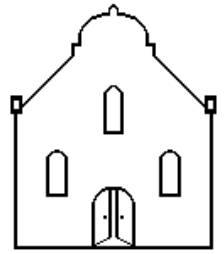




THE SOCIETY
Stirling Methodist Church
Newsletter
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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 Rev Jim Jones.

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

Romans 14: 1 - 12; Matthew 18 : 21 – 35;

Continuous

Related

Exodus 14 : 19 – 31; Genesis 50 : 15 - 21;

Psalm 114;

Psalm 103 : 1 - 13.

Sunday 24th Sept. 10.30am Morning Worship / Harvest
Service led by : Mr Donald Caldwell

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

God our Redeemer,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ
reconciling the world to yourself:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love
that all who hear it may be reconciled to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANK YOU:

This is a difficult time for us as we come to terms with the sudden loss of my mum. We are extremely grateful and touched by words of comfort, cards, and flowers from the congregation over the past week. It means a lot to us knowing that we are being upheld by your prayers and thoughts. Thank you.

Sarah & Mark

START-UP STIRLING/FOOD BANK

As our Harvest Festival will be celebrated next week we are hoping for a bumper collection of goods for Start-Up. The most wanted items at present are jars of pasta sauce*, cereal/snack bars*, tinned fish, meat, fruit and vegetables (but not tomatoes - peas, carrots and sweetcorn preferred), rice, fruit juice and toiletries. At the moment we don't know whether the boxes will be out or whether Donnie, who is taking the service, will prefer your goods to be added to the Harvest display during the service.

Our thanks to Julia H and Pam for decorating the church for Harvest. Any perishables in the display will be on sale after the service and proceeds will also be sent to Start-Up.

* most desperately wanted goods

Janet Baker

'PAUSE TO PRAY' EVENT ON SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

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. For further details please contact **Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet** on 01875 615208 or email e.harfleet@gmail.com Thank you.

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.

Sponsored by Clanranald.

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

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

For more information contact helenkinloch855@btinternet.com of the planning group

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 October.
Thank you,

Jim Roberts