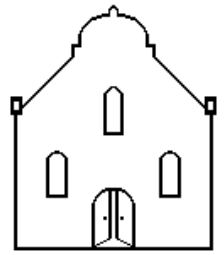




THE SOCIETY
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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.

6.30pm **Evening Worship**

Our service today is led by Revd Dr Mark Jason

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

Acts 17 : 22 – 31;

Psalm 66 : 8 – 20;

1 Peter 3 : 13 - 22;

John 14 : 15 – 21.

Sunday 28th May 10.30am Morning Worship

Service led by : Revd Dr Mark Jason

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

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray,
and give more than either we desire or deserve.
Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things
of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
save through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Start-Up/Food Bank

Many thanks for last month's donations. This week I have heard from Linda Sterry, the Project Manager, and she said 'Please convey our grateful thanks to your church folk for their ongoing support. We really do appreciate it.' She also pointed out that the Food Banks are heading for the busiest time of the year as school holidays are looming when children will no longer be receiving school meals.

The boxes will be out next week. Most wanted goods at the moment are tins of fruit, rice pudding, meat and fish plus instant meals, jars of cooking sauce and baby wipes.

There will be a Coffee Morning and Craft Fair on Saturday, June 3rd between 10 am and 12 noon at Allan Park South Church organised by Start-Up. Please support this venture if you can. Posters are on the vestibule and outside notice boards.

Thanks in anticipation.

Janet Baker

Coffee Morning

Please remember the Craft Fair and Coffee Morning organised by Start-Up at Allan Park South Church on Saturday June 3rd between 10 am and 12 noon.

Janet Baker

David Ridley...

will be again running with his colleagues to raise money for the unit supporting patients with cancer at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. They will be running a 10k and a half marathon. If anyone feels able to again sponsor him, please see ***Sarah or Roger***. Many thanks.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

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

Quizes available from Gill.

Closing date for entries 26th May.

Action for Children Beetle Drive.

We raised £150 for Action for Children at the Beetle Drive. It was a fun evening and well supported by Queen Street. Thanks to all who came and those who gave donations.

Gill Nunn

Testimony Service

The Ordinands' Testimony Service for Hilda Warwick & Stephanie Njeru will be on 4th June at Livingston United Church at 7pm (**teas/coffees from 6.30pm**). Their ordination will be at Conference on 25th June.

District Safeguarding Support Day, 17th March 2018

(venue to be confirmed but Stirling Methodist Church is preferred location)

Please do book this date in your diary for 2018 and confirm your attendance with Fiona at the District Office. Safeguarding is a whole-church responsibility and so the District Safeguarding Group extends a warm welcome to all with either a specific safeguarding role or a more general interest in and/or governance responsibility for safeguarding to come along. More details will follow in due course.

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