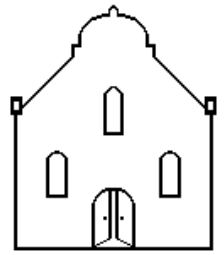




THE SOCIETY
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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.

10.30pm **Morning 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:

Romans 5 : 1 - 8;

Matthew 9 : 35 – 10 : 8 (9-23);

Continuous

Related

Genesis 18 : 1 - 15;

Exodus 19 : 2 – 8a;

Psalms 116 : 1 – 2, 12 - 19; Psalm 100.

Sunday 25th June 10.30am Morning Worship

Service led by : Ms Anne Baird

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

Generous God,
you gather your people
and lavish your gifts upon us, day by day.
Grant that each experience of your pardon
may enlarge our own love,
until it meets the measure of your extravagant
forgiveness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MHA

As you will have gathered the MHA envelopes are out again today. Please return them in the offering by the end of the month and pray for this very worthwhile cause.

Janet Baker

DISTRICT PRAYER DIARY

Following on from the excellent District Prayer Diary that Jill Baker produced for us last year, I am hoping that we can have a similarly inspiring one this year. I invite you to submit prayers, meditations, stories and other reflections, particularly around 'mission'. This may be something that your church is involved with - at home or abroad - or it may be thoughts around the need for mission and our call to discipleship.

I look forward to hearing back- either directly on smj4409@hotmail.co.uk - or via Fiona at District Office.

Many Thanks,

Sue Marshall-Jennings

CHURCH DIRECTORY AMENDMENT (FRIENDS AWAY)

David Archer's email address has changed to dbarcher410@gmail.com

N.B. It is hoped that an updated Church Directory will be available for the new Church Year at the beginning of September.

Janet Baker

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 July. Thank you,

Jim Roberts

START-UP STIRLING/FOOD BANK

The boxes will be out next Sunday. Ready meals, cooking sauces and cereal bars are the most wanted goods at present but as supplies are generally low any of the staple items will be welcome. With thanks for your continuing support.

Janet Baker

CONGRATULATIONS MADELEINE.....

on collecting a Caritas Award last week. This award promotes the faith journey of young people and Madeleine won hers for contributing to the Advent Art display last year, organising Junior Church activities and collecting and distributing the Bethlehem Peace Candle. She also contributed towards chaplaincy and other activities at St Modan's School. Well done to Julia R too for her mentoring role.

Janet Baker

FAMILY CHURCH OUTING

The Junior Church is proposing a picnic in St Andrew's after church on Sunday 2nd July. Everyone from the Church Family would be welcome.

Please speak to ***Vicki Hambly*** if you are interested in coming or if you would like to come but require a lift.

More details to follow.