

MEADOWBANK

Church of Scotland

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www.meadowbank.church

**church open for 2 weeks
before Christmas**



**from 1-4pm every day
with 4 prayer trees
and mini labyrinth**

We need a volunteer team to help welcome visitors to the church and to steward.

Either Jackie or Russell will be present on all occasions and we will follow all the protocols for COVID-19 with face masks, distancing, a maximum of 12 visitors at any time and cleaning the building.

Please let Jackie or Russell know if you are able to offer to cover any of the times where we will have teams of 3-4 people.

Saturday 12th till Thursday 24th December
1-2.30pm and 2.30-4pm

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1st Sunday of Advent

**Sunday 29th November 11am
MORNING SERVICE**

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

Folks

Every Sunday over the past 3 months we have had different people share leading the Sunday service in prayer, Bible reading and in 'conversation' about the theme. This has suited our COVID-restricted style of meeting and it has also allowed us to get to know one another that bit better. I offer a huge thanks to the 14 different people to date who agreed to be involved in this way and look forward to involving more of our members and friends over this ADVENT season as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives.

Please also get in touch if you are able to help with our 'church open' fortnight before Christmas either in setting up or stewarding as we welcome folk into our church for a time of prayer and reflection.

With grace and
peace in Jesus

..... a story and prayer for Advent



We can all make a difference by supporting fair trade organisations like Traidcraft
www.traidcraftshop.co.uk



How long does it take to make an angel?

That's the question Sarah Ernacio of the Barcelona Multipurpose Co-op in the Philippines asked when she visited the headquarters at Traidcraft, the Christian based fair trade organisation.

Providing the abaca fibre for these small decorations is cut, and wire wings made up, then four angels can be made in a day. Sarah explains how making them has transformed the lives of local families.

The families who make the angels know that their work is appreciated because of the numbers that buyers order. In their minds they are thinking, these people on the other side of the globe really appreciate the craft we are making. They are lifted up by that. It gives them self esteem.

'The families who make the angels have a different outlook on life. They have a different direction now and a value of knowing what it is to have a bit of money for medicine and basic needs.'

Sarah helped to start the co-op and the child centre programme which helps with feeding, nursery, schooling and Christian education. Hand in hand with schooling for children is skills training for the parents, so that the child centre and the co-op are making a real contribution to the local community.

Before Sarah returned home she shared a wish. 'We wish our angels could fly to you!' she said. 'If these angels could fly we wouldn't have the cost of transporting them!'

Fiona Ritchie Walker (2004) —Traidcraft

Divine and Eternal Word, who descended from the Father into the heart of Mary, your love for humankind leads you to Bethlehem where you were born in a poor and humble stable. In truth thousands of angels accompany you on this journey, and yet we, whom you came to save

and lead to that Bethlehem of eternal joy, stubbornly turn away from you. Forgive us God and Lord of the Universe and help us to walk alongside Mary and Joseph thus giving us the courage to fight against and triumph over every adversity

a prayer from Mexico

..... our new noticeboards now in place!



We look to make the entrance to the church as welcoming as possible, also, when restrictions are lifted to run Saturday morning outdoor cafes.

It has taken nearly two years to get the designs, planning permissions, costs and installation of these top quality noticeboards for the front of the church.

On Monday the builder dug deep and poured in concrete foundations and on Thursday returned to bolt well-made steel fixing plates and backfill with concrete. We know that they are in a very exposed site but also well placed to help us let people know that we are a welcoming and active family of faith looking to follow Jesus in this place.

Bless these noticeboards, we pray, that their messages of good news will speak well to passers-by.