

Dedication of Flowers

If you would like to dedicate flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, please add your/their name to the list in the narthex. We would please ask for a donation and if you are a UK tax payer please complete one of the yellow envelopes and enter flowers onto it. Thank you. **Margaret.**



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If you have an item that you wish to be added to the pew sheet, please email the relevant information by 6:00pm on Thursday to:
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FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK: Yvonne Longsdon, Bill Gow, Marion Gow, Marlene Fitton, Maureen Yool, Mandy Ingham, Len Seville, Harry Mullen, Debbie Cawley, Christine Batey; All in nursing homes, care homes or hospices; We also pray for anyone who is awaiting test results.

RIP: Alan Mellor; 5th - James King, May Lees, David Carrette; 6th - Edward Wright, Albert Ashton, Bentley Atkins; 7th - Elsie Laycock, Edith Boyling; 8th - George Knowles; 9th - Merlin Matthews; 10th - John Bamford, Florence Kenyon, David De La Billiere, Lucy Gallier, Lily Stansfield; 11th - John Tomlinson



MAMMA MIA SINGALONG

Saturday, 25th January
at
7:00pm
at
St Matthew's Church
Chadderton
Tickets: Adult £7/Child £4
(Licensed bar available from 6:30pm)
Tickets available in church
or
Book via our website at
www.stmatthew-stlukechadderton.org.uk



Welcome to St Matthew and

St Luke, Chadderton

"Living out our call to share the Gospel in Faith, Hope and Love"

5th January 2025

Epiphany HYMNS

85, 259, 724, 552, 74, 729, 49

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 5th	Epiphany
9:00am	Choral Eucharist
Tuesday, 7th	
9:30am	Parent & Toddler
12:30pm	Luncheon Club
2:00pm	Drop In
Thursday, 9th	
9:45am	Dressmaking
6:00pm	All Age Service
7:15pm	Choir Practice

Sanctuary Light Dedications

If you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Light in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an event please add their name to the list in the narthex. We would ask for a donation of £5 and if you are a UK tax payer, please use one of the gift aid envelopes for your donation. Thank you.



First Reading

Isaiah 60. 1-6

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their
nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be
brought to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3. 1-12

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above

in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel

Matthew 2. 1-12

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of

the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Christmas Raffle

Please check the list in the narthex to see if you have been lucky enough to win a prize and if so please claim your prize from the back of church.

Mothers' Union

A reminder that the branch AGM will be held on **Tuesday, 14th January at 7:30pm** in church.