

St Matthew & Luke 200 Club

If you or your family/neighbours would like to join our 200 Club 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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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:
helencrabtree.church@gmail.com

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

RIP: Martin Bryan; 19th - Ann Heighway; 20th - Hilda Emmott, Joan Jones; 21st - Peter Tomlinson, Annie Lord; 22nd - Jack Boothman; 23rd - Eric Garbutt, Isobel Hatton; 24th - Harriet Clay, Harry Kenyon, Mildred Jackson



Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

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

18th January 2026
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
HYMNS

144, 752, 347, 374, 541, 658, 552

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 18th

9:00am **Choral Eucharist**

Tuesday, 20th

9:30am **Parent & Toddler**

12:30pm **Luncheon Club**

2:00pm **Drop In**

Thursday, 22nd

10:00am **Dressmaking**

6:00pm **All Age Service**

7:15pm **Choir Practice**

Sanctuary Light Dedication
This week's Sanctuary Light
has been dedicated
'In Memory of Brian Booth'



First Reading

Isaiah 49. 1-7

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he
named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and
vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.'
And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my
servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of
the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the
nations,
the slave of rulers,

'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen
you.'

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1. 1-9

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel

John 1. 29-42

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

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).



Big Bird Watch

If you would like to take part in the this year's Big Bird Watch please collect the relevant leaflet from the narthex.

