

Congregational Update and A.G.M.

We began our nightly prayer time on Saturday 21st March, initially for **40 days**, and we'll complete our second **40 days** on Tuesday 9th June. Up to **forty** people have joined us each night where we have focussed mainly on praying for people and places affected by Coronavirus.

When Rev Samit Mishra from India joined us, he highlighted the plight of the people there, leading to the launch of the Appeal for India by the Free Church Mission Board which has raised over **£40,000** to date. This money has been used by Rev Samit and his colleagues to provide food for those in need and also to pay the salaries of pastor and church planters along with the teachers of the schools in both Chhapara and Lakhnadon.

In addition to this, our prayer group has also raised money for Kenya and Peru and helped support a young family recently bereaved in the Highlands.

To mark the completion of our nightly prayer commitment we are having a time of thanksgiving on Tuesday 9th June.

This will be followed by the Stirling Free Church A.G.M on Wednesday 10th June at 7.00 pm. This meeting will incorporate an update on congregational finances and give opportunities for any questions you may have.

We hope to move forward in the following way:

Step 1

We plan to continue our Zoom meetings with some changes:

Sunday Morning Service 11am Evening Prayer Meeting 7pm

Monday (every second and fourth week) Pray for the City 2-3pm

Wednesday- Mission Prayer Meeting-7pm

Step 2

When appropriate we will re-introduce House Groups (Zoom) alternating with the Mission Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evenings. (Home Group 1st and 3rd- Mission 2nd and 4th).

Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies may also be re-introduced at this point.

Step 3

Resume Sunday Morning Live Meetings with live-link for those unable to attend.

Please pray that we identify a new church location for our services and activities. We await confirmation from Allan Park Church as their Kirk Session has been unable to meet since the lockdown. Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

Psalm 40:1- "I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry..." (NIV).

Rev Iain MacAskill