

Songs of Praise

In addition to celebrating St Matthew at our morning service on **21st September** we are holding a Patronal Festival Songs of Praise at **6:00pm**. Not only do we want you all to come along to sing, we invite you to nominate your favourite hymn for everyone to sing. Please let **Margaret Hughes** have your nomination either when you see her in church or by email to hughesm53@gmail.com. Your nomination must be received by **Sunday, 31st August** at the latest. Thank you.

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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, Marlene Fitton, Debbie Cawley, Barry Tootill, Joy Butterworth, Kathryn Morris, Susan Lumby, Hazel Robinson, Harry Mullen, Joyce Taylor; All in nursing homes, care homes or hospices; We also pray for anyone who is awaiting test results.



RIP: 17th - Herbert Rogers, Tracey Hardman; 18th - Brian Bradbury; 19th - Pat Airne; 20th - Eden Bruce; 21st - Edith Turner, William Tate, Joyce Duxbury, Clara Humphries; 22nd - Hilda Frost, Geoffrey Barber; 23rd - Annie Jacques, Lily Haslam, Joseph Lees

Ukulele Concert



Saturday, 4th October at 7:00pm
at
St Matthew's Church
Chadderton
Tickets: Adult £5/Child £3
(Licensed bar from 6:30pm)
Tickets available from
19th August in church or via our
website at
[www.stmatthew-](http://www.stmatthew-stlukechadderton.org.uk)
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Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

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

17th August 2025

**Ninth Sunday
after Trinity**

HYMNS

58, 409, 347, 541, 491, 87, 755

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 17th 9:00am	9th Sunday after Trinity Choral Eucharist
Thursday, 21st 6:00pm	All Age Worship
7:15pm	Choir Practice

Welcome

We welcome and thank
Revd Canon Richard Hawkins
for presiding at our service today.

Raffles

We will be holding a bottle raffle at our Ukulele concert in October and also another one later in the year. We would be very grateful if you could please donate a bottle for one of our raffles. If possible we would need the donations by **28th September**. Thank you.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23. 23-29

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Second Reading

Hebrews 11. 29 - 12. 2

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire,

escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel

Luke 12. 49-56

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

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they

will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Admission to Holy Communion

There are still a few places left for First Communion preparation classes on:

**Saturday, 11th October 9.15am - 3.45pm
and Sunday, 12th October 2.15pm - 4.15pm**

with a service of Admission to Holy Communion on:

Sunday, 12th October at 6:00pm.



Please complete the form on our website or use this QR code as soon as possible.



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