

Adult Confirmation

The adult Confirmation Service will take place on **Sunday, 7th June at 3:00pm.** **Bishop Mark** will preside. The venue will be either St Matthew's Church or St Anne's Church, to be confirmed.

If any adults are interested in being confirmed please speak to **Revd Liz** who will provide more information.

Christingle Donations

The total amount collected for the **Children's Society** from the Christingle boxes was **£241.23**. Thank you to everyone who collected for this worthy cause.

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK: 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: Linda Shaw, Sylma John Baptiste; 1st - John Thompson; 2nd - Ida Dale, Edna Moore; 3rd - Annie Barrott, Christine Berry, Alan Blakeman; 4th - Frank Ogden, Albert Bentley, Clara Sanderson; 5th - John Jacques; 6th - Dora Hoyle, Joseph Renshaw; 7th - Stan Jackson, Lilian Matthews

Intercessions

We currently only have 3 intercessors. We are therefore looking for additional people to do the intercessions (prayers) on Sunday mornings. Training will be given. If you would be willing to help with this or if you would like more information please speak to **Liz, Gillian or Maggs**. Thank you.

LENT 2026

During Lent this year we are again inviting you to bring to church one item each week e.g. a tin or a packet of something which we will then give to the Fareshare Food Bank on Garforth St. Our appeal has started and will continue to run until Easter. Thank you.

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

Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

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

1st March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent HYMNS

104, 467, 195, 186, 626, 944, 695

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 1st

9:00am

Choral Eucharist

Tuesday, 3rd

9:30am

Parent & Toddler

12:30pm

Luncheon Club

2:00pm

Drop In

Thursday, 5th

10:00am

Dressmaking

6:00pm

All Age Service

7:15pm

Choir Practice

Saturday, 7th

6:00pm

Beetle Drive

Linda Shaw

Linda's funeral will take place on **Monday, 2nd March at 11:30am** at St Paul's Church, Ashton Road, Oldham, followed by burial at Chadderton Cemetery. There will be a reception afterwards at Boston House on Broadway Street where Linda lived.

First Reading

Genesis 12. 1-4a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Second Reading

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his

descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

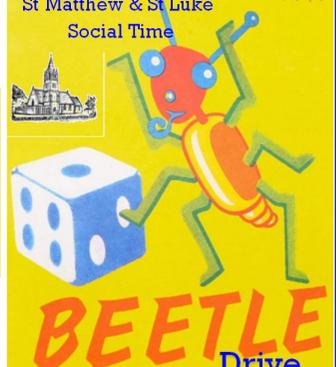
Gospel

John 3. 1-17

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our

testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

<p>Sat 7th March 2026 6pm-10pm doors open 5.45pm</p>	<p>St Matthew & St Luke Social Time</p>  <p>BEETLE Drive</p>
<p>Tickets just £10 each and includes a Meat & Potato or Cheese & Onion Pie Supper served with a tea/coffee/soft drink</p>	
<p>Licensed Bar</p>	
<p>Hurry time is running out to buy your tickets for our Beetle Drive, available in church on via the email address below: hughesm53@gmail.com DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FUN FILLED EVENING.</p>	

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