## Stirling Free Church 27/9/20

### **Sunday Services**

This Sunday we meet on line at the usual times 11:00 am Rev Iain MacAskill continues his series on Philippians. 7:00 pm Prayer meeting.

Access to these services is outlined below.

#### John Caldwell

The Induction and ordination of John Caldwell will take place on Sunday 27/9/20 at 6.00pm in Braco Village Hall. The event will also be live streamed- please see Kairos Church website for further details.

#### **Midweek Activities**

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

## Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible study in Galatians will resume on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 pm by Zoom. If you would like to join please contact Ann Comrie for a study guide.

**Pray for the City** continues to meet virtually on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm.

### Wednesday night meetings.

House Groups will resume by Zoom on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Further details next week.

Prayer Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September 7:00pm.

## **Coffee Morning**

We are intending to start morning coffee mornings by Zoom in the near future. Further details will be given next week.

### **Hardship Fund**

The congregation operates a hardship fund to help individuals who are struggling financially during these difficult times. So far we have been

able to help a number of people. We would like to help more but the fund now needs a "top-up" for us to do this. Stirling Free Church of Scotland bank details are

> Sort code 80-22-60 Account number 12522863 Reference your giving with "Hardship." Thank you

#### Gift Aid

If you are an income tax payer the church can claim back the tax you have paid on your giving to the church provided that you sign a gift aid declaration in favour of the church. Doing this means that for every £1 you give to the church we receive £1.25 by claiming back from HMRC the tax you have paid on that £1. If you would like to make a gift aid declaration, please complete the attached declaration and return it to the address shown on the form.

# **Open Doors – Standing Strong**

Because of the current pandemic, Open Doors is sadly unable to host this year's annual **Standing Strong** event, where we invite members of our persecuted family to come to the UK to share stories of the reality of persecution in their countries. **However**, we are excited to tell you that, instead, we are planning to host a special UK-wide Standing Strong online event on Saturday of this week.

On **Saturday 3 October at 7:45pm**, we invite you and your church family to join us – and hundreds of believers from across the UK and Ireland - for an evening of inspiration, encouragement, and stories of courageous faith from persecuted Christians around the world. During the evening, we will bring you the latest news on what's happening to our brothers and sisters in Syria, Nigeria and China through interviews with church leaders and footage direct from our partners around the world.

We would love for as many people as possible to experience what is always an inspiring, encouraging and challenging event. If so, **below**, **you will find a link to the page where you can both register and also download a short (45 second) promotional video (clicking the Vimeo link on the video will take you to the download page) which would be well-suited to showing as part of either an online or in-person church service.** 

https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/standing-strong-2020/standing-strong-online/

#### **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 <u>0131 460 1196</u> or <u>0203 481 5240</u>. Enter meeting

ID: 355 834 485 then press #.