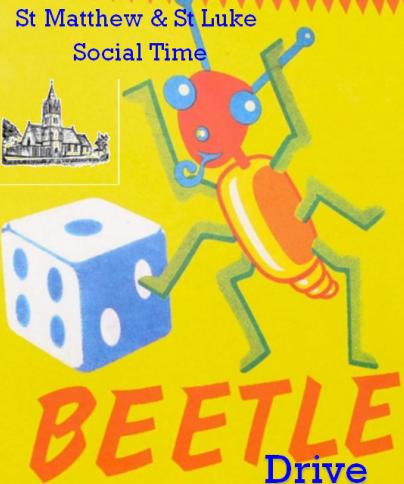


Sat 7th March 2026

6pm-10pm  
doors open 5.45pm

Tickets just £10 each  
and includes a  
Meat & Potato or  
Cheese & Onion Pie  
Supper served with a  
tea/coffee/soft drink

Licensed Bar



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#### FOR OUR PRAYERS

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



**RIP:** Martin Bryan,  
Cynthia Jackson Crothers;  
1st - Vernon Molloy, Edwin Garside;  
3rd - Doreen Smith;  
2nd - Ethel Berry;  
4th - Jane Lees, Harold Sneyd;  
5th - May Moores;  
6th - Andrew Wade;  
7th - Marjorie Baldwin

# Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

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

1st February 2026

The Presentation of Christ  
in the Temple (Candlemas)  
HYMNS

259, 755, 375, 157, 574, 729, 486

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 1st

9:00am

Choral Eucharist

Monday, 2nd

10:30am

Funeral of  
Cynthia Jackson Crothers

Tuesday, 3rd

9:30am

Parent & Toddler  
Luncheon Club

12:30pm

Drop In

Wednesday, 4th

2:00pm

Dressmaking

Thursday, 5th

10:00am

All Age Service

6:00pm

Choir Practice

7:15pm

### Used Postage Stamps

Ann Meredith sends her thanks to everyone  
who has brought in postage stamps so far. She  
is still collecting them and will be grateful for  
your continued support. Thank you.



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Registered charity Number: 1143492

## Church Cleaner

We are currently looking to engage a church cleaner. If you are interested in a paid cleaning job for 2 hours per week or if you know anyone else who may be interested please speak to **Helen** or **Margaret**. Thanks.

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](mailto:helencrabtree.church@gmail.com)

## First Reading

### Malachi 3. 1-5

#### A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

## Second Reading

### Hebrews 2. 14-end.

**A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.** Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## Gospel

### Luke 2. 22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.