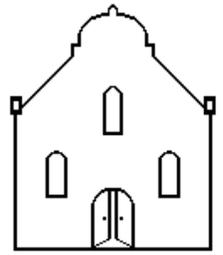




THE SOCIETY
Stirling Methodist Church
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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.

10.30am **Morning Worship**

Our service today is led by Dr Anne Pennington.

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

Romans 13: 8 - 14; Matthew 18 : 15 – 20;

Continuous *Related*

Exodus 12 : 1 – 14; Ezekiel 33 : 7 - 11;

Psalm 149; Psalm 119 : 33 - 40.

Sunday 17th Sept. 10.30am Morning Worship
Service led by : Rev Jim Jones

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

Go before us, Lord, in all that we do,
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works,
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

'PAUSE TO PRAY' EVENT ON SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017

On Saturday 30th September from 1.30pm-4.30pm there will be a 'pop-up prayer station' in Nicolson Square Gardens, Edinburgh, offering a 'Pause to Pray', for those passing by. This is simply about being a Christian presence in Edinburgh city centre and being willing to lend a caring ear to those who may want to stop to chat or pray. There will be a preparatory discussion on Friday 15th September at 7.30pm at the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church for anyone interested in taking part or wanting to find out more. For further details please contact: **Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet** on 01875 615208 or email e.harfleet@gmail.com Thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE 24TH SEPT

Many thanks to Pam and Julia who have agreed to put together our Harvest display for Sept 24th. This will be a "Start-Up" Sunday and the congregation are asked to donate goods that will then go to Start-Up. The usual list of needed items will be in the newsletter the previous week. Any money collected from the sale of perishable goods in the display will also be sent to Start-Up. Thank you.

Sarah Ridley

Investing in Peace in Palestine and Israel



Sign at entrance to Daoud Nassar's farm, SW of Bethlehem

Saturday 30 September from 9.45 – 3.15 Dunblane Cathedral Halls

Building on the Church of Scotland's 2017 Assembly Balfour report, the day aims to increase our understanding of the Israeli / Palestinian conflict and consider what we can do to encourage actions leading to peace and reconciliation for all peoples in Israel and Palestine.

Presentations and discussion led by 5 speakers familiar with the issues and realities on the ground.

Responding to the Balfour Declaration 100 years on

Being a Child in the West Bank

Facts on the Ground: lived reality

Exhibition from Palestinian photographers

Actions We Can Take

and

*Middle Eastern Savouries, Hadeel Stall,
Resources and books for browsing*

FREE EVENT DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Callander Cinema Presents:

I, Daniel Blake

**Saturday September 23 2017
5:30pm and 8:00pm at St Kessogs**



Free tickets at the door on the night as space allows.

Guarantee entry by calling Eammon at 339323.

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Food and Cash Donations taken for Start up Stirling
Foodbank and The Food Train