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OCTOBER 2026



Living our **faith** by our **actions**  at the heart of the **community**

GreenbankParish
CHURCH

Parish Register

DEATHS

18th August 2026	Mr Peter Cation of Clarkston
16th September 2026	Mr Ian McTurk of Giffnock
17th September 2026	Mrs Elizabeth Cross of Clarkston

PULPIT DIARY

Sunday 4th October	10.30am	Harvest Service - Worship with Sunday Club
Sunday 11th October	10.30am	Family Worship
Sunday 18th October	10.30am	Family Worship
Sunday 25th October	10.30am	Worship with Sunday Club
Sunday 1st November	10.30am	Sacrament of Holy Communion

FLOWER LISTS FOR OCTOBER

Communion Table

4th October	Harvest
12th October	Anne Dykes
18th October	-----
25th October	-----



The sheets for 2026 flower lists are on the windowsills in the transept. You can put your name down to put flowers on the Communion Table or on the side windows. A member of the flower committee will contact you during the week prior to your date.

With thanks,
Elizabeth Cross

Elizabeth Cross, who compiled this list, sadly passed away on Thursday 17th September. In the meantime, the members of the flower committee will continue to provide church flowers. Anyone who has agreed to donate flowers should contact any member of the committee or the church office to discuss any special requests, such as colour, and arrange payment.

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.

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 me at alstairdsmith@ntlworld.com or write to me at the address below and I will be happy to assist. You may also post me a cheque and/or your freewill offering contribution to the church office. Thank you all for your continuing support.

Alistair Smith, Treasurer

October 2026

Dear friends,

It was my privilege to lead worship on your behalf at Williamwood House Care Home yesterday. A small group of us gathered on Sunday afternoon to pray, sing hymns and hear the story of Jesus' healing of two people: a woman who touched his cloak and the daughter of Jairus.



In Mark's gospel these two stories are woven together and the effect of blending the stories is revealing. Commonalities between the two are highlighted. Both Jairus and the woman come to Jesus after reaching the end of their resources. Both figures fall down at the feet of Jesus, a gesture of respect. Faith is connected with the action of the woman and the need of Jairus. Similarly, both stories are about someone who is, 'made well'. The Greek word for healing which it translates is *sozo*, meaning not only 'to heal' but more frequently, 'to save' or 'restore to right relationship with God.'

My friends, whether we are respected leaders of society like Jairus, or one of those who lives on the margins of society, like the woman who touched Jesus' cloak, whoever we are we may come to Jesus in faith and fall at his feet, knowing he loves us and wants the best for us. For we are all in need of healing, for ourselves, others, and the world God loves. The healing we truly need is *sozo* – to be restored to right relationship with God.

Whatever age we are, no matter how many years we have been a part of the church, we all need to spend regular time listening to God's holy Word read aloud and preached, learning about Jesus and his teaching, and in and through the Holy Spirit being healed and restored. It is this which gives us fullness of life and empowers us to take part in God's mission of love for the world.

Many people in our local community and beyond are watching what you are doing at Greenbank and seeing in it a wonderful Christian witness. Very often I hear people comment on the new annexe as an exciting and hope-filled building project. I look forward to the coming day, when people will comment, not only on the building itself but on how well it is being used by the church to celebrate all that is good in life and to stand with those in our community who need healing and may be struggling. As I have come to know you all over these past years, I have no doubt that day is coming very soon.

So, let us move forward in faith into the months ahead, to the changes and challenges which we may find, and let us do so knowing that God who heals and restores is with us.

With love and blessings,

Reverend Ruth Halley
(Interim Moderator and Locum Minister)

Tributes

TRIBUTE to JAMES GUY read in Greenbank Parish Church on Sunday 23rd August 2026

Jim Guy was born in Montrose to Wilhelmina Leven and James Guy on 10th August 1941, who were overjoyed at their first child.

Jim's mother sadly died whilst Jim was young, and he was cared for by his maternal grandmother, along with his Auntie Lizzie, Auntie Nellie and Uncle Bill.

Jim had very fond memories of this time – his granny, aged 90 years old still put on a bet every day, an Uncle who trained a synchronised swimming team, despite not being able to swim himself; and especially of a family who would arrive en masse with a dumpling on his birthday every year.

Jim's Dad was in the Scot's Guards, and regularly visited him in Montrose, later taking him to live in Castlemilk, Glasgow with a new family. Jim made friends at school there, and escaped being bullied for speaking like a "gable-endy" from Montrose, due to being so good at football and having such a good sense of humour. Jim enjoyed learning too, and had a natural ability for languages.

On leaving school, Jim began an apprenticeship as a Quantity Surveyor, which he enjoyed, and graduated, in his mid-twenties, as an Associate of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

It was around this same time that he met Ann McCracken, who was a student teacher. They met one night at The Plaza ballroom, and Anne fondly remembers Jim's tie with the red ladybirds on it. Jim borrowed a friend's car to take Ann home that night, and came in for coffee and to meet her parents. Their romance blossomed, and Ann and Jim were married on 30th May 1969 at Castlemilk West Parish church.

They set up home in a flat in Old Victoria Court in East Kilbride. Ann was teaching at Hamilton Academy and Jim was working as a surveyor with Robert McIntosh, taking on some of Ann's ex-pupils as apprentices. Two years later, they moved to a house in Brackenrigg Crescent, which became their family home until 1989. Jim enjoyed gardening, planting out a rockery and establishing a lawn in the back garden.

Both Ann and Jim were overjoyed at the birth of their first son Alan, in 1974, and also when David arrived six years later. Jim's love and commitment to Alan's development took the family to Philadelphia, and led to a long and life-enhancing relationship with the Institute for the Achievement of Human Potential, including 70 volunteers who helped to support the family.

Jim enjoyed taking both boys to football matches to support Pollok; and always being around as David grew up, encouraging him at Eaglesham school and helping him to settle into his own flat. Jim loved being a Dad and spending time with the boys. It meant a lot to Jim to have such a close relationship with both of his sons. He was "a devoted father".

Jim faithfully attended and served Greenbank Church, where he was ordained as an Elder in 1987, and received a long-service certificate in 2017. He served as Fabric Convenor, organised the church transport rota, sang in the choir on Sundays and was also a member of the Community Choir. He was a keen member of the church Walking Group and he set up and ran a monthly Film Club.

In his retirement, Jim enjoyed working at the Hampden Football Museum, where he was a memorable character giving guided talks to groups of children, which were always funny, and earning himself the affectionate name "Jim Shiny Shoes".

Jim enjoyed fundraising through his marathon running. He enjoyed Eaglesham Music and Drama group, and also served as President of the Probus Club.

Jim and Ann enjoyed many holidays with the boys to France, at Eurocamp, (including a memorable trip to the Bayeux Tapestry in Normandy), and as the boys were older, to places like Tenerife. Later, Jim and Ann enjoyed cruises to Alaska and the Baltic States, a trip on the Orient Express and, for their 40th wedding anniversary, flying to New York, returning on the QE2.

Jim's life was a full one, yet he always had time for his friends and his family. He endured challenges and hardships which he faced with bravery, strength and good humour, and the faith that sustained him.

Today we give thanks to God for the life and service of Jim Guy, for the many ways in which his life touched and enriched the lives of others around him, and commend Ann, Alan and David, and the wider family to the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ.

TRIBUTE to DUNCAN McINTYRE read in Greenbank Parish Church on Sunday 9th August 2026

Duncan Roger McIntyre was born on 6th March 1939 and spent his early years in Montrose, before moving to Overlee Road in Clarkston, where Duncan lived in a total of 3 houses, from his childhood, with his parents, and sister Rosie, and also after he was married. It was there that Duncan met his childhood best friend, Alan. Sadly, Duncan's Mum died when he was quite young.

Duncan attended Busby Primary School, followed by Eastwood Secondary School. He achieved well in school and made his parents extremely proud.

Duncan did national service in the RAF, serving in Germany and in the UK, following which he started work as a Manager at Arbuckle Smith & Co in Glasgow.

He later moved to A.T. Mays Travel Company in Paisley as a Branch Manager, gaining promotion to Regional Manager, until his early retirement in 1997. He was responsible for several branches and colleagues over this time, resulting in many lifelong friendships. and was always seen to be an approachable, kind, and supportive boss.

After his retirement, Duncan delivered fruit and vegetables to customers of the local Greengrocers, which he thoroughly enjoyed, as it got him out and involved in the community.

Duncan first met Shiela when he held open a train door for her, and she was immediately swept off her feet. They married on the 11th September 1965, and had 2 daughters, Patricia followed by Wendy, who they doted on and provided for. The family took many holidays to Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia and Madeira to name a few.

Duncan had many hobbies, particularly trains, chess and stamp collecting. He built a model railway in the attic, and spent many enjoyable hours operating it. Duncan played chess from a young age, and later joined Giffnock Chess Club. He taught his granddaughter Jess to play, and they played often, both in person and online.

Duncan's interest in stamps started in his early travel days, and his collection included stamps from all across the world. Duncan also used his stamp-collecting knowledge for the benefit of the Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal which he organised on behalf of Greenbank for many years.

Other hobbies included gardening, bird-watching and wildlife, and he was a lifelong supporter of Rangers Football Club.

Duncan's grandchildren have fond memories of days out to Chatham Dockyards, New Lanark Mill, walks and board games in the Lake District, meals out with Nana and Grandpa, and Christmases spent together.

Duncan faithfully attended Greenbank Church, since he was a child. He was ordained as an elder in 1987, and received a Long Service certificate in 2017. Duncan faithfully visited church members to whom he was the district elder, and regularly attended Congregational Board and Kirk Session meetings. He was a faithful supporter of the church's many activities.

Duncan provided strength, support and unconditional love, teaching important values like hard work, honesty and kindness, serving as a protector and provider for his family, always inspiring his children and grandchildren to be the best they could be.

Duncan and Shiela were married for 60 years, and remained devoted to each other. Sadly, Shiela has suffered from Dementia for a number of years, during which Duncan continued to faithfully support her.

Duncan McIntyre was a kind and loving Christian gentleman, seeing good in people and always willing to help. Duncan will be deeply missed by family and friends alike.

Today we give thanks to God for the life and service of Duncan McIntyre, and commend Shiela, Patricia and Wendy, and the wider family, to the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer Diary

"Come, little Leaves,' said the Wind one day,
'Come o'er the meadows with me, and play;
Put on your dresses of red and gold;
Summer is gone, and the days grow cold.'

Soon as the Leaves heard the Wind's loud call,
Down they came fluttering, one and all;
Over the fields they danced and flew,
Singing the soft little songs that they knew.

Dancing and whirling the little Leaves went;
Winter had called them, and they were content.
Soon, fast asleep in their earthy beds,
The snow laid a coverlet over their heads."

(excerpt from 'Wind and the Leaves' - George Cooper)

My gran always loved autumn because of all the colours of the leaves, all the warm yellows and oranges and reds. We never like to see the end of the warm weather and long days, but autumn does bring comforting home-made soup, pumpkins, the last of the summer fruit, hallowe'en and bonfire night.

The horrendous flash-flood in Nepal recently swept away people and possessions, and destroyed property and lives. Please keep everyone affected in your prayers; people who have lost family and friends, the rescuers who worked tirelessly trying to find survivors, and everyone working to help and support survivors.

Continue to pray for conflicts across the world; for all the ordinary people caught up in bombings and battles where they live; for everyone forced to flee for their lives, taking only what they can carry; for the soldiers facing death every day; and for the leaders, that they will genuinely work towards ending the conflicts and the suffering.

Give thanks, as the weather gets colder and wetter, and the days get shorter, that we have a roof over our heads. Give thanks for friends and family. Give thanks for the comfort of faith, and memories, and love.

'...I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love.'

(Ephesians 3:17-18)

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.

What's On

SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on Saturday 3rd October. We are continuing with Timothy Keller's book, *"Hope in Times of Fear"*, looking at Chapter 7, *"Personal Hope : 2"*. We will be meeting at **10.00am in the annexe** (the multi-purpose space). New members will be made most welcome. For more information, please call the church office.

THE GUILD

The Guild will resume on **Wednesday 7th October** at 2.00pm. We are very proud that this will be our 119th Session. Quite an amazing record! We very much look forward to catching up with our faithful members and hopefully welcoming some new ladies (and gentlemen!) so why not come along and share a couple of hours with us. Remember to please bring your own cup. Details of the syllabus for the month of October are given below.

The Guild are also very much looking forward to gathering and enjoying happy times in our new premises.

7th October	Rev. Ruth Halley: Opening Meeting and Rededication
14th October	Luckenbooth: A Musical Afternoon
21st October	Liz Allan: Hedi Lamar - Beauty and Brains
28th October	Graham Vance: Stories of the Police Force

Enid Dron
Secretary

TIME OUT

Our 26/27 session got off to a great start in September with our cheese and wine evening.

October has three meetings starting on Thursday 1st with us having a drink and chat evening in the Redhurst. October 15th we have a guest speaker from the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, and on the 29th we have another guest speaker this time from SSPCA. We are looking forward to hearing from two very interesting guests.

All our meetings start at 7.30pm and will be taking place in the new annexe from Thursday 15th October. All are welcome to come along.

Elaine Carr

GREENBANK PLAYERS

We are starting rehearsals soon for our 80th anniversary show, which will take place on Friday 23rd April 2027 in the evening, and on Saturday 24th April 2027 in the afternoon.

If you would like to join us, please speak to me or any member for more information.

Liz Smith
Secretary

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Clarkston Community Choir meets for weekly rehearsals on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm-9.30pm, and is preparing for a busy season of concerts in December, including their big charity concert finale, complete with 13-piece orchestra, at Greenbank Parish Church on 18th December. They currently meet at Busby Parish Church halls, but look forward to returning to Greenbank Parish Church halls once the new building is up and running (the current assumption is that this will be from Wed 7th October). The group is very friendly and welcoming, open to anyone with an interest in singing - no auditions or previous musical/music reading experience required. For more info, pop along to a rehearsal on a Wednesday night or get in touch with us at: clarkstoncommunitychoir@gmail.com.

COSY CAFÉ

Cosy Cafe has been around for several years now. It's held on Friday afternoons during term time and the aim is to provide a safe space for secondary pupils to relax with their friends after school. Both Williamwood and St Ninian's finish early on Fridays so the cafe runs from 3 to 4.

We provide hot chocolate or juice and toast with chocolate spread. If you have children or grandchildren or young neighbours or friends, please help yourself to the flyers in the vestibule/at the back of the church and encourage them to try it out.

Christine Bryden and I attended a Freshers' Fair at Williamwood High School on Friday 28th August to see if we could attract younger pupils as our current attendees are mainly 4th or 5th year.

We are at present meeting in the manse and are looking forward to moving to the new annexe.

We have two church members in attendance each week and would welcome more helpers. You must have a safeguarding certificate - see Graham Rae - and one of the helpers should have a food hygiene certificate.

The young people who come along are well mannered and chatty and pleased that it's all free. As well as making the toast and serving the hot chocolate I always enjoy finding out about what they've been doing and seeing them progress from first year through to exam times.

Liz Allan



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, IAN!!



One of our long-standing church members, Ian Smith, turned 90 years young on 21st September!

Ian joined Greenbank as an elder over 50 years ago and enjoyed helped with the gardens, Christian Aid and youth club, and taught many a BB member to swim.

These days life is more relaxed and, whilst he cannot attend Sunday services as much as he would like to, he is embracing technology (with varying degrees of success!) and tuning in to watch on YouTube. Additionally, Ian very much values visits from his elder, Alison Allan.

Many happy returns, Ian!



TEA IN THE ANNEXE

With the internal work very near to completion, the annexe reached the stage where we can begin to have our tea and coffee in the lovely new surroundings. This happened on Sunday 20th September, and was a huge milestone moment as we took a step forward in achieving our goal of creating a sustaining worshipping congregation.



BUSHIDO KARATE CLUB

Bushido Karate Greenbank has had an exceptionally busy and rewarding period, with many positive developments across the club. We have welcomed a fantastic mix of new starts — young and old, male and female, families and individuals — all beginning their karate journey with us. The energy and enthusiasm they've brought into the dojo has been outstanding.

Our recent Kyu gradings have showcased an exceptional standard, a testament to the commitment and hard work of our students and the dedication of our brilliant coaching team. The progress across all levels has been inspiring.

We are currently training for the Bushido Karate Association KATA Championships taking place at the end of October. Many of our students will be entering, and the focus and determination they are showing in preparation has been excellent.

The Black Belt grading has now been announced for the end of November, and we are proud to have a number of students being put forward. This is a major milestone in any karateka's journey, and their perseverance and discipline have brought them to this point.

Bushido Karate Greenbank was nominated and selected as the Winner of Community Club of the Year at the Enjoy East Ren Sporting Heroes Awards 2026. This is a tremendous achievement for our club and reflects the strength of our community, our amazing students, and our dedicated coaches.

Key criteria for the award included:

- Participation, equality, diversity and inclusion
- People development
- Collaboration
- Performance
- Meeting community needs
- Links with Active Schools and Community Sport Hub Networks

This recognition highlights everything we strive to embody as a club.

Bushido Karate Greenbank is a family-friendly, community-focused martial arts club dedicated to developing respectful, healthy, confident and resilient individuals. We welcome students of all ages and levels — experienced or complete beginners — and support them in finding their own path in traditional Shotokan karate.

Our mission is simple: to make karate inclusive and accessible to everyone.

Bushido Virtues at the Heart of Our Ethos:

- Duty
- Courage
- Mercy
- Respect
- Honesty
- Honour
- Loyalty

These virtues guide our training, shape our culture, and support the development of lifelong values and skills.

Bushido Greenbank would also like to express sincere thanks to the community of Greenbank Church. Over the past 18 years, we have built a strong and meaningful bond with the congregation, and their continued support in allowing us to train in their halls has been invaluable to our growth and stability as a club.

Best wishes,
John Elliot



News and Updates



The Glasgow North East Foodbank continues to support families by ensuring that no one in the community faces going hungry. That's why they provide five days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. As a part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The

Trussell Trust, they constantly work to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

All of this is made possible by the hard working volunteers at GNE, but wouldn't happen without the support of those who donate food via Greenbank, as well as helping by **donating online**. Thank you all. Donations can be left in the box in the church vestibule on a Sunday, or placed in the box in the manse hallway during office hours. At the moment, as well as **the usual food items, the foodbank would appreciate donations of toiletries of all types**.

Alex Howie, GNE Foodbank Coordinator



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 tinned tomatoes, long life milk, pot/packet noodles, small salt and peppers for the tables, vegetable oil/olive oil and brown sauce are particularly requested. Donations of disposable razors and new male boxer shorts (small, medium and large sizes) are also needed.**

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.

The annual Homelessness Service takes place on Thursday 8 October at 6pm when the speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Gordon Kennedy. All welcome.

The LHM provided 4052 meals in August 2026. This takes the number of meals provided so far in 2026 to 31 259. For comparison the August 2025 figure was 3654. The number of volunteer hours in August was 584.

The number of meals tells only part of the story. Food costs have increased dramatically (as we all know). In July 2022 the LHM spent £965.29 on food. In July 2025 this cost had risen to £3830.14 and in July 2026 the food cost was £4659.62. These increases reflect the rising cost of food and the growing number of people relying on the meal service.



LHM clients enjoyed recent outings to the Govan Graving Docks and Dundonald Castle. One of the volunteers, Carol, has recently started a Creative Arts and Crafts group.

Liz Smith
LHM Representative

HARVEST THANKSGIVING – SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place this year on Sunday 4th 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 for food parcels. Please see the lists below.

Cereal	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Goods
Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nut	Pears	Baked Beans
Weetabix	Pineapples	Chopped tomatoes
Rice Crispies	Mandarins	Coconut Milk
Sugar Puffs	Fruit Cocktail	Condensed Milk
Frosties	Other	Potatoes
Coco Pops	Diluting/fresh juice	Custard
Cheerios	Coffee	Rice Pudding
Muesli	Biscuits	Butter Beans
Dried Goods	Crisps	Cannellini Beans
Couscous	Tea Bags	Chickpeas
Bulgur wheat	Long life milk	Tinned lentils
Paprika, Cumin	Rapeseed Oil	Other
Lentils	Plain Flour	Brown Sauce
Mixed herbs	Corn Flour	Tomato Sauce
Garlic powder	Mustard	Vinegar
Onion powder	Butter	Soya Sauce
Chilli powder	Bottle lemon/lime juice	Worcestershire Sauce
Crushed chillies	Dry yeast	Olive oil
Ground coriander	Baking Powder	Vegetable oil
Black pepper	Red wine vinegar	Gravy Granules
Salt	Apple Cider Vinegar	Veg Stock cubes/ bouillon
Pasta	Vanilla Extract	Jelly
Long grain rice	Essentials	Sugar
Bay Leaves	Washing up liquid	Tomato Paste
Lasagne Sheets	Washing Powder	Passata
Coriander	Toilet Tissue	

Food Parcel Items

pot noodles/packet noodles	Tinned ham, corn beef, tuna,	Tinned spaghetti, spaghetti hoops	Tinned meatballs, macaroni, tinned dinners eg curries
instant mash	Microwave rice pouches, pasta pouches	Biscuits, cereal bars	tinned soups, packet soups

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,

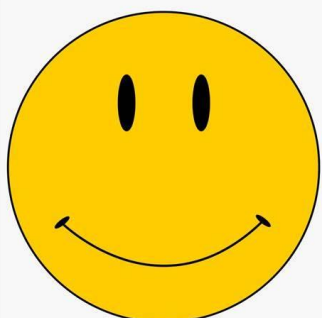


HALL HIRE

Greenbank Church Halls will not be available to hire for children's parties at this time.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

WORLD SMILE DAY



This big yellow smiley face was created in 1963 by an artist called Harvey Ball who came from Massachusetts in the U.S.A.. The image of the smiley face was adopted all over the world as a symbol of happiness and good will. However, as the years passed, Harvey became concerned that it had been used and adapted so much by people who used it to sell goods and make money that it had lost its original meaning. Out of that concern, came his idea for World Smile Day. He thought that everybody should make one day a year about smiles and acts of kindness. He declared that the first Friday in October would become World Smile Day. The first one was held in 1999. So be sure to join in the celebration on Friday 1st October and "Do an act of kindness. Make one person smile".

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Thursday 1st October is National Poetry Day. Maybe you will be reading poetry in school. I like this one about the things that matter to us most.

My Treasures

These are the treasures that I keep
I hold them close before I sleep

A silver coin
a twisty shell
a leaf that has a lovely smell

These are the treasures that I keep

a birthday badge
an apple pip
a very shiny paperclip

an acorn cup
a curly straw
a key to forgotten door

These are the treasures that I found
I keep them safe
I keep them sound.

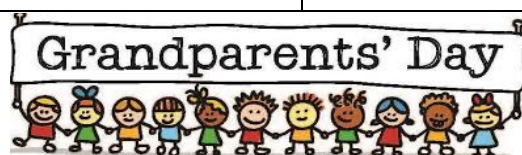
Can you write a poem about your treasures?



Halloween WORD SEARCH



AUTUMN	GHOST	MUMMY	SPIDER
BATS	HALLOWEEN	OCTOBER	SPOOKY
BOO	HAUNTED	ORANGE	TRICK
CANDY	JACKOLANTERN	PUMPKIN	TREAT
COSTUMES	MONSTER	SKELETON	VAMPIRE



The **4th of October** is Grandparents Day is the UK's celebration of grandmothers, grandfathers and all grandparents. It is a day to appreciate and show your love for your grandparents.

- You can send a card – make it yourself so it's really personal.
- Give them a phone call or an email or text if they live at a distance. Include a photo.
- Pay them a visit and take something you know they will like – apart from yourself!
- Give them a big hug to show you love them - even if you think you're a bit old for hugs.

Hi Everyone,

As the seasons start to change into Autumn, we look forward to all the fun things that happen at this time of year – Halloween and Christmas.

We continue to work on crafts and games with the children spreading the word of God through stories and play.

We are now enjoying the new environment within the annexe, and the children have more room to enjoy their Sunday mornings.

Sunday Club Team

Dates for October are: -

Sun 27th September – Sunday Club **on Holiday** for September weekend

Sun 4th October – Harvest Sunday – Sunday Club meet in Church and then on to the annexe

Sun 11th October – Sunday Club **on Holiday**

Sun 18th October – Sunday Club **on Holiday**

Sun 25th October – Sunday Club meet in Church then on to the annexe

Sun 1st November – Sunday Club meet in annexe and join congregation for communion

APPLE BITES FOR HALLOWEEN

Ingredients

- 2 green apples, each quartered
- butter or spread
- 32 sunflower seeds
- 2–3 strawberries, sliced
- 1–2 googly eyes for each bite



Instructions

1. Cut the middles out of each quarter of the apple to create a mouth. Don't worry about perfection, you are filling this gap with butter anyway so if you cut too deep, you can always just cover it up and no one will know.
2. Coat the inside of the cut gap with a filling of sunflower butter or spread.
3. Place 4 sunflower seeds on the top of the "mouth" for the teeth.
4. Place 1 sliced strawberry inside the mouth for the tongue.
5. "Glue" each eye above the mouth with a dab of butter to stick.
6. Serve with a smile.

JOKES FOR HALLOWEEN

How do vampires get around on Halloween? On blood vessels.

Why did the Headless Horseman get a job? He was trying to get ahead in life.

What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurred? Spooktacles.

Where do fashionable ghosts shop? Bootiques.

What do you call a fat pumpkin? A plumpkin.

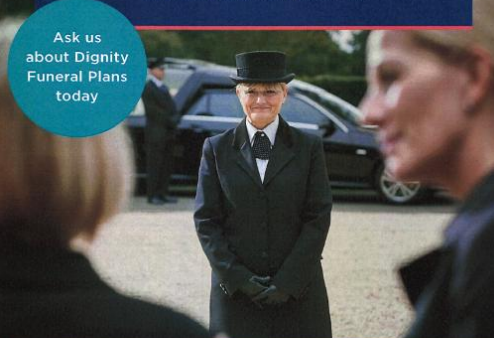


NATIONAL "I LOVE YOU DAY "

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