

MEADOWBANK

Church of Scotland

UPDATE
MAY '19



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Dear Friends,

As June approaches I am looking to the completion of my time with you at Meadowbank Church. It has been a privilege to share the journey of the last year with you all and come to a point where there is a growing sense of

My thanks go out to Russell, for his vision, support and energy. To the support I have had from the Kirk Session at to all the friends I have made.

Whatever the future holds on a practical level for mission I am reassured that

My last Sunday will be on June 9th where I will share some reflections on my time with you

Yours in His name,

Tim



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

dates for your diary

Saturday 25th May 2-4pm

Circle Dance in the church hall. No need to book, just come along!

Sunday 2nd June 12 -2pm

Transition Support Group - We meet with Presbytery and Ministries Council to look at our progress and future direction. Sandwiches provided!

Every Thursday 11- 1pm—Church Hall

Community Cook Club, Join us for good food and great company!

Every Thursday 1:30 - 2:30pm—Church Hall

‘Nibble&Natter’ over 60’s social group

Saturday 1st June 10:30 - 12pm

Cafe Style Gathering – Local churches share together, hosted by Mustard Seed and St Margaret’s. 170 Easter Road.

Thurs 30th May & 16th June 7-8:30pm

Bible Study Group - Our final two gatherings to complete our look at Philipians.

Sunday 9th June - 1pm

Walking Together, see details overleaf

A prayer, kindly provided by Pat Fawcett

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of the day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

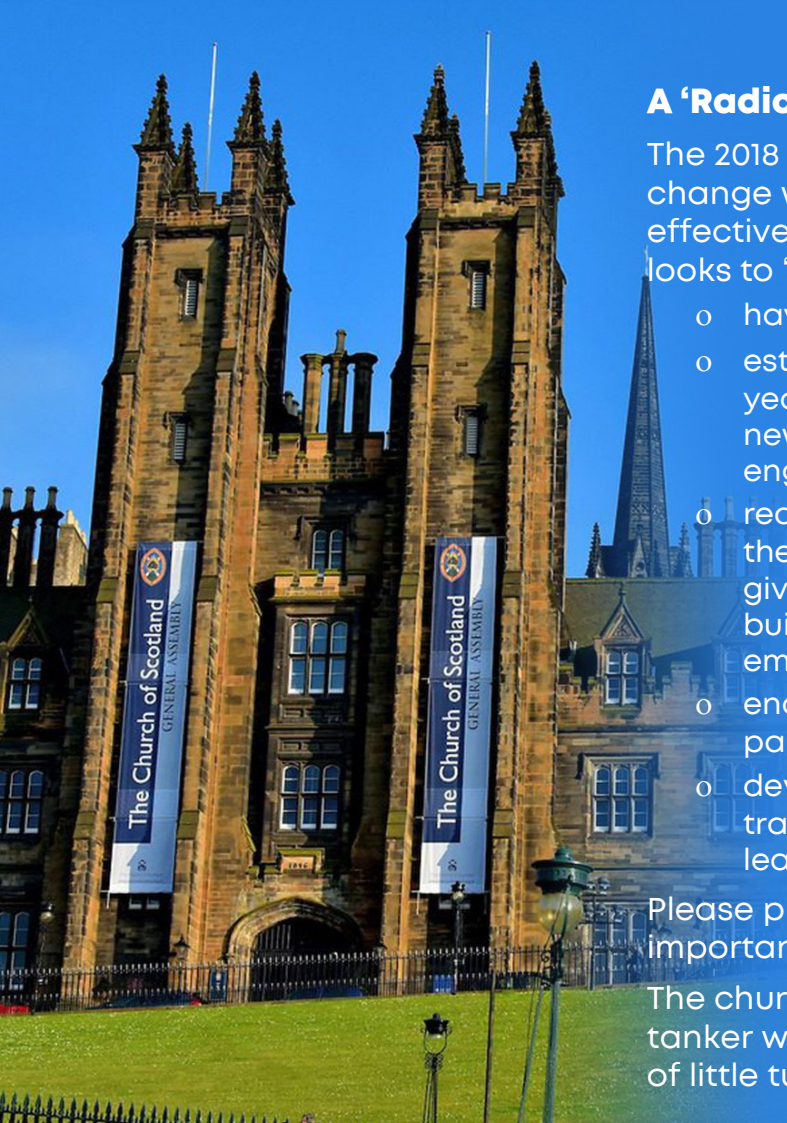
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.



A 'Radical Action Plan' for The Church of Scotland

The 2018 General Assembly was clear that radical change was necessary if the church is to be more effective in its mission. The 2019 'Radical Action Plan' looks to 'liberate' local congregations, ideas include:

- o having a deliberate focus on those aged under 40
- o establishing a Growth Fund of £20-£25 million for a 7 year period to enable local churches to support new ways of doing church, deepening faith and engaging with communities
- o reducing the number of Presbyteries and increasing the support. Larger, better staffed, Presbyteries can give with the areas congregations struggle with in building expertise, finance matters, safeguarding, employing people & developing partnerships
- o encouraging more parish grouping initiatives where parishes can work together in different ways
- o developing co-ordinated flexible education, training and support programmes for all levels of leadership in the church

Please pray for the General Assembly as it makes important decisions.

The church has been described as being like a huge tanker which takes miles to turn around. It needs lots of little tug boats to help it change direction!

CHIT CHAT AFTER SCHOOL

for three weeks in June



RUSSELL & JAN

Following a successful application to the Calton Youth Trust, funding has been provided for a storyteller, Jan, to work with Russell in leading a new after school club for children from Abbeyhill Primary School.

Funding also covers providing camera equipment to enhance children's activities in the Church and create opportunities for children to learn and practice filmmaking.

Sunday 9th June 1pm

walking together

A short walk with Ranger Graham in Holyrood Park for some fresh air and an insight into the history and wildlife of the area.

~ All Welcome ~