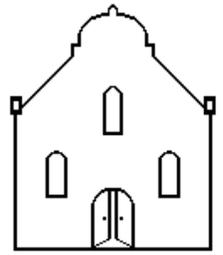




THE SOCIETY
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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 pray for peace and prepare yourself for worship.

10.30am **Morning Worship / 5th Sunday**

Our service today is led by Mr David Rogerson

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

Acts 2 : 14a, 36 – 41;

Psalm 116 : 1 – 4, 12 - 19;

1 Peter 1 : 17 - 23;

Luke 24 : 13 – 35.

Sunday 7th May 10.30am **Morning Worship & Holy Communion**
Service led by : Revd Bill Seymour

***The benevolent collection next week will be for 'All We Can'
(Formerly Methodist Relief & Development Fund – MRDF).***

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

Christ our friend,
you ask for our love
in spite of our betrayal.
Give us courage to embrace forgiveness,
know you again,
and trust ourselves in you;
we pray in your name. **Amen.**

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

BEE TLE DRIVE

Friday 5th May at 7pm in the church.

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

Tradecraft Stall.

The Tradecraft stall will be on the first Sunday - 7th May - not the second Sunday this month.

Gill Nunn

Street Pastor Commissioning

Ruth Rogerson has completed the training programme to become a Street Pastor in Stirling. She will be commissioned on Friday 12 May during a service led by the Rev Sandy Gunn, a Director of Ascension Trust (Scotland). It would be great if some church members came along to support Ruth as she starts her ministry as a Street Pastor. The venue is the FuBar in Murray Place. Doors and soft drinks bar will be open at 7.30 before the commissioning at 8 pm. All welcome!

Anne Baird

In Touch

Copies of the Scotland Methodist Church Newsletter 'In Touch' are in the vestibule. Please help yourself.

Divestment from fossil fuels

The Synod accepted the Circuit's proposed Memorial to Conference on divestment from fossil fuels (45 for 3 against). Synod now passes this onto Conference for consideration in June.

Walter Attwood

WaterAid

If, by any chance, you have not remembered to bring your WaterAid 'Jar of Change' today, please bring it next Sunday at the latest. The sooner all the Jars are returned the sooner we can send the money to WaterAid.

Many thanks once again to all those who have marked Lent by supporting this worthy cause.

Ann and Joan

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make last Sunday morning and the faith meal afterwards such a success. I'm sure you'll agree that the visit of the President and Vice President was one of the highlights of our church's year. The contributions of food, help with setting up the church and restoring it to its normal order, doing the washing up and putting away were all very much appreciated. Particular thanks to Jim (R) for getting so much done beforehand and to Christine for playing the piano at short notice. It was certainly a day to remember!

The Church Stewards

Testimony Service

The Ordinands' Testimony Service for Hilda Warwick & Stephanie Njeru will be on 4th June at Livingston United Church at 7pm. Their ordination will be at Conference on 25th June.

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