



## Free North Church Inverness

### 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Welcome!** Our minister, **Colin Macleod**, will preach at both services today and at 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*

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## **Today**

**Sunday School** for children aged 4 to 14, leaving after the second singing. Next Sunday the young people should meet in the hall at 10.55am.

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

The February issue of **The Record** is available today. There are a few people who subscribed to the magazine in 2016 and who have not yet returned the payment envelope for 2017. If you don't wish to continue receiving the Record, please let Donald know. If you do wish to have it for 2017, please put your payment in an

envelope with your name on it as soon as possible so that we don't order and pay for more magazines than we need. Thank you.

<b>Morning Service – 11am</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>
47		62	100		131
93		354	62	1-8	79
9b	1-8	10	119	161-168	167
99a	1-5	130	45(ii)	11-13	270
<b>Reading:</b> Revelation 4 (p.1236) <b>Title:</b> <i>I saw a throne....</i>			<b>Reading:</b> Esther 2 (p.502) <b>Title:</b> <i>Searching, Struggling, Secretive and Silhouetted</i>		

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## ***This week***

**First Aid and De-Fibrillator Training** in the hall tomorrow at 7.00pm. All welcome. (entry by Church Street).

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

**Gaelic service** on Tuesday at 7.30pm in Greyfriars Free Church; preacher – Rev Norman MacIver

**Tumbletots** meets as usual. Marianne Nairn from CALA will be with us this week, when she will do a Bookbug session as well as some other fun activities.

**Mid-week meeting** on Wednesday at 7.30pm - prayer around tables. All are welcome and encouraged to come along.

**Office-bearers' prayer meeting** on Thursday at 8.00am

**KidzZone** meets on Thursday at 6.00pm (entry via lane on Church Street). All children of primary school age are invited for games, crafts and Bible stories.

**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** meets in the manse every Friday at 6.30pm. All teenagers are welcome to come along.

At the **morning service next Sunday** we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. It would be helpful if communicants sat in the centre of the church. The Kirk Session will meet after the mid-week meeting on Wednesday and remain open until Sunday. If anyone would like to become a member, please speak to Colin or one of the elders.

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## ***Other news***

**Congregational Directory:** It is intended to publish a new congregational directory. If your name is in the current directory, and there are no changes to your personal details, e.g. address, phone number, email address, children etc., you don't need to do anything. If there are changes to your personal details, please collect a Directory Slip from either door, complete it, and return it to the offering box by Sunday, 25th February. If your name is not in the current directory, please complete a Directory Slip, and return it as indicated above. If you have any queries, please contact Robert McKenzie.

**Joint meeting at Greyfriars for the women** on Tuesday, 7th February at 7.30pm. There will be a demonstration of cake decorating, particularly of children's birthday cakes, followed by a time of fellowship. Please come along - mums, aunts and grannies (including honorary aunts and grannies!) for some ideas. There will be an opportunity to support WfM funds as the cakes will be sold at the end of the evening. If you need a lift please contact Anne Muirden.

**Tea Rota:** the sheet for February is up in the kitchen. Please consider helping out with this much appreciated service.

**Seville orange marmalade** is now available @ £1.25 per 1lb jar, sold to support the Road to Recovery support workers (Jane Macleod, tel: 237310).

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

**The Inverness and North Free Church Mission Support Group:** we will be holding our annual **lunch** on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm in Knockbain Free Church, North Kessock, as part of our fund- raising for this year's project - the Building Project at USEL, Peru, a growing Christian University in Lima. The speaker will be Rev Iver Martin, Principal of Edinburgh Theological Seminary. We hope you will be able to come along to support our project and enjoy fellowship over lunch.

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# ***Congregational Rotas***

## ***Sunday Welcoming Teams***

29<sup>th</sup> January: E Finlay, Robbie Finlay, M Anderson, A Pettitt (F), W Murray, **S Finlay**, F Cook (S)

5<sup>th</sup> February: A Muirden, V Cameron-Mackintosh, A Campbell, B Cameron (F), **A MacPhail**, E Cameron-Mackintosh, S Macleod (S)

***Mid-week meeting:*** W Murray, S Finlay

## ***Crèche***

29<sup>th</sup> January: E Macinnes, A Crooks, K Macleod

5<sup>th</sup> February: M Lobban, A Waite, I MacRitchie

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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).

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