

MEADOWBANK

Church of Scotland

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our
prayers
matter



*Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find; knock and the door
will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)*



Our world is broken. We only have to turn on the TV or switch on our phones to see news alerts showing us the latest tragedy. And there are many more stories that don't get media attention. But God is at work in the midst of the chaos. And through prayer we can join God's work in bringing healing to our broken world.

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11am Sunday 10th October

At our Harvest service we will look to support the work of Tearfund

Loyara, a mother from Burkina Faso, has seen her land turn barren due to the prolonged drought made worse by the climate crisis. Her crops have died, her family is hungry. **'We have no other source of income than agriculture,'** Loyara says. **'We know what it means to go without.'**

The climate crisis is hitting people in poverty the hardest – the ones who have done the least to cause it. It's causing more frequent and more severe disasters. The climate crisis isn't a future risk.

It's on **Loyara's** doorstep, today.



Harvest Appeal

tearfund

Dear friends

HARVEST

It seems really important to support those worst affected by the Climate Crisis. We will have a special collection over the next 2 weeks to support Tearfund work in Burkina Faso and other countries.

TRAINING OFFERED IN WORSHIP

As we look to a future with fewer full time ministers we will look to members to be more involved in leading worship. Details of an introductory on-line course is on page 2. Please let me know if you are interested in taking part.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

With relaxation of COVID restrictions we look to celebrate Communion once again in Meadowbank on **Sunday 24th October**. This will be a very special Sunday for all our folk.

With love and light,

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We are so fortunate to have food from all over the world



Over the next 2 Sundays we will have both envelopes for donations and forms with information on how to make Bank Transfer to Tearfund

Share the Load this harvest. Here's how your church can help.

The climate crisis has led to a hunger crisis; help us reach those in need before it's too late.

£38

£57

£200

could provide a woman with the materials and training needed to start her own sustainable poultry farm to help feed her family and earn an income.

tearfund

Our neighbour's harvest is empty. Deadly droughts, made worse by the climate crisis, means another season of hunger looms. But it doesn't have to be this way.

Our church is invited to *Share the Load* this harvest.

Presbyteries of Edinburgh and Lothian Worship Training Level 1 an introduction (five-part course)

This course will be delivered through an experienced team led by the Rev Dr Robin Hill (Presbytery of Lothian) and the Rev Bill Wishart (Presbytery of Edinburgh), with the aim of equipping our congregations with motivated and committed worship leaders to work alongside their own ministers, deacons and readers.

This course aims "to deliver a candidate to the starting line", ready to engage with his or her minister in their own particular setting.

As the conduct of worship is an area of church life for which ministers of Word and Sacrament carry full responsibility, it is vital that ministers should be completely happy to endorse those whose names are being put forward for course places. They should also be open to offering mentoring to and informal supervision of their participants prior to possible deployment in a service setting.

The course's five sessions will take place online via Zoom. The sessions will take place from 7.30-9.00pm on the following Wednesday evenings:

3rd November

Worship leadership: what's it all about?

10th November

Sharing resources for praise and preaching

17th November

The sermon: why and how?

24th November

Fresh approaches to Sundays

1st December

Music in worship

Each session will be run in an open and encouraging way, with participants' practical contributions being welcomed. There will be lots of opportunity for friendly chat.

If you are interested in taking part please see Russell to ask about getting a place.

We can all help to 'share our neighbours' load'