Rodney & Pat's Sponsored Walk Crossing the O2, London

If you would like to sponsor Rodney and Pat's recent sponsored walk, crossing the O2 in London there is now a collection box in the narthex.
Donations will support three charities, namely St Matthew's Church, Children with Disabilities and The Limbless Association. Well Done **Rodney & Pat**.

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FOR OUR PRAYERS



SICK: Barry Tootill, Joan Joyce, Hazel Robinson, Harry Mullen, Brian Schofield, Laura Devall, Nicola Selby, Nancy Birtwhistle, Ann Nield, Philip Pearson, Alex Percy, Robert Haslam, Hannah Wild; All in nursing homes, care homes or hospices; We also pray for anyone who is awaiting test results.
RIP: 25th - Colin Clegg, Sydney Cosgrove, Harry Boothman;
26th - John Oakley;
27th - Harry Moores, Roland Jones;
28th - Elva Nield;
29th - Kitty Illingworth, William Nield;
30th - Amelia Brazier, Gordon Fitton;
31st - Edna Hanson, Fred Lees, Audrey Young

Donation to Dr Kershaw's Hospice

We were very pleased to welcome **Tom Hall** from Dr Kershaw's Hospice at our service last Sunday. **Revd Liz** presented **Tom** with a cheque for **£568.81** for **Dr Kershaw's**, which she raised by walking 340 miles during her summer pilgrimage. In total she raised **£1137.62**, half going towards church funds.
Very well done **Revd Liz** and a big thank you to everyone who supported her.

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"

25th October 2026
Bible Sunday
Mothers' Union Festival

HYMNS

631, 420, Scn, 118, 590, 1, 684

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 25th
9:00am Choral Eucharist
Mothers' Union Festival

Tuesday, 27th
9:30am Parent & Toddler
12:30pm Luncheon Club
2:00pm Drop In

Thursday, 29th
6:00pm All Age Service
7:15pm Choir Practice

Volunteers for Parent & Toddler Group

We are still in need of extra volunteers to help with our P & T Group. The group runs each **Tuesday from 09:30am to 11:00am**, term time. If you are available to help please speak to **Alma Costello** or **one of the wardens**. Thank you.

First Reading

Nehemiah 8. 1-4, 8-12

A Reading from the Book Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Second Reading

Colossians 3. 12-17

A Reading from Paul's Letter to Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel

Matthew 24. 30-35

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

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

All Souls' Service

This year's All Souls' service will be held on **Sunday, 1st November at 6:00pm**. There is a list on the narthex notice board for you to enter any names of people you would like to be remembered. This Sunday will be the last date for names to be added. If you are not in church this Sunday please email the names by latest **Monday, 26th** to: **helencrabtree.church@gmail.com**