

MEADOWBANK

Church of Scotland

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new windows in church doors



weekly message

Sunday 13th September 11am



Climate Sunday

Climate Sunday We will be holding climate-focused services through the rest of September where we look to explore the theological and scientific basis of creation care and action on climate, to pray, and to commit to action.

There are only 24 places in the church each Sunday so you **MUST** text/phone/email Russell if you want to attend.

Sunday 20th September 11am

Sunday 27th September 11am

Dear friends

It has been really good to have started Sunday Services again even though it is strange to look out to see people sitting 2 meters apart and all wearing masks. The service with Iain Campbell has been recorded and a link will be posted on the **Meadowbank website + Facebook sites**.

The exhibition running through August and September seems to be very worthwhile. We have had up to 18 people visit on any one day and a wide mix of people including Cook Club folk, local people who received leaflets and members of other Edinburgh churches.

We are pleased with the new windows in the church doors which give a more 'open' look as we continue to welcome people into church.

**Continue to pray
with hope
and faith and love**

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Climate Sunday

Master of the universe,
in whose hand is the breath of all life
and soul of every person,
grant us the gift of Shabbat,
a day of rest from all our labours.
With all of our senses
may we perceive the glory of Your works.
Fill us with Your goodness,
that we may attest to Your great deeds.

Strengthen us to become Your
faithful partners,
preserving the world
for the sake of future generations.
May it be Your will
Lord our God and God of our ancestors,
to renew Your blessing for the world
in our day, as You have done
from the beginning of time.



hope

**The ruins will be rebuilt.
The neglected land will be worked again,
no longer overgrown with weeds
and thistles, worthless
in the eyes of passersby.
People will exclaim,
“Why, this weed patch has been turned
into a Garden of Eden!
And the ruined cities, smashed into
oblivion, are now thriving!”**

Ezekiel 36 verses 34-35

art exhibition

The painting on Luke Chapter 3 tells how Jesus faces trials and temptations in the wilderness where he alone for 40 days and 40 nights.



The person sitting on the bench as Jesus is Alastair Duncan, minister at St George’s Tron Church in Glasgow city centre. He says that he began to see how the city centre could be a

much lonelier place than the countryside where he had worked for 25 years. He is concerned that the church is there for the many people who experience a deep sense of isolation.

A visit to the exhibition inspired this poem on the painting above

Sitting silently viewing the sky
Watching some other world go by;
All of these faces, people in cars
Others on foot, it’s all so bizarre
Phones in their ears, they walk as they talk
Never to you though, not someone near.

No where to go when the evening has come
Looking out to the lights in the windows of homes
Neighbours next door put their kids into bed
Another few hours to live in your head.

Either old or young, you don’t fit the bill
Your story of life just doesn’t fill
Well worn traditions that cover the truth
So you hide the true self, lost in your youth.

You would think in a city with so many people
Cafes and shops, and churches with steeples
There might be a family wanting to share
Now that you’re different
they’re frightened to care
In a city it can be a roof not a home
In a city of people you can seem quite alone.