

**PERTH METHODIST CHURCH
NOTICES**

Week beginning 5th April 2026

Our Service, this Easter Sunday will start at 11.00am and will include the celebration of Holy Communion.

It will be led by Revd. David Bidnell.

The hymns are (all from StF) 298, 796, 297, 296 and 313.

The reading is John 20:1-18

Easter at Perth Methodist Church:

Maundy Thursday 2nd April, joint service at Perth Congregational church at 7pm led by Rev Gordon Campbell.

Good Friday 3rd April, joint service at Perth Methodist Church led by Rev David Bidnell at 7pm

Easter Sunday at Perth Methodist Church at 11am, including Holy Communion, led by Rev David Bidnell.

Circuit Worship Each Sunday's circuit service will be on YouTube from 9am Sunday. The link to online worship is via the Methodist Church in Scotland website: www.methodistchurchinscotland.net. Scroll down to 'The Methodist Church in Scotland - YouTube'. If you know anyone wanting the service on DVD or a full script, ask Pam.

Church Flowers The flowers this week are donated by the Congregation. If you would like to donate and/or arrange flowers, please speak to Alison R.

PACT news

Scottish Parliament Election Hustings event

In preparation for the Scottish Parliament elections in May, PACT in partnership with the Perth Amnesty International Group are planning to hold an Elections Hustings event.

The Hustings event will be taking place on **Monday 20th April at 7:30pm at St Matthews Church**. Rev Jim Stewart of Letham St Mark's has agreed to be the chair for this event, and the working group for the event have contacted each political party inviting them to take part.

Perth covers two constituencies (Perthshire North and Perthshire South), but just one representative / candidate from each political party will be taking part.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

The Annual PACT Walk of Witness this year is being led by Major David Wing, from the Salvation Army. The Walk of Witness event will gather from 10:45am at St John's Kirk aiming to set off on the route around the city centre at 11am. The posters for the event are in the vestibule and on the noticeboard.

Easter Dawn Service

This year's Easter Dawn Service at Quarrymill, Woodland Park at 7 am is being led by John Brown who is part of Craigie and Moncrieffe church. This outdoor service is a great way to start Easter Sunday, and is followed by bacon rolls, in the Old Parish Church Hall in Scone.

The next soup & bacon roll lunch will take place on Saturday 4th April between 10.30am and 1.30pm. Come along and bring a friend! If anyone would like to go on the rota, even just for 2 hours a quarter, we would be very pleased to have you! Alison G

Perth CHATS - Perth Community Here And There Stories at the PACT Meeting Andrew gave a comprehensive update to progress being made regarding this new initiative. Two pilot groups have been established, one taking place on a Tuesday evening, at ESOL Perth, Drummond House, Scott Street, and the other on a Thursday afternoon 1:30pm -3:15pm at the Y Centre on Atholl Street.

The pilot groups will run weekly for 6 and 5 weeks respectively, starting on Tuesday 21st April in ESOL and on Thursday 30th April at the Y. We are now looking for volunteers to support the groups so please share this initiative with your churches and encourage any-one who you think would make a good volunteer for this project. **IF YOU WISH MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SPEAK TO ROB MACKAY.**

Prayer course. Many have questions about prayer, including "I tried praying but it did not seem to work". A free course on prayer will be held in Perth St John's Kirk at 2.00pm (after the 1.00pm service with tea and coffee) on Wednesdays 8,15,22 and 29 April (with entry by the South Door) All welcome.

The Singing Group will next meet again at 12.30pm on Monday 13th April in the sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us. Please remember to bring your sandwiches and tea/coffee will be provided.

Knit and Natter will next meet on Monday 13th April from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come to knit, natter and/or enjoy tea/coffee and cakes.

Musical Afternoon As advertised quite widely now, this is to take place on **Saturday 18th April**, starting at 2.30pm with a performance by Michael Ellacott. Those who are familiar with Michael's musical skills will know that he will get the afternoon off to a rousing start! **Tickets** are available, @ £5 per person, from members of the Church Life Group (Alison R, Eleanore M, Sheila L, Pieteke and Fiona G). The musical part of the afternoon will be followed by a Finger Buffet for which **offers of savoury and sweet items will be very gratefully received** by Fiona, who is compiling the 'master list'!! Thank you in anticipation of your support. All money raised will be sent to our Methodist charity, All We Can.

Fiona G (Co-ordinator)

Looking ahead: At the recent Church Life Group meeting, David Bidnell asked if we would look beyond the forthcoming Musical Afternoon to the rest of the calendar year. The following dates were shared and agreed, **with ideas and details to be fleshed out at subsequent meetings:**

Perth Local Meeting – Sunday 17th May, after the Morning Service.

East of Scotland General Church Meeting – Sunday 14th June, after a joint Morning Service at PMC with Blairgowrie and Dundee churches.

Church Life Group Meeting – Tuesday 30th June

Strawberry Tea – Saturday 25th July at 2.30pm.

Games Afternoon – Saturday 29th August at 2.30pm.

Harvest Lunch – Sunday 4th October.

Church Christmas Lunch - Sunday 13th December Fiona G (Co-ordinator)

Niamh Uttley is running in the London Marathon this month in aid of the RAF Charity. If you would like to find out more, and support her, please speak to Yvonne.

Wedding Card. There is a card for Nik Wooler's wedding available for you to sign if you wish to. It will be available at coffee/tea after the service next week.

Church Archival Material In recent weeks, the archivist at the A K Bell library and the Scotland Methodist Circuit archivist have been fine-tuning the 'Structured Archives' relating to PMC. A considerable amount of material has been deposited at the library over the years, all of which is slowly being digitalised. The history of the church is well documented. If anyone has any 'old church material' in their possession, now is the time to show it the light of day as it would be very well received by the archivists. For example, programmes, photographs, magazines pre-2011, Minutes of meetings, financial records.....!

Please hand any contributions to me by the end of April if possible. Thank you. Fiona G

GiftAid 25-26

It is coming towards the end of the financial year and it is time for me to prepare the application for our Gift Aid rebate. Giftaid is a significant way to ensure we can maximise our finances. If you are thinking about giving to the Church, doing so through Giftaid and before the end of March would help us boost what we receive back. If anyone is a taxpayer and has not yet signed up for Giftaid, please contact me.

Should any member of the Giftaid scheme no longer be paying tax or wish to check amounts for this financial year with me, please contact me asap, when I can start to process our claim. Claims can only be made where people are paying more tax in the year than we would claim Giftaid for, which is 25% of their donations in a year.

Irene. Having celebrated her 100th just a few weeks ago, I now have to tell you that Irene has died. Her daughter, Heather, phoned me on Wednesday to tell me that her mother had died earlier this week. The funeral will be at 1.30 pm on 20th April at the crematorium.

I realise now, and I apologise, that I failed to tell you how delighted Irene was with her Birthday card from PMC that Ali G had kindly made on our behalf. Irene was very impressed that the card was especially made for her. And, belatedly, I acknowledge our thanks to Alison for this. Pam

Further details about events, concerning our Church and community, may be found on the noticeboard in the Church Hall.

These notices will, next week, be produced by Gerald Bostock

Please send items for inclusion by 12 noon on Thursday.