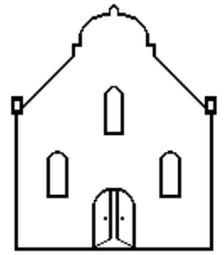




THE SOCIETY
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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 Ms Anne Lochhead.

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

Romans 7 : 15 – 25a; Matthew 11 : 16 – 19, 25 – 30;

Continuous

Related

Genesis 24 : 34 - 67;

Zechariah 9 : 9 – 12;

Psalms 45 : 10 - 17;

Psalms 145 : 8 – 14.

Sunday 16th July

10.30am Morning Worship

Service led by : Revd Dr David Easton

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

Servant Lord,
grant us both the opportunity and the will
to serve you day by day.
May all that we do
and how we bear each other's burdens
be our offering of love and service
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

CIRCUIT SERVICE AND FAITH MEAL

Our final opportunity to worship as Central Scotland Circuit is this evening at 6pm at Wallacestone church. Please come along if you can.

ROYAL CHURCH OF SCHOOL MUSIC SCOTLAND SUMMER SCHOOL

For 4 days starting on Monday 10th July, lovers of Church Music from the UK and beyond will meet at the 20th Annual RSCM Summer School in Dunblane. After a day time of rehearsals, the evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday end with a service starting at 8 pm. Anyone is welcome to hear the result of the day's hard work in these services which are conducted by specially invited preachers.

Brian Baker

IN TOUCH

Please note the next "In Touch Newsletter/Bulletin" will be emailed out at the beginning of September, if you have anything you would like to include in this edition please let me have it by the end of August.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy of this by email, please let me know their email address.

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COLLECTING BOXES

In order to send the contents of collecting boxes to various organisations before the end of the church year, it would be helpful if you could hand in your boxes to the appropriate person before the end of July.

Many thanks,

Brian Baker

DIRECT LINK – MESSAGE FROM PAM

Thank you all, once again, for your wonderful church donation to Direct Link in April this year, and I am writing to let you know how it has been spent.

Julius recently took in two little boys, both of whom have twisted legs and are unable to stand or walk.

Hannington, whose real name is Hurry Gerald Ochieng, is 11 years old and had never been to school. He was so happy when Julius told him that he was going to take him to Kolwal. The mother said that he became weak when he was 3 years old. She took him to various hospitals but he never improved and she gave up. She never discovered the exact cause. He just kneels on the ground and can't stand or walk.

Benard is 12 years old and also has never attended school. Julius has put him into Form 1.



The addition of your very kind donation completed the fund raising for a small tricycle for each of the boys so that they can be mobile for the first time in their lives. The photo of them trying their trikes for the first time tells the whole story! Julius wrote to say they were “extremely excited” when they were handed the tricycles.

Thanks to you, these two little boys will have a chance in life that they would never have dreamed of.

Love from Pam

DIVESTMENT FROM FOSSIL FUELS

Stirling Methodist Church has led the way in a ground-breaking decision taken at the June 2017 Methodist Church Annual Conference.

Way back in November, Stirling paved the way by agreeing a motion to Circuit calling for divestment from fossil fuel companies that threaten to accelerate not reduce climate change and instead focus investment on clean energy.

The Circuit and Scottish District backed the motion and many others followed. Fossil fuel divestment was the subject of the greatest number of memorials (as they are called) to this year's Annual Conference.

The official response was to instead call for a long review. Instead, a revised motion was put before conference and won the day by 127 to 118 votes. The winning motion asks the Joint Advisory Committee on Ethical Investment (Jacei) which is carrying out the review to study fossil fuel companies' business plans 'with the expectation that, if any company has not committed to a Low Carbon Business Plan in tune with the Paris proposal of a global temperature rise well below 2 degrees, Conference should recommend that the Methodist Church disinvest from such a company by Conference 2020'.

Jon Cape