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Dear friends

TAKE PART IN WEDNESDAY VIGILS

The COP26 summit of world leaders is of critical importance for the future and health of our planet and future generations. Our VIGILS offer times for prayer, reflection and shared discussion.

TWO NEW HYMNS FOR COP26

Over the page you can find two new hymns written to express the sense of urgency of this moment. These Hymns are prayers which you might want to use.

MY RETIREMENT

With my 66th birthday coming up at the end of January and my hearing deteriorating it seems the right time for me to retire. My last services will be on Sunday 19th December then the Watchnight and Christmas Day services. I have hugely enjoyed my time at Meadowbank and there will be a 'thank you' party on Sunday 16th January 2022 from 12.30 till 2pm after church to which all are invited.

With love and light

11am Sunday 31st October



Remember that the
clocks go back an hour
this Sunday

Meadowbank Church 7pm Wednesdays Dinner Church 3rd & 10th November **Vigil for COP26**

With stories, pictures and prayers we will hold these two Wednesdays as a time of reflection and prayer for the Climate Summit meeting in Glasgow. As part of the evening we will share a simple meal together and share our ideas and concerns.

COP 26



UN CLIMATE
CHANGE
CONFERENCE
UK 2020
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

1-12 November, 2021
Glasgow, Scotland



*Please invite folk you know to join these
two Wednesday Evening events*



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WHY FACE COVERINGS ARE STILL NECESSARY IN CHURCH

Scotland's national clinical director has thanked faith communities for their efforts to suppress COVID-19 and urged people to continue taking precautions to reduce the spread. Professor Jason Leitch said the virus is still causing harm and people should wear face coverings inside church buildings, get the vaccine and booster jab, if appropriate, and follow the hygiene advice – hand washing and wiping down hard surfaces.

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Two new hymns written for COP26—a call to action

A wake-up-call

The world is made by your creative hand.
You made us stewards of sky, and sea, and land.
And yet with carelessness or cruel design
We've wrought so much destruction over time.

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We've caused the trees to burn, the seas to rise,
Dispersed our carbon clouds throughout the skies,
Plundered the earth for all that we could gain,
And treated warning voices with disdain.

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We took the greens, and blues, and vibrant reds,
And made them turn to black and greys instead.
We took the forests and abundant seas,
And then misused their riches as we pleased.

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Forgive us now for every sin and shame.
For we should know we are the ones to blame.
Forgive us for the damage we have caused
By taking little heed of nature's laws.

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For earth was given in trust to everyone,
To pass to generations yet to come.
So call us once again to work with you,
To give this fragile earth the care it's due.

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And sound for us again a wake-up call –
That each of us should learn to give our all
To care for this, your world, in all we do,
And ever give abundant thanks to you.

This hymn can be sung to the tunes
Sursum Corda by Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)
or

Chilton Foliat by George Clement Martin (1844-1916)

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[Tom Gordon's Hymns and Reflections \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.tomgordon.org.uk/hymns-and-reflections)

We gotta rise up
And bring hope to the nations
Gotta rise up
Together as one
Right now the world is waiting
Act now there's no escaping
Now is the time to change the future
Rise up and care - for the world - in its need.

Rise Up

Hear the cry, creation is groaning
It's longing for freedom to come
Earth and sky - and our deep sorrow -
Waiting for hope in a new day begun
Oceans of justice and rivers of fairness
Do the right thing and blessing will come
God of love - have mercy on us -
Show us the way - Let justice be done

See the weak the poor and the weary
Sad and crushed by profit and loss
Skies are black and land is burning
Rivers are roaring and storms show their power
Burning hot sun and floating ice melting
The cry of our children is laid on the line
Something's wrong- and needs to be right-
We need your help- while there is yet time.

Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God
Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God

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Ken Donald, who grew up in Milton, Glasgow and is now minister for of Prestongrange Parish Church in East Lothian, was inspired to write his song Rise Up as world leaders gather in Scotland to tackle critical environmental problems.

Rise Up is a stirring anthem that urges all of us to come together to care for creation and give hope to people across the world.in the decisions made at COP26.



Ken Donald

Tom Gordon 'A wake-up-call'

Ken Donald 'Rise UP'