

Sanctuary Light Dedication

This week's Sanctuary Light
has been dedicated
'In Memory of Susan & Bill Wilkinson'



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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

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Registered charity Number: 1143492

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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



RIP: 26th - Gloria Barry;
27th - Mary King, John Ashworth,
Edith Shackleton, Lily Johnson;
28th - Sarah Wales;
30th - Jack Riley;
May 1st - Cyril Edwards, Jack Punchard,
Wilfred Cooper, Stuart Gowers

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.

Dedication of Flowers

If you would like to dedicate flowers in
memory of a loved one or to celebrate a
birthday or anniversary, please add your/
their name to the list in the narthex. We
would please ask for a donation and if you
are a UK tax payer please complete
one of the yellow envelopes
and enter flowers onto it.

Thank you.



Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

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

26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

HYMNS

6, 434, Scn, 649, 337, 156, 249

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 26th

9:00am Choral Eucharist

Tuesday, 28th

9:30am Parent & Toddler

12:30pm Luncheon Club

2:00pm Drop In

Thursday 30th

10:00am Dressmaking

6:00pm All Age Service

7:15pm Choir Practice

Lost Property

We have accumulated a number of items
in the lost property box in the narthex.

Please check if anything in the box
belongs to you.

Anything not claimed by **30th May** will
be disposed of.

Thank you.

First Reading

Acts 2. 42-end

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2. 19-end

A Reading from the First Letter from Peter.

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did

not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel

John 10. 1-10

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

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find

pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Confirmation Preparation

The confirmation Preparation classes will be held at St Matthew's Church as follows:

Saturday, 16th May 10:00am to 3:30pm

and

Saturday, 30th May 10:00am to 3:30am

Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided, but please bring your own packed lunch.



Prayer Tree

If you would like to pray for a loved one who is sick, lonely or suffering in another way or in memory of one who has died, please add their name to our prayer tree by completing one of the cards provided.

We would please ask for a donation which will go towards our flower fund.

Our prayer tree will remain church until Pentecost.

Thank you



Lord Hear Our Prayer