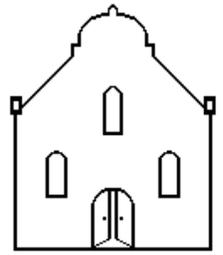




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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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.

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10.30am **Morning Worship & Holy Communion**

Our service today is led by Revd Bill Seymour

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

Acts 2 : 42 – 47;

Psalm 23;

1 Peter 2 : 19 - 25;

John 10 : 1 – 10.

***The benevolent collection today is for 'All We Can' (Formerly Methodist Relief & Development Fund – MRDF). All loose cash placed in the offertory this morning will be treated as the Benevolent Collection.***

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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Morning Worship**

Service led by : Revd Dr Mark Jason

***followed by General Church Meeting***

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

Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
by whom the lost are sought  
and guided into the fold:  
feed us and we shall be satisfied;  
heal us and we shall be made whole;  
and lead us, that we may be with you;  
for you are alive and reign,  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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***A peace collect written after receiving a peace candle on 23<sup>rd</sup> April :***

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who brought peace by the shedding of your own blood,  
grant us peace in our hearts;  
inspire us to be peacemakers,  
and give us courage to face the pain of the world with hope;  
that peace and justice may triumph everywhere. **Amen.**

***The Rev. Dr. Roger Walton  
(President of Conference 2016)***

***Rachel Lampard  
(Vice-President of Conference 2016)***

***Important Notice about 21st May (Day of the Stirling Marathon)***

Owing to the disruption to traffic expected in the centre of Stirling and on many approach roads, the minister and the stewards have decided the only practical and responsible way forward is to cancel the morning service on that day. Instead we will have a service led by Mark at 6.30 p.m. We hope many of you will be able to attend at that time. Instead of coming to Queen Street that morning Hilda Warwick will take the morning service at Armadale in lieu of Mark.

***Janet Baker***

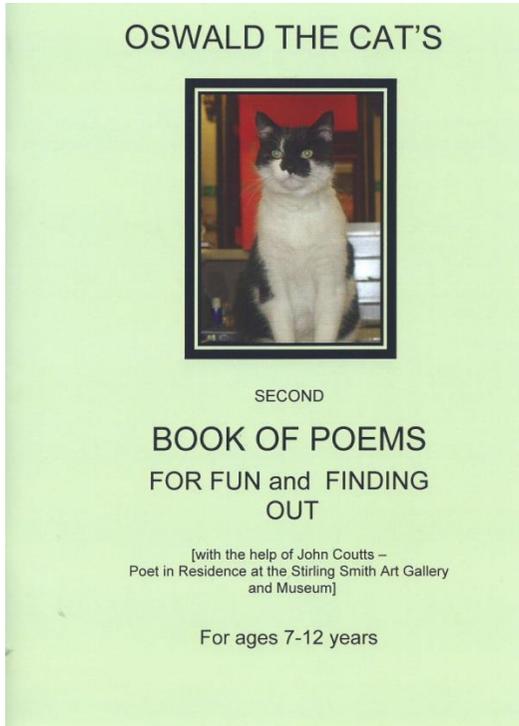
## **ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

We have a Quiz costing £1 about "Birds".

Quizzes available from Gill.

Closing date for entries 26th May.

## **OSWALD'S INVITATION**



**Oswald says :**

'My new poetry books will be 'launched' at 12 noon on May 11th at The Smith Art Gallery and Museum In Dumbarton Road, Stirling. Admission is free and all are welcome to this fun occasion. My thanks are due to David Smith [Learning Officer] and John Coutts [Poet in Residence] for their help in preparing the books.

### ***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***

### ***Lord's Prayer (Stirling Translation) from last week's service***

Dear master and true friend, throughout the universe we should all give you honour and praise;

Help us to play our part in creating a society of wholeness, tolerance, peace and justice for all;

We pray for a world where all people are sustained and nourished;

Bring us to a place where the pain and sadness we have caused you and others, or received from others, are washed away.;

Direct us away from doing wrong, guide us away from wrong-doing;

For all good things come from you, and we should use them wisely, and in so doing allow your love to shine forth and build up your people by praise. AMEN

***David Rogerson***

### ***Testimony Service***

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