

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

Eternal God,
you have given all authority in heaven and on earth
to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Grant that we may never lose
the vision of your kingdom
but serve you with hope and joy;
through him who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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

WaterAid

An entire afternoon was spent recently on counting the hundreds of coins collected by members of this Congregation in WaterAid 'Jars of Change' during Lent. Some people opted for giving direct donations rather than collecting coins, and we are now delighted to report that the coins from the Jars, together with some very generous donations, amounted to the amazing sum of £1204.00 for WaterAid!

This is really wonderful from a Congregation of our size, in a time of austerity and uncertainty. A very big Thank You to all who were involved in this great effort.

Ann and Joan

Fair Trade Stirling...

is holding a fund raising event at the Bridge of Allan Coop in the week beginning 3rd June. Money is being raised for a solar powered pump for irrigation for fair trade rice growers in Malawi.

This will include the usual bag-packing but the Coop has just confirmed that there can be a book stall too, for the week.

If you have any books, CDs or DVDs that you would be happy to donate, can you dig them out and take round to Richard Dyet at 19 Argyll Avenue, Riverside or bring along to Church and give them to Richard on Sunday 4th June. Thanks,

Jon Cape

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 June. Thank you,

Jim Roberts

A Home Needs a Loo

Many thanks to those who attended either or both of the Easter Debate on 7 April or the PCN talk by Robin Meyers on 16 May. Together these events have raised £320 which has been donated to help Christian Aid's safe sanitation work. Our premises are not perfectly supplied for toilets (especially when there are separate events in the church and the hall) but this situation provided the perfect excuse to ask for donations to help those who don't have any toilets at all. This theme will be carried forward at the SOLAS Festive in June (see Jon Cape's separate article below).

For those who missed the Robin Meyers talk, it really was exceptionally good and well worth listening to. A recording is on the website: <http://www.stirlingmethodistchurch.org.uk/news>

David Rogerson

Solas

The annual Solas Festival is coming up on 23-25 June at the Bield, just west of Perth. Day or weekend tickets are available. A great day or

weekend for adults and children. See www.solasfestival.co.uk for details and tickets. Once again, Queen St. is able to provide some concessionary tickets. Get in touch with me, jon@cameroncape.net, if you are interested.

The festival provides a great mix of music, other arts and crafts, children's activities and stimulating talks and discussion on a range of faith and justice issues. The theme this year is Home. Various Church members are involved in the Peace Tent programme at Solas via sponsorship by the Progressive Christianity Network. PCN Forth Valley is organising a part called A Home Needs A Loo. Once more, the Methodist Church will have a tent which is being organised by Sally Robertson who will be known to some of us.

Ruth Cape will be leading a session called Hidden Homes on her Cycle 48 tour in 2015.

Here is a summary:

Three women who cycled to Palestine from the UK continued their two-wheeled journey from Bethlehem to Jaffa, exploring the hidden histories of depopulated Palestinian villages along the way. They will bring you on their journey, to learn the stories of the people who were forced to leave their homes during the 'Nakba' of 1948; what clues are left now to their existence on the land & where does this leave the families today who are not able to return to the place of their roots?

Hope to see you there,

Jon Cape

New Circuit Plans and 'In Touch' Newsletter

Everyone should have received a plan for the coming quarter. If you have somehow slipped through the net please help yourself to a copy from the vestibule racks. Just in front of the plans there are copies of the Scotland District newsletter 'In Touch'. You are invited to take one of these too.

Janet Baker