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WE PRAY FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

Through July neighbouring churches are committed to pray for one another. This week our prayer focus is on Abbeyhill Baptist Church with its new pastor **Simon Schofield** beginning to work with the local congregation to make plans for the future.



Cassie Abousamak is a youth worker in North East Edinburgh and also part of the Local Ministers' Tuesday Skype Prayer meeting. Over 'lock-down' her work has included WONDER ZONE an on-line Holiday Club. Please take time to pray for our friends at Abbeyhill Baptist Church and for Cassie as you read the feature and look at the photographs overpage.

WORK TO OUR BUILDING AT MEADOWBANK

It is really important it is to keep our buildings in good condition. The old adage 'a stitch in time saves nine' transfers well to bricks, wood glass, metal and mortar where costs multiply if ongoing servicing and maintenance is ignored. We also look to improve the building to make it fit for purpose. The General Trustees of The Church of Scotland have responsibilities for church buildings and say clearly that in 2020 we still have too many church buildings in poor condition in the wrong places. Looking forward the plan for the future is for

'Well equipped spaces in the right places'

You will see on this page some of the work being carried out over these summer months to help keep our building compliant and in good order.

**Pray for Abbeyhill Baptist
for Cassie's work
and practical building
maintenance!**



Local Ministers' Tuesday Skype Prayer Meeting
Malcolm Ramsay of Willowbrae
Simon Schofield of Abbeyhill Baptist
Richard Cornfield of Mustard Seed
Cassie Abousamak a local Youth Worker
Russell McLarty of Meadowbank

Work on the building this month includes

New toughened glass protection for the lower church windows to be installed on 20-21 July

The new art-work for the hall window based on Galatians 5 v22 (love-joy-peace) and the office windows featuring the 'trypraying' message.

Maintenance to the wooden floor in hall with 2 coats of varnish applied last week



Annual PAT electrical testing —all 57 portable appliances

Annual emergency lighting testing where 7 of the emergency lights failed and need to be replaced at a cost of £911— costly but essential

Annual lift servicing & repair to lift door

Jackie Wilson-Tagoe

Programme & Outreach Worker

(Jackie is on annual leave until 15 July 2020)

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Prayer focus on local churches in July 2020



Simon Schofield - pastor at Abbeyhill Baptist

"I'm married to Gemma and we have 4 children, Annie, Ben, Libby and Jacob. We moved to Edinburgh in February 2019. We previously lived in Warrington, where I was the pastor of two Baptist Churches over the course of 9 years."

Prayer points for Abbeyhill Baptist Church

- Thanks for the decorated gates (above)
- Thanks for the opportunity from 'lockdown' to take time to pause and think about priorities for the future
- Thanks that Zoom church services every Sunday have gone well
- Thanks for good relationships in the church
- Prayers for a children's day in Holyrood Park at the end of July with fun games and teaching.



Cassie Abousamak is part of our local ministry group and part time youth worker at Newhaven. Cassie works in schools and church projects across north Edinburgh. Give thanks for the **WONDER ZONE** holiday club run last week with 15 families involved. Highlights were

- scientific explorations in the lab book
- cake to share being delivered to every home on the Friday.
- the song with everyone singing together on the screen (above) and words below

Coronavirus is forcing us to press the **RESET BUTTON** to ask whether God is calling us to do new things



It's a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful world. It's an utterly marvellous, totally glorious, simply incredible world. And as we stand amazed we will sing out in praise To the God who made it all: This marvellous, glorious, wonderful, wonderful world.

He made it all work together In ways that blow our minds With whales and snails and fingernails and creatures of all kinds. His handiwork is all around us and plain for all to see.

From outer space to the nose sat on my face He made it all