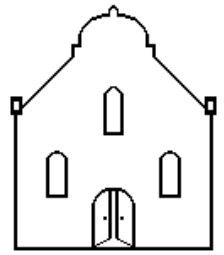




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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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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10.30am **Morning Worship**

Our service today is led by Julia Reid.

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

Romans 12: 1 - 8;                      Matthew 16 : 13 – 20;

*Continuous*                              *Related*

Exodus 1 : 8 – 2 : 10;                  Isaiah 51 : 1 - 6;

Psalm 124;                                  Psalm 138.

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.    10.30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion**  
Service led by : Revd Dr Mark Jason  
*The Benevolent Collection next week will be for All We Can (MRDF).*

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

Merciful God,  
grant that your Church,  
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,  
may reveal your glory among all peoples,  
to the honour of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**STIRLING CITY CHOIR**

The first rehearsal of Stirling City Choir's new session is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in St Columba's' Church Hall. This will be an all-comers session to provide potential new members with an opportunity to learn more about the choir as we sing through several short items from our repertoire. Hopefully this will encourage new members to join us for the rest of the session.

***Brian 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 September. Thank you,

***Jim Roberts***

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

We are planning to hold a coffee morning in the church, on Saturday September 30th, 10 - 12.30, to raise money for the MacMillan charity, following the success of this event last year. Please support this if you can and bring others; we hope we can encourage people who may not usually attend church to join us for this event. There will not be tickets but there will be a chance to donate money. Donations of baking will also be gratefully received. For any further details, please see Julia H or Roger and Sarah.

***Sarah Ridley***

## MESSAGE FROM DIRECT LINK

Edward Ooko, a boy very kindly sponsored by members of the Stirling Methodist Church, has just graduated in Information and Communication Technology from Mawego Technical Training Institute, and has been accepted to continue his education at Rongo University to study System Design and Analysis, with a view to becoming a lecturer. His sponsors are very pleased with his achievements.

Direct Link would like to thank them so very much for their continued support for Edward and also to thank everyone else for their wonderful help for all the impoverished children, over the past years. *Love from Pam*



## INAUGURAL SERVICE OF THE NEW FORTH VALLEY CIRCUIT

This will take place at Grahamston United Parish Church, Bute Street, Falkirk FK2 7DH, this Tuesday, August 29th at 7.30 pm. It will be preceded by a Faith Meal at 6.30 pm. All are welcome.

*Janet Baker*

## GOOD WISHES TO JULIA

Our editor officially begins her training for the Methodist Ministry at the beginning of September. I am sure that the good wishes, thoughts and prayers of all of us will be with her as she embarks on this undertaking. You will see from the plan that her official title is now Student Presbyter!

*Janet Baker*

## WITH THANKS...

Today is Janet's last Sunday as Senior Steward. As she passes this particular baton to Sarah I'm sure we all wish them both well in their busy times ahead.

## THE WEDDING OF CATRIONA ROGERSON AND RICHARD BROOME

Catriona and Richard will be married at St Michael's Church of Scotland, Linlithgow at 1pm on Saturday 2nd of September.

If any of our friends from Queen Street would like to come to the service, you would be most welcome as there will be plenty of space in the church. Just make sure that you leave time to park as Linlithgow is busy!

*David and Ruth Rogerson*

# What next for Scotland's Climate Ambition?



Talk by Friends of the Earth Scotland's  
Climate and Energy Campaigner,  
Caroline Rance

This September the people of Scotland have the opportunity to give the Scottish Government a mandate for a strong, progressive and just transition.

Join us to find out how you can add your voice to put pressure on the Government. Followed by a questions and answer session and, tea, coffee and cookies.

**When:**

**Tues. 5th of Sept, 2017  
(7 pm till 9 pm).**

**Where:**

**Methodist Church, Queen  
St, Stirling. FK8 1HN.**

