

MEADOWBANK

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Crochet Hearts

For Easter 2021 we are joining with neighbouring congregations at Willowbrae, Abbeyhill Baptist & St Margaret's Episcopal/Mustard Seed to share a message with the wider community - **'a letter of love'** from God and we hope to have lots of crochet or knitted hearts displayed outside the churches and to give away to people.

If you would like to help you can find the instructions over-the-page. You can either post the hearts to the church or phone to arrange for them to be collected. We need as many hearts as possible to get ready for **Palm Sunday—21st March—in 4 weeks time.**

For Easter we are planning to send out a card to all 5000 homes in the parish with 'a letter of love' from God including many wonderful bible verses and crochet heart pictures.

Folks

OUR FUTURE WITH WILLOWBRAE

It is important to consider how our 4-5 year time of Transition Ministry might move on in 2022. Where I retire in January 2022 and Malcolm Ramsay retires from Willowbrae at Easter 2022 we would all very much like to know the future of both congregations by the Autumn of this year. Our two Kirk Sessions have been meeting over the past month and we can begin

Reflections at the Quay BBC SCOTLAND TV

11.30am on 21st February 2021

this week led by the Reverend John Bell and Jo Love from the Iona Community. Music is by Siskin Green.

(Available on iPlayer soon after the broadcast)

Margaret McLarty will be on this programme as part of Siskin Green with Suzanne & Jane, her 2 friends. The name of the group comes from Margaret's love of birds.



11am Meadowbank Zoom Service ask Russell for phone or internet link



This week we begin a series for Lent looking at how Jesus had a **time for solitude** in the wilderness with the wild beasts then a **time for action** as he sees the way John has been put to death by Herod

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Mark 1 verse 15

A Lent Study Group by Zoom

This year we will have a joint Lent Study Group sharing with our friends in Willowbrae Church. Edmund will 'host' this Group with Malcolm of Willowbrae. If you would like to join this Group meeting over the next 4 –5 weeks please get in touch with Russell who will give zoom-link details

to see how we might have a shared future. This would involve growing the ongoing life of the churches and also reaching out to younger people in some of the more experimental ways we have been trying.

Please continue to pray for our ongoing meetings and if you want to discuss this with me or with some of the elders please get in touch with us.

**With grace and
peace in Jesus**

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Hand crafting through Lent

You are invited to contribute to displays at the local churches during Holy Week .

You will need: Inspiration and skill to make hand crafted hearts. Hearts for our noticeboard and for giving out to people can be from wool but hearts for outdoors must be weatherproof so using materials such as wood, felt, wire, or yarn.

How to take part: We are inviting as many people as possible to craft hand-made hearts. Hearts can be any colour and in wool or any weatherproof material. Heart shapes should not exceed 10cm in height, but they can be as small as a pound coin. They must have a hole or hanging loop incorporated into the design to enable them to be hung.

Need inspiration: We have gathered some ideas for you can view here <https://pin.it/6t8h2l7>



If you don't have a computer to view

here is a crochet pattern for a teeny tiny heart

:: Round 1 ::

ch 2, then work 8dc into ring. sl st into 2nd ch of initial ch-2 to close round (9 stitches)

:: Round 2 ::

5tr's into 1st stitch

1tr into 2nd stitch

1htr into 3rd stitch

1dc into 4th stitch

1tr, ch 2, sl st into 2nd ch from hook (picot point made),

1tr (all worked into 5th stitch)

1dc into 6th stitch

1htr into 7th stitch

1tr into 8th stitch

5tr's into 9th st.

Fasten off as described above, pulling tail end firmly through to the back



If you need help with getting materials or patterns contact Jackie who should be able to help



One of our Cook Club members has hand crafted beautiful cards as an

'act of kindness' to cheer people up. Jackie was able to send these to Cook Club members and to some of our church folk. Both Jacki and Russell have received a good number of appreciative messages which we are able to pass on to the person who made these lovely cards and knitted 'wristies' to be given to others.

Acts of kindness!

Prayer points

- Pray for these countries who haven't received a single dose of the vaccine
- Pray for our teachers and school staff as plans are made for children to begin to return to schools
- Pray for those who are struggling financially at this time and maybe losing employment
- Pray for Kirk Sessions at Willowbrae and Meadowbank as they meet through ZOOM to discuss a shared future