

MEADOWBANK

Church of Scotland

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Dear friends

On Saturday 18th January we had the third Joint Kirk Session Conversation meeting in the renovated hall at Willowbrae Church involving five churches

Greenside Church of Scotland
Meadowbank Church of Scotland
Willowbrae Church of Scotland
St Margaret's Church of Scotland
and **Wilson Memorial United Free Church**

We followed on from the previous meeting in October 2019 exploring our hopes or *'dreams'* for the future of the church in our part of Edinburgh. People imagined the church being attractive to younger people with a whole variety of different types of services and church life.

We also took time to think about our *'fears'* remembering that even Jesus on the cross cried out to his Father and remembering parts of the Bible where people expressed their hurt and sense of loss as things were very difficult to bear.

Finally we looked at *'possibilities'* for the future and one idea to carry out a study or business plan to see if we could keep all three buildings along London Road rather than the likely alternative of closing (say) two buildings and keeping one. Other possibilities were suggested including all churches meeting together on one Sunday of each month and sharing a monthly or 2-monthly evening Praise Night with different styles of music.

May God lead us in all these conversations

Blessings to you all

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dates for your diary

Sunday 26th January 11am Service

Monthly celebration of Lord's Supper

We now celebrate Communion each month on the last Sunday of the month

Monday 3rd February 7.30-9pm

Monday 10th February 7.30-9pm

Monday 17th February 7.30-9pm

Monday 24th February 7.30-9pm

Luke Bible Study & Videos

Using the excellent artwork & video interviews from Iain Campbell, artist in residence at St George's Tron, Glasgow, we will choose 4 chapters from Luke's Gospel for the 4 weeks in February.

Sunday 2nd February 11am Service

Sunday 9th February 11am Service

Sunday 16th February 11am Service

Sunday 24th February 11am Service



The services through February will explore what it means to 'follow Jesus' way'. The first followers of Jesus were known as 'people of the way' and they impressed others by their way of life.

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The outdoor café on the Saturday before Christmas was an opportunity to meet and talk with different people



Our joint churches' carol singing in Sainsbury's was led with sign language by a deaf lady who comes to Cook Club



All the Abbeyhill Primary Classes visited the Christmas Labyrinth in the church with different activities on offer

Christmas was a great time for us to share with others

Retiring offerings and extra donations over the Christmas period raised £300 towards our Edinburgh Presbytery Project to install a defibrillator outside every Church of Scotland building. Defibrillators greatly increase the survival rates of those who suffer cardiac arrest and it is important that they are available 24/7. Where churches are located in the heart of their communities this project is a very practical way in which we can show our care to parishioners at the most trying of times.



Russell was part of the 'Big Sleep-out' in Princes Street Gardens to raise awareness of homelessness. It was one of the worst nights of the winter with cold driving rain. 'It gave me a real appreciation of how tough it must be to be homeless'. Russell is chaplain to Edinburgh City FC and part of the 'team' taking part in the event. Thanks to all who supported him in raising £250 for this cause.

