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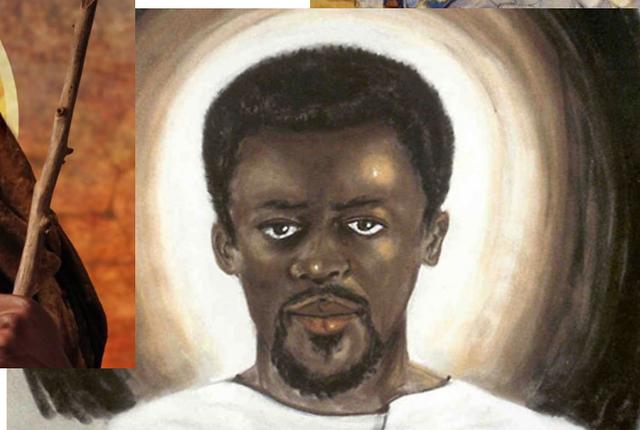
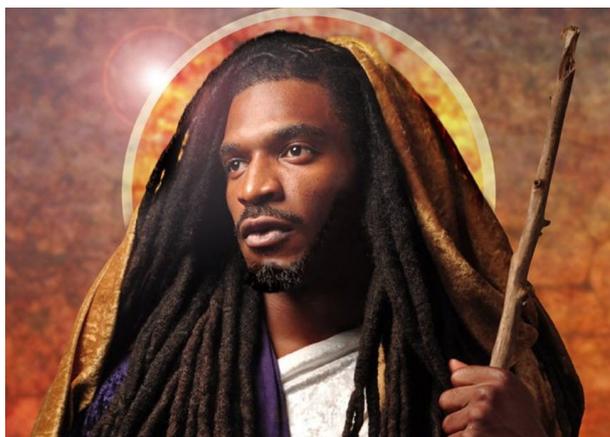
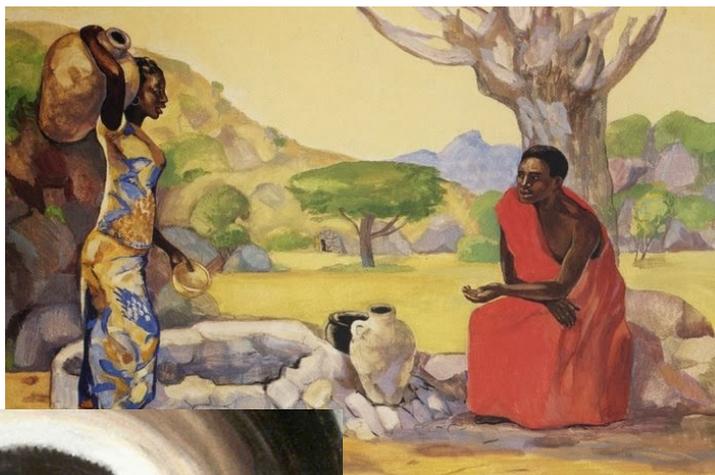
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Western European art depicted Jesus as a white man. A black American photographer called this the 'whitewashing of the Bible'. The pictures below show us a very different Jesus



**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**

St Alban's
Lives Matter by

One of England's oldest
displaying a painting of

cathedrals is showing its support for Black
the Last Supper in which Jesus is depicted as a
Black man.



BLACK LIVES MATTER

To my mind our churches need to be very clear in our support of any group of people who are treated badly in our world. Many of us have been brought up with a sense of white superiority which we need to question. I find it inspiring and humbling when I look at paintings and photo images of Jesus from another culture and of another colour. It reinforces that sense of God's wonderful and equal love for all people.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN CHURCH

At this moment it seems possible that we might have services in Meadowbank Church starting again from **PALM SUNDAY**. This would be by 'booking in' with a maximum of 24 people attending, maintaining 2m distancing and wearing face masks. Further notice on this will be in next week's UPDATE.

In Jesus' love

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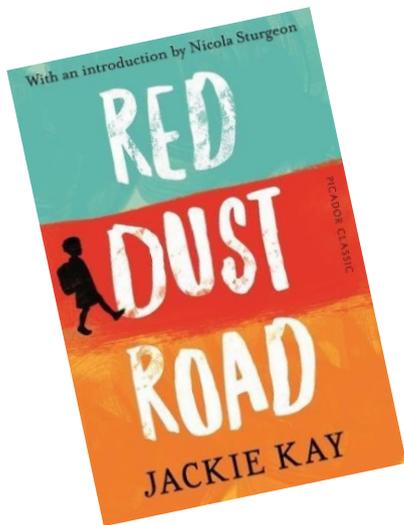
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Supporting Students

Every month I meet a group of 7 students in training for Ministry or on Probationary Placement as a **Ministries Training Network Group (MTN Group)**

As the facilitator it has been a real pleasure to get to know the variety of candidates from all over the country. We meet by Zoom for 2 hours each time and spend that time, firstly as a **BOOK GROUP** looking this year at **RED DUST ROAD** by Jackie Kay



Jackie Kay was born in Edinburgh, in 1961, to a Scottish mother and a Nigerian father. Adopted as a baby by a white Scottish couple, her life story throws up lots of big issues.

She has been the Makar of Scotland from 2016-2021

The other part of our meeting is where a different person each time presents a **'CRITICAL INCIDENT'** from their work experience in the church. The group is able then to think through the issues and challenges involved—reflecting on how people behave, thinking about appropriate bible teaching and learning from insights shared in confidentiality.

Russell's wider work



As an avid Ayr United fan it has been good for me to have this involvement as **Chaplain in our local team**. Previous to the lockdown there was opportunity to mix and meet with players at training out at the Oriam Centre at Riccarton on Tuesday evenings and with staff, directors and visitors at Saturday matches over at Ainslie Park. It is always interesting to be a Christian presence in such a different place!



Jedburgh Old and Trinity Parish Church

Just as David Denniston (Interim Minister in Glasgow) supports the Transition Ministries in Meadowbank and Willowbrae, so I have a similar role for the Transition Ministry in Jedburgh. Rev Stewart McPherson was appointed just before the restrictions with COVID came into play and it has been a very difficult challenge to make contact with people. The church in Jedburgh has very low morale with only 30 people attending worship from a roll of over 500. Please pray for this congregation and for my role in support.

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

**Reflections at the Quay
BBC SCOTLAND TV**

11.15am on 7th March 2021

Reflections at the Quay continues with a mix of words and music for an audience of over 100,000 people

(Available on iPlayer soon after the broadcast)



This week we look at Jesus encounter with Nicodemus in John's Gospel and Jesus' amazing words of life and love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

