

# MEADOWBANK

Church of Scotland

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Dear friends

## NEWS TODAY—UNION DELAYED

The news this afternoon is that the Church of Scotland Planning Group have said that any union between Meadowbank & Willowbrae will have to wait until the Presbytery Plan has been agreed. This is disappointing as Presbytery had agreed that we were a special case where union made sense and would allow both congregations to move on after all the hard work of the two Transition Ministries.

For my own part, I am disappointed, but accept that the Church of Scotland Planning Group have an overview and wisdom in making a unanimous decision.

This will probably mean that Meadowbank will get a LOCUM MINISTER from January 2022 if a suitable person can be found for the job. We will then need to wait to find out whether Presbytery have different ideas for Meadowbank and Willowbrae.

My plea is that you good folk will be patient and hold on supporting one another through these next months. God's ways can often be surprising and we may well all be surprised in a good way at what emerges.

## THE RADICAL PLAN

I remind you that our whole church is going through a period of reshaping which is absolutely necessary if the Church of Scotland is to have a sustainable future. Please continue to pray for all involved in the processes as these are hugely challenging.

Holding all in prayer

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**7-9pm Wednesdays**  
**17th November till 8th December**

## Dinner Church—a story for today?

Over the next 4 weeks in Dinner Church we will be looking at the 4 chapters of the Book of Ruth. This is an amazing story of a non-Jewish woman, a refugee who goes through so many struggles and is really important as an ancestor of Jesus



*Naomi and her husband and two sons travels away from their home in Bethlehem to enemy country because of poor crops and famine*

*Naomi has grief when her husband then 2 sons die in that place. Ruth, her daughter-in-law commits to travelling home with Naomi.*



## 11am Sunday 21st November Prisoners' Week Service



It is our duty to be aware of and to support prisoners, their families and friends, the victims of crime and all who work in the Prison Service

## Soup and sandwich lunch

**SOUP AND SANDWICHES WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS WEEK IN THE HALL AFTER THE SERVICE AS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MIX AND MEET AND CHAT OVER THE NEWS ABOUT THE UNION**

Ross and Victoria, who were married last month, very much wanted to share a lunch for our congregation because we have been so welcoming!

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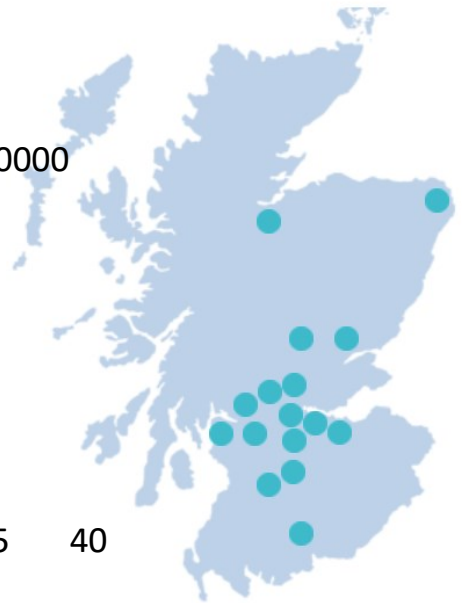
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# How much do you know about Scottish Prisons?

- Q1: How many prisons are there in Scotland?      8      12      15
- Q2: Approximately how many people will be spending tonight in prison?      5000      7500      10000
- Q3: How many prisons have female residents?      1      3      5
- Q4: What percentage of women are sentenced to 6 months or less?      40      60      80
- Q5: What percentage of people in custody are on remand i.e. are being kept in custody before their trial?      10      25      40
- Q6: Which country has the highest rate of imprisonment (per 100,000)?      Greece      Armenia      Scotland
- Q7: Approximately how many children are affected by parental imprisonment each year?      5,000      15,000      25,000
- Q8: There are no organisations helping the families of prisoners.      True      False
- Q9: What percentage of Scottish men have a criminal conviction on their record?      13      23      33
- Q10: What is the best place to find out more information about how to get involved with supporting prisoners and their families?
- A: the local barbers/hairdressers
- B: the pub
- C: the new PRISONERS WEEK SCOTLAND website



**Answers will be given  
at the service on Sunday**

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