

Free North Church Inverness

Sunday 2nd December 2018

A Reason to Rejoice

APPRECIATING OUR STATUS

Romans 8: 1-17

WELCOME!

The services today are taken by Derek Lamont.

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 use the New International Version of the Bible (red book) and we sing the metrical psalms, Sing Scripture and Hymns (with musical accompaniment). These are projected on to the walls on either side of the pulpit. Printed versions of the hymns are available at the sound area for those who can't see the screens properly. 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.

Morning Service (11am)

Praise

Psalm 100 (Scottish Psalter)
Daniel was a Man of Prayer
Psalm 23 (Sing Psalms)
Amazing Grace

Reading

Daniel 6 (p. 891/892)

Sermon Title

"Dare to be a Daniel"

Evening Service (6.30pm)

Praise

Psalm 122 (Scottish Psalter)
Psalm 121 (Sing Psalms)
Abba Father
How Deep the Father's Love

Reading

Romans 8:1-17 (p. 1134/1135)

Sermon Title

"Dare to call God 'Dad'"

Today

We are pleased to have Derek Lamont, minister in St Columba's Free Church, Edinburgh, taking our services today. Derek has been in Edinburgh for about 17 years. Prior to that, he was minister in Rosskeen Free Church. Derek is married to Catriona and they have 4 children; Scott, Amy, Joe and Ross.

The **December issue of the Global Mission Prayer Notes** is available to collect today.

There is a **time of open prayer** before the Sunday services at 10.30am in the hall and at 6pm upstairs in the old creche room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

During the winter months, **the front doors of the church will not be open after the services**. This is to conserve the heat in the building. Please use the side door to exit.

Crèche meets during the morning service, children and helpers leave after the second singing to meet in the Fellowship Area.

Sunday School children leave after the scripture reading and go to the hall.

This week

Christianity Explored continues tomorrow at 6.30pm in the hall (entrance from Church Street). It is not too late to join the group. Continue to pray for God to bless.

Ladies Evening – On Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm in the Free North Church hall we will be holding a ladies evening to decorate ginger bread houses. Tickets cost £10 which includes all you need, plus tea and mince pies (feel free to bring anything else to give your house that extra special look). Tickets can be purchased from Victoria Cameron-Mackintosh, Sarah MacIver or Alison Macleod. We would love to see all ages enjoy fellowship together so please come and talk with us if you have any concerns over the cost of the ticket or transportation for the evening.

Tumbletots is on Wednesday from 10am to 11.30am in the hall, entrance via Church Street.

Prayer meeting this week is prayer around tables on Wednesday at 7.30pm led by Iain Macleod.

Road to Recovery – meets in the fellowship area on Thursday at 7.30pm.

The services next Sunday will be taken by Bob Ackroyd, Professor of Systematic Theology in ETS, Edinburgh.

Other News

Emma MacAulay and Davi De Paula are getting married in the Free North Church on Saturday 8th December at 12.30pm. John and Mairi extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to attend the marriage ceremony to come along and also to join us for tea and cake in the hall afterwards.

From the beginning of January, the Kirk Session has agreed to **change the time of the evening service to 5.30pm**. This will be for a trial period.

The Christmas Tuesday lunch will be on 11th December at 12.30pm. Please keep the date free and plan to come along. You are most welcome to bring friends with you.

December pulpit supply – 9th December, Bob Ackroyd; 16th John Angus Macleod; 23rd December, David Meredith; 30th December, Dan Patterson.

Sunday School Christmas Party for all the Sunday School and Crèche families will be on Friday 14th December at 6.30pm in the hall.

Distribution of invitations to the Christmas Eve Service will soon take place. Pray that God will prepare the way.

India Mission Trip – Following a calling from the Lord, Roddy and Julie Ferguson – along with their Christian friend Val Penny from Fort William – head off on a self -funding mission to India. Through Val and her late husband - John Pennys’ connections with Christ for India/ Vision Rescue – they will all spend 6 weeks working there.

First with the Street Children in Mumbai and then in an Orphanage in Goa.

Christmas day will find them celebrating the reason for the season with the children in Goa. They respectfully request that we all keep them in prayer as they travel, listen for His voice and carry out the work for His plan and purpose and to His glory.

They will re-join the congregation mid January.

Acclaim Christmas Concert on Saturday 15th December. Tickets available from Ruth or Sandy.

The Vacancy Committee are:- Brian Cameron, Stewart Vant, John Macaulay, Archie Fraser, Innes Fraser, Rob Maciver, Kathleen Skinner, Effie Finlay & Anne Muirden.



Rotas This Week – December 2nd

Rotas Next Week – December 9th

DOOR: Janet Montgomery, Angus Campbell, **Alex MacPhail (F)**; Anne Muirden, Brian Cameron, Stewart Vant (**S**)

DOOR: Mairi MacAulay, Ruairidh Fraser, Iain Macleod, Jane Macleod (**F**); **John MacAulay**, Maureen Semple, Alison Waite (**S**)

CRECHE: Dorothy MacKenzie, Effie Finlay and Marian MacKintosh

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WEDNESDAY: Brian Cameron and Murdo Mackenzie

WEDNESDAY: Home Groups

HEATING: Rob MacIver

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Notes

HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

If you have recently started worshipping with us at the Free North or would just like to know a little bit more about Christianity, would like a pastoral visit or to attend one of our Home Groups, please speak to one of the Welcome Team after any of our services, or let us know your details below and leave it in the collection plate.

Name: _____

Phone or E-mail: _____

What is your request: _____

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