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START UP STIRLING

Murrayfield Church has supported Start Up Stirling since 2007 with our "last Sunday of the month", donations of dry and tinned food, cleaning materials and money. At a recent Kirk Session meeting, Mary Spence updated us on the work of Start Up and the elders thought this should be shared with the congregation.

Start Up runs 8 Foodbanks each week across Stirling - in Raploch, St Ninians, Plean, Bannockburn, Fallin, Cowie, Callander and Killin. Around 300 people, a third of whom are children, receive emergency food from these Start Up Foodbanks each week, providing a lifeline to many who would otherwise go hungry, cold or fall into debt.

A Citizens Advice worker is available at the foodbanks to help with other issues clients may have, and there is also a mobile Foodbank service throughout the Stirling Council Area for those who cannot get to a foodbank for financial, physical or mental health reasons. Helper Packs with basic kitchen items are provided to people who are commencing new tenancies, following homelessness or some other crisis.

From 2023-2025, Murrayfield contributed £3995 and 1728 items of food and cleaning materials. The food goes to the foodbanks, the cleaning materials to the helper packs, and the money used to buy fresh fruit, vegetables, bread, etc. for the foodbanks.

We are grateful for the work Mary Spence does in co-ordinating our efforts (and for all the help we previously had supporting Start Up from Ida McPherson, Mary Scott and Christine Buchanan). Mary recently visited their warehouse in Springkerse and was very impressed with its cleanliness and organisation. If anyone is interested in finding out more about start Up, please speak to Mary Spence. Sunday 30th August is our next Start Up donation day.



***Supporting those living in hardship in
the Stirling Council area***

2027 CALENDARS

The Global Focus 2027 calendar is now available for sale from John Cross, priced £7.50. The calendars are printed on high quality paper and contain full coloured images from the recent photo competition. They are A4 in size (A3 when open) and make excellent gifts for family and friends. The money raised from calendar sales will be donated to Flying Mission Zambia.

