

**UPDATE**  
**23rd July**  
**2020**



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## Careful words!

These words from the Church of Scotland Guidelines make absolutely clear that we are not in any position to 'return to normal'!

### Restrictions with us into 2021

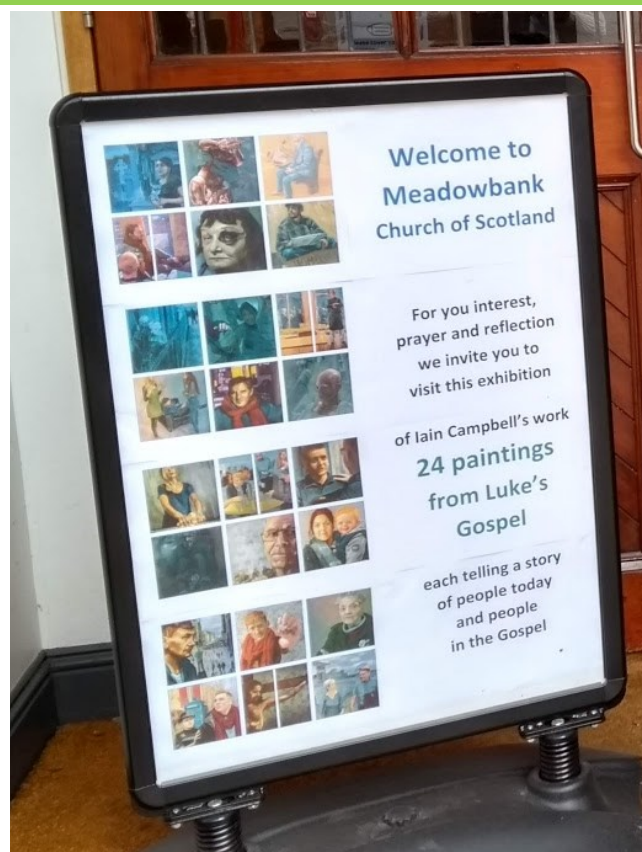
*"Many of the restrictions that have been in place since March 2020 will now be with us throughout the rest of this year and probably into 2021. Physical distancing, hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning and disinfection will have to be embraced into a new way of church life."*

### Over 70's attending church?

*"We also have to consider those vulnerable members of our congregations, and how we can support their needs. The reality is that those over the age of 70 will have to consider carefully whether they should be attending church. Those members of the congregations who are shielding or have underlying health conditions would be best advised not to come to church for the time being."*

### Reopening with an Exhibition

We had planned and agreed to have this fabulous exhibition at Meadowbank as our contribution to the Festival Fringe 2020. While the Fringe has been cancelled it is really good that we can offer something special to people which lends itself to prayer and reflection. Jackie and Russell and volunteer stewards will always be there to listen and engage in conversation while maintaining all the protocol.



**Opening on 1st August for prayer  
& reflection with an exhibition  
of 24 paintings from Luke's Gospel**  
**12-2pm Wednesday to Sunday  
through August & September**

The paintings by Glasgow artist Iain Campbell were completed in and for St George's Tron Church in Glasgow. Each portrait comes from reflection on a chapter of Luke's Gospel and a connection with some of the characters in and around the Glasgow City Centre Church.

**If you are able to be a volunteer steward for  
the exhibition please contact Russell**

**Please pray for our  
neighbours at Greenside  
and for our plans for  
opening the church**

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Greenside has benefitted from the restart of building work which had been put on hold in March. The work is now expected to be completed in October. We are looking forward to our 'building face lift'.

Over the last few months the Greenside family have been keeping in touch with weekly letters from Rev Alistair Wynne, our locum Minister, and with each other with 'phone visits'.

We are currently considering safe and effective arrangements for reopening for Worship Services and for the community groups whom we support. We are all very much looking forward to coming together again as a Church family.

Isabel McNab (Session Clerk)

## We pray this week for our neighbours at Greenside

### Jim Grant—a good friend

One of our good friends and former member, Jim Grant, died last Saturday in St Columba's Hospice. Jim had moved to Newhaven Church last year as this was much nearer his home.

The funeral will be at 1330 on Thursday 30th July and the Session Clerk at Newhaven will let me know the route of the cortege so those who wish can pay their respects.

I had recently sent Jim a card from his friends here in Meadowbank telling him how many of us appreciated his friendship and encouragement through some difficult times. It was good also to have visited him in his home over the past year.

Russell



This week our glazier, Mark Smith of Portobello, was able to complete work of installing new protective glass to the 24 ground level windows round the church at a cost of £3,864.

### 200 seats carried up to the gallery!

In order to allow 2-meter spacing and access to seats in the church we had to remove 200 seats—now stored in the gallery—all very hard work going up and down these stairs carrying the heavy wooden framed chairs. The Government regulations allow us only a maximum of 24 people for a service in the church and we hope we might be able to have reflective-type services later in August.

