



## Free North Church Inverness

14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Welcome!** The preacher at both services today is our elder, **Sandy Finlay**. He will also preach at the Isobel Fraser Home at 3.00pm. The service at Madras Street at 5.00pm will be taken by **Ian Polworth**. We hope to have **Jiptha Boiragee** from the Leprosy Mission in Bangladesh give a short presentation at the evening service.

We are always glad to have visitors at our services. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the morning and evening services. Do wait if you can.

We are a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland. Together with all Christians, we worship One God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and recognise that only through faith in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, can we receive forgiveness of sin and peace with God. Jesus Christ is therefore central in all our worship, as He is to our whole lives.

We use the New International Version of the Bible (red book) and we sing the metrical psalms (blue book). The Scripture readings and the psalms are also projected on to the walls on either side of the pulpit. We stand to sing and sit to pray. If you wish to give an offering to the Lord's work, there are boxes at the front and side doors as you leave. The service lasts about an hour.

There is a time of prayer before the services at 10.30am and 6.00pm.

...from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. *2 Timothy 3:15*

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### **Today**

**Sunday School** for children aged 4 to 14; the young people leave after the second singing

**Crèche:** children and helpers leave after the second singing to meet upstairs

The following are available today:

- The congregational **Newsletter** for May

- The **Missionary Prayer Notes** for May.
- The May **Record** for those who subscribe to it can be found at the front door or on the table beside the exit to the lane door. There are a couple of extra copies which are unnamed. The price for one copy is £1 50. You can place this in the collection box if you wish to purchase a copy. *Donalda*

<b>Morning Service – 11.00am</b>			<b>Evening Service – 6.30pm</b>		
<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Verses</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Verses</b>	<b>Page</b>
100		131	95	1 -7	126
65	1-5	82	36	5 -10	44
130		173	46(a)	5-7	60
51	1-9	67	116	12-19	154
<b>Readings:</b> 2 Chronicles 33:1 -13 (p.466 or 467) Luke 18: 9-14 (p.1052) <b>Title:</b> <i>A prayer God answers</i>			<b>Reading:</b> Exodus 5:22 - 6:12 (p.62); 6:28 - 7:7 (p.63) <b>Title:</b> <i>God's Covenant Love</i>		

## ***This week***

**Madras Street prayer meeting** on Tuesday at 8.00am

**Coffee @ Dobbies** at 10.30am on Tuesday. You are welcome to join us.

**Kirk Session** meets on Tuesday at 7.00pm

**Tumbletots** meets as usual.

**Home Groups** meet on Wednesday so there will be no mid-week meeting. Those who attend Home Groups can uplift at the doors a hand-out relating to the study. **Willie Murray's** group will meet in the church at 7.30pm.

**Road to Recovery:** a meeting for those with addiction problems will be held in the Madras Street Hall on Thursday at 7.30pm. If you have any queries, please phone Ian (07917 147361) or Martin (07918 775368).

**3:16 teens** for teenagers meets on Friday from 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the manse

**CYC Spring Sale** will be held on Saturday from 10.00am till noon. There will be baking, craft, bric-a-brac and plant stalls.

**Gideons' Evening: 'Alive and Active'** on Saturday from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Inshes Church with guest speaker, Jonathan Lamb. Come and find out about local

opportunities to distribute God's Word and the impact it has on the lives of the recipients. A free event, buffet supper served.

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## ***Other news***

**Acclaim Concert**: thanks to all who helped with stewarding and serving refreshments.

**Ladies' Visiting Teams**: the Office-bearers' Strategy Group involved in Community would like to hear from any lady who would be interested in being part of a team to do regular visiting in the congregation. More information can be found in this month's newsletter. Reply forms can be found at the doors.

**Afternoon Tea** on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May in the Madras Street hall when we will be joined by folks from the Dingwall congregation. Fuller details will follow - please put the date in your diary.

**Highland Foodbank** would be grateful for the following items during May and June:

- Tins of mince/stew
- Packets of rice
- UHT milk
- Toilet rolls.

Please place donations of these in the blue box at the lane door.

Why worship in the evening?

1. In O.T. worship there was a morning and evening sacrifice.
2. Jesus promises to be with us when we gather for worship.
3. Jesus went to the Cross to save us from our sins.

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## ***Congregational Rotas***

### ***Sunday Welcoming Teams***

14<sup>th</sup> May: M Semple, M MacAulay, I Fraser, A Waite (F); S Vant, **J MacAulay**, R Fraser (S)

21<sup>st</sup> May: S Vant, J MacAulay, R Fraser, A Waite (F); M Semple, M MacAulay, **I Fraser** (S)

## **Crèche**

14<sup>th</sup> May: L Smith, M Mackintosh, Miss J Macleod

21<sup>st</sup> May: B MacPhail, M Semple, A Macleod

**Heating:** M Maclean; 14<sup>th</sup> May: R MacIver; 21<sup>st</sup> May: Robbie Finlay

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## **Notes**

### **Contact details**

If you are new to the congregation and you would like a visit from a member of our pastoral team, please contact our minister, Colin Macleod (Tel: 01463 231981).

You can visit our website at [www.freenorthchurch.org](http://www.freenorthchurch.org) and our denomination at: [www.freechurch.org](http://www.freechurch.org). Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FreeNorthFreeChurchofScotland](https://www.facebook.com/FreeNorthFreeChurchofScotland)

**Notice Sheet:** Any items for next week's notice sheet should be sent to [editor@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:editor@freenorthchurch.org) or given to Anne Muirden by noon on Friday.