

PERTH METHODIST CHURCH
Week beginning 7th August 2022

The Sunday Service at 11.00am will be led by Rev. Alan Anderson. Hymns are 107, 92, 470, from StF, and 681 from Hymns & Psalms. The readings are Isaiah 43 v.16 – 21 and John 15 v.1 - 8.

We are recognising the work of the MHA charity during this service. GiftAid envelopes will be available for individual donations. This is our opportunity to support the charity while we are still in the current Methodist 21 - 22 year. To this end, it would be helpful if all envelopes could be in by Sunday 21st August. If you choose to make your donation by cheque, it is simpler if the cheque, in an MHA envelope, is payable to Perth Methodist Church. (Also, please see Methodist Homes Association below.)

Coffee Morning/Soup Lunch **A reminder! Saturday 6th August - 10.30 – 1.30, with soup and bacon rolls served from 11.00am.** Everyone is welcome.

The next three dates for your diary are 3rd September, 1st October and 5th November.

If anyone who is not already helping feels that they could spare a couple of hours once every 3 or 4 months, I'd be delighted to add you to the list!

Alison G

Methodist Homes Association **Another reminder!** Half the proceeds of the coffee morning/soup lunch on **6th August** are being given to MHA. This is the largest charity care provider for older people in the UK and still maintains very strong links with the Methodist Church. If you would like to bring a contribution for the **home-baking stall** that would be much appreciated. If you have any queries about this, please speak to Pam.

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 Many thanks to Rob S for providing the flowers this week. If you would like to donate flowers on any particular date, I would be delighted to hear from you. Thank you.

Alison R

Ministerial Cover Until Rev Nick Baker returns to work on Monday 15th August, Rev Alan Anderson and Rev Gerald Bostock are available for anyone needing ministerial help.

Sunday Tea/Coffees Thank you to all who have volunteered to go onto this rota. Sheila L

Sunday evening services These have resumed on a monthly basis on the second Sunday in the month. The service begins at **6.00pm** and lasts for about 40 minutes. Future dates will be 14th August, 11th September and 9th October.

Cleaning of the hall carpet It is planned to clean the hall carpet on Friday 12th August. To allow sufficient time for the carpet to dry, we ask that nobody enters the hall on that day. GA will hold their evening meeting that day in the sanctuary.

Knit and Natter The next meeting is on **Monday 8th August from 2 to 4pm**. If you would like to help with this important outreach on the second Monday of each month, please let me know. Knitting is not compulsory!

Alison R

'PMC News' I am now looking for contributions for the next issue, please. These will be very gratefully received at any time up to Wednesday 17th August (or a tad later by negotiation!). Looking back, looking ahead, family news, an unusual holiday 'snap', items of general interest, thought-provoking snippets.....it's good not to leave it to others! ☺ Thank you.

Fiona

Grateful thanks Mark and I would like to thank you sincerely for all the support, help and good wishes we received on the occasion of our wedding. It was important and wonderful for me to be married in Perth Methodist Church and to do so with the community of goodwill around from you all meant much to both of us.

Susie

Renew 23.3 The volunteers find it hard work to set up their prayer space in the vestry corner with the heavy screens etc. Recently they have been keeping the space in place from their Monday morning session until the Thursday afternoon session. To help the volunteers further, we have now agreed that for a trial period they will leave the prayer space in place permanently. We will welcome your feedback on this.

The Stewards

AfC Lantern Collection Boxes We still need a volunteer to take on the role of **PMC's Action for Children secretary and representative**. This would involve overseeing the annual taking in and emptying of the lantern collection boxes and generally publicising/disseminating info about this Methodist charity. If you would like to know more about this role, please speak with Barry P. or with a steward.

Scottish Methodist Gathering Everyone in Scotland with any connection to Methodism is invited to attend 'Gathering to Scatter' – the Scottish Methodist Gathering which will take place in Perth from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September. Starting with a ceilidh, 'Gathering to Scatter' offers a wide-ranging, all-age programme to dip into with worship, prayer and Bible study, sessions with John Bell and Fischy Music, chat show, craft, pilgrimage, intergenerational activities and more. The main venue for the weekend is the Salutation Hotel, Perth, and this is where Synod members will meet on Saturday morning. An alternative to Synod will be hosted at Perth Methodist Church. There is no charge for the Gathering, but please register through the Eventbrite site (scottishmethodistgathering.org), where much more information can be found.

Saturday Summer Evening Prayer in Scotland

At 9pm each Saturday evening from 9th July to 3rd September different folk from across the district will be hosting half an hour of prayer on Zoom for the Methodist Church in Scotland, focussing particularly on praying for 'Gathering to Scatter' on 9th – 11th September in Perth. Do come along if and when you can. The Zoom link will be the same each week:

<https://zoom.us/j/92127381664?pwd=WmYvTW5TMWUxT0tNU2JHVtNhUi9mZz09>

Meeting ID: 921 2738n 1664

Passcode: nH7D12

This news sheet Fiona is currently producing this each week. If you would like to receive it direct to your inbox, please ask her.

Please send items for inclusion to Fiona by 12 noon on Thursday each week.
(Her details are in the church directory.)