

PERTH METHODIST CHURCH

News-Sheet

Week beginning 12th May 2024

This is Christian Aid Week, running from 12th to 18th May.

This week's Sunday Service at 11.00am will be led by David Wood.

The hymns are StF 20, 322, 530 and 465 **and** 988 from Mission Praise.

The readings are Acts 1 v. 15-17, Acts 17 v. 21-26 and John 17 v. 6-26.

Evening Worship There will be an evening service of quiet devotion and reflection this Sunday evening (12th May) at 6.00pm led by Beryl Cowling.

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 by Pieteke.

If you would like to donate and/or arrange flowers please speak to me. **Alison R**

Singing Group will meet on **Monday 13th May from 12.30 till 1.30pm** 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 13th May - 2 until 4pm Come along and bring a friend to enjoy an afternoon of coffee, tea, cake, craft and chat.

If you have been knitting or crocheting squares or blankets for The Cosy Rug Project, please bring them along so that we can take them all to the Library.

Coffee with the new Circuit Superintendent - Thursday 16th May @ 11am in the Sanctuary. (See over)

Perth Local Meeting The next meeting will take place in the church on Sunday 26th May following the morning service. Could any reports or items for the agenda please be forwarded to me by Thursday 23rd May. Many thanks.

Sheila L.

Church Renovations and Repair Work The work on the hall is completed apart from some minor finishing touches. The plan is now to move onto the Sanctuary to repair and repaint as required. We are currently sourcing an appropriate external noticeboard, new large seasonal pots for the garden and pulpit falls. General maintenance work will follow for the boundary walls. **Property Committee and Stewards.**

Redundant light units Now that the new lighting has been fitted in the hall the old lights are available for repurposing. **There were four identical units; two are spoken for but two remain.** Each is a fluorescent light fitting with two 5 foot tubes of the modern thinner type and has a diffuser cover.

These are not the prettiest or most energy efficient units but they were working when removed and do give a good light. They would suit a workspace like a garage or shed. They are possibly too good to just throw in the skip and we would happily pass them on to someone who could use one (or more) perhaps in return for a donation to church funds.

Please ask Alan Anderson for more information.

Methodist Homes Sales Table This will be at the Coffee Morning/Soup Lunch on Saturday 1st June. You are invited to bring items for this the previous day (Friday 10.00 - 12.00). Alternatively, you may bring them on the previous Sunday, leaving them in the vestry. Please make sure your name is on them and a suggested price. Also, it would be helpful to indicate if you wish your items to be returned to you or passed on to a charity shop if they are not sold. Thank you.

Pam

renew 23.3 As you know there are two regular renew sessions held on our premises every week. They are on Mondays 10.00 - 12.00 and on Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm and several PMC folk are involved in helping. We would like to remind you that anyone can pop in at any time to these sessions. If you would like to see for yourself what goes on please do feel free to come and have a look. You would be very welcome.

Beryl and Pam

Message from Rev Nick Baker, current Superintendent of Angus, Dundee and Perthshire (ADP) Circuit, concerning the Superintendency for 2024/2025:

‘From 1st September Rev Andrew Baker will be the Superintendent of the circuit for one year. Andrew will already be known to some of you as the Superintendent of the Strathclyde circuit. He will continue as the Superintendent there for 0.75 time and will be Superintendent in ADP for 0.25 time. In practice, Andrew will visit the circuit for 3 days every 4 weeks and will be available at other times by phone and zoom.

On Thursday 16th/Friday 17th May I will be taking Andrew around the circuit to introduce him to the five churches. All in the congregations are invited to come and meet with him. **He will be at PMC on Thursday 16th May at 11.00am for coffee with all who are free that morning to come and meet him.**

You will also wish to know that last Saturday, 20th April, the Synod voted overwhelmingly to recommend to the Methodist Conference that we become one Scottish circuit with effect from 1st September 2025.’

Further to Nick’s last paragraph (above), a message from Beryl on behalf of the stewards:

As we will no longer have a full time minister from the end of this connexional year, and we are not the only circuit to be in this position, it is proposed, after much consultation and discussion, that the Scotland District becomes a single circuit. Synod agreed and Conference will be asked to agree to this new way of working when it meets at the end of June. There is a **letter from Rev Mark Slaney** which explains this in more detail. There are copies of the letter in the porch but if anyone would like to receive it electronically, please ask in person or be in touch with me via email - address in the Church Directory. Thank you.

Scottish Methodist Gathering 2024 – Registration now open!

Planning is continuing enthusiastically for ‘Gathering to Grow’, in Stirling from 20th to 22nd September. Please do visit 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.

Foodbank relocation plans postponed Message from Marjorie Clark, PACT Secretary:

‘I have received an email from the Foodbank telling me that, due to unforeseen circumstances, they will not now be able to keep to the timetable outlined in their last email, and in fact, have no alternative date for moving yet. They will continue to operate out of Pullar House for the next few weeks. I will send further information as soon as I receive it. The Foodbank apologises profusely for the confusion!’

Currently, **PLUS** hold meetings in our premises on two afternoons per week. Here are two items which Pam has selected from their most recent News Sheet as being of interest to us all:

CONNECT - Upcycling Group in Perth - Fri 1-3pm & Weds 10am-12pm and 1-3pm

Interested in upcycling and re use? Why not join this welcome space of people making and mending during the week. You can take your own things to work on. Venue is next to Marks & Spencer on the High St in Perth and is run by CATH. Tel 01738 580665

Sustainability Tip Compost your food scraps! When food is tossed into a landfill, it not only takes up space but it also produces methane, a type of greenhouse gas that’s 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

AGM of PACT (Perth Action of Churches Together) Monday 27th May at 7.30pm at St. Matthew’s Church (Mission Hall). Rev Kirrilee Reid, the chaplain at the Bield at Blackruthven, is to be the Guest Speaker and will share something of her experiences working with refugees in Calais, prior to taking up her current post, as well as updating us about what's going on at the Bield. The AGM is open to everyone.

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.