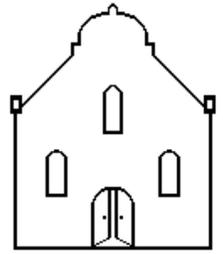




THE SOCIETY
Stirling Methodist Church
Newsletter
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

If you are visiting us, we invite you to sign the Visitors' Book which is on top of the organ.

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall after the service.

At the beginning of our service, after the intimations are given by the steward, the Peace candle is lit and there is a short period of silence for you to prepare yourself for worship.

10.30am **Morning Worship & Holy Communion**

Our service today is led by Revd Dr Mark Jason

The full lectionary readings for this Sunday morning (any of which may or may not be used by the preacher) are:

Acts 10 : 34 – 43; Jeremiah 31 : 1 – 6;

Psalm 118 : 1 – 2, 14 - 24; Colossians 3 : 1 - 4;

John 20 : 1 - 18; Matthew 28 : 1 – 10.

The benevolent collection this week is for 'Support for Presbyters & Deacons'. All loose cash placed in the offertory this morning will be treated as the Benevolent Collection.

A collect for this Sunday (from Methodist Worship Book):

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Sunday 23rd April 10.30am Morning Worship

Service led by : Revd Dr Roger Walton
(President of Conference)

Followed by Faith Lunch (see below)

Faith Lunch Next Week

Please bring items of food to the hall before next Sunday's service. Savouries should be suitable for a finger buffet but dishes, spoons and small plates will be available for desserts and cakes. Many thanks.

Janet

Easter Offering Envelopes

The Easter Offering Envelopes are being made available again today. If you would like to make a donation, please do so by placing your filled envelope in the collection plate during the regular collection.

The Easter Offering is organised by Methodist Women in Britain in support of the Methodist Church World Mission Fund. This helps to support mission partners working overseas, nationals in mission appointments and overseas students in ministry training. It also allows the Church to make grants to Partner Churches for special projects.

John Bostock

CIRCUIT MERGER VOTE OUTCOME

On 5th April, both circuits meetings voted with a resounding majority in favour of the circuit merger proposal. The voting figures of those present and voting were: Central circuit: 14 for, 1 against; Edinburgh & Forth circuit: 26 for, 2 against. This means that from 1st September 2017, the two circuits will merge to become the Forth Valley Circuit. A resolution will now be passed on to the District Synod in April informing it of the circuits' decision. This will then be ratified by the Methodist Conference in June 2017.

Please continue to uphold the next steps of this process in your prayers.

Mark Jason

Christian Aid Book Sale

Please see below.

As in previous years I shall be taking a car load of items for sale through to Edinburgh. All contributions received by 30th April will be very welcome.

Brian Baker

BOOK SALE
— WITH —
ART & COLLECTABLES

at St Andrew's and St George's West Church
13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA

Saturday 13 May 2017 10 am - 4 pm
Monday 15 May to Friday 19 May 10 am - 3.30 pm
Antiques, Toys & Records will close at 1.30pm on Friday 19th May
Thursday 18 May late opening until 7 pm

Undercroft Café open all day

Prayers in the Undercroft Chapel each day at 1pm

- **Books of every kind**
antiquarian, out of print, many languages, paperbacks
- **Paintings** · Drawings · Prints
- **Antiques** · Collectables · Linen · Household Goods
- **Printed Ephemera** · Maps · Photographs
- **Sheet Music**
- **Stamps and Postcards**
- **Records** · CDs · DVDs
- **Toys** · Games · Jigsaws
- **Baking** · Cakes · Preserves

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ST ANDREW'S & ST GEORGE'S WEST

WaterAid

WaterAid 'Jars of Change' will be collected next Sunday (23rd April), and also the following Sunday (30th April). Please remember to bring your Jar. And thank you to everyone who has used this opportunity to help less fortunate people throughout Lent.

Ann and Joan

Path

We now have a new safe and attractive path across the front of the church.

Our thanks to Mark, Klaus and John for all their hard work.

Ann Seymour

Synod Memorial

Synod, when it meets this week, will not only consider the future of this circuit but also a proposed Memorial from the Central Circuit. The Memorial reads :-

"The Synod of the Methodist Church in Scotland (31/--) { -- for, -- against, -- not voting} requests that the Methodist Council oversees a process with a view to issuing advice that the Methodist Church divests all of its investments in fossil fuel industries (coal, gas, oil) by Conference 2022 and seeks to invest a significant and growing proportion of its overall investment portfolio in renewable energy and infrastructure investments that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

This Memorial began when the Church's Green Team brought a Notice of Motion to the Church Council asking them to forward it to the Circuit and the Circuit, if it agreed, to Conference as a Memorial and to the Synod seeking their support by the their forwarding of an identical Memorial to Conference. The Circuit has forwarded their Memorial to Conference and on Saturday we hope that the Synod will do the same.

The main funds of the Church affected by this Memorial are the Pension Funds, the Central Finance Board and Property Funds. The latter two funds invest monies on behalf of individual churches and Circuits.

Walter Attwood

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

B E E T L E D R I V E

Friday 5th May at 7pm in the church.

Tickets Adult £4 Children £2
available from Gill.
Refreshments included.



STIRLING CITY CHOIR

Conductor

Gillian Craig

Organist

Ian Boulter

Spring Concert



Haydn: *Little Organ Mass*



Mozart: *Trinity Mass*



Schubert: *Mass in G*

Soloists

Catriona Lang : Stefan Clarke : Niall Kennedy

7.30pm Sunday, 30th April 2017

The Church of the Holy Rude, Stirling

Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) School age children free
Available in advance from choir members or at the door

www.stirlingcitychoir.org.uk
Scottish Charity No: SC014953



STIRLING
MALE VOICE CHOIR

Scottish Charity No. 043094

ANNUAL CONCERT

With Guest Artistes

in

*Bridge of Allan Parish Church
12 Keir St. Bridge of Allan*

on

*Friday, 21st April, 2017
at 7.30 p.m.*

**Tickets: £7 (including refreshments)
available from choir members or at
Church Door**