

PERTH METHODIST CHURCH

News-Sheet

Week beginning 26th May 2024

This week's Sunday Service at 11.00am will be led by Rev. Nick Baker.

The hymns are StF 21, 11, 8, 377 and 503.

The readings are Isaiah 6 v. 1-8, Romans 8 v. 12-17 and John 3 v. 1-17.

Our Perth Local Meeting will take place after the Morning Service. An agenda, plus relevant papers, will reach you via email prior to the meeting. For any further information, please contact Sheila L.

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

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.

Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch

Saturday 1st June

10.00am – 1.30pm

This month there will be a Methodist Homes Sales Table as well as the usual Home Baking.

Everyone is welcome! Please come and bring a friend!

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You are invited to bring items for the Sales Table the day before (Friday 31st May) between 10.00am and 12.00noon. Alternatively, you may bring them **this** Sunday (26th May), 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. Unfortunately, I shall not be at PMC this Sunday but if you have any questions please contact me at home after Tuesday. Thank you. **Pam**

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.**

Two dates for your diary:

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.

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.'

Advertisement for District Safeguarding Officer

We are being urged to advertise this post as widely as possible, not solely just with church folk but with anyone we know who might be interested and have the relevant experience.

Closing date for applications: midday, Monday 3rd June.

Interviews: 19th, 20th or 21st June to be held at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church.

For application pack please contact the Scotland District Administrator by email:

districtadmin@methodistchurchinscotland.net

Please speak with me if you require the info in a different format.

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Holiness: Hidden Treasure - Registration is now open for this online retreat led by Ermal Kirby on 12th-13th July, organised by **The Community for Spiritual Formation**. Through a programme of teaching, silence, worship and reflection based on a Benedictine monastic pattern The Community for Spiritual Formation creates transformative space for people to be in communion with God, self, others and creation for the sake of the world.

This 'online overnigher' retreat will begin with a Zoom session on Friday evening (7:30pm – 9pm) after which participants are invited to hold an overnight silence if possible and resumes online at 9am on Saturday. The morning includes an hour's silence, away from screens, and finishes at 1pm.

Ermal will explore the key ingredients of holiness; how they relate to ideas and images found in Scripture; the aspects of holiness emphasised by John Wesley; and which of these insights might still have resonance in our day. More information available from Jill Baker. Full details, along with how to register, can be found **here**. Again, please speak with me if you require the info in a different format.

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Mental Health Friendly Church Training Day

Presented by Kintsugi Hope, this is on 7th September at Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Perth.

The day is suitable for small group leaders, pastoral workers, lay leaders and anyone involved in caring or support roles in their church. More info at kintsugihope.com/joinus

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.