

# PERTH METHODIST CHURCH

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## Week 7th - 13th March



**Sunday 7th March 11.00am Morning Worship** (Julya Walsh)

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9 (p.742)  
Luke 13:1-9 (p.1046)

**6.00pm Evening Worship** (Charles Richmond)

Door Stewards: Hilda Sinclair, Alison Martin  
Sunday School: Elizabeth Uttley, Pam Bostock  
Tea Rota Liz Smith, Val Sibley  
Flowers: Marcia Mackenzie

**Monday 8th Mar 7.30pm Lenten Study Group** - see notice overleaf.

**Tuesday 9th Mar 2.00pm Open Circle** - see notice overleaf.

**Wednesday 10th Mar 10.30am Walking Group** - see notice overleaf.

**Thursday 11th Mar 12.45pm Monthly Prayer Meeting** - see notice overleaf.

**Saturday 13th Mar 10.00am - 11.30am Coffee Morning**  
(Pam & Gerald Bostock, Janette Gauld)

**Sunday 14th March 11.00am Holy Communion** (Revd David Firth)  
(Mothering Sunday - All-Age Worship)

**6.00pm Evening Worship** (Marcia MacKenzie)

Door Stewards: Alison Reid, Sheila Frenz  
Sunday School: Rob Sibley, Julia Reid  
Tea Rota Jeannie Robertson, Eleanore Mills  
Flowers: Jeannie Robertson

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A warm welcome to everyone sharing in worship here today.

Visitors are invited to sign the Visitors' Book which is in the vestibule.

A hearing loop is installed - if using a hearing aid, please switch it to the T position.  
Large print hymn books and service books are available - please ask a door steward.

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall after the Service.

Cards for your prayer requests can be found in the pews, feel free to fill them in,  
placing one half in the collection bag,  
and retaining the other half for your own personal prayers.

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**A Prayer:** *Loving Lord, grant us simplicity of faith and a generosity of service  
that gives without counting cost, a life overflowing with grace  
poured out from the One who gave us everything,  
that we might show the power of love to a broken world  
and share the truth from a living Word.*

*Lord, grant us simplicity of faith and a yearning to share it.*

(supplied by Chris & Barry Parkin)

**Thank You!** Margaret and Jeremy (Turner) would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards & letters, also those who were able to join with them in the Thanksgiving service for Tom.

**3 Lenten Study Groups** Tomorrow sees the first of these meetings, when the subject will be Judas. We shall be joined by members of other churches in the hall here at 7.30pm.

**Open Circle** 'Scambusters' is the title of our next meeting, when Janet Raey from Perth & Kinross Council will be our speaker. A warm welcome is extended to everyone to join us at 2.00pm in the hall this Tuesday. **Chris Parkin**

**Prayer Time** There is no Prayer Time this Tuesday, as David Firth has another meeting.

**Walking Group** The next walk will be this Wednesday 10th March. We shall meet at the Asda car park at 10.30am., and then at the Cally car park just to the north of Dunkeld for a walk of approximately six miles. The walk, which we have done before, is fairly level and should offer some good views of the snow covered hills (assuming it is still cold!). Bring sandwiches and walking gear. An opportunity for refreshments afterwards in Dunkeld. **Gerald & Judith**

**Monthly Prayer Meeting** This will be held during the 'Open Door' on Thursday from 12.45 - 1.15pm. If you wish, come along a little earlier and bring a sandwich. We shall be praying for our church and circuit, for members and for Perth, but it is OK simply to sit and be quiet.

**Communion Service next Sunday** Next Sunday (Mothering Sunday) communion will be served at the front of the church and not in the seats. This will allow the Sunday School to take part. April will be in the seats, and alternating thereafter. There will be a retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund. **Barry**

**Pastoral Letter to the Methodist People.** A copy of this is on the Hall notice board. The President and vice-President of Conference recently sent it out in response to the concerns raised by the closing words about the Anglican/Methodist Covenant in their recent address to the Church of England synod. These words were: "We are prepared to go out of existence not because we are declining or failing in mission, but for the sake of mission. In other words we are prepared to be changed and even to cease having a separate existence as a Church if that will serve the needs of the Kingdom. Are we willing to take our covenant that seriously? It's quite a challenge – for both of our churches."

If you would like your own copy of this letter, please speak to me. **Pam**

**Church Finances** The Church Council on 1 March received a statement of the church's financial affairs and was concerned to see that the projected deficit for the year to 31 August 2010 is £8780. This is from funds at the start of the year totaling £24191. As you will appreciate, this is a situation which cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely. The loss of the rental from the Ad-Lib Theatre Group has contributed about £6000 to this deficit. Ideally we should like to be covering our essential expenditure with our weekly giving, thus leaving any surplus income to be used for projects which will enhance the mission of the church. To achieve this situation would require an increase of at least 10% on present total giving with the hope of other funding and the possible need for further increases in the future.

The Church Council agreed there was no reason for panic but the situation did need to be addressed. A "Ways and Means" Committee is to be convened to consider how income can be increased. However, it was also thought essential that members of the church be notified of the position in order that they might give it their prayerful consideration. **David Firth**

**The District Resourcing Day** will again be held in Perth this year on Saturday 12 June. It will be led by Rev Mike Bossingham of the Family Friendly Churches Trust and his daughter Sally. We have been asked by Sally Robertson, who is organising the day, if any members of our church would be able to provide Mike and Sally with overnight accommodation. It is anticipated that they will arrive on the evening of 11 June and depart on the Saturday. If you think you may be able to help would you please contact David Firth.

### **The Church News-Sheet**

In March the news-sheet is being produced by Gerald. Please let Gerald have notices by noon on Thursday.