

### Archdeacon's Visitation

This year's Archdeacon's Visitation will be held at Oldham Parish Church on **Thursday, 18th June at 7:30pm.** Everyone is welcome to attend. Church Wardens will be admitted to post and PCC and sidespersons will re-affirm their commitment.

### Parish Contacts:

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

 [www.facebook.com/ChaddertonChurch](http://www.facebook.com/ChaddertonChurch)  
 @ChaddyChurch  
[www.stmatthew-stlukechadderton.org.uk](http://www.stmatthew-stlukechadderton.org.uk)  
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:** Winifred Innes;  
18th - Elizabeth Mills, Frederick Davison, Walter Pollard, Neil Helm, Anne Summers, Betty Grimbley;  
19th - Olive Gelder, Frank Ogden, Margaret Ladner;  
20th - Peter Gallier;  
21st - Derek Nelson, Denis Brown;  
23rd - Betsy Bamford, Edith Hall

### Confirmation Preparation

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

**Saturday, 16th May 10:00am to 14:45pm**  
and

**Saturday, 30th May 10:00am to 3:30pm**  
Please arrive by 09:45am at the latest.

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

The confirmation service will be held in church on

**Sunday, 7th June at 3:00pm**



### Prayer Tree

There is still time to add your prayer to our prayer tree, which will remain in church until Pentecost.

# Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

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

**17th May 2026**

**Ascension Sunday  
HYMNS**

**255, 104, 16, 120, 17, 185, 137**

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Sunday, 17th**

**9:00am** Choral Eucharist

**Tuesday, 19th**

**9:30am** Parent & Toddler

**12:30pm** Luncheon Club

**2:00pm** Drop In

**Thursday, 21st**

**10:00am** Dressmaking

**6:00pm** All Age Service

**7:15pm** Choir Practice

### 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](mailto:StMatthews200Club@gmail.com) Alternatively, please speak to **Margaret Hughes** or **Neville Barker**.

## **First Reading**

### **Acts 1. 1-11**

#### **A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles.**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards

heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

## **Second Reading**

### **Ephesians 1. 15-end**

#### **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 24. 44-end**

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

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

### **2025-2026 Tax Year - Gift Aid**

Letters have now been sent to regular standing order and weekly envelope givers (not yellow 'one-off' donors) - primarily by email on 5th May 2026 to advised address, confirming any tax claimed on donations. Please check your junk/spam filters in case of none receipt. Any queries please contact

**Neville, Gift Aid Secretary on**

**0161 624 4560.**