

# MEADOWBANK

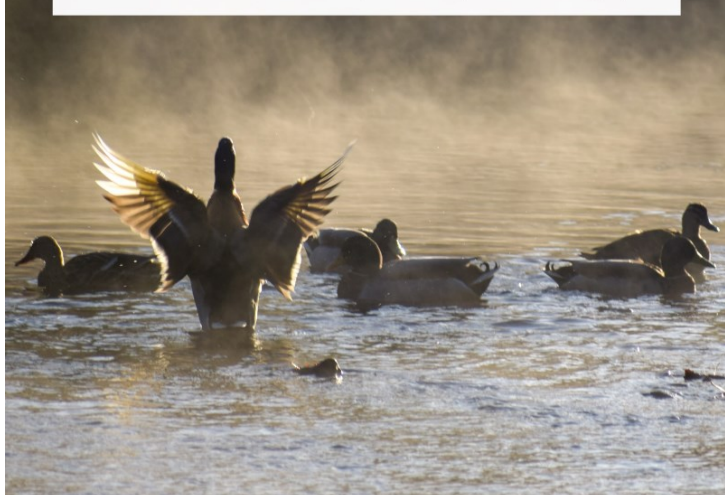
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Source, Saviour, Spring of life,  
refreshing and replenishing God,  
all that pours from You is good and wise and true.  
Soak us with the delight of Your surprising  
nearness, and let us splash in puddles of joy.



Every day the Church of Scotland Facebook page has some sort of uplifting or thought provoking thought. This was posted a few days ago and it is well worth looking at others [\(20+\) Church of Scotland | Facebook](#)

**A guid New Year  
tae ane an aw!**

**Due to Covid restrictions we can no longer have service in the church on Sunday mornings in January**

**11am Meadowbank Zoom Service will allow those with internet to join together**

**The 10.30am Sunday BBC1 TV programme 'Reflections at the Quay' also offers an ecumenical service which others may wish to watch.**

Folks

There were a few very sympathetic messages on our Facebook Page from overseas at the news that we can't hold service in the church due to revised Covid restrictions:

*'This saddens me. I remembered how much like family you treated me when I was there in the fall of 2019 and know how much the community needs that.'*

*'How sad even though it is necessary.'*

My reply was

*'Thanks for these sympathetic messages. Tough times need tough measures and we will get through holding one another in prayer.'*

While we have real challenges I am struck at how much more difficult it will be for people in poorer countries. Where UK and others have stockpiled enough vaccine to treat their population several times over just one person in ten will be able to get vaccinated in poorer countries. Anna Marriott, Oxfam's health policy manager.

*"Unless something changes dramatically, billions of people around the world will not receive a safe and effective vaccine for COVID-19 for years to come."* This is surely something we need to pray about and campaign about as a matter of justice.

With grace and  
peace in Jesus

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## Stories from the frontline

In Myanmar, thousands of families were forced to flee their homes, to reach camps in Bangladesh- a region now home to over 850,000 Rohingya living in 34 cramped refugee camps making physical distancing just impossible.

33% of people living in the camps do not own soap and lack water, making regular hand washing difficult. As a young Mum, 35-year old Razia knows that life in the camps is challenging.

Razia's husband was brutally killed back home in Myanmar and she escaped with her family to a refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Crammed conditions and lack of clean water and toilets mean Razia and her son are already at risk of diseases like cholera and are even more vulnerable to coronavirus. Razia understands the danger and hoped they could protect themselves with masks, but there just aren't enough to go around.

Razia had learnt to make baby clothes in a project run by one of our partners and asked if they could make reusable face masks instead. Now they're not just making masks but training more women to do the same



## They've now made over 42,000 masks!

## This is Christian Aid

**We are a global movement of people,  
churches and local organisations.**

**We are the changemakers,  
the peacemakers,  
the mighty of heart.**

# A prayer from Christian Aid

## A prayer for medical workers everywhere

Restoring and healing God,  
thank you for medical workers everywhere,  
embodying sacrificial love  
in these challenging times  
putting the welfare of others  
before their own  
staying away  
from their family and loved ones  
comforting the concerned and bereaved  
reassuring the anxious and vulnerable  
working to heal and restore people  
who are ill.

Be their guide, strength, wisdom and hope.

We pray for those in authority  
to do right by them  
for proper protective equipment  
to be provided  
and for their dedication  
to be met with much gratitude  
and appreciation  
when they return home, exhausted.

And we pray for medical workers  
around the world,  
where resources and protective equipment  
are always in short supply,  
not only now but always.  
May these extraordinary times  
lead to deep and necessary changes  
in how our world works,  
resulting in a genuine effort  
to address the profound injustice  
of life expectancy  
being determined by geography,  
to awaken us all to the reality  
of how connected we all are  
and to work together  
to create the community and world  
we all want to be part of.  
**So help us, God, AMEN**