

Safeguarding

It was good to welcome **Karen Butterworth** as our **Parish Safeguarding Officer** at our services last Thursday and Sunday. For anyone who was not in church at one of those services here are **Karen's** contact details:

Phone: 07738 702021

Email: stmatthews.pso@gmail.com

Please make a note of these details which are also shown on the narthex notice board and should you have any concerns please contact her. She is in church most Sunday mornings when she will be free to chat to anyone who wishes to speak to her about any concerns they may have.

February 200 Club Winners

1st	£77.00	G Crossley	3
2nd	£46.20	M McNeill	58
3rd	£15.40	M Dixon	32

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!

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

See narthex notice board for church contacts.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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



RIP: Martin Bryan, Linda Shaw;

15th - Leslie Hayes;

17th - John Pitcher, Norman Halliwell;

18th - Harry Edwards;

19th - Fred Bowker;

20th - Alwyn Roberts;

21st - Alan Henson

Sanctuary Light Dedication

This week's Sanctuary Light

has been dedicated '

'In Memory of

Alfred & Steven Wallace'



Mothers' Union Diary Dates

2026 marks 150 Years Celebrations across the globe. Let's be part of this historic moment.

See narthex notice board for event dates and more information

World Day of Prayer

Friday, 6th March 2026 at 2:00pm

Local services at Moravian Church, Spring Garden Street, Royton, OL2 5QE and St. Thomas More Church, Mainway/Kirkway, Middleton, M24 1PP.

Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

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

15th February 2026

**Sunday Next Before Lent
HYMNS**

551, 105, 314, 448, 70, 67, 12

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 15th

9:00am

Choral Eucharist

Tuesday, 17th

9:30am

Parent & Toddler

12:30pm

Luncheon Club

2:00pm

Drop In

Wednesday, 18th

7:30pm

Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, 19th

6:00pm

All Age Service

LENT 2026

During Lent this year we are again inviting you to give up a small amount of money each week to buy one item e.g. a tin or a packet of something which we will then give to the Garforth St Food Bank.

Our appeal starts on Sunday, 22nd February and runs until Easter.

First Reading

Exodus 24. 12-end

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Second Reading

2 Peter 1. 16-end

A Reading from the Second Letter from Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message

more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel

Matthew 17. 1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Cleaning of Church

Since our cleaner left we have struggled to engage the services of another cleaner. Prior to employing a cleaner the church was cleaned by a group of volunteers who understood how important it is to keep the church clean for all our sakes. We are therefore asking for volunteers who would be willing to help out. It would be an hour or two and not every week. The more volunteers we have the less number of weeks each person will be needed.

Many hands make light work.

If you are willing to help please speak to **Helen or Margaret.**

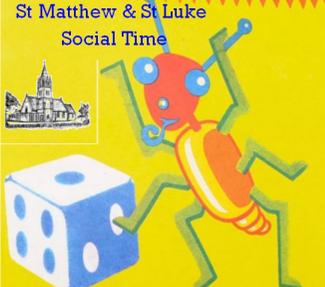
Thank you.

Sat 7th March 2026
6pm-10pm
doors open 5.45pm

St Matthew & St Luke
Social Time

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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