

## **Stirling Free Church 25/10/20**

**Remember the clocks go back one hour this Sunday.**

### **Sunday Services**

[This Sunday](#) we meet on line at the usual times

11:00 am Rev Iain MacAskill.

7:00 pm Prayer Meeting. See note below on day of prayer.

Access to these services is outlined below.

### **Midweek Activities**

Access to all the online midweek meetings is the same as for the Sunday services as shown below.

### **Pray for the City**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm

Meets by Zoom on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

### **Ladies Bible Study**

The Ladies Bible study in Galatians will next meet on 2/11/20 at 2.00 pm by Zoom. They will be doing study 3 on Galatians 2:11-21 – accepting others. If you would like to join please contact Ann Comrie.

### **Wednesday night meetings.**

All Wednesday evening meetings begin at 7:30.

**Prayer Meeting** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 7:30.

### **Day of prayer**

The General Assembly record their concern over the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the overall health and wellbeing of our people as well as its impact on the national economy. They note with sadness the spiritual and moral decline of recent times and the apparent failure to acknowledge the name of our God and to reach out to Him for help as the crisis worsens at this time. They appoint a day of prayer to be observed in all congregations on 25th October 2020. They call on the Church to pray to Almighty God for His merciful intervention to suppress the coronavirus, to give recovery and good health to those who suffer, to comfort those who have endured loss, to turn the hearts of

our people in repentance to the Lord our God, and for the Spirit of God to bless the preaching of the gospel.

## Finance Summary

The following is a summary of the financial position covering the period from 1/1/20 to 30/9/20.

Income	£61,288.08
Expenditure	£48,031.15
Surplus	£13,256.93
<b>Reserves</b>	
General fund	£93,416
Restricted funds	£18,529
Total	<u>£111,945</u>

It compares favourably with last year but bear in mind the following points. We have not had to pay rent since April this year, we have no second salary for our youth worker, and we await an invoice from Edinburgh relating to administrative charges. Of the income, some £11,000 came from tax reclaims for gift aided giving. If you are a taxpayer and you have not yet made a gift aid declaration in favour of the church please contact Allan MacLeod for a gift aid declaration form. By signing this declaration the church will get an extra 25p for every £1 you give.

## Shoe Box Appeal

The collection date for the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. A van will be at **Morrison's car park in Springkerse from 10 am until 11 am** to accept donations. Other pick up points are available in Alloa (Nov 11 Morrison's car park 12; 30-13:00), Callander (Nov 9 Station Rd Car Park, 13:00-13:30). For details of these and other collection points see the Blythswood web site. <https://blythswood.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Collection-Schedule-Scotland.pdf>.

If you cannot fill a complete shoe box Blythswood are happy to accept items which they can include in other boxes.

For further details see the attached documents or contact Nicky Barton.

## Zoom in to our services:

Join Zoom Meeting.

A quick way to join the meeting is to hover the mouse pointer over the contact details in blue and then click the left mouse button.

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pwd=QVJOaFM2THhpaXgwODVCZkp6anIvUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86578773042?pwd=QVJOaFM2THhpaXgwODVCZkp6anIvUT09)

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If you are dialling in from outside the UK you can find the number on the following website [https://us02web.zoom.us/u/km4gcMduO](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86578773042?pwd=QVJOaFM2THhpaXgwODVCZkp6anIvUT09)