

PERTH METHODIST CHURCH

News-Sheet

Week beginning 23rd June 2024

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

The hymns are StF 116, 108, 704, 681 and 615.

The readings are Job 38 v. 1-11, 2 Corinthians 6 v. 1-13 and Mark 4 v. 35-41.

TODAY – The General Church Meeting of the East of Scotland Methodist Church, of which PMC is an integral part, will take place after the Morning Service. Our friends in Dundee and Blairgowrie will also be attending.

Immediately after the service there will be a short comfort break when tea/coffee will be served.

After the meeting those who wish are welcome to bring a packed lunch and enjoy fellowship before returning home.

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

Sunday Teas/Coffees Following the refurbishment of the hall several people have asked us if we would be returning there for refreshments after the service.

We felt it only fair that those who volunteered to enable this time of fellowship to continue should decide.

They were agreed that they were happy to continue in the Sanctuary as it minimised the setting up both for Sunday and the Renew well-being group on Monday morning, is more visible for any visitors to the church and is more accessible for the congregation.

Most importantly, however, was the response that 'It's the fellowship that counts, not the location.'

The Stewards.

Sanctuary Sunday (otherwise known as Refugee Sunday) – 23rd June. You are invited to a prayer gathering with and for refugees and asylum seekers at 3pm in the North Church, Mill Street, Perth. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the gathering.

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.

Perth Congregational Church is celebrating the 125th anniversary of it being in its current building.

The Anniversary Concert at the beginning of May was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Next, they are having a **Celebratory Service at 2.00pm on Saturday 29th June** and Rev Gordon Campbell writes that 'any Methodist friends who'd like to come along will be very welcome.' 😊

MHA sales table on June 1st. My thanks go to Liz, who was a great help on the table, and to everyone who supported the stall in any way. A total of £126.30 was raised. **Pam**

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.

Singing Group will meet on Monday 8th July 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 & Natter Monday 8th July. 2.00 – 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome! Even if you don't knit, come to natter.....whilst enjoying a cuppa, cake and companionship.

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>

Strawberry Tea, with a performance by Perth's Gaelic Choir, on **Saturday 20th July** at 2.30pm. Less than 4 weeks ahead! The Church Life Group are beginning to seek volunteers who would offer to make small cakes, sandwiches or scones. One volunteer is better than 20 pressed 'men'!! Please contact Fiona, who is keeping the 'master' list. Our thanks in anticipation. Tickets from next Sunday.

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.

Please note that Fiona's stint will finish at the end of June and that, from 1st July, all material for this document for the next few months should be sent to Rob S i.e. for week beginning 7th July onwards.