



St. Matthew's Church Perth

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Dear All,

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

On **Remembrance Sunday, 8th November**, St Matthew's Church will dedicate a cross which is covered in poppies identifying each of the servicemen and women named on their War Memorials.

The cross will then stand outside the church until Remembrance Day on 11th November and members of the public are invited to pin their own poppy to it naming someone affected by any war.

St Matthew's will hold 2 Services of Remembrance this year- on **Sunday 8th November** and **Wednesday 11th November** both at 10.45-11.15am.

The service on Sunday 8th is now "sold out" – what strange times we are in- but if anyone would like to attend the service on Wednesday 11th November please book a ticket via Eventbrite on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-worship-tickets-127686837769> by Monday 9th November (numbers are limited to 50 maximum) and services are subject to Track and Trace rules and the wearing of a mask at all times.

The retiral offering after both services will go to Poppy Scotland.

Thank you to our uniformed organisations who, though unable to attend as usual due to Covid restrictions, have contributed their flags and painted stones and pinwheels in commemoration.

We remember especially this year those 4 young men, formerly at Perth Academy and whose names appear on our War Memorials in St Matthew's, whose graves are in Perth Cemetery as pictured on back page. Thanks to our friend, Dave Dykes, for his researches.

Fiona Bruce, Session Clerk



In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



Sunday Services.

To reserve your place please use the following link to Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-worship-tickets-127686837769> OR if you do not use the internet Phone Beverly, our Facilities and Outreach Manager, on 01738 259961

COFFEE AND CHAT on Zoom

On Mondays at 11am – 11.45am
Meeting ID: 583 638 8728

MEDITATIONS on Zoom

On Wednesdays at 9am
Meeting ID: 583 638 8728

Communion

On Sunday 25th October we took Communion in St Matthew's once more – conducted by Rev Anne Brennan. The service was held necessarily in a different format using small tables which each held 4 pieces of bread and 4 Communion glasses of wine. Yet, as everyone ate the bread and drank the wine at the same time it was very meaningful. So much so that we have decided to have an additional Communion in December. How much more do we need the hope that Christ brings in these dark times and in this dark Season?

Prayer of Approach

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

Gather us in, the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

Gather us in, the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the levelling found at you feast.

Gather us in, the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

Gather us in, from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meat, to eat, to be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast

NEWS UPDATE

NEW MANSE

I am delighted to report that we have had our offer for **12 Craigieknowes Ave.** accepted with a date of entry of 11 December 2020 and we hope to conclude missives soon!

SERVICES ON FACEBOOK

We are very pleased to advise that you can now access our Sunday services on the St Matthew's Facebook page. Thanks to **Jenni Wilson** and **John Paton** for their technical expertise in achieving this.

It is hoped soon to be able to access the services also via our St Matthew's website at:
www.perthstmatthews.org.uk



MODERATOR VISIT

Hot off the press is the news that the Moderator-Designate, the Rt Hon Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC has accepted our Invitation to preach at our Anniversary Service on 21 November 2021. A Date for the diary!



OLIVE GROVE PROJECT

Thank you to all who gave generously to our Communion Retiral Collection of £211.60 which was in aid of the Olive Grove Chapel Project in the Tent of Nations, near Bethlehem. We have just received the following letter from the Church of Scotland Mission Partner, John McCulloch:

“A word of thanks to The Church of Scotland. So many congregations and individuals across the Church of Scotland have donated generously to the Olive Grove Chapel, which is growing amidst threatened olive trees, vines and fruit trees which are under a demolition order. The Nassar family have asked me to convey their heartfelt gratitude for your generosity, prayers and support.

Vines and young olive trees are growing all around the chapel, and in time, vines will cover the whole of the structure, forming the walls and roof.



Situated directly opposite one of the surrounding Israeli settlements which is expanding all the time, the Olive Grove Chapel is a symbol of hope and resurrection, in a landscape threatened by the injustices of Occupation. Over the years, settler violence has destroyed many of their trees, in an attempt to push them off their land to make way for further settlement expansion, but the Nassar's refuse to be enemies. They are now surrounded by all sides, doing what they can to harvest their land and resist through non-violence.

The Tent of Nations is a reminder of the fragility of beauty, growing amidst the structural injustice of walls, watch-towers, and barbed wire.... A refuge of natural beauty encircled by the militarised network of occupation, that forces itself on the fragile beauty of the land and its people, pushing shepherds and their flocks off the fertile hilltops, to build more settlements, fences and checkpoints, which scar the land. In their witness to non-violence, and their refusal to dehumanize the other, the Nassar family lives-out the teachings of Christ in a very real way. Refusing to treat as enemies those who threaten them and their land, they embody the love of God.”

Fiona Bruce

NOTICES

Congratulations

To **Craig Dobney** who is to be ordained and inducted as Minister of Comrie linked with Dundurn at Comrie Parish Church on Wednesday 18th November at 7pm.

We will hold him and Donna in our prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Belated Happy Birthday Greetings to **Janette Taylor**

Happy 84th Birthday Congratulations to **Christine Clark** on 8th November

A Wave and a Prayer to

Doris Robertson and Helen Dewar

Reminder

Kirk Session will meet on Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday 11th November. Joining code has been sent directly to Elders. Others wishing to be present please contact Fiona for the joining code.

Starter Packs

If you are clearing out your cupboards, please think about donating to Starter Packs.

At the moment we are particularly short of crockery and kitchen utensils such as ladles, serving spoons, graters, chopping boards, teapots, jugs, sieves, baking trays etc.

If you have any to spare contact Janet Martin on

625074 or you can deliver them directly to Unit 22 at Friarton on Wednesdays or Fridays between 10-12noon.





LOVE TO LISTEN

A listening space for families who have children with additional support needs

Everyone needs support at different times in their lives

Listening support can be of value at these times, whether in the midst of everyday challenges or at times of crisis.

Although you may have been involved with different health and/or social care professionals, they may not have been able to offer time to listen. Our aim is to offer you the opportunity of a meaningful listening experience which:

Is confidential and provides a safe space to talk about things you are concerned about and might find challenging

Is characterised by a relationship built on mutual respect, trust, empathy, understanding and is non-judgemental.

Is respectful of different belief systems

Can point you in the direction of different and appropriate helping agencies.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This listening service is offered to you free of charge. Sessions will be arranged at a mutually suitable time and can be in person, by phone, by email or over zoom. You can contact us by email to arrange.

All of our listeners are trained in listening skills and they undertake regular supervision. They are motivated to provide such a service from their Christian faith and desire to serve others. They will only talk about faith if they are asked to.

The vision of InTOGETHER

Listening together - Facilitating a listening and supportive network for families

Learning together - Delivering training to develop and encourage inclusive communities of Christian faith

Being together - Providing opportunities for families to gather and explore faith

GET IN TOUCH:

Intogether20@gmail.com

Facebook: InTogether

InTogether is a Perth Presbytery Initiative sponsored by Perth North Church of Scotland

LETTERS

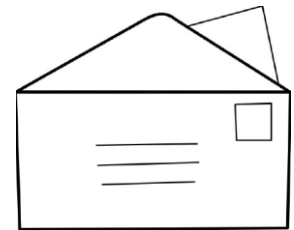
My name is **Andrew Davies** and I enjoy writing and receiving letters.

I enjoy reading them to my heart's content.

If you would like to receive a letter from me please write to me at:

6 Kincarrathie Crescent Perth PH2 7HH.

Thank you



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Suggestions for Christmas gifts, cards, advent calendars, food, etc. can all be found by visiting their website www.traidcraftshop.co.uk, and ordering online.

Marjorie Clark at Marjorie.clark@btinternet.com, or phone 01738 637017 – with the details of what you want to buy.

Let's make this an ethical Christmas – please do consider supporting Traidcraft.

Church Walk

Our walk on Saturday 7th November will start from the church. Meet at 9.30a.m. We will be walking via the North Inch up to the confluence of the Almond and Tay, and from there along beside the River Tay until we reach Luncarty. It is a flat walk, along paths the whole way. We then walk through Luncarty and the plan is to take the bus back to Perth. (Buses run every 30 minutes, and the journey is about 10 minutes.) We should take a mid-morning snack; there is no cafe in the Luncarty area but plenty of cafes in Perth when we get off the bus; (we will have to stick to the two households rule anyway, whichever cafe we end up in.)



Can you please let Marjorie Clark know that you are coming on 01738 637017 or Marjorie.clark@btinternet.com, so that we can have the list for Trace and Project prior to leaving from the church?

Christmas
PRESENT
appeal

Could you help us make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

If so, please leave your new, unwrapped gifts at:
Perth Salvation Army, 77 South Street, PH2 8PD
Open Monday-Thursday, 9am-12.30pm
Closing date for donations December 11th 2020
(Covid-19 safety measures are in place)

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&
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REFERRALS can be made through HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AGENCIES &
CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS. WE will also take SELF REFERRALS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT CAROLINE MOORE on 07977368167
OR email buttons.bows.babybank@gmail.com

Tulloch NET

Andrew's Prayer

- Dear God
- I know in this ^{time} OF
- lockdown has been
- Challenging and upsetting
- times too. We pray for
- The People and our
- Friends who are struggl
- ing at the moment.
- I pray for loved ones and
- nature, animals and
- nature. Some people
- tell us to fight this
- and to keep going as much
- as possible I mean for
- our futures, churches,
- organisations and life
- as well and at the
- moment we just don't
- know if it's for forsen
- the future now. God
- help and guide in this
- Please. In Jesus name
- Amen.



D.N.Simpson - Died 17/4/43



Peter Small - Died 17/8/44



Thomas Ralph Morton - Died 22/8/40



James Cameron Campbell - Died 2/7/42