

# PERTH METHODIST CHURCH

## Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November

**Our service Sunday**, 21st November will be led by **Revd. Mark Slaney**, Chair of the Scotland district. Readings: Psalm 60 v.17-22 and John 18 v.33-38. Hymns: 499, 362, 655 and 255 (all StF)

**The 6pm Evening Services** are suspended during the darker months and will hopefully be resumed in spring.

**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 tell Nick Baker so it can be posted to them.

**Sundays at 7.00pm.** Scottish Church leaders encourage us to keep on lighting a candle in a window and offer a prayer on Sunday evening. The prayer for this Sunday is available from each Friday at [methodistchurchinscotland.net](http://methodistchurchinscotland.net)

**The next coffee/lunch morning** will be held on Saturday 4th December. Volunteers on this day will be Alison G, Sheila and Alan Anderson, Lesley Birtwell, Rob Reid. A decision as to whether to continue with these mornings will be made following the next Church Council meeting in January, and will depend, to an extent, on whether we can get a few more volunteers to share the load. AG

**An invitation from St John's Episcopal Church** In support of our Rector Graham and the Diocese all are welcome to attend Diocesan Evensong this Sunday 21 November at 3pm. At the service we will welcome and install a number of people who have served the Diocese:

- as Honorary Canons: the Revd Celia Matthews, the Revd Dr Trevor Hart (Canon Theologian).
- as Honorary Lay Canon (our first): Dr John Ferguson-Smith.

We will welcome and install as the new Dean of the Diocese, the Very Revd Graham Taylor.

We will also be saying thank you and farewell to the former Dean, Kenny Rathband, who will also be installed as an Honorary Canon.

**Perth and Kinross Violence Against Women Partnership;** 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 26 November-9 December. For details of many of the events please see the poster in the Hall.

**A Date for your Diary;** On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, join friends from other churches to mark the lighting up of the town's Nativity Scene at the beginning of Advent'. Gather at St Ninian's Cathedral at 4.30p.m. for carols and the blessing of the nativity scene there. From 5p.m. process down the High Street, behind the pipe band, to St John's Kirk for the switch-on, more carols with Perthshire Brass. See poster in the Hall.

### **Perth and Kinross Foodbank**

If you would like to support the Foodbank by following their reverse Advent Calendar, please pick up the A4 sheet from the Hall, or from the vestibule on your way out. Or you can go to the website at [perthkinross.foodbank.gov.uk](http://perthkinross.foodbank.gov.uk)

### **Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal**

The Salvation Army at 77 South Street is open Monday-Thursday, 9am- 12.30pm for receiving new and unwrapped gifts for this project. See poster in the Hall.

**Pact Carol Service** Initial arrangements: this will be on Friday 17th December in St Matthew's Church. Revd Mark Slaney will be the speaker and Michael Ellacott the organist.

### **Nik's Sabbatical**

Revd Nik Wooller is currently on sabbatical until Thursday 16th December. If you would like to be in touch with a minister, please in the first instance discuss your request with one of the stewards. If, however, your need is urgent please phone either Revd Alan Anderson (details in directory) or Revd Nick Baker direct on 01382 731342. All contact details are in the PMC directory. Also, stewards' details can be found on the PMC website. Beryl, Bill, Brenda, Marcus, and Pam

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**Traidcraft Christmas Catalogue**

I have a few copies of this available for anyone interested in supporting Traidcraft in this way. Please just ask me. Pam