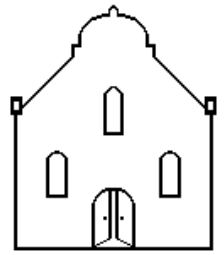




THE SOCIETY  
Stirling Methodist Church  
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Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, we trust that you will find it to be an enriching experience.

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.

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10.30am **Morning Worship / Harvest**

Our service today is led by Mr Donald Caldwell.

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

Philippians 1: 21 - 30;      Matthew 20 : 1 – 16;

*Continuous*

*Related*

Exodus 16 : 2 – 15;      Jonah 3 : 10 – 4 : 11;

Psalms 105 : 1 – 6, 37 - 45; Psalm 145 : 1 - 8.

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10.30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion**  
Service led by : Revd Dr Mark Jason

*The Benevolent Collection next week will be for Stirling Street Pastors.*

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

O God,  
surer than the breaking of the day,  
in the morning, fill us with your love,  
and in the evening, as the dew falls,  
refresh us with your mercy,  
that we may live according to your promises;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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***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***

***GREEN TEAM – OPEN MEETING***

The Green Team would like to invite members of the congregation to an open Green Team meeting which will take place at the Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Stirling Methodists have been involved in lots of green things in and out of the Church and the meeting will be an opportunity to take stock and discuss next steps. There is now a new EcoCongregation Award Scheme and we will discuss preparing for a Silver (and perhaps next time Gold) Award. This will involve a number of 'stretch' goals being set, after discussion in the Green Team and Church Council, for example: "Care for creation is embedded in the worship, study and prayer life of the congregation, and reflected in the congregation's mission or policy statements" and "Eco activities, involving a significant proportion of the congregation, are embedded in the programme of many groups within the congregation". Do come along if you'd like to take part in this discussion, or contact me if you can't make it. PS New members of the Green Team are always welcome!

***Jon Cape, Green Team Leader***

## **HOUSEGROUPS**

Thank you to all who expressed an interest in re-establishing church house groups. In October two new groups will start up:

- A group meeting on Tuesday lunchtimes, 12.00 to 2.00pm at the home of Jim and Christine Jones in Tillicoultry. Everyone is invited to bring a packed lunch with them. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd October, and will include a conversation about what people are looking for in the group. For more information please speak with Jim or Christine.
- A book group, probably once every two months on the third Monday of the month, 7.30-9.00pm. The first meeting will be on 23rd October at the home of Mark Allison in Riverside, and the discussion will be about the book *The Vicar of Baghdad*. (It is not essential but would be helpful to read the book in advance). Coffee and cake will be provided. For more information please speak with Mark, Sarah or Roger.

Please consider giving one of these groups your support. If you would like to attend, but require transport, please speak to us and we will try to make suitable arrangements. And if you would like to attend a group, but neither of these are suitable, please also let us know as we might try to establish a third group in the future.

***David & Ruth Rogerson***

## **FIRST FRIDAY FUN (3F)**

This is a new initiative aimed at building links with our immediate community in and around the church. On the first Friday of the month we are planning a fun evening of activities which will also be advertised locally. A flyer is on the noticeboard. The first session will be a Whist Drive on Friday 6th October – suitable for all ages and all levels of experience. We had a lot of fun when we held one in the spring so do come along! 7.30-9.30pm. Coffee and cake will be served.

***David & Ruth Rogerson***

### **CONNEXION MAGAZINE**

There are copies of the autumn Connexion magazine in the vestry. Please help yourselves if you would like one.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

We are holding 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***

### **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***

The Rainbow Muslim Women's Group

# FAMILY FUN DAY

Fundraising event for Burma  
**SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER**

ALL  
WELCOME!

FREE ENTRY!

A fun packed day for all the family



We are raising money for the current crisis in Burma. We need your help to feed families and save lives. Please come along and show your support. 100% of money raised will be donated to the Islamic Welfare Trust UK.



100 %  
Donation

For more info contact: Samina 07892438366 or email [rainbowgroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rainbowgroup@hotmail.co.uk)

**DAWSON CENTRE, DAVID'S LOAN,  
FALKIRK, FK2 7RG  
FROM 2.30pm TO 5.30pm**





# 3F

First Friday Fun

**QUEEN STREET  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**7.30-9.30pm**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A NEW SERIES OPEN  
TO EVERYONE – ESPECIALLY THE PEOPLE  
OF QUEEN STREET.**

**6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – WHIST DRIVE**

(SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS AND EXPERTS ALIKE)

**3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER – QUIZ NIGHT**

(BRING A TEAM OF 4-6 OR JOIN A TEAM ON THE NIGHT)

**1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – TALENT SHOW**

(READINGS, POEMS, MUSIC, DANCE ETC – ALL  
CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME)

**The evenings are FREE and refreshments will be  
served**