

Stirling Free Church 31/5/20

We will be sending out a separate email shortly outlining proposals for the church activities as the lockdown is eased.

[This Sunday](#) we plan to have again an online service [at 11 am](#) and then an online prayer meeting [at 7 pm](#).

If you can't get online, you can phone in. See details below.

We plan to continue church, but to do it differently! Everyone is welcome to join us! Please invite your friends, giving them the link below.

Coronavirus may stop us meeting face-to-face, but it won't stop us worshipping and praying together.

Hardship Fund

The congregation operates a hardship fund and so far we have been able to help individuals who are struggling financially during these difficult times. We would like to help more people but the fund needs a "top-up" for us to do this. Details of our bank details are below- reference your giving with "hardship." Thank you.

Appeal for India.

An urgent appeal has been launched by the [Free Church of Scotland](#) Mission Board for those in central India struggling with the Covid-19 situation.

Read More: <https://freechurch.org/news/appeal-for-india>

Or go to Free Church Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/363880813671671/posts/3139506402775751/?d=n>

This appeal, which was made by the church nationally, raised over £40,000 across the denomination, closes on Sat 30th May. Money has been distributed to India and is being used, as approved by the Church Mission Board, to support the work with the church and schools and also families experiencing hardship due to circumstances in the country.

A note from our treasurer:

We would kindly ask people who put their offering in the open plate if they could set up a bank standing order to Bank of Scotland: Sort code 80-22-60 account number 12522863 in the name of Stirling Free Church of Scotland. Thank you!

Zoom in to our services:

[Sunday at 11 am](#) and [7 pm](#)

PC/laptop users: this is the website address:

<https://zoom.us/j/355834485?pwd=cDkwOTdLSDZYU201QVFHaTZLN0puUT09>

Password: 913074

Smartphone/tablet users: Download free **Zoom** app from Apple/Android store. Open the App. Touch 'Join' button and type in meeting ID: 355 834 485

Password: 913074

Telephone users: Dial 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5240. Enter meeting ID: 355 834 485 then press #.

We also have a nightly on-line meeting for prayer at 7pm each night. Login is the same as for Sunday services.

Monthly Record

The May monthly record is available for free download in PDF format from our own church web site.

Zoom Issues.

A number of people experienced difficulties in accessing the Sunday service recently. This was due in part to problems at the Zoom end, and the fact that a major upgrade to the software was introduced that weekend. It is likely that more updates will be introduced in the near future as the app provider adjusts to an increase from a relative handful of users to millions which highlighted some issues with the app. Some of these updates may require a fresh download by us end-users of the Zoom app. It is Zoom's practice to apply these end-user upgrades at the next login by the user. In my case the issues I experienced were due to this and were resolved by exiting the app and going back in again.

A way to minimise the possibility of problems on subsequent Sundays might be to login slightly earlier –

say 10:30 to 10:45 – to give any upgrade time to complete before the service start time.