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Parish Register

PULPIT DIARY

Sunday 5th October	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 12th October	10.30am	Family Worship (there will be activities in church for the children)
Sunday 19th October	10.30am	Worship with Sunday Club
Sunday 26th October	10.30am	Worship with Sunday Club
Sunday 2 nd November	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion

ELDERS' DISTRICTS REVIEW

At its meeting in June 2025, the Kirk Session gave approval for a review of Elders' districts. There is currently a shortage of elders to visit all members, with some elders visiting two districts - a situation which is unsustainable.

A letter/email will be sent to each member from Tuesday 30th September, asking if you wish to continue to receive a visit or communication from an elder before Communion. Replies should be returned to the church office by **Friday 17th October** please.

The revised system will not start until the March 2026 Communion. Please be assured that all members who wish to continue to have regular contact/visit from an elder will do so.

Helen Howard Session Clerk

FLOWER LISTS FOR OCTOBER

Communion Table

5th OctoberHarvest12th OctoberAnne Dykes19th OctoberJan Millar

26th October Elizabeth McKenzie

The sheets for 2025 flower lists are on the windowsills in the Transept. You can put your name down to put flowers on the Communion Table or the windowsills in Church. A member of the flower committee will contact you during the week prior to you date. With thanks,

Elizabeth Cross

OFFERING INCOME

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank all those who continue to support the church, whether by standing order, direct payment into our bank account, weekly freewill offering or putting money in the offering bag each Sunday. Offering income is essential to the work of the church and any increases in offering income to Greenbank are always welcome. You may also, or instead, make a contribution to the Greenbank's Restricted Fabric Fund.

I recognise that some of us may not be able to increase their offering which makes it all the more important for those who can, to do so. For those unable to come to church for whatever reason, but still wish to contribute financially, you may contribute by any of the above methods.

For a standing order form, or details of the church's bank account to make a direct payment, please email the office or write to me at the office address and I will be happy to assist. You may also post a cheque and/or your freewill offering contribution to the office address.

Alistair Smith, Treasurer

October 2025

Dear friends,

Most of you will already be aware that as a locum minister my time with you is part-time and temporary and that, hopefully quite soon, this congregation will be able to call a new full-time Parish Minister. This will indeed be an exciting time and the beginning of a fresh chapter for Greenbank. It will also be a demanding time for



the whole congregation and for each one of you individually. I should perhaps say that there is no date set for that yet as I understand it and I'm hoping to be with you as your locum minister at least until Christmas and into the New Year.

Nevertheless, in the lead up to the calling of a Parish Minister, it is likely that new faces will begin to appear in the pulpit on Sundays. Indeed, as I understand it, on Sunday19th October you are privileged to have with you the Presbytery Clerk, Rev Dr Grant Barclay. You also have an exceptional Interim Moderator, Rev Dr John L McPake, who is guiding you in the vacancy and the leadership of an excellent Session Clerk and Kirk Session. So be assured that as you go through this process of moving into the new and calling a new Parish Minister you are in very good hands. God is with you, and you should be confident the way ahead will become clear.

The current vacancy is a demanding time for you. It is also a time when the Grace of God will show itself to you in new ways: a time, not for separation, but for living out the truth of the gospel by inviting others to join you. I urge each one of to make sure that you keep coming to worship faithfully every Sunday, knowing that the grace that is offered by God is not cheap but costly. As we learn to live the truth of Jesus Christ, we will show in who we are and in everything we do the overflowing grace and forgiveness of God. Our faithfulness will be shown in our lives.

With love and blessings,

Rev Ruth Halley (Locum Minister)

Zer Kuth Halley

Prayer Diary

"One by one the leaves fall down From the sky come falling one by one And leaf by leaf the summer is done One by one by one by one."

("The Leaves Fall Down" - Margaret Wise Brown)

October stretches all the way from International Day of Older Persons and International Coffee Day on the 1st, to Frankenstein Friday on the 28th and Halloween on the 31st, by which time the clocks will have changed, and it'll be dark when we get up, and dark by teatime. Definitely the start of soup season.

As you keep the progress of our Legacy Project in your prayers, ask also that good progress is made on the care home on our other side as the work gets into full swing.

With the weather starting to turn more wintry, pray for everyone who is homeless and give thanks for the work of the Lodging House Mission. Remember people living in war zones, whose homes may have been damaged or destroyed, and who may not have basic facilities like heat or water, or somewhere to buy basic essentials.

Say a prayer for anyone you know who is in ill health or is waiting for test results. Ask for strength for anyone who is coping with a loved one suffering from dementia or increasing frailty. And also ask for strength for anyone coping with a long-term illness which affects their quality of life on an ongoing basis.

Pray for hope for anyone who is out of work, or people who are working but find that their wages are not enough to support them and their family.

Give thanks for the beautiful and amazing planet that we live on, and ask that many more people are moved to do all that they can to look after it.

'I brought them into a fertile land to enjoy its harvests and its other good things.

But instead they ruined my land; they defiled the country I had given them.'

(Jeremiah 2:7)

Gillian Foy Prayer Promoter

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you need prayer for yourself, a loved one or a friend, requests can be sent to the Prayer Promoter, Gillian Foy, via the church office at office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk. Those for whom prayers are requested will be prayed for throughout the following month by members of the Prayer Group. Anyone who would like a copy of the prayer list, in order to pray for those on it, should contact Gillian.

SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 4th October at 10.00am** in the manse, when we will be continuing to look at David Gibson's book, "The Lord of Psalm 23". We will be looking at chapter 6, "What He holds". We meet at 10.45am in order to have a cup of tea/coffee and a chat prior to starting. New members will be made most welcome. If you need any more information, please contact the office.

NEW BIBLE GROUP

A new bible group will be starting in October, with all most welcome to attend. The group will meet on **Tuesday 7th October at 7.00pm-8.15pm** in the manse. Along with tea/coffee, there will be informal bible study, prayer and discussion. So please come along, and bring a bible.

LEGACY FUND

Thank you again to all those who continue to contribute to our Legacy Fund.

Pledges can be, and have been, made for any amount of money you can afford, and spread over a few years by standing order if that suits you better. Alternatively, a one-off payment by bank transfer or cheque can be made, and you can also donate to the project online by logging on to our church website, following the link to the Legacy Project and clicking the red "Donate Online" button. Spare pledge and bank standing order forms are available from myself or the Church Administrator, should you require any.

Please remember that **every donation**, of whatever size, is both needed and warmly welcome.

Alistair Smith, Treasurer

GREENBANK'S WEBSITE

A small group, Sandra and Alan Veitch and Liz Allan, was asked by the Kirk Session to investigate the possibility of using a professional service to help us re-vamp the website.

We obtained three quotes and presented them to the Kirk Session on 22nd June and they agreed to our recommendation that we use a Paisley firm called Xtensive. We met with their CEO on 24th June. We tentatively suggested that we'd like a web presence by the time the schools went back and organisations were starting up in mid-August and were delighted that, after consultation with us, they had a site online two weeks later.

Thanks to co-operation between Fraser Simpson, Fraser Gall, Sandra Veitch and Xtensive, the changeover went smoothly.

Since then the three of us have met several times. We are learning the new software and have added some content. Most of the work has been done by Sandra. Xtensive's web designer, Liam has been most helpful.

The last three magazines are available there, edited slightly in co-operation with the editor, Jill Liddell, to comply with GDPR.

Most people who have seen the website have commented favourably.

The website is one of the ways the world sees us so we want it to be friendly, informative and up to date. We are consulting with the various organisations which meet in the church to find out what they would like to have on the website and would welcome any suggestions from members of the congregation.



The web address is, as it has been since 2001 is www.greenbankglasgow.org.uk

HALL HIRE

Greenbank Church Halls will not be available to hire for children's parties until the new halls are built.

Young People's Page

AGAR'S STORY

At this time of year, we think about harvest, when we gather in the crops that grow in our farms and fields. We are going to think about a different kind of harvest this month that happens all year round.

Do you have solar panels on your roof that gather the sun's rays and turn them into energy to give light, heat our water and homes and power our electricity? That's a harvest and it happens all year round.

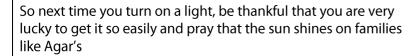
This is the story of Agar who lives in Ethiopia and the difference being able to harvest the sun's rays makes to him and his family. This is Agar with his mum and brother and sister. Look at their house. The walls are made of dried mud and the roof is made of straw. There are no windows because the walls can't support them so it will be very dark inside.





Now look at this picture. What do you see on the roof? Yes, it is a small solar panel. Agar explains, 'Before, we used firewood so there was smoke affecting us. Now we are able to do our homework at any time and there is no problem with our eyes. I want to be a teacher and teach maths.'

Agar's mum, Aster, says, 'The solar lamp is small but it's completely transformed my life and my children's health and education. Now they read as long as they want to read.'







HALLOWEEN FAMILY PARTY

The whole family can come along to this special Halloween event at the Glasgow Science Centre. It's on Monday 24th October and starts at 6pm. You'll find it in the Science Mall and it lasts for three hours. Tickets can be booked on the Glasgow Science Centre website

There will be plenty of spooktacular tricks and treats in store for the whole family, so dig out your best Halloween costume and join in, if you dare, for a hauntingly great night!



Hello Everyone,

It is coming into Autumn, and the trees will start to lose their leaves and there will be some lovely golden colours in our gardens and parks. You will need to plant your spring bulbs too, so that the flowers can burst through the ground, or plant pots, to let us know Spring is here!

We are also heading closer to the most exciting time in our year!

But before that, you have the chance to dress up and have fun with friends and family at Halloween. What are you going to dress up as this year? Anything exciting?

We continue to work though some exciting stories from the bible, songs and crafts.

Sunday Club Team

Dates for October are:

Sunday 5th October – Sunday Club Church & Manse (Harvest Service)

Sunday 12th October – Sunday Club is on Holiday

Sunday 19th October - Sunday Club Church & Manse

Sunday 26th October – Sunday Club Church & Manse

Sunday 2nd November – Communion – Sunday Club will join congregation to celebrate communion

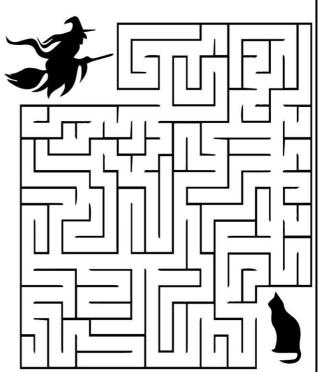
Harvest Festival Wordsearch

Can you find the Harvest themed words hidden in the grid?



HARVEST FESTIVAL, WHEATSHEAF, CORN DOLLY, LAMMASTIDE, MICHAELMAS, COMBINE, HARVESTER, FARMER, HOME, MOON, CROP, MOW, TRACTOR

HELP THE WITCH FIND HER CAT



SPOOKTACULAR JOKES

What is a ghost's favourite dessert? I scream.

How did the ghost get caught lying? Because his mom saw right through him. **How do you know one ghost really likes another ghost?** He calls her his ghoul-friend.

What's On

THE GUILD

At time of writing last month, the Guild understood that our meetings were to be held in the church. We have now been informed that Guild meetings on a Wednesday afternoon will held in the manse. This will be the 119th anniversary of the Guild and the committee are not sure how this new arrangement will work out but we will just have to do our best with the space available. As always, new members are very welcome.

Our speakers for October are as follows:

1st October Opening meeting and re-dedication: Rev Ruth Halley

8th October The Elastic Band

15th October Knitting with Jesus: Rev Elizabeth MacKay 22nd October From the Barras to Barbie: Liz Allan 29th October Playlist for Life: Pamela Ribbeck

Enid Dron Secretary

TIME OUT

Our session started well in September with a Cheese and Wine evening, lovely to see everyone.

The meetings in October start on 2nd with a games night in the Manse. There will be a selection of board games to try. On the 16th October we are having a guest speaker to give us an interesting talk on the walks of Glasgow. Our last meeting of the month on the 30th is a guest speaker informing us on the essential work the Glasgow Food Banks do.

These all take place in the Manse at 7.30pm.

Elaine Carr, Chairperson

GREENBANK PLAYERS

We are starting rehearsals this month for our next show, which will take place on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th February 2026 in the church.

There is still time to join us! Please speak to me or any member for more information.

Liz Smith Secretary

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Clarkston Community Choir return after the summer break, with weekly rehearsals on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm-9.30pm in Busby Parish Church halls. They are rehearsing for a busy season of concerts in December, with performances at Langside and Broom churches, as well as Princes Square (raising money for Maggie's) and their big charity concert finale, complete with 13-piece orchestra, at Greenbank Parish Church on 19th December. The group is very friendly and welcoming, open to anyone with an interest in singing - and with no auditions or previous musical/music reading experience required! For more info, just come along to a rehearsal on a Wednesday night and ask for our treasurer Margaret Watson or conductor Richard Scholfield, or get in touch with us at: clarkstoncommunitychoir@gmail.com.

BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

At Greenbank we have many families training together. Karate is a great family activity where, over the years, we have had many who have reached Black Belt together and still train in our Club.



We have been preparing for the Association's Kumite (fighting) competition on 4th October where we have a number of students entering.

The Association Black Belt grading on 14th November is getting near where we have our highest number of students going forward in front of one of the highest grading panels in the UK.

Best wishes,

John Elliot

GLASGOW SOUTH CONCERT SERIES

The Glasgow South Concert Series features monthly concerts in their new home at the beautiful sanctuary in Queen's Park Govanhill Parish Church, Strathbungo. The series' showcases the best of Scotland's chamber music, with a huge variety of instrumentalists and musical styles on offer throughout the year. Concerts in the 2025/2026 season take place 1-2pm on Saturdays from September 2025 to May 2026, with full details available on the series' Instagram or Facebook pages. Tickets are priced at £6, and available by cash or card on the door. For more information, find us on socials or to join our mailing list by contacting glasgowsouthconcertseries@gmail.com.



Congratulations to Duncan and Sheila McIntyre on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. The happy couple were married in Stamperland Parish Church on 11th September 1965 and held their reception in The Bruce Hotel in East Kilbride. They honeymooned in Yugoslavia. Love and best wishes to you both from the congregation of Greenbank.

News and Updates



DONATIONS for the LHM can be put on the trolley in the church vestibule on Sunday mornings and in the box in the manse hallway during office hours. **At the moment biscuits, UHT milk, baked beans, orange diluting juice, tinned custard/rice pudding, tinned peas and sugar are particularly requested.**

Envelopes are also available for donations of money. Please complete your details on the envelope (so that Gift Aid can be claimed if relevant and your donation can be acknowledged) and either hand to me or place in an offering bag during the

service. Please do not leave these envelopes on the trolley or in the box. Donations can also be made online at www.lhm360.org/donate. All donations are very much appreciated

ANNUAL WORLD HOMELESSNESS SERVICE

This year the service is taking place on Thursday, 9 October at 7pm at the LHM, when the guest speaker will be the Rt Rev Rosie Frew.

MEET THE NEW MEMBER OF THE TEAM

Mark Melville is the LHM's Social Media and Content Creator, a newly established position. He was born in Glasgow and has lived here all his life apart from a spell in the Highlands during his primary school years. On leaving school he studied sound engineering and radio broadcasting which led him to work for community radio stations.

On completion of an HND in film and TV at Cardonald College, now part of Glasgow Clyde College, Mark worked as a production assistant and sound assistant-the person responsible for holding the boom- at the BBC and STV. He contributed to various shows, including the Karen Dunbar Show, the daytime TV programme Staying Put with Anna Ryder Richardson and children's drama such as Uncle Dad.

Mark gained a lot of valuable experience at the heart of the production process, particularly in his role as production assistant, but the downside was that these positions were usually short-term contracts of 3 to 6 months.



Mark at Loch Lomond



Subsequently Mark moved to the third sector focussing on creative arts in the community. He worked for Create Ltd and then VASLan (Voluntary Action in South Lanarkshire) During his time there he established the South Lanarkshire Youth Film Festival, taking film making into schools and allowing the audience at the festival to vote for the best film. In 2019 funding came to an end and Mark set up a charity under the social enterprise model called Access Media, which collaborated with local community and youth groups as well as producing films for larger charities such as Diabetes UK and also the Scottish Government. After the Covid pandemic, Mark moved to the private sector doing photography and creating corporate videos.

Before joining LHM, Mark learned about the organisation through a friend and initially volunteered there, focussing on photography and film making. Mark started his job at the end of March and he particularly enjoys the education aspect of his role. He has set up a media group, which goes out in the minibus on Tuesdays to explore the culture and heritage of different locations, while also learning about photography and film making. Their recent focus has been on taking photos for a calendar, which goes on sale in time for Christmas. Photos and films can be seen on the LHM's Facebook page. There is also a new Linked-In page aimed at expanding their audience in the business-to-business sector, which they hope will lead to funding, new volunteers and other opportunities.

Perhaps a little bit surprisingly, the most rewarding part of his work is helping with meals and serving teas. It is a way of building relationships and makes it easier to encourage clients to participate in activities like photography and film making. Mark has also discovered that a wide variety of people come to the LHM for different reasons, whether it is to find a safe place, access help or engage in activities.

In his free time Mark enjoys going to the gym and following our national football team at home. He has two children: a



Mark and Clients

daughter, who is a member of a local rugby team and a son, who plays in a local football team. Mark volunteers his services as the content creator for the social media channels of these teams.

Liz Smith LHM Representative

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Liz Smith

HARVEST THANKSGIVING-SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place this year on Sunday 5 October when you are invited to donate to the Lodging House Mission. The LHM has compiled a list of items which they would greatly appreciate for their kitchen and a list of items which are not required at the moment. Please see the lists below.

Cereal	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Meat / Fish	
Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nut	*Peaches	Tuna/Salmon	
Veetabix *Pears		Corned beef	
Rice Crispies	*Pineapples	Ham	
Sugar Puffs	*Mandarins	Tinned mince, stew etc	
Frosties	*Fruit Cocktail	Other Tinned Food	
Coco Pops	*Rice Pudding	*Baked Beans	
Cheerios	*Custard	Spaghetti in sauce	
Muesli		*Tinned Soups – tomato,	
Jars/Pastes	Other	vegetable, chicken, lentil, scotch broth, minestrone, pea	
Pasta bake sauces	Full Fat UHT milk	& ham, chicken noodle	
Curry Sauce/paste	Coconut Milk] '	
Tomato paste	Small juice cartons		
	Diluting/fresh juice	Other	
Dried Goods	*Coffee	Brown Sauce	
Mixed herbs	*Biscuits	Tomato Sauce	
Garlic powder	Crisps	Vinegar	
Ground turmeric	Tea Bags	Porridge oats	
Chilli powder	Kettle Foods	Dried peas	
Crushed chillies	Pot Noodles	Lentils / Broth mix	
Ground coriander	Cuppa Soups	Olive oil	
Black pepper	Tinned Potatoes	*Vegetable oil	
Salt	Sachets dried mash potato	*Bisto	
Pasta	Ring Pull Ham tins	*Veg Stock cubes/ boullion	
Long grain rice	Breakfast bars	*Jelly	
	Cereal Bars	*Sugar	
Toiletries (all types)	Individual packets sweets	Jam	
Washing up liquid, Toilet Roll	s, Washing Powder	1	
,	*OUT OF STOCK – URGENTLY NE	EDED	

Not Required List

Salad Cream/Mayonnaise	Shredded Wheat Cereal	Red Kidney Beans
Pearl Barley	Prunes	Chickpeas
Marmalade	Alpen	Grapefruit
Clothing	Bedding/duvet	towels

EASY-FUNDRAISING FOR LEGACY PROJECT

Our registration on #easyfundraising means you can raise free donations for us when you shop online! The church receives remittances from Easy Fundraising every quarter. **The first remittance was £40** and the second one came on 13th May for £142.24 and we are now up to 13 subscribers!

Please join today by adding the **Easyfundraising App** to your mobile phone or computer. (If reading online, you can **use this link**.) You can also access on Facebook/X/WhatsApp. When you purchase with over 8,000 retailers, we receive a donation from them, with no extra cost to you.

Download the app now, and select Greenbank Parish Church as your charity for donations.

Diane Adam Legacy Project Group

ETHICAL SPENDING

Away back at the start of this year I was in town to meet a friend for coffee. Whilst in a different coffee venue, I noticed some signage with which I was unfamiliar on nearby premises. The signage was "Launch" and I could see that there were tables and chairs, so, ever curious, and on the lookout for new coffee places, I investigated further. This was a venue run by Launch Foods. I went on to find out some more about them (and to enjoy some delicious coffee and sweet treat!)

LAUNCH FOODS

Launch Foods is a Glasgow charity which was established in 2018. Since then it has been providing free meals to children in our city who need this assistance. Their aim is to tackle child food poverty in Glasgow. Launch Coffee was established in 2022, and the profit s from their two coffee shops help to fund their work.



Fast forward to around May/June of this year, and I was in church when I noticed a young person wearing a t shirt bearing the Launch logo, and I was again curious. A couple of months later, again in church, I found myself sitting beside Ruby Freeland, who had been the wearer of the t shirt.

I introduced myself, and we had a great chat. I learned about the significance of the t shirt to her, and asked her to write a wee article for Good Neighbour. Here's what Ruby wrote

Last year I was watching Children in Need, and decided I wanted to do something for charity. I then came up with the idea of running 3k every day in May. I had a look for some local charities who helped children and found Launch Food. I couldn't believe that so many kids struggled for food.

Launch were amazing and really supported my idea. I successfully raised £783 which feeds 783 children a hot meal.

Congratulations to Ruby for a truly inspiring achievement. Through chatting with her, I learned that she is a keen runner, and runs with a local club. Ruby managed to raise an impressive amount of money for Launch doing something she loves.

Perhaps we can do the same - do some good with the money we spend on enjoying a lovely coffee in one of their venues?

Launch Coffee currently has two branches operating in Glasgow. One is at 99 Bothwell Street, and the other is at 58 Cresswell Street.

Just some food for thought when considering where next to meet friends for coffee in the city centre.

Alison Allan and Ruby Freeland

If you know of anyone who might like to place an advert in Good Neighbour, which is distributed to over 600 people in Clarkston and the surrounding areas, please contact our church office on 0141 644 1841.

ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF GOOD NEIGHBOUR

should be submitted to the Church Office: office@greenbankglasgow.org.uk and the Editor, Jill Liddell, **by Sunday 12th October2025** please.

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