



Dedication of Flowers
This week's flowers have
been donated by
Margaret Rochford



Secondary School Signing for Admissions September 2026

The process for requesting signed supplementary forms is:

1. Bring an application form for each school you wish to apply for into church from **Thursday, 25th September**, with a final date of **Sunday, 12th October**. Please ensure that you have completed all the information that you need to supply.
2. When you bring the form(s) into church please sign up for a slot to pick up the form(s).
3. The pick up date is **Monday, 20th October**. If that date is unsuitable please speak to **Revd Liz or Margaret** when you drop the form(s) off.

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 now available
in church or via our website using the
QR code below.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK: Yvonne Longsdon, Bill Gow, Marlene Fitton, Barry Tootill, Hazel Robinson, Harry Mullen; All in nursing homes, care homes or hospices; We also pray for anyone who is awaiting test results.



RIP: Debbie Cawley, Graham Taylor; 8th - Harold Laycock, Thomas Jones; 10th - May Wilkinson, Hilda Platt, John Turner; 12th - Marjorie Beckley, Margaret Nixon

Sanctuary Light Dedication

This week's Sanctuary Light
has been dedicated
'In Memory of Alan & Connie Morris'



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.



For more information speak
to **Gillian**.

For parish contacts, see narthex notice board.

Church phone: 0161 652 4006

Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

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

7th September 2025
12th Sunday after Trinity
HYMNS

163, Screen, 133, 188, 757, 503

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 7th	
9:00am	Choral Eucharist
Tuesday, 9th	
9:30am	Parent & Toddler
12:30pm	Luncheon Club
2:00pm	Drop In
7:30pm	Mothers' Union
Thursday, 11th	
9:45am	Dressmaking
6:00pm	All Age Worship

Mothers' Union

The September branch meeting will be held in church on **Tuesday, 9th at 7:30pm** when annual subscriptions of **£15:00** will be due.

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.

St Matthew and St Luke Patronal Festival



Sunday, 21st September
Join us in celebrating our Patron Saint,
St Matthew
9:00am Festival Choral Eucharist



6:00pm Songs of Praise
All are Welcome

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30. 15-end

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own

self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel

Luke 14. 25-33

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

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Season of Creation Food Collection

Each week during the Season of Creation, as a church we are collecting food to share with the food bank at Chadderton Community Church. If you are able, please consider bringing a donation of food each of the 6 weeks. The following foods are often placed in food parcels for families in need: breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, meat, vegetables or fruit, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, snacks. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.