

Free North Church Inverness 22nd January 2017

Welcome! Our minister, **Colin Macleod**, will preach at both morning and evening services. **Sandy Finlay** will take the service in Madras Street at 5.00pm.

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.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22: 13

Today

<u>Sunday School</u> resumes today; children leave after the second singing.

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

<u>Congregational Fellowship</u> after the evening service. As well as the usual food, fellowship and praise, Matt O'Neill who is a British Transport Policeman, will share with us a word of testimony and give an insight into life as a Christian in his line of work. All very welcome to come along

The <u>Christian Institute Winter Newsletter</u> is available at the lane door and in the fellowship area. Also the congregational <u>Newsletter</u> for January is still available.

Morning Service – 11am			Evening Service – 6.30pm		
Psalms	Verses	Page	Psalms	Verses	Page
99 25 67(1) 9(b)	1 – 5 16 – 22 1–2, 7-10	130 30 300 10	2 119 49 95	1-6, 10-12 129 - 136 5 - 13 1 - 4	2 185 65 357
Reading: Revelation 3 Title: A Manifesto for Revitalisation			Reading: Esther 1 Title: The Silhouetted Lord		

This week

Madras Street prayer meeting on Tuesday at 8.00am

The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday at 7.00pm

Tumbletots as usual on Wednesday.

Mid-week meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm

KidzZone meets on Thursday.

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).

<u>3:16 Teens</u> meets in the manse every Friday at 6.30pm. All teenagers are welcome to come along.

The Likely Dads meet on Saturday.

Other news

Seville orange marmalade is now available - £1.25 per 1 lb jar. Sold to support the R2R support workers at Madras St.

A warm welcome is extended to <u>Faith Mission Rallies</u>: Maryburgh Free Church Hall, Friday 27 January at 7.30pm (speaker, Colin Macleod) and Fortrose Free Church, Saturday 28 January at 7.30pm (speaker, Donnie Macleod). There will be a presentation on Faith Mission work in the Highlands, Bookstall & Refreshments.

<u>First Aid and De-Fib Training</u> - in the hall on Monday 30th January at 7pm. All welcome

<u>Gaelic service</u> on Tuesday, 31st January at 7.30pm in Greyfriars Free Church; preacher – Rev Norman MacIver

<u>Blythswood Vacancies</u> For details of a number of vacancies in the area, check the website (<u>www.blythswood.org</u>). For application forms and job descriptions contact 01349 830777 or personnel@blythswood.org

<u>Highland Foodbank</u> wish to thank the Free North for their response to appeals – a record number of people came to their centres in December and 50 Christmas hampers were distributed to people in Inverness. Here is a list of items for which they would be grateful during January and February:

- Long grain rice
- Tinned ham
- Tinned corned beef
- Soap/shower gel.

Please place your donation in the blue box at the lane door. Thank you.

Reaching Internationals - a half-day conference arranged by the Highland International Church in Kinmylies Church of Scotland building, Kinmylies Way, Inverness on Saturday, 4th February from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Speakers: Pete Edwards and Douglas Humphris (Friends International, Scotland)
Cost: £5.00, students free. If you wish to attend, please let Colin know.

Advance Notice. The Greyfriars women have invited us to a joint meeting in their church on Tuesday 7th February at 7.30pm. More details to follow but meantime please put the date in your diary.

Congregational Rotas

Sunday Welcoming Teams

22nd January: **W Murray**, S Finlay, F Cook, A Petitt (F); E Finlay, Robbie

Finlay, M Anderson (S)

29th January: E Finlay, Robbie Finlay, M Anderson, A Petitt (F), W Murray, S

Finlay, F Cook (S)

Mid-week meeting: W Murray, A Petitt

Crèche

22nd January: I MacRitchie, E Mackenzie, M Anderson 29th January:

E Macinnes, A Crooks, K Macleod

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.