

MEADOWBANK

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This cartoon speaks so well of how we can choose either to sit apart or come together in our journey in life. Over the past months the ministers in our local area have joined together every Tuesday morning for a Skype call where we share our joys and concerns and pray together. This has allowed us to grow closer in friendship and faith. It seems really important that we all look out for one another especially where the Bible has the strongest message that we care for the weakest and to look out for the stranger. Mustard Seed is very much about making church place where people can meet one another and meet Jesus.

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weekly message

Folks

WE PRAY FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

Through the month of July our local churches have committed to pray for one another. We recognize that we are all part of the one church of Jesus in this part of Edinburgh. We are not in competition but, rather, look to support one another with a real delight in what we each are specially doing to share God's love.



This week we pray for Mustard Seed which started in 2017 as a mission project from Ps & Gs Episcopal Church in Queens Street. Based in St Margaret's Episcopal Church in Easter Road it has a special concern to connect with those who find themselves in poverty and on the edges of society. Rev Richard Cornfield is the Pioneer Priest working with 20 volunteers

As you look at the pictures on page 2 please pray for Richard and the wonderful mix of folk who are part of this very special and unusual church.

OPENING OUR OWN CHURCH

While the government now allows church buildings to be open for private prayer we are advised not to rush to do this. We are planning to open the church with an exhibition sometime in late July or August with 24 paintings by Ian Campbell based on each chapter of Luke's Gospel. These paintings will offer a wonderful focus for prayer. Before we can open we need to prepare the building following all the regulations around COVID-19 and making sure that we have fully considered all the risks.

**Pray for Mustard Seed
and also for the
plans for our opening!**

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Mustard Seed is a community of Good News, rooted in prayer. We value kindness, hospitality, creativity, justice and joy.

We are a Scottish Episcopal Community of Mission in the Diocese of Edinburgh

"There's something unusual about Soul Food. People treat you with such kindness and talk to you as an equal - that's not my daily experience of homelessness."



The KiNgdom of Heaven is like a
mustard seed

The Bishop of Edinburgh commissioned us to be
a community of mission.

He told us to be 'Rooted and Radical'.

Or - in other words - to be deeply connected to the story of God, whilst having the courage to connect God's story into new places and new ways.



During lockdown Mustard Seed has a Sunday Zoom service mostly for volunteers who are online and 'Grab & Go' takeaway stand with a meal for those who are homeless on a Thursday

The table is at the centre of things.
We believe that great food - along with space for conversation - changes things, enables new plans and transformation to be imagined and worked through.
Normally the church meets at 4pm on a Sunday with a meal & service with 50 people. Soul Food is at 5.30pm on Thursdays with a shared meal and for families in need at 4.30pm on Saturday
There are also different courses and events offered on practical things like managing debt.

In July we pray for neighbouring churches



Richard Cornfield leading the service



An outing to the seaside