

## WELCOME & INTIMATIONS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Christian Stewardship is a fundamental part of Christian Discipleship. It is concerned with the gifts of God and the way we use those gifts. It is concerned with the love and commitment of God to his world and its people and with our response to God's love and commitment.

HYMN 160      *Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven*

### ALL-AGE TALK

HYMN              *O give thanks (sheet)*

### PRAYER

READING 1      Psalm 100 (p604)

### REFLECTION

HYMN 65        *Jubilate*

READING 2      Deuteronomy 26:1-15 (p203)

### REFLECTION

HYMN 141      *O the life of the world*

### OFFERING

### PRAYER

HYMN 512      *To God be the glory*

BLESSING 807    *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

We welcome **all visitors** with us today and hope you may be able to join with us in the hall, for **tea or coffee**, at the close of the service.  
For those who may be visitors to our Church, it is our custom to stand as the bible is brought in and placed in the pulpit, and also to stand as it is removed after the Benediction.

## **INTIMATIONS**

**Prayer Times** In the church at 9.15am each Sunday

**TODAY** Congregational Board meeting following worship this morning to discuss various issues about the impending refurbishment.

There is another opportunity to buy some food and donate to the food bank in the hall today.

**TONIGHT** Healing Service in the Church 6.30pm

**Tues 31st Jan** Guild meets at 2.30pm in Church Hall — Bible Study with drama

**Wed 1st Feb** A meeting of Team Leaders will take place at 7.30pm in the Ludgate Community Centre

**Thurs 2nd Feb ( & alternate Thursdays)** Bible study group is moving to Ludgate Community Centre at 2.15pm.

**Mon 6th Feb** Women's Group meets at 7.30pm in Ludgate Community Centre — Whisky Trail – Douglas Murray

**Tues 7th Feb** Friendship Guild meets at 2.30pm in Ludgate Community Centre — Guest Doreen Arnott

**Sun 12th Feb** (note change of date) Planning meeting for this years' holiday club in Alloa Baptist Church at 12.15. Please come along to find out more.

**Tues 14th Feb** - Guild meets in Church hall for drama & bible study.

**Wed 15th Feb** Closing date for articles for March Church magazine

**Sat 10th March** Still a few tickets left for Sound of Music in Macrobert at 2pm. Please see Dorothy Reid. There will be a bus there and back.

Items for the **weekly intimation** sheets should be given to Linda Thom (Linda@thom-micro.com) by **10am on the preceding Wednesday**

## **STEWARDSHIP SEASON**

Today is the first Sunday of four in which we will be exploring what the bible has to teach us about our stewardship of the world God has given us. From the beginning of creation God put people in charge of his world, giving them life and showing his love for them. The ultimate sign of God's love was the gift of his son, Jesus Christ who lived, died and rose again to show us how much God loves us. Each week in this season we will consider how much God loves us and how we can respond to that love by giving what we can for God's purpose of sharing that love in our world today.

Stewardship includes how we use the money, time and talents God has given us. This year is the first of what will be an annual 'stewardship season' and will concentrate on the giving of our money. We hope that you will find this an enriching and inspiring season which will help you to reconsider how much you can contribute to the work of the church.

**Please note** : There are extra leaflets and letters on the stewardship season for adherents or anyone who has not received them.

**Thanks** to all who took part in the lunchtime discussion last week and especially to those who provided the food. The Kirk Session will take our replies back to Presbytery and report back in due course.

### **Reminder**

From next week all services will be in the church hall with access from Ludgate door.

O give thanks to the Lord,  
All you His people.  
O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.  
Let us praise, let us thank,  
Let us celebrate and dance,  
O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

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**Cross of coins** - It is my take on the Mile of Pennies so often used to fundraise.

By donating an occasional 50p or £1 you can help buy a chair for the refurbished church.. The idea is that it is ongoing and hopefully will result in the complete cross being covered in little red or yellow stickers!

There are two crosses—one in the hall of fellowship and one beside the table at the front of the church. It would be fantastic to see the coloured column rising up. It is my hope that eventually the cross will contain enough stickers to buy many more chairs.

There's a long way to go - CAN YOU HELP?

*Anne Cairns*

# STEWARDSHIP SEASON

## PRAYER POINTS

Give thanks for God's goodness to us

- The history of the congregation and the work it has done as witness to God's love for the community.
- The people who are part of the present congregation and their gifts being used in serving God.
- For the vision for the future as we refurbish buildings and expand our mission to vulnerable folk in the area.

Pray for God's blessing

- On our leaders – ministers, Kirk Session, Congregational Board, Footlightz staff,
- On our ministry teams – Property, Finance, Fellowship, Community, Pastoral Care, Hospitality, Education, Worship.

Pray for wisdom

- For each member to make a realistic financial commitment to the work of the Church
- For leaders making decisions about spending the income.
- For all members to consider their commitment of time, talents and money to God's work.