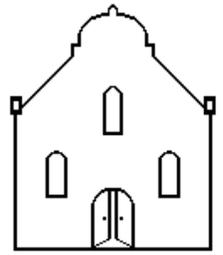




THE SOCIETY
Stirling Methodist Church
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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, followed by Faith Lunch**

Our service today is led by Revd Dr Roger Walton

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

Acts 2 : 14a, 22 – 32;

Psalm 16;

1 Peter 1 : 3 - 9;

John 20 : 19 – 31.

Sunday 30th April 10.30am

Morning Worship / 5th Sunday

Service led by : Mr David Rogerson

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

Faithful God,
the strength of all who believe
and the hope of those who doubt;
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

General Church Meeting

Reports for the GCM are invited, if possible, by end of April. The CGM is scheduled for 14th May.

Annette Kupke

Greetings from Orkney

We have just spent a very enjoyable week in Orkney and were able to see Caroline and John and attend their church. They are both well and send their good wishes to everyone at Queen Street.

Sarah, Roger and Sam

A Huge Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone at Stirling Methodist Church for all the lovely Christian support while I was stuck in ward 2 of Forth Valley Royal Hospital. The five weeks was a long and arduous journey of faith and hope. It really tested my strengths and weaknesses as a Christian. All your prayers, lovely cards, words of encouragement and the beautiful flowers and many visitors that spent much of their time listening to my whimpering complaints made that difficult time a bit easier and are much appreciated. And thank you for making a great big effort to welcome me back into the church. I really hope that I can put the worst part of my trials with the sufferings of Christ behind me now and look towards a future with Jesus by my side and better mental health. Thank you for being such a caring and giving church fellowship.

With Much Love in Christ.

Vicki Mashedor

Start-Up/Food Bank

The most wanted goods this month are packets of rice, tinned fruit, instant meals and cereal bars. The boxes will be out next week for your donations. Many thanks for last month's contributions which were very much appreciated.

Janet Baker

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

BEETLE DRIVE

Friday 5th May at 7pm in the church.

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

WaterAid

WaterAid 'Jars of Change' will be collected today, and also next Sunday. Please remember to bring your Jar if you have not already done so. And many thanks to all those who have.

There is still time for others to give a direct donation to WaterAid, if they so wish.

Ann and Joan

The Peace Candle in Fiji

The report of the meeting entitled "Not in our backyard, not in their market garden", when Dr Julia Edwards spoke about Climate Change and Fiji, has generated letters to the Methodist Recorder. The meeting was also reported in the Stirling Observer. These letters and reports can be read on the Church notice board.

Also on the board is a report from Fiji about the handing over of the Peace Candle at a ecumenical youth celebration held during the afternoon of Easter Day. The report arrived on Easter Monday!

Walter Attwood

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

Proceeds to Start-Up

St Columba's Church of Scotland
Stirling

nnouncing The Very Welcome Return to
St. Columba's
of
QUEEN'S ISLAND VICTORIA MALE CHOIR
From Belfast
on
Saturday and Sunday 6th & 7th May
2017

The Choir last visited us in April 2015 and their
return this year will be to give a concert on
Saturday 6th May at 7.30 pm
And to lead worship on Sunday 7th May.
Further details will be announced nearer the time,
but, in the meantime, put a note in your diary. This
is a "**NOT TO BE MISSED**" event.
Entry on the evening will be by donation at the door.

Janet Baker

Readers please

If possible can you add your name to the 'reader rota' in the vestibule? At this time we are particularly in need for the month of May. Thank you,

Jim Roberts

The Methodist Church is seeking young people to take part in a new scheme to develop their careers and faith. These exciting opportunities for 21-26 year-olds offer a year exploring faith alongside a paid placement with a range of professional organisations across a variety of business sectors.

The ONE Intern scheme combines training and mentoring to support professional, personal and spiritual development, with a programme to develop both the intern's faith and their career potential. Participation will be a considerable addition to CVs, as well as an introduction to the intern's career of choice.

The ONE Internships will run from 4 September 2017 – 31 August 2018.

Each intern will be paid a living wage by the Methodist Church, along with other travel expenses associated with the placement, but not accommodation. They will undertake mid-week training events and have a dedicated mentor to examine the complexity and opportunities of expressing their faith through their career.

Jude Trenier, who is developing the programme on behalf of the Methodist Church, commented: "The interns will have a fantastic opportunity to step into the world of professional work with organisations in key professional sectors. These internships are about getting stuck into the real work of any organisation – they definitely won't be a glorified tea maker!

"When we think about our career choice and our calling, we don't often join up the dots between the two. Living out our faith in the jobs and vocations we take up is a key Christian principle."

Placements with the following organisations and sectors are currently available:

- Charity – Action for Children
- Finance – Church Finance Board
- Research, Advocacy and Politics – House of Lords & Joint Public Issues Team (Methodist Church) – split placement
- Church and Community – Ponte Sant'Angelo, Rome
- Research and Development – Association of Executive Coaching

Applications are open to those:

- Aged between 21-26 years-old in September 2017.
- Who have completed full-time university studies (bachelor's degree or equivalent) at a university or equivalent institution prior to commencing the assignment; or are recently graduated with a university degree within the last 12 months.
- Hold at least grade C or equivalent in Maths and English at GCSE.
- Have the right to work in the UK without restriction for the duration of the programme.
- Have an active, personal Christian faith in accordance to the statement of faith of the Methodist Church and be able to provide a spiritual and character reference from a church or community faith leader.

Interviews and shortlisting will be take place in June 2017.

For an informal chat or further details about the internship please contact Jude Trenier trenierj@methodistchurch.org.uk or call 0207 467 3523.



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

