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through John who is Christ the Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today, **Next Church Council Meeting** is on 7th February.
you will find it to be an enriching experience. **Ar**

If you are visiting us, we invite you to sign the Visitors
on top of the organ.

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall aft

At the beginning of our service, after the intimation:
the steward, the Peace candle is lit and there is a sh
silence for you to pray for peace and prepare yourse

WaterAid

Lent starts this year on 14th February. It has become o
recent years to have a special appeal for WaterAid durir
of Lent. So, as next Sunday, 11th February, is the last Su
Lent, WaterAid 'Jars of Change' will be available for all tl
to participate in this effort.

WaterAid works along with local organisations in many
countries in Africa and Asia by providing a clean fresh w
good sanitation for those who need it. It is perhaps diffi
live in a country, where we are never short of copious ra
imagine how hard it must be to bring up a family in an a
drought, or where the only source of water is a dirty loc
is our chance to help in an easy way by contributing coir
Jar. The idea is to put a coin in the Jar whenever we use
money collected will be sent to WaterAid at the end of l
in anticipation.

Ann Seymour and Joan McCulloch.

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Rev. Mark Jason.

The full lectionary readings for this Sunday;

Isaiah 40: 21-31;

1 Corinthians

Psalms 147: 1-11, 20c;

Mark 1: 29-3c

Sunday 11th Feb. 10.30am Morning Worship

Service led by: Rev. Walter Attwood – This will be a ce

Plough Sunday, so, bring along your garden tools and

LUNCHTIME HOUSEGROUP

The next lunchtime Housegroup meeting is on Tuesday
the home of Christine and Jim [11, Donaldson Drive, Tilly](#)

recently celebrated its 50th. Anniversary. Julia accompanied Micky Youngson, our President Designate, on her visit to Papua New Guinea to mark the occasion. The programme included youth convention attended by 600 young people and the dawn service on the actual anniversary date. 5,000 people attended the Sunday Service that marked the Union.

Christian Aid Scotland is delighted to invite YOU, your family, friends, and members of your church to: **The Gathering.** Join us to find out how you can give, act and pray with us in 2018. Celebrate the work of our partners and learn how they are transforming lives by standing up to climate change, overcoming inequality and tackling injustice. Hear from Sally Foster-Fulton, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, and discover new ways to support Christian Aid's work.

Choose a time and venue to suit:

Dumfries, St John the Evangelist – Friday 23rd February 2018 – 2pm to 5pm
Dunblane, Cathedral Halls – Saturday 24th February 2018 – 10am to 1pm
Edinburgh Augustine United Church – 28th February 2018 – 10.45am to 3pm
Aberdeen Holburn West Church – Thursday 1st March 2018 – 10am to 1pm

Please do let us know who will be attending

RSVP to Glasgow@christian-aid.org or 0141 221 7475

Message from Pam

John Coutts and Ayman Jarjour have very kindly offered to hold a wonderful afternoon event, SOUNDS AND SWEET AIRS, in aid of Direct Link. It is being held at the Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, at 3.00pm on Sunday 4th February. Admission is free and there will be light refreshments afterwards. Donations towards the Kolwal Primary School for children with disabilities in Migori, Kenya, will be very gratefully received.

At 3Generate 2017 (The Methodist yearly conference for children and young people had the opportunity to speak on issues that mattered to them. Here is a summary of what we want a church community that...

WE WANT A CHURCH COMMUNITY THAT...

KEEPS GOD AT THE CENTRE Where we do what God asks of us and care for each other. Where prayer and engaging with the Bible are central.

IS NOT AFRAID To step out in faith and share our faith stories. Where sharing our faith stories is encouraged and we grow closer to God.

ALWAYS TAKES ACTION To lead the way on issues of injustice and social action. To have conversations on challenging topics.

IS RELEVANT Where we tell inspiring stories of action and change. By challenging injustice politically e.g. in the debate around nuclear weapons. By responding to those in need e.g. supporting Foodbanks.

IS AN INCLUSIVE AND ENGAGING Where we are equipped to engage with, and respond to, current issues. Where modern technology is used effectively towards being environmentally-friendly and sustainable.

TOGETHERNESS Where adults value and support young people. Where better relationships are built, through conversations and to acceptance, kindness, understanding and mutual respect.

IS AN INCLUSIVE AND ENGAGING Where all are welcomed, respected and accepted. Where uniqueness and difference are valued.

HAS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE Where we can have safe, open-minded conversations and support for those with mental health issues. Where we connect with God.

