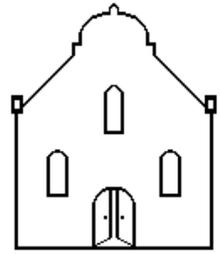




THE SOCIETY  
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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.

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10.30pm **Morning Worship**  
**Trinity Sunday**

Our service today is led by Mr Donald Caldwell.

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

Genesis 2 : 1 - 5;

Psalm 8;

2 Corinthians 13 : 11 – 13;

Matthew 28 : 16 – 20.

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Morning Worship**

Service led by : Revd Dr Mark Jason

*Last week's benevolent collection was for Methodist Homes.*

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

Father God,  
you have created all things  
and through Christ revealed your salvation  
in all the world.  
Give us a vision of your glory  
and by your Holy Spirit fill us with life and love  
that we may praise and serve you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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***MHA***

Today is MHA Sunday and you will find envelopes in your seats. Please give generously to this excellent cause and return envelopes in the offering before the end of June. Thank you.

***Janet Baker***

***From Manchester Circuit...***

*on receipt of a letter and peace candle from SMC, organised by Walter.*

Dear Walter,

Thank you for the candle and for what it represents. The prayers of people of faith have carried Manchester through recent weeks.

The candle will be lit tomorrow at the Manchester Methodist Centre and once more our prayers will be united.

God bless you,

Stuart Wild

***Brief item***

Does anyone have a toilet tent that could be borrowed for the Solas weekend 23-25 June? It would be used for part of our Peace Tent event (not as a toilet).

***Jon Cape***

### ***Thank You***

It was a wonderful surprise to be presented with a premature birthday cake and orchid to mark my forthcoming 80th birthday. It was quite appropriate as I was a premature baby! Many thanks to you all for your good wishes and to Sarah and Julia who organised the presentation.

***Janet Baker***

### ***Stirling Street Pastors***

The latest Call2Pray is enclosed. It contains an item which the team have asked to be highlighted:

The current Treasurer has given notice that she will step down at our AGM in October. Please can you pray for this vacancy and if you know of anyone who might be interested please ask them to contact **Anne Baird** (Chair). The Treasurer does not have to be a Street Pastor. This could be an opportunity for someone who would like to support Stirling Street Pastors but does not feel able to train as a Street Pastor.

### ***Friends Away***

Friends will be sorry to hear that David Archer had a slight stroke in April and spent Easter in hospital. He is progressing well, has recently taken his first service since the event and he and Judith are now on holiday in North Yorkshire. This setback was a great disappointment as he had been feeling much better, having finally thrown off the back problems which had plagued him over many months. We pray that he will soon be back to more robust good health.

Brian had cause to ring John Butterfield last week. He and Caroline are well, have bought themselves a boat (an Orcadian yawl) and life on Orkney is good!

***Janet Baker***

## ***IN Touch Newsletter (News from round the Scotland District) - Important Changes***

Current editions are in the vestibule racks. Please help yourself.

In future, due to costs, 'IN Touch' will be discontinued and a 1-2 page newsletter/bulletin will be sent out by email by-monthly instead. If you would like to be added to the newsletter distribution list please send an email to Fiona Inglis at [fiona@methodistchurch.plus.com](mailto:fiona@methodistchurch.plus.com) If you are a member of Synod you will automatically be on the list and therefore do not need to email Fiona.

You can also send relevant news to this email address and every effort will be made to include most articles. Please use Word format.

If you do not have an email and would like a paper copy there will be a limited number of copies available here.

Should you lose this newsletter before getting round to emailing Fiona this information is on the vestibule notice board!

***Janet Baker***

### ***Pallet Garden***

Walter is making progress with the pallet garden, but to complete he needs more compost. He has some unused containers but more wacky containers are needed. He has sufficient plants for the time being.

