



Free North Church Inverness

21st May 2017

Welcome! Our minister, **Colin Macleod**, will preach at both services today and at Madras Street at 5.00pm. There will be a service in Cameron House at 3.00pm.

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*

Today

Sunday School for children aged 4 to 14; the young people leave after the second singing. **Sunday School Family Afternoon** to Whin Park on Saturday, 3rd June. Please sign up today or next week.

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

20s/30s meet after the evening service

The May edition of the congregational **Newsletter** is still available at the doors.

Morning Service – 11.00am			Evening Service – 6.30pm		
Psalms	Verses	Page	Psalms	Verses	Page
145	15-21	190	103	12-22	135
18	30-36	21	105	1-11	138
66	8-13	83	86	14-17	341
72	17-19	314	67		84
Readings: Revelation 15 (p.1244) Title: <i>A Sign, A Song and a Scene</i>			Reading: Joshua 2 (p.216) Title: <i>Sovereignty, Sympathy and Spectacle</i>		

This week

Madras Street prayer meeting on Tuesday at 8.00am in the hall and now Wednesday at 12.00pm in the house. All welcome.

Tumbletots meets as usual.

Mid-week meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the hall, taken by Willie Murray

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

The Likely Dads meet on Saturday from 10.30am to noon in the hall (entry from Church Street) for all Dads and male carers with babies and toddlers.

Blythswood Inverness Support Group: Ploughman's Lunch will be held on Saturday from 12.00pm to 2.00pm in the Daviot Hall. Soup and filled rolls, tea, coffee and home baking will be served. There will be baking and bric-a-brac stalls and an auction. Donations will go to Blythswood projects. All welcome.

Other news

Congregational Directory: Directories will be handed out by members of the Pastoral Teams. Some districts have been changed so you may notice new faces coming to visit you. If you notice any errors or omissions, please let me know. There is one change to the directory: Alastair and Barbara Morrison have moved into The Isobel Fraser Home, Mayfield Road. *Robert McKenzie.*

Ian Polwarth is retiring as Drug and Alcohol Worker at the end of July. There will be a presentation made to Ian in the Free North on Sunday, 18th June at the

morning service. Should anyone wish to contribute to this, please leave monies in an envelope marked appropriately before that date. There will also be an opportunity to say cheerio on Thursday 29th at 7.00pm in Madras Street when friends, family, clients and colleagues are invited to enjoy a buffet together.

Congregational Fellowship next Sunday. Come along for praise, food and to hear from Daniel and Jennifer Rajkumar, who have worked with the Emmanuel Hospital Association, India and are currently working in Raigmore Hospital.

Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 30th May at 2.45pm in Madras Street along with friends from the Dingwall congregation for men and women! I need help with food, serving and providing lifts - so if you would like to be involved, please let me know. It would be good if some of our semi housebound folks could come along - let me know if a lift is needed. *Jane Macleod (237310)*

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.

Monthly Gaelic Service on Monday, 29th May at 7.30pm in Greyfriars Free Church; Preacher – Rev James MacDonald (retired), Point, Isle of Lewis

Congregational Rotas

Sunday Welcoming Teams

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

28th May: S Ross/D Mackenzie, Mrs J Macleod, **I Macleod**, Mrs K Robertson (F); M Mackintosh, Mr J Macleod, Mr K Robertson (S)

Mid-week meeting: J MacAulay, S Vant

Crèche

21st May: B MacPhail, M Semple, A Macleod

28th May: A Cleland-Forsyth, M MacAulay, E Fraser

Heating: 21st May: Robbie Finlay; 28th May: M Forsyth

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 and our denomination at: www.freechurch.org. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FreeNorthFreeChurchofScotland

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