

MEADOWBANK

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Dear Friends,

I am thankful to you all for your very warm welcome since I joined the church on 1 August 2019. I have felt blessed to join the Church family. I am excited about my new role which will involve working with the church to reach out to members the community to develop friendships and local connections. Already we have agreed with Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland that I will spend half a day a week as Chaplain-in-Training to Meadowbank Shopping Park.

It is a great opportunity for us to make our presence better known locally and my hope that, as a church, we will share the love of Christ and be salt and light to those who might need a listening ear or a caring gesture within our area.

I am looking forward to the journey ahead and to this new direction to my life and Christian walk.

Pray with me that I will grow and flourish within this role.

Yours in his name,

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dates for your diary

Saturday 24th August 2-4pm

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

Sunday 25th August 11am Service

Pulpit Exchange – Rev Malcolm Ramsay of Willowbrae is at Meadowbank while Russell will be at Greenside Church

Sunday 1st September 11am

Fiona Beveridge – will lead our worship while Russell is at North Leith Church where he is Interim Moderator following their minister moving to a new charge.

Saturday 14th September 12-4pm

Montgomery Street Park Summer Fair
We will have a stall at this event and it would be great to have support

Saturday 21st September 10.30am-12

Cafe-Style Gathering at Meadowbank
It is our turn again to 'host' this event where we can meet and share news with folk from all the local congregations in this part of the city.

Sunday 29th September 11am Service

Pulpit Exchange – Rev Douglas Paterson Locum at St Margaret's Restalrig is with us while Russell will be at St Margaret's

Saturday 12th October 10am-12

Conference at Willowbrae Church
for elders and any interested members. We will be looking at future ideas for ministry and buildings which might involve Greenside, Meadowbank, Willowbrae & St Margaret's Restalrig (see article over-page for background)

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A little bit about me

I was born in Nairobi (Kenya) as the second of five siblings, two brothers and two sisters. It has been 17 years living in the United Kingdom and married for 15 years to my husband Kweku who is from Ghana. My working life has been in marketing and fundraising roles for Christian charities such as Tearfund and London City Mission. I enjoyed working in environments whereby I had opportunities to pray with my colleagues – not always possible.

We moved to Edinburgh in September of 2016. I was blessed to start a one-year role with the Church of Scotland as a Stewardship Team Leader until the end of 2017. Recently, working with Granton Information Centre, I supported the residents of the Granton area with Welfare rights and debt advice.

I look forward to using my God-given talents to in my new role as an Outreach and Programme Worker.



Hobbies

I enjoy cooking and so I often have my friends over for a lovely meal.

I also like watching car racing, football and rugby when I can.



Looking Forward Together

As we look beyond the 5 years of Transition Ministry we must now very seriously look at ideas for the future with neighbours and with Presbytery.

- There will be a reduction in the number of ministers in Edinburgh and in this part of the city. This may mean sharing a minister or a wider 'team ministry'. It might be possible to have different times for services in different places and more members leading worship.
- The buildings which we have are very expensive to maintain and some need costly upgrade. It may be that we can keep all buildings but maximize the income by having larger parts of some buildings for commercial rent for office, studios and performance space ... or we may need to let go of some buildings and look to use other community spaces or shop spaces to engage with local people.
- **Our congregations are relatively small and elderly while the local community is much younger. Our priority must be to find the best ways to engage with the people who live and work here.**

Following our review meeting in July with Presbytery & Ministries Council Presbytery has encouraged us to continue conversations

- with the Café-Style Gatherings
- with a pulpit exchange of the next three months
- **with a further joint church conference on Saturday 12th October**