



St Matthews News

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Rev Fiona reflects

Friends, as I write this, the Scotland football team is preparing to play their final Group C match against Brazil in the World Cup. I make no secret of the fact that I'm not really a football fan and I certainly have no skills to play the game. As a church Youth Group Leader several years ago, I was coaxed into playing football with the young folks one night. They were so encouraging as they shouted, "You nearly got it that time, Fiona!" Not a goal, I should add, they meant I nearly got somewhere close to the ball when a team-mate passed it right to me.

My other experience of football was as a child, when my Dad and I went to Broomfield Park for the Airdrie Schools' Cup. It was a time of community, as pupils and their families got together in the stands and shouted on their teams. As a little person, I still remember the simultaneous hilarity and frustration as we began spelling out our school name: Rochsolloch was a tricky name for anyone to spell out loud! Can you imagine my surprise when 29 years after leaving Primary School I bumped into the brother of Mrs Love, my Primary One teacher, at St Matthew's Church of all places? Jack Rough, Elder and friend to many, welcomed us so warmly to the church and made sure Calum knew he had a place in the church, the same way his sister had done when I arrived on my first day of school.

Football has the potential for all of these things: to encourage participation, to bring communities together, and to offer welcome. And when Scotland gets into the World Cup after 28 years, the other aspect we add to the list is hope. My goodness, how we understand hope when Scotland plays! When it comes to our national team, even I can't help but get caught up in the hope, joy and enthusiasm of our players and that's before you consider the impact of the Tartan Army across the world.

This World Cup has become about more than football. In response to a world that feels broken and divided, it has been heart-warming to witness scenes of supporters from various countries celebrating together. I have been so proud of the Tartan Army, who have been at the forefront of it. Okay, they may have the reputation of drinking bars dry...but look at how they have engaged with fans of other countries and with the communities around them. I've seen videos of Scotland fans performing a Viking Row with Norwegian fans and of Scottish and Moroccan fans celebrating together before and after their game. The Tartan Army have supported local businesses, local charities and local sports. The President of baseball team, the Boston Red Sox, wrote a letter of thanks to the Tartan Army after 5000 fans, complete with bagpipers, marched to Fenway Park and threw themselves enthusiastically into supporting the local team. It was, as he wrote, "a meeting point between two sporting cultures" as well as a meeting of nations. Supporters welcomed each other and together they created an atmosphere of unity, solidarity and celebration that was deeply appreciated by all who experienced it.



Donations have been made to support local charities: \$10,000 was given to Hasbro Children's Hospital cancer unit, \$10,000 was given to a grassroots football programme that helps underprivileged children get into the sport, and \$6,500 was given to the Rhode Island Pipers to help children learn to play the bagpipes. What we have been witnessing is the generosity, hospitality, kindness and acceptance that we need across our globe and a whole lot of traffic cones besides. There's way more that unites us than divides us. The people of the United States were ready to offer their own generosity and hospitality too. Folks opened their homes to fans and ended up joining in the parties. Food was provided by one man who set up at the meeting point for the school buses hired to transport fans to games. Several memes have been doing the rounds about the people of Boston missing their new friends when they moved onto Miami. And the folks of Rhode Island donated \$10,500 to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, which will change lives here.

During the first few weeks of this World Cup, new friendships have been made, new memories created and it hasn't all been about what has taken place on the football pitch. Amid a broken world, this World Cup has served to show that it doesn't matter what football shirt is on your back – every person should be valued and celebrated. We can all find belonging together. In our common humanity, we are all on the same team. To meet the needs of the world, we need to work together regardless of nationality, religion, denomination, or anything else that would serve to divide us.

At St Matthew's Church, we can be part of this positive shift in the world. Over this next year, we will be working towards becoming a recognised Church of Sanctuary. A Church of Sanctuary is a congregation that says that those who are seeking asylum or those with refugee status are welcome here. We are willing to grow spiritually towards a greater understanding of hospitality through Bible study and prayer, and we are going to thoughtfully program events and spaces to create meeting points. In addition, we will reach out with a presence at the Pride events on the weekend of 8th and 9th August to ensure that our LGBTQI+ siblings know that St Matthew's is a place of sanctuary and belonging too.

As followers of Christ, we are called to offer care and compassion without boundaries. We take that seriously and so our doors, and the welcome into our church family at St Matthew's, are open to all. Everyone is valued: members of long-standing, new members and visitors alike. So come and take your place in the team.

They say that it's not the winning that counts, it's the taking part. I'm not sure about that but I do think it can be about how you take part. May we all learn a lesson from the grit, determination and resilience of the Scotland Team. May we all be inspired by the Tartan Army to make a difference in the world or our little corner of it by sharing love, kindness, respect, generosity and acceptance. May we do so to serve our Lord by serving others.

With extravagant love and wild blessings, Your Minister, Fiona

Sunday Morning Rotas for July & August

Date	Welcome	Beadle	Readers	Tea / Coffee	AV Desk	Flower Delivery
July 5th	Bridgend Alastair Byers	Andy Turnbull	Raymond Young	Isobel Sinclair	John Paton Gillian Heath	Alison Mackie
July 12 th	Gannochy Wendy Burnett	Malcom Thom	Marjorie Clark	Joyce Thom	Raymond Young Nicola Macnee	Evelyn McLaren
July 19 th	Muirton Janet Martin	Raymond Young	Dave Roderick	Wendy Burnett	Andrew Davies AN Other	Carolyn & Alastair Byers
July 26th	Perth City John Dewar	Tom Morrison	Janet Martin	Frances Turnbull	Alastair Byers John Paton	Chrissie Dobbs Charlotte Hay
Aug 2nd	Perth South Malcom Thom	Bill Chalmers	Lorna Morrison	Marjorie Clark	Peter Barrett Gillian Heath	Lorna & Tom Morrison
Aug 9th	Oakbank Donald Stewart	Andy Turnbull	Roy Nicoll	Isobel Sinclair	Raymond Young Andrew Davies	Janette Millar
Aug 16th	Burghmuir Isobel Sinclair	Malcom Thom	David Sawyer	Joyce Thom	AN Other Alastair Byers	Marjorie Clark
Aug 23rd	Bridgend Alastair Byers	Raymond Young	John Dewar	Wendy Burnett	Nicola Macnee Peter Barret	Alison Sweeney
Aug 30th	Gannochy Wendy Burnett	Tom Morrison	Nicola Macnee	Frances Turnbull	John Paton Gillian Heath	Nicola Macnee

ANDREW'S PRAYER

Consider The Lilies, Flowers and
Sunshine and always be grateful
for what God has created us
and summer is about happy
Joy, love and Faith and kindness
and compassion.
Give Peace in the world and
in our church. Amen.

Zoom and You Tube Links for Sunday morning services

Click the following link, and
when asked, provide your
name then join the
meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82349848787...>



WALKING GROUP

The next walk is on Saturday 4th July and it is to Newburgh
mostly along the Fife Coastal Path, incorporating a visit to the
ruined Lindores Abbey. It is just short of 4 miles. Meet at
Broxden upper car park at 9.30am.

We were again very lucky with the weather on our June walk which
was to the bluebell woods and 5 lochs near Blairgowrie with a
lovely lunch afterwards in the "wee coffee shop" in Blairgowrie.
Some of our more intrepid walkers
enjoyed a shot on the rope swing on
the way!

OR "Join a meeting" on ZOOM providing the following: **meeting id = 823 4984 8787** then provide the
password = 296100

It is also possible to join these services by phone—tel. 0131 460 1196, and when asked, key in the above
meeting id, and follow the instructions.

We also have an easy-to-remember link to take you directly to the St Matthew's church YouTube home
page as follows: youtube.com/@stmatthewspertth

OR youtube.com/@stmatthewspertth/streams where services can be watched at the time most convenient
to yourselves.

A full list of **Flower Donors** for June, July and August will appear in the next issue of St Matthew's News

The Boys' Breakfast Blether meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in Wetherspoons next
door to the church – all (boys) welcome. Next Blether is 8th July.

A FILM NIGHT OUT!

Some of you may remember Gerda Stevenson, a renowned actress, singer, author and director who came
to St Matthew's a few years ago to show her film "The Stormwatchers" set in Orkney.

Now her son, Rob MacNeacail, has recently produced a film "Sailm nan Daoine" (Psalms of the People)
which is now "on tour" throughout Scotland and I wondered whether any members of the congregation
would be interested in joining me at Strathearn Arts in Crieff to watch it on Saturday 12 September 7-9pm.
Tickets are £10 each.

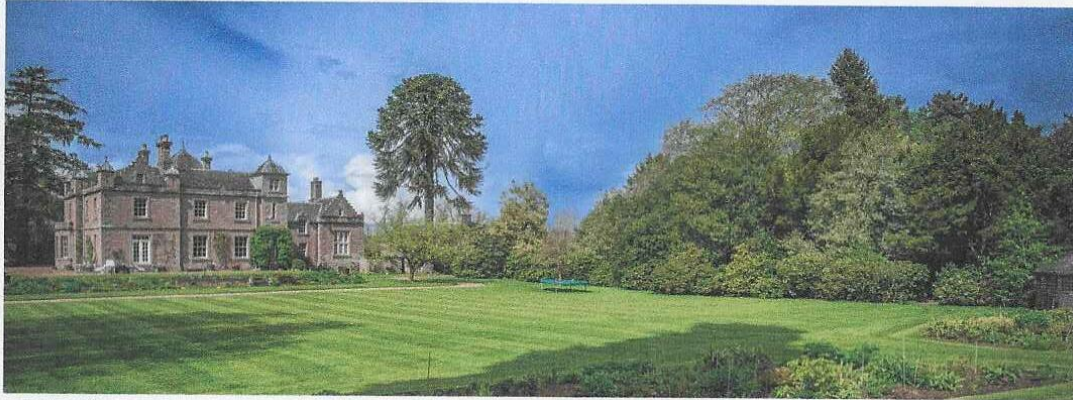
In the film Rob travels throughout Scotland and Ireland to explore the tradition of Gaelic psalm singing. It's
an entertaining and heart-warming film about the power of community, family and the resilience needed to
keep a language alive. Lots in Gaelic of course but with English subtitles!

Please let me know by 15 July if you are interested in going and I'll book tickets. Fiona Bruce
FMBruce6@googlemail.com



**Bonhard House Garden Opening
For Scotland Gardens and in aid of
The Freedom from Fistula Foundation**

**July 11
July 12
10 am to
5 pm**



**Entry £5 adults, children free, Tea, coffee, cake
(Tea donations to St Matthews Church)**



Traditional 19th century garden of 5 acres. Magnificent mature trees, lawns with herbaceous borders, rhododendrons/azaleas, newly planted rose pergola, wildflower areas, kitchen garden, orchard, ornamental ponds, pinetum.



**Bonhard House, Murrayshall
Road, Near Scone, PH2 7PQ**



Chrissie Dobbs and Charlotte Hay are opening their garden under the Scottish Gardens Scheme on the weekend of 11th and 12th July. Please do come and bring friends or family. All proceeds from the tea/coffee and cake sales will go to St. Matthews.

If you are able to help with cake/cookie baking or serving refreshments for a part of either Saturday or Sunday, please let Chrissie know. Tel: 07775 527389 or dobbschrisie@gmail.com

From the Kirk Session

(a) **Recognising long service.** Congratulations to our elders, Eric Duff and Evelyn McLaren, who were presented with long-service certificates at our Annual Stated Meeting in June. Eric has been an elder for 49 years, serving in several churches before joining St Matthew's, while Evelyn was ordained in St Matthew's 30 years ago. Hamish Gray was presented with his certificate marking 30 years as an elder by the then Moderator, Very Rev Rosie Frew, at a special service in St John's Kirk at the end of March.

(b) **Taking care of our church:** we have recently had to part company with our caretaker, Jimmy Forrester, and we wish him well for his future. But this means that now we are more reliant on volunteers to help move furniture and to keep our sanctuary clean and safe for the many groups who use our facilities. Many thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help; we are looking at how and when we look for a replacement caretaker/cleaner.

(c) **Welcoming visitors:** we hope to have our church open for visitors during the week during the summer months. But this depends on there being some welcoming faces to greet the visitors (who come from all over the world) and offer them the information sheets about the church. If you can offer a couple of hours from time to time, please sign up on the sheet in the café area, or speak to me.

(d) **Keeping in contact:** has your landline been recently disconnected, your mobile phone number changed, your email address updated or you've moved house? Our roll-keeper Carolyn Byers would really appreciate getting your up-to-date contact details, so please let her know by emailing Carolyn.byers@btinternet.com, or contacting the church office.

Marjorie Clark, Session Clerk



Who's in the pews?

Joan Reed

Where were you born/brought up?

I was born and brought up on a farm outside Scone.

What is/or was your occupation?

I was latterly an Early Childhood Practitioner. This suited my lifestyle as a divorced single parent.

What brought you to St Matthew's?

I knew the late Jack Rough when we were both members of Scone New Church. I heard so many positive comments about St Matthew's from Jack that I had to come and see for myself and here I am!

Are you involved in any groups/or volunteering at St Matthew's or anywhere else?

I am on the Door Welcoming team. I have been involved with church fairs where I have had a stall to showcase my knitting and quilting items. I did a 'Going Green at home' environmental talk at the Warm Spaces. I also enjoy being part of the church walking group. Outside of church, I volunteer at the Birnam Arts Centre shop, Buttons & Bows, RVS at PRI and I invigilate at the Grammar School examinations.



Tell us about any hobbies you enjoy?

I am a keen walker. I also enjoy maintaining the plants where I live, doing quilting, knitting, jigsaw puzzles, playing scrabble and solo travelling.

What is the most surprising thing about you that we might not yet know?

My sister and I travelled round Australia together. I returned with 'Itchy feet'. This led to me working as a Flight Attendant with Laker Airways for 3 years – until my sinuses gave out!

Victory Medal

The Society for Nautical Research has awarded Christopher Dobbs the Victory Medal in acknowledgement of over four decades of work on the excavation, raising, interpretation and display of the Mary Rose and other contributions to maritime heritage during his career. He was presented with the Victory Medal at the Society's Annual Conference in Liverpool in June.

Chris, who many will know as an elder at St Matthews, joined the Mary Rose Trust in 1979 as one of the diving archaeologists during the excavation and raising of the ship. Over the years he has held several key roles including managing the Ship Hall during the conservation of the timbers as well as serving as Head of Public Services and later Head of Interpretation before retiring in 2023.



WHO IS LIFT?
THE NAME LIFT STANDS FOR LOVE IN FELLOWSHIP AND TRUST. WE ARE AN ECUMENICAL GROUP OF 18-40 YEAR OLDS WHO MEET WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD.

WHAT IS OUR AIM?
OUR AIM IS TO HAVE A SPACE WHERE YOUNG ADULTS FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG AND CAN HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH, WITH A FOCUS ON:
★MISSION★FELLOWSHIP★AND DISCIPLESHIP

WHAT DO OUR MEETINGS LOOK LIKE?
WE MEET ONLINE ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7PM-8PM. WE HOLD FRIENDLY, RELAXED AND INFORMATIVE MEETINGS WITH A MONTHLY THEME AND WE OFTEN HAVE A SPEAKER AND A DISCUSSION AFTER.

SOUNDS GOOD! HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
YOU CAN JOIN BY FILLING OUT THE FORM THAT'S PINNED TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND TO FIND OUT MORE EMAIL US OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM

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SIGN UP FOR LIFT UPDATES AND LINKS HERE!



History Talks at St John's Kirk of Perth

Step back in time and explore over 900 years of history at the heart of Perth.


St John's Kirk, one of Scotland's most historic and significant churches, is hosting a series of fascinating and accessible talks uncovering the stories, people, and events that have shaped the Kirk and the city through the centuries. From the Scottish Reformation and the influence of John Knox to royal connections and architectural changes, each talk offers a unique insight into local and national history.

These illustrated talks are friendly, engaging, and open to all whether you're a history enthusiast, a local resident, or simply curious to learn more about this remarkable building.

1 July 2026	– Royal Connections
5 August 2026	– Charterhouse Priory & Altars
2 September	– Clergy Through the Ages

- First Wednesday of each month
- 2pm (following the 1pm service with tea/coffee available)
- John Knox Chapel, St John's Kirk (entry by South Door)

Tickets are just £5, available on the door or online via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/121120598536>
or scan the QR code



All proceeds support the ongoing restoration and preservation of St John's Kirk for future generations.
Scottish Charity No SC017132 - www.stjohns-kirk.co.uk

Summer Fayre



Rock Choir

Rock Choir holding poppies they have made for St Matthews. Also thanks to Rock Choir for the donation to Church funds from the proceeds of their summer concert.



Who's in the pews?

Sandy & Kai Streling

Where were you born/brought up?

Sandy – My Dad was in the Army, so I was born in a hospital on RAF Wegberg in Germany – I lived in Germany, Norway and Northern Ireland until I was 16.

Kai – born in Solihull Hospital, grew up in Dorridge in the West Midlands.



What is/or was your occupation?

Sandy – Play Therapist, currently working in schools.

Kai – Upholsterer, leatherworker and furniture restorer

What brought you to St Matthew's?

Our church closed its doors and we were looking for somewhere new. A friend told us about the Pride service in August 2024 and we stayed and have been involved ever since.

Are you involved in any groups/or volunteering at St Matthew's or anywhere else?

Sandy – I am a Beaver and Scout Leader for the 74th Perthshire Scout Group, I also mentor with MCR Pathways in a local high school

Kai – I am on the committee for the Perth Parrots Floorball Team and involved in starting up a youth element of the team called the Parakeets. I have also just joined the Events Team at St Matthew's.

Tell us about any hobbies you enjoy?

Sandy – I love to crochet, have a cuppa with friends, and watching a good 'who done it' on TV.

Kai – my hobbies tend to find a way of becoming part of my work, but I do enjoy playing pool from time to time.

We both enjoy National Trust properties, houses and gardens.

What is the most surprising thing about you that we might not yet know?

Sandy – I love Eeyore and have a collection of porcelain and stuffed Eeyores of different sizes

Kai – I lived in Australia for a year when I was 12 and learnt the Greek alphabet. I am also non-binary, which means that I don't identify as male or female. I use the pronouns they/them.

I understand this might be something new or unfamiliar to some people and that is ok, but one of the things that drew us to St Matthew's to begin with was the acceptance, safe space, and the willingness to try and understand new things, and as such I am happy to answer any questions if anyone has any.

What is a Church of Sanctuary?

Excerpts from www.churchofsanctuary.org

Church of Sanctuary is a faith-based initiative, a call to prophetic Christian witness. It is an expression of hospitality as a clear challenge to hostility. The aim is to take steps to build protective hospitality in ways that are mutually enriching. The hope is that churches will become places for all and proud to foster welcome, hospitality and safety to people fleeing violence and persecution. This would be a clear demonstration of Christian discipleship. Churches take pride in welcoming all. Many churches go beyond welcome and are thoroughly engaged with supporting refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

What value is added by becoming a recognised Church of Sanctuary?

- It further strengthens and embeds your ethos and culture of welcome, hospitality and safety
- It connects you to the Church of Sanctuary network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), the wider City of Sanctuary network, and the wider community engaging with refugees and people seeking sanctuary
- It takes you on a journey to build collaboration, to know you are part of a movement endorsed by a diverse range of people

You become part of a movement to build cultures of welcome and hospitality. You engage in more informed ways with serious issues that matter to you.

You connect refugees and people seeking sanctuary to support networks and agencies. In a Church of Sanctuary all members of the congregation intentionally work together to:

- Learn about real life stories of refugees and people seeking sanctuary, and engage with others to work from facts not fiction.
- Embed the values and cultures of welcome, hospitality and safety as part of the values of your congregation and community. You will use these to support refugees and people seeking sanctuary and include them in your activities.
- Share with pride your vision, commitment and achievements, and let others know about the positive contributions of refugees to society and the benefits of welcoming others.



Note that all members engage in this work. It is not left to those who hold office, or to people who particularly hold a passion for this work. Buildings can provide shelter, but sanctuary is best provided in human warmth, community and relationships. Individuals and single congregations can provide hospitality, but this is stronger when it is in collaboration with others, and a two-way process of mutuality and solidarity.

Church of Sanctuary is a biblically inspired initiative, it is about being prophetic, challenging hostility with hospitality. This can mean we become political, and this is in keeping with the style of biblical prophets, speaking truth to power with passion and compassion, seeking justice. Church of Sanctuary is not about opening up buildings for people to live in. It is about building communities of hospitality and sanctuary. Human warmth and welcome are the sanctuary we all hold and bring into relationships.

I look forward to sharing more about our plans at St Matthew's over the coming months, as we move towards recognition as a Church of Sanctuary. Rev. Fiona

Janet's Jottings

Money, Money, Money!

A couple of Sundays ago, Fiona our minister, talked of the news that the Billionaire Elon Musk has now become a 'Trillionaire'. She followed this with a question "What exactly is a Trillionaire"? Neither I, nor any of the people I discussed it with at coffee time, could really visualise just how much money that actually is.

With the help of a trusty 'search engine', I had a go at trying to get my head round it. I was reliably informed that 1 trillion = 1,000 × 1 billion (1,000,000,000,000). Any clearer to you? Not to me either! Here's another clue that I came across. "If a billionaire spends \$27,000 every single day, it would take them over 100 years to spend a single billion. A 'trillionaire' would have to do that for 100,000 years". Whichever way one looks at it, that's a LOT of money! I still can't visualise it, but perhaps if it was put into notes we would be able to fill St Matthew's sanctuary and maybe all the way to the top of the tower!

Mr Musk may possibly never see his wealth in notes though, as his wealth is estimated to be calculated through large ownership stakes in his companies, properties, and diverse global investments.

Many of us. I am sure would agree that an amount of money of that scale could feed an awful lot of hungry mouths.

Wealth is not an easy subject to discuss. I am sure that we all wish the opportunity to get on in life, save money and improve our lifestyle. However, as Andrew Carnegie discovered holding on to money doesn't sit easy with one's conscience. The Scots-born steel philanthropist who made his fortune in USA steel manufacture, eventually gave his fortune away. He believed the wealthy had a moral obligation to act as trustees for their communities. He said, "hoarding excessive riches was a disgrace, and that distributing wealth during one's lifetime to create opportunities - rather than handing out unearned charity - was the highest duty of the rich."

Seven years before his death, Carnegie had already given away more than 90 percent of his fortune. An estimated £300 million at the time. He is well known for the building of libraries to offer people opportunities to learn and improve their lives, However, he also set up a number of trusts & charities to enable people to access further education and universities.

Elon Musk set up the Musk Foundation. His philanthropic efforts focus on science and technology education, paediatric health, renewable energy, and disaster relief. Although it seems that they have also drawn criticism regarding how the funds are managed and distributed, so he may be trying to follow in Carnegie's footsteps.

The Bible doesn't tell us that it is wrong to be rich, but it does caution us about how we manage our money. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy and where thieves break in and steal. Instead, store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Or as the old Scottish saying goes "It's not what ye hae, but what ye dae with what ye hae that matters!"



Faith Natters – an invitation

On Thursday 9th July, we're going to have a special session of Faith Natters, as we welcome Angela and Wolfgang into the building rather than on Zoom. For such an occasion, strawberries and cream seem appropriate. So, if you fancy a taste of Faith Natters, let's sweeten the deal with strawberries. We'll meet in the Mission Hall at 14.00 – all are welcome.



Rev. Fiona

A poem by A Harris – Poem Boy which seems appropriate for these troubling times

If things feel overwhelming
with the whole world going wrong,
be kind to those around you
'cause together you're still strong.

When hate and bile are policies
rained down by those above,
be kind to those around you.

Be rebellious. Act with love

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Here's something you don't see very often.

Tea for Two ...



Two busy St Matthew's ladies sitting down!

Bev and Joyce having a well-earned break after all the organising of the Summer Fair.

PLANT SALE

Thanks to all who bought plants over the last month or so. We have raised £ 601 to date from the sale of the plants. There are still some left which I'll sell at church on Sunday - now on sale at the bargain price of 3 for £5! Fiona Bruce

You can raise FREE donations for St. Matthew's EVERY time you shop online. Just use easyfundraising!
Over 8,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!
Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/perthsmcos/

Perthshire Pride, Saturday 8th August

Pride service at St Matthew's Church, Sunday 9th August, 11am



This year, it is even more important than ever to show our support for the LGBTQI+ community. Perthshire Pride has become aware of various anti-trans protests being planned for Perth and Kinross. There was a recent incident involving two 15-year-old girls, who were approached by a woman who preached to them about God and was asking all sorts of inappropriate questions about gender and sexuality. She told them she would pray for them because of their sins. This is not acceptable behaviour, and I would love if we could show our LGBTQI+ siblings that this is not a view held by, nor

actions condoned by, all Christians.

The route for this year's Pride march is still being finalised, understandably due to safety concerns. I will share the details when I receive them. The main event or festival element is being held at the former Ice Factory courtyard and car park from 13.00 with stalls and live entertainment. St Matthew's will be hosting a stall like last year offering small gifts, creative prayer opportunities, free hugs and invitations to our Pride service on Sunday 9th August. I would be delighted if you'd consider being part of the team organising and being present at this – please let me know. I'll pop a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard in the café area too. Thanks. Rev. Fiona

Music for a Summer Evening at St Matthew's

Wednesday 8 July: Black Cat Jook Band

Wednesday 15 July: David Sawyer and Michael Ellacott

Wednesday 22 July Tayside Jazz Quintet

Wednesday 29 July: Highland Notes Singers

Wednesday 5 August: Idler's Dream

Wednesday 12 August: Camerata Chamber Orchestra

All performances start at 7.30pm. Come early for a refreshment and chat in the café before the concert – open from 6.45pm. Entry £5 or a donation

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