

PERTH METHODIST CHURCH

News-Sheet

Week beginning 9th June 2024

This week's Sunday Service at 11.00am will be led by Rev. Alan Anderson.

This is MHA Sunday.

The hymns are StF 484, 13, 97 (2nd tune), 163 (tune 457), 681 and 402 (tune 745).

The readings are Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4 v. 13 to 5 v. 1 and Mark 3 v. 20 – 35.

Circuit Worship This Sunday's circuit service will be on the YouTube channel from 9am Sunday. To access the service or any earlier service go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and, where it says 'Search', enter 'Angus, Dundee and Perthshire Methodist Circuit'. If you know anyone wanting the service on DVD or a full script, please ask Pam for a copy to be sent.

Church Flowers The flowers this week were donated and arranged by Pam. If you would like to donate and/or arrange flowers please speak to me. **Alison R**

Circuit Plan The new circuit plan for June to August is now available on the church website. There are one or two paper copies available in the church porch for those unable to access the website.

Three dates for your diary:

General Church Meeting of the East of Scotland Methodist Church of which PMC is an integral part – **Sunday 23rd June** after the Morning Service, which our friends in Dundee and Blairgowrie will also be attending.

Strawberry Tea, with a performance by Perth's Gaelic Choir, on **Saturday 20th July** at 2.30pm.

A Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Nick Baker, our Superintendent Minister, will be held on **Sunday 28th July** at 3pm in Arbroath Methodist Church. Further details in due course.

Garden Open Rob Mackay invites you to his 'Garden Open' afternoon on **Sunday 9th June** between 2pm and 5pm at 36 Muirfield, Perth, PH1 1JJ. Entry is £5 per person (children free) and all money raised will be divided between Scotland's Gardens Scheme and Amnesty International UK Section Charitable Trust. Teas will be served.

Everyone is invited!

Singing Group will meet on **Monday 10th June** from 12.30 till 1.30 in the church. Please bring sandwiches; tea will be provided. We would welcome anyone who enjoys singing and would like the opportunity to learn some new hymns/songs.

Knit and Natter - Monday 10th June - 2 until 4pm Come along and bring a friend to enjoy an afternoon of coffee, tea, cake, craft and chat.

Philosophy Club – the launch of this new Perth club will take place on Tuesday 25th June at 7pm at Maya's Kitchen and Bar (<https://www.mayaskitchenandbar.co.uk/>), 70 Tay St, Perth, PH2 8NN. The speaker will be Bibek Situala FRSA, proprietor of Maya's Kitchen, scholar and promoter of Nepalese Arts. His topic will be 'The sources of Nepalese aesthetics and its place in the world.' Further information can be gleaned from the flyer on the hall noticeboard or from Rob Mackay.

Scottish Methodist Gathering 2024 Have you made your booking yet for 'Gathering to Grow', in Stirling from 20th to 22nd September? Please do visit [scottishmethodistgathering.com](https://www.scottishmethodistgathering.com) for much more information including an outline programme. You can register there and also watch a brief video about the two guest speakers.

Prayers for the General Election

The Scottish Church Leaders Forum has commissioned a series of prayers for the period leading up to and just beyond the General Election and they have issued the following statement:

On behalf of the churches that we serve, we encourage Christians in Scotland to engage actively, constructively and charitably in the democratic process of the General Election called for on Thursday 4 July 2024.

We recall, from the history of Scotland, the moment when King James VI was reminded that there are "two kingdoms": a temporal kingdom in which he was King and a spiritual kingdom in which Christ is King. We as Christians in Scotland belong to "two kingdoms" and as such are called to participate in the shared life of the society in which we live, to seek the common good and promote a social order in which all can live together in peace.

As those who seek to follow Christ, we are called to see the image and likeness of God in each person, especially when we disagree deeply on matters which affect our common life. In an age where there is the temptation to amplify sensationalism, stimulate knee-jerk reactions, and create echo chambers, it may be that our most important contribution to public life is to model "good disagreement" in which respect and love are evident.

A copy of the above statement and a prayer for each week will also appear here:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/prayers/call-to-prayer-general-election-2024>

Perth and Kinross Foodbank The following is part of a message from Lori Hughes, Project Manager. A copy of her complete letter may be found on the noticeboard in the hall.....

‘We are delighted to announce that we will be serving Foodbank clients from our new location at Unit A, 10-16, York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP **by Tuesday 4th June 2024**. This marks the beginning of the next chapter for our organisation.

What can clients, referral agencies and partners expect from our new York Place premises?

- An accessible building – enabling an improved experience for clients with disabilities and/or long-term health conditions.
- A city centre location, close to public transport links.
- A nourishing and nurturing client space – designed to accommodate sensitive conversations.
- A warm, inclusive, welcoming environment, prioritising participation, wellbeing, and a relational approach to client engagement.
- Access to external agencies and support services via our new surgery sessions.
- And.... the same kindness and compassion you have come to expect from our seasoned staff and committed team of volunteers.’

These notices are currently being produced by Fiona.

Please send items for inclusion by 12 noon on Thursday.

(Her contact details are in the church directory.)

If you wish to receive the notices direct to your inbox, please ask her.