INTIMATIONS

WELCOME to our Worship today. If you are visiting we hope you enjoy being with us, and we invite you to sign the Visitors' Book. <u>Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the morning service.</u> The Church and hall have loop systems and those with hearing aids should switch to position 'T'. If you are able please stand as the Bible is brought in and taken out.

SUNDAY CLUB AND FYF Sunday Club and FYF meet today at 10.50am. As always there is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning.

PRAYER GROUP The prayer group will meet again on Wednesday 22nd April at 10am in the small hall.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM Remember the Team is there to help. Contact can be made either via your elder or the coordinator Janette Steele (01349 861591) who will be pleased to assist if they possibly can. Do remember to allow time for arrangements to be made.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The next meeting of this group will take place in the Church hall at 1.30pm on Wednesday 22nd April. Hopefully the study will be on the topic of Evangelism- A Way of Life. We hope to see you there. Do come along even if you haven't been previously. We'd love to have more people join us.

<u>WOOLY NEWS</u> Thank you to all responders to my appeal for wool. I am gathering some examples of the work done by our group and intend having a "mini craft show" in the Church Hall after morning service on Sunday 26th April. (Contact Liz Glashan 861532)

STEWARDSHIP There will be a Stewardship meeting for all members of the Congregational Board on Thursday 30th April at 7.00pm. Fiona Penny from National Stewardship will be coming to talk to us on the topic of finance, so we're looking for a good attendance at this meeting, especially so given that our recent accounts showed another year in deficit.

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD AND KIRK SESSION The Congregational Board will meet on Thursday 23rd April at 7.00pm, followed by the Kirk Session meeting. Copies of minutes and agendas are available from today and those who receive them via email should have them by now.

<u>PASTORAL DUTIES</u> Rev'd Graham can be contacted on 861275 if required for any Pastoral duties.

Service next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00 am with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Evening Service at 6.30 pm with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

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Order of Service

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Sunday 19th April 2015

11.00 am Morning Service

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 132 'Immortal, invisible'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 644 'O Jesus, I have promised'

Reading Acts 3: 11 - 26 (page 1095 in Bible)

Luke 24: 36 - 48 (page 1062 in Bible)

Praise: 'We're children of God'

Sermon

Hymn: 529 'Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go'

Children's Talk

Hymn: 522 'The Church is wherever'

Benediction

Evening Service at 6.30 pm with Mrs Heidi Hercus

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 619 'Spirit of the living God'

Prayer

Hymn: 543 'Longing for light, we wait in darkness'
Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 20 (page 1153 in Bible)

Hymn: 502 'Take my life, Lord, let it be'

Address

Hymn: 694 'Brother, sister, let me serve you'

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We're children of God

We're children of God; we're welcomed and claimed.
We're given new birth, renewed and renamed.
The world may not know yet to whom we belong,
But we are God's children and love is our song.

We're children of God, who takes away sin.
In Christ we abide; our life is in him.
We offer forgiveness, seek justice and peace,
And reach out to others, that love may increase.

We're children of God and so our delight Is living the life that's good in God's sight. One day we'll be like him, transformed from above To sing for eternity God's song of love.

<u>BOOKS FOR MALAWI</u> Following last year's successful collection of bed linen and towels for Ekwendeni Hospital, this year the Kirk Session and Congregational Board have decided to ask you to look out any books which you no longer need and which could be used in schools and colleges in Malawi. What we are looking for are:

- Reference books, dictionaries, atlases, etc. (not more than 10 years old if the information in them is of a type that is likely to be out of date)
- Non-fiction books
- Condensed books (e.g. Readers' Digest)
- **Pre-20th** Century classic novels (later ones may contain material which would not be appropriate for school/college libraries).
- Children's books, including reference, non-fiction and story books, but
 nothing with "mythical" content please (no witches, wizards or magic, no
 fairies or other "little people", no dragons). The type of novels written on a
 background of current social issues in the West are also not suitable.

If in doubt, contact Janet Winchester, or put the books in anyway. Any deemed inappropriate for Malawi can be donated to a local charity shop.

Books can be placed in a crate which will be in the annexe of the Church from Sunday 19th April or if collection is required contact Janet Winchester on 01349 865308 (answering service available) or at CJW49@hotmail.co.uk

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED Do you have questions about the Christian faith – questions such as what are we doing here and what is life all about? Do you want to find out more about Jesus and why he came? Come and join us as we begin a Christianity Explored course looking at some of these issues. It starts on Wednesday 22^{nd} April at 7.00pm and runs for 7 weeks.

Please take this home with you to help you with your prayers this week.

An honest witness tells the truth; a false witness tells lies. Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing. Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed. Proverbs 12: 18, 19 (New Living translation)

- † Give thanks for books, magazines, TV, computer games and other software, films, music and educational resources that are uplifting, inspiring, informative and true. Pray for success for those producing such material. Ask God to grant courage, clarity and grace to Christians who are working throughout the media, seeking to be effective light and salt in environments that are sometimes hostile to them and their beliefs and values.
- The growth of *Hindutva* extreme Hindu nationalism—has fuelled an increasing number of attacks on churches and church leaders in India. About 300 clergy were targeted with violence in 2014. Persecution includes physical violence, false accusations, disruption of church services, hate campaigns and pressure to convert to Hinduism. Pray that God will strengthen the faith of his people in India. (Prayershield Release International)
- † I just want to thank God for all the work the staff do here which I really appreciate. I could not wish for anything better and feel this is my home and staff make me feel so welcomed. I want to pray for lots of happiness to them for all their hard work. Barbara Williams wrote this from Queen's Bay Lodge Care Home in Edinburgh, one of the facilities run by CrossReach on our behalf.
- thear our prayer for those with whom we come in daily contact because they live close to us. Help us to be good neighbours to them. Give us the grace to overlook petty annoyances and to build on all that is positive in our relationship, that we may love them as we love ourselves, with genuine forbearance and kindness.

Martin Luther King Jr admonished, "Unless we learn to live together as brothers (and sisters), we will perish together as fools".