



Free North Church Inverness
29 October 2017

Welcome! The preacher at our Harvest Thanksgiving service today is our minister, **Colin Macleod**. He will also preach in the evening. The service in Madras Street at 5.00pm will be led by **Martin Maclean**.

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.

Defend the weak
and the fatherless;
uphold the cause
of the poor and
the oppressed.
Ps.82:3

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.

Today

Sunday School and Bible Class for children 4-14 resumes today; children leave after the second singing.

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

Harvest Thanksgiving Congregational Lunch today followed by a short reflection on Malawi. Donations for the Free Church Disaster Fund may be made via the church plate.

Morning Service – 11.00am			Evening Service – 6.30pm		
Psalms	Verses	Page	Psalms	Verses	Page
123		169	46b		60
118	19-29	152	85		113
13		14	27	5-8	32
89	26-34	118			
Reading: 1 Corinthians 4 (p1146)			Reading: Numbers 35. 6-34 (p175/6)		
Title: Faithful, Useful, Mindful and Mournful			Text: Joshua 20 (p235/6)		
			Title: Principles, Provision and a Picture		
Faithful to our Calling (v1-5)			Principles Important to the Lord		
Useful in our Gifting (v6-7)			Provisions Imparted by the Lord		
Mindful through our Suffering (v8-13)			Picture Impressed of the Lord		
Mournful of our Boasting (v14-21)					

This week

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal: on Tuesday from 7.00pm we will be filling the shoeboxes in the hall (entry from Church Street). All welcome to come along and help.

Madras Street prayer meeting on Wednesday at 12.00pm in the house. All welcome.

Tumbletots meets as usual.

Mid-week meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm – prayer round tables

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 07918 775368 or 715809.

Office-bearers' prayer meeting on Thursday at 8.00am in the manse

Kidzone on Thursday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for primary age children in the hall (entrance from Church Street). Further info from Darren Graham.

3:16 Teens meets every Friday in the manse from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. All teenagers welcome.

YMCA/CYC: Autumn sale and coffee morning, on Saturday from 10-12. Plant and baking stalls.

Other news

The **Deacons' Court** has agreed that the congregation should leave by the side door and the hall door after the Sunday services. This will minimise the heat loss from the front doors during the winter months.

The **door duty rotas** for Sundays and Wednesdays for November to February (inclusive) have now been compiled. These have been sent out via e-mail to all involved. Hard copies of the rotas have been printed for any persons whose e-mail address was not known. These have been left for collection on the table at the side of the pulpit as you leave the church. A copy of the rotas has also been attached to the notice-board in the lane corridor, behind the pulpit. Should anyone wish to volunteer to be part of the welcome teams in the future, please let Calum Smith know.

The collection next Sunday will be for the **Development Fund**.

Reformation 500 Events

In this year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with Bible teaching on key gospel themes highlighted at the Reformation.

On Wednesday, 1 November: former Moderator, Rev Dr John Nicholls, will give a talk at Ferintosh Free Church at 7.30pm on Luther, the Reformation and Spiritual Renewal.

On Monday, 6 November Dr Nick Needham from HTC will give a talk on Luther at Dingwall Free Church at 7.30pm on Luther, the Reformation and Spiritual Renewal.

Congregational Rotas

Sunday Welcoming Teams

29 October: Mike, Iain, Kathleen, Alistair (F); Jane, Darren, **Murdo** (S)
5 November: **Mike**, Darren, Jane, Murdo (F); Iain, Kathleen, Alistair (S)

Mid-week meeting: Mike, Iain

Crèche

29 October: Lucy, Jessie
5 November: Eilidh, Iain, Effie

Heating: 29 October: Martin; 5 November: Rob

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 A Muirden by noon on Friday.