

# MEADOWBANK

Church of Scotland

**UPDATE**  
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2021



[www.meadowbank.church](http://www.meadowbank.church)

## 11am Sunday 2nd May

We have 24 places at this service and would add a service for 12.30pm if more than 24 registered before 12 noon on Saturday  
To reserve a seat please text/phone/email Russell

## Alpha makes a great start

Alpha at Meadowbank

online on Zoom

starting 26th April

7pm-8.30pm

every Monday

running for 9 weeks



Register: [alpha@meadowbankchurch.com](mailto:alpha@meadowbankchurch.com)

short film and discussion groups

*"Our online Alpha has its second meeting on Monday 3rd May. If you were swithering about joining us, it is not too late."*

*Those who participated in our first meeting really enjoyed it, and could have gone on chatting/discussing for much longer.*

*The title of the next meeting is*

***"Jesus Who is He?"***

*If you are interested, come along.*

*Click here: [alpha@meadowbankchurch.com](mailto:alpha@meadowbankchurch.com) or get in touch with Russell."*

£559 total to date with 50% to be added from the Hunter Foundation plus some Gift Aid

## christian aid Virtual Kiltwalk Weekend

Dear friends

Last Friday Margaret and I completed the route from Whiteadder Reservoir near Gifford over the Lammermuir Hills to Lauder. The guide had suggested that this was about 21 kilometers (13 miles) but in reality it turned out to be 27 Kilometers (17.7 miles).

We had an absolutely splendid day and over the page I share a few photographs

A huge thanks to all our Meadowbank friends who contributed to the total. A few others have been in touch to say they still want to give. The closing date is Monday 3rd May and there are donation envelopes in the church and you can also use my JUST GIVING link below

<https://virtual.thekiltwalk.co.uk/fundraising/ScotlandsVirtualKiltwalk2021-RussellMcLarty>

## WORKING TOWARDS A UNION WITH WILLOWBRAE

We are at a very important stage in the ongoing conversations with Presbytery and Kirk Sessions in looking for the best way forward together. We will have opportunity to share ideas as part of Sunday morning services over the next months as it is very important that members and friends of the congregation are involved. I provide some more details on page 2 and welcome any questions or thoughts you may have. Please don't hesitate to phone or email or I am very willing to meet you for a coffee in one of our local cafes .

Holding all things  
in prayer

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# Working towards a Union with Willowbrae

Both Kirk Sessions have affirmed the following as a way forward as they have worked together towards the ending of Transition Ministry:

- Together we would be able to maintain both the existing life and worship and develop some pioneer ideas in a shared future
- We would look for 2 appointees, if available.  
This team would work together and complement one another; one with experience in parish ministry and the other with experience in pioneer work.
- That financial reserves could be used to employ support staff or sessional workers as required to run projects
- That it would be possible to run with both buildings for a period of time to allow the church time to work out a robust and sustainable business plan on buildings within an agreed timeframe in the plan

***Over the next few months we will be involved in a number of meetings involving Kirk Sessions and Presbytery to work out the very best arrangement to follow on from Transition Ministries***

***With Russell's retirement at the end of 2021 and Malcolm Ramsay retiring at Easter 2022 it seems important to allow the new united congregation to have the time to begin the recruitment of a new ministry team.***

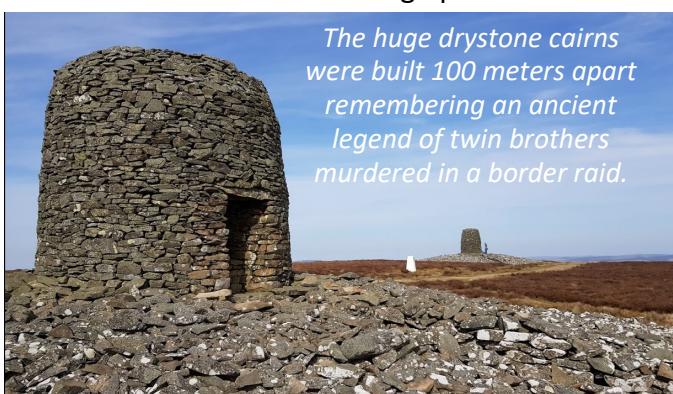
## Some photos and thoughts from the KiltWalk



We encountered adders and a grass snake on the path ... lapwings cavorting in the air ... and new-born lambs



The Twinlaw Cairns was the high point of the route ... amazingly we only met 2 other people over the 8 hour walk



*The huge drystone cairns were built 100 meters apart remembering an ancient legend of twin brothers murdered in a border raid.*

