

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK: Yvonne Longsdon,
Barry Tootill, Joan Joyce,
Hazel Robinson, Harry Mullen,
Brian Schofield, Viv Webb; All in nursing
homes, care homes or hospices; We also
pray for anyone who is awaiting test
results.

RIP: 21st - Agnes Newport, John Trimble,
Ronald Nixon;
22nd - Alan Barnes;
23rd Doreen Holdroyd, Beryl Longley;
24th - Ada Dunkerley, James Mellor,
Maureen Langley;
25th - Alice Bowker, Charles Brocklehurst;
26th - Donald Shaw, Donald Wood,
Alan Brereton;
27th - Mary Nelson, Douglas Hattersley



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Sanctuary Light Dedication

This week's Sanctuary Light
has been dedicated

'In Memory of Ephraim & Eva Bryan'



Prayer Tree

Our Prayer Tree has now been placed in
church. If you would like to add the name
of someone you wish to pray for to the tree
please write their name on one of the blue
stars and attach it to the tree.

St Matthew & St Luke 200 Club

If you or your family/neighbours are not
already in our 200 Club, but would
like to join our monthly prize
draw for just £4 a month (to be paid by
standing order) and support the work of
your church, please request a joining form
from StMatthews200Club@gmail.com
Alternatively, please speak to
Margaret Hughes or Neville Barker.
BE IN IT TO WIN IT!



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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"*

21st November 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

HYMNS

480, 634, 405, 182, 355, 949, 759

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 21st

9:00am

Choral Eucharist

6:00pm

Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday, 24th

3:00pm

Crib Service

11:30pm

Midnight Mass

Sunday, 28th

9:00am

Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

There won't be a Christmas Day service at
St Matthew's church this year. However,
there will be a Eucharist service on
Christmas Day at St Anne's church at
10:30am which you are welcome to attend.



Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for our Christmas raffle. If you would like tickets and have not already purchased them you have until **Sunday, 21st December**. The draw will take place on **22nd December** when all winning numbers will be listed on our narthex notice board.

GOOD LUCK

First Reading

Isaiah 7. 10-16

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Second Reading

Romans 1. 1-7

A reading Paul's Letter from Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 1. 18-end

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to

Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him
Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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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