
- ▷ The cosmic Christ
- ▷ The role of human beings

Reviewers of the book have said:

"A wonderful piece of theological thinking" (*The Tablet*)

"The most profound analysis I have yet read of the scriptural basis of the new ecology" (Yvonne Craig, *Way of Life*)

"Satisfying and Stimulating" (*Green Christians*)

In the foreword, John Bell says:

"In his inimitable fashion, Ian Bradley offers both overview and insight, a culling of biblical and scholarly wisdom, examples of possibility as well as plight, and the invitation to be as passionate about the subject as God is. For indeed God did not "so love humanity", but God "so loved the cosmos".

The second book is David Attenborough's ***A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and a Vision for the Future*** (Witness Books, 2020). Most of you will know the remarkable output of this 94 year old naturalist, who has shown us the wonders of planet earth as well as the ways that things are going wrong with our ecosystems. The book is a heartfelt plea for

major change whilst we can still recover biodiversity. It all comes down to making room for more than humans...

**Attenborough has made a film of the book**, which follows it very closely, and some of you might prefer to find it on Netflix. Its release in cinemas has been delayed due to COVID.

More details of groups meeting to discuss the books and film will be made available in the February *Connections*, but meantime I hope that this gives you some ideas for Christmas stocking fillers and some reading for the dark days of January!

Martin

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## Use Your Spending

As we approach the festive season, it is likely that this year will see a greater than ever volume of gift purchases via the internet. Please remember to keep using the easyfundraising channel when buying online:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greenbankyachtproject/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greenbankyachtproject/)

The Yacht project account still exists and over the last few years over **£1700** has been raised to support our work with young people through this route. Using this way of making purchases costs you nothing, but online retailers, including all the big names like Marks and Spencers and others, give a small percentage of each sale to our nominated project.

If you have forgotten how to use easyfundraising, or if you are a new user, contact David Jack or John Murison for advice.

David Jack

## Coffee Group Update

Thanks to the generous donations of the congregation at coffee time, after the 10.30am service, I am happy to report that the Coffee Group was able to divide £1,000 of donations to 3 charities: *SLA*, *The Night Shelter* and *Edinburgh City Mission*.

It has been a long time since we were able to serve coffee to the congregation. I hope it won't be too long till things get back to normal. I am sure we are all missing worship in the church and the fellowship and chatting together after the service.

My thanks go to the teams that have served coffee and cleaned up afterwards. When the Government gives us the go ahead, I will be looking to fill up the coffee rota again!

My thanks also go to Pauline Walker and Fiona Grant for their support on Sunday mornings.

Isobel Thom

## Friendship Club

What news can I bring you about the Friendship Club? From our 2020/21 Syllabus we have had to cancel all speakers up until Christmas but they have been rebooked a year on so we can still look forward to their fabulous talks just a bit later than expected. When our members can meet together again is still an unknown, so until that is possible we pray that you will all keep safe and well and cheerful. We wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and trust that we will soon be meeting in friendship, face to face.

Val Smart

## Defibrillator

Greenbank Parish Church are beneficiaries from the **Edinburgh Public Access Defibrillator Project**.

The Defibrillator is housed in a bright yellow heated cabinet at the north west corner of the Church. It is outside so that it is a benefit for the Community.

By dialling 999 and giving the number of the defibrillator, **SJS-156Z**, you will be given the key code... and the ambulance will be on its way. The number



of the Defibrillator is on the cabinet.

The Defibrillator can be used without any training, as once it is turned on it gives verbal instructions.

However, once meeting face-to-face is possible, I hope to arrange training to give people confidence to use it. Meanwhile, here is a link to a training video:

[m.youtube.com/watch?v=V99-R12iCS4](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=V99-R12iCS4)

Gillian Sweetman

## Scottish Love in Action

*Please help children and young people in India this Christmas*

Many thanks to those who supported SLA by holding a Diwali Dinner in November. But help continues to be urgently required. Recent BBC news reports highlight that the situation due to COVID-19 in India, where Scottish Love in Action (SLA) has worked with



CARING FOR CHILDREN IN INDIA

grassroots partners for over 20 years, is rapidly worsening. Coronavirus is spreading very quickly there, with over 5 million cases now recorded. A recent UNICEF report highlighted that the futures of 600 million South Asian children could be threatened – wiping out decades of progress on health and education.

SLA's partner, *VOICE4Girls*, has heard from the adolescents they work with of girls losing the 'safe space' which their schools offered; of parents constantly monitoring them; and of some girls even

being married off. Boys and girls have told *VOICE* they are very worried about their education and whether they can go back to it – their families may need them to get a job to bring in money.

Our other partner, *ASRITHA Rainbow Home*, is desperately trying to ensure they can

find the I.T. equipment and infrastructure needed to enable the children in the home to access online learning.

As this situation escalates, SLA continues to support some of the most vulnerable and deprived children and young people in our global family. Please support SLA this Christmas:

[www.sla-india.org/  
product-category/donations/](http://www.sla-india.org/product-category/donations/)

**Michelle Davitt**  
*Chief Executive, Scottish Love in Action*

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## The Guild

There may be no Guild meetings at the moment, but the Guild isn't hibernating! We are keeping in touch with each other by email, letters, phone calls and door-step (distanced) chats. We have started a series of puzzles and quizzes to keep us occupied and awake. We are also still supporting SLA by way of Diwali Dinners in November, and donations.

Of course we are all looking forward to the time when we can get back to our usual programme of meetings. I suspect we won't stop talking for days once we get back together!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all at Greenbank!  
(Just think, we can have two Christmas Parties in 2021!)



**Edith Armit**

## Reserving a Seat

The Scottish Government has set a cap of 50 for the total number of people allowed in the church at one time. Here is what you need to do to reserve one of the seats in the church for Sunday evening worship, or for the 10.30am service on Christmas Day. (There is no booking needed for Wednesday prayers, but stewards will be on hand.)

- ▷ Please book by email at [bookgreenbank@gmail.com](mailto:bookgreenbank@gmail.com)
- ▷ Booking will be open from 8pm every Sunday until noon on the day of the service.
- ▷ At the time of booking, please provide your name and phone number or email address and the names of up to two other people coming with you from your household – which we need for the Scottish Government’s Test and Protect system.
- ▷ Entry to the service will not be possible unless you have reserved a place. Please do not turn up without having booked!

Here is some more information about what you will find when you arrive:

- ▷ The Church will be open from half an hour before the service.
- ▷ You will be asked to apply hand sanitiser and wear a face covering.
- ▷ There will be no live singing.
- ▷ Toilets will be available.
- ▷ There will be no cash offerings taken. Please give by bank transfer or use the donate button on the website, or by sending a cheque to the Treasurer.

**Martin**

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## Greenbank Church Running Club

What a great term of running we have had! Our two groups are still heading out each week, following the COVID guidance set out by *JogScotland*.

Our Tuesday group meet at 8:45am and are currently following the *JogScotland* “Learn to Run 2” programme. We have already reached Week 4!

The Thursday group meets at 7:30pm and is currently running a 5km loop from and back to church. Some head home then and anyone who feels like a longer run carries on, on another loop running up to around the 10–11km mark.



Running has great benefits, both mentally and physically, and especially now in these times it’s wonderful to keep as fit and strong as we can. Running in a group also has the benefit of chatting as we run, and the safety of numbers when it is dark in the evening.

We are open to anyone who might like to join us. Just drop me a message!

**Katie Bogie**  
[cwrightman@doctors.org.uk](mailto:cwrightman@doctors.org.uk)

## Services at Greenbank

The church is open for a weekly service of reflective worship at 6pm every Sunday. It is also open for self-guided reflection and prayer each Wednesday from 1pm to 2pm. *Our main worship will continue to be the livestream on Sundays at 10.30am.*

You are asked to book in order to attend Sunday services (not Wednesdays). See the article on p13 for details.

## Welcome Teams

### Sundays (6pm unless stated otherwise)

#### December

- 6 **Caroline Kehoe**, Jill Powlett Brown, Keith Clark, Louise Coghill
- 13 **Donald King**, Jane Harkin, Elaine McRae, John Adair
- 20 **Phil Barnes**, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden, Hazel Macaulay
- 25 **10.30am on Christmas Day (Friday)**: Welcome Team *tbc*
- 27 *No 6pm Service*

#### January 2021

- 3 *No 6pm Service*
- 10 **Donald King**, Jane Harkin, Elaine McRae, John Adair
- 17 **Phil Barnes**, Stephen Hadden, Mary Hadden, Hazel Macaulay
- 24 **Rona Ferguson**, Katie Bogie, John Murison, Alison Murison
- 31 **Caroline Kehoe**, Jill Powlett Brown, Keith Clark, Louise Coghill

### Wednesdays (1pm to 2pm)

#### December

- 2 **John Murison**, Alison Murison
- 9 **Susan Inch**, Louise Coghill

- 16 **Ray Dely**, Alison Kerr
- 23 **Isobel Thom**, Susan Black
- 30 *Church closed*

#### January 2021

- 6 **Alison Kerr**, Louise Coghill
- 13 **Ray Dely**, Susan Inch
- 20 **Isobel Thom**, Susan Inch
- 27 **John Murison**, Alison Murison

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## Congregational Register

*Omitted from the online version of Connections*

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## Coffee Rota

There will be no requirement for a Sunday coffee rota until morning worship resumes at Greenbank.

## Flower Rota

### December

- 6 Julia Dunbar
- 12 *Advent/Christmas*
- 19 *Advent/Christmas*
- 26 *Advent/Christmas*

### January 2021

- 3 Ishbel Clark
- 10 Ramage Family
- 17 Sinclair Family
- 24 *tbc*
- 31 *tbc*

## Winter Wonderland

This Advent, we'd like to invite you to create a Greenbank Winter Wonderland by creating a light that shines from your window into the darkness of our winter. This is a chance for your creativity to emerge! There are no limits to the possibilities – use your imagination! It could be a star silhouette or a window transfer through which the light shines out into your neighbourhood. It could be some fairy lights that you display. It could be a nativity scene. It could be a display of the word “hope” or part of a bigger text. Once you've put yours up as a message to the world, perhaps you could take a photo from outside and send it in to me so that we can publish lots in the weekly e-newsletter?

It would be great to think that a wander round Greenbank this Advent would find lots of hopeful displays as we approach the great festival of Christmas, encouraging people that even in the most difficult of COVID-19 times, there is a light ahead, drawing us on.

**Martin**

### *The Ministry Team can be contacted directly*

*Rev Dr Martin Ritchie (Minister)*

*phone: 07984 466 855*

*email: MRitchie@churchofscotland.org.uk*

*Mr Steven Chaffee (Youth Associate)*

*phone: 07729 000 788*

*email: stevechaffee@greenbankchurch.org*

*Due to COVID-19 precautions the Office is closed to personal callers. Contact the Administrator by phone or email in the first instance until further notice.*

*Administrator: Mrs Virginia Johnston*

*phone 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](http://www.greenbankchurch.org)*

*Postal address: Greenbank Parish Church  
Braidburn Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 6ES*

*Material for the February 2021 issue of Greenbank Connections should be delivered to the Church Office by **Sunday 17th January 2021, or sent by e-mail by 9am on Friday 22nd January 2021** to [greenbankconnections@gmail.com](mailto:greenbankconnections@gmail.com)*

# COUNTDOWN to CHRISTMAS!



You are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable food, for donation during Advent to our nominated charities –

## **StreetWork**

*(homelessness charity)*

## **FourSquare**

*(supported accommodation for young women)*

## **Richmond Fair Share**

## **Edinburgh City Mission**

*(these charities provide food to people in need)*



We would be very grateful if you would drop your (unwrapped) gifts off at any of these collection points...

Helen & Phil Barnes,  
4 Greenbank Crescent,  
EH10 5SG

Graeme & Heather Kay,  
1 Braid Farm Road,  
EH10 6LG

Alison & David Reid,  
27 Comiston View,  
EH10 6LP

Julia & Richard Dunbar,  
26 Easter Steil,  
EH10 5XE

Kirsten & Mark O'Hagan,  
15 Rattray Grove,  
EH10 5TL

David & Rona Sommerville,  
40 Plewlands Gardens,  
EH10 5JR

Liz & Tony Foster,  
109 Greenbank Road,  
EH10 5RS

Kirsten & Simon Pink,  
1 Shearie Knowe Gardens,  
EH13 0FN

Karen & Robert Young,  
13 Greenbank Loan,  
EH10 5SH