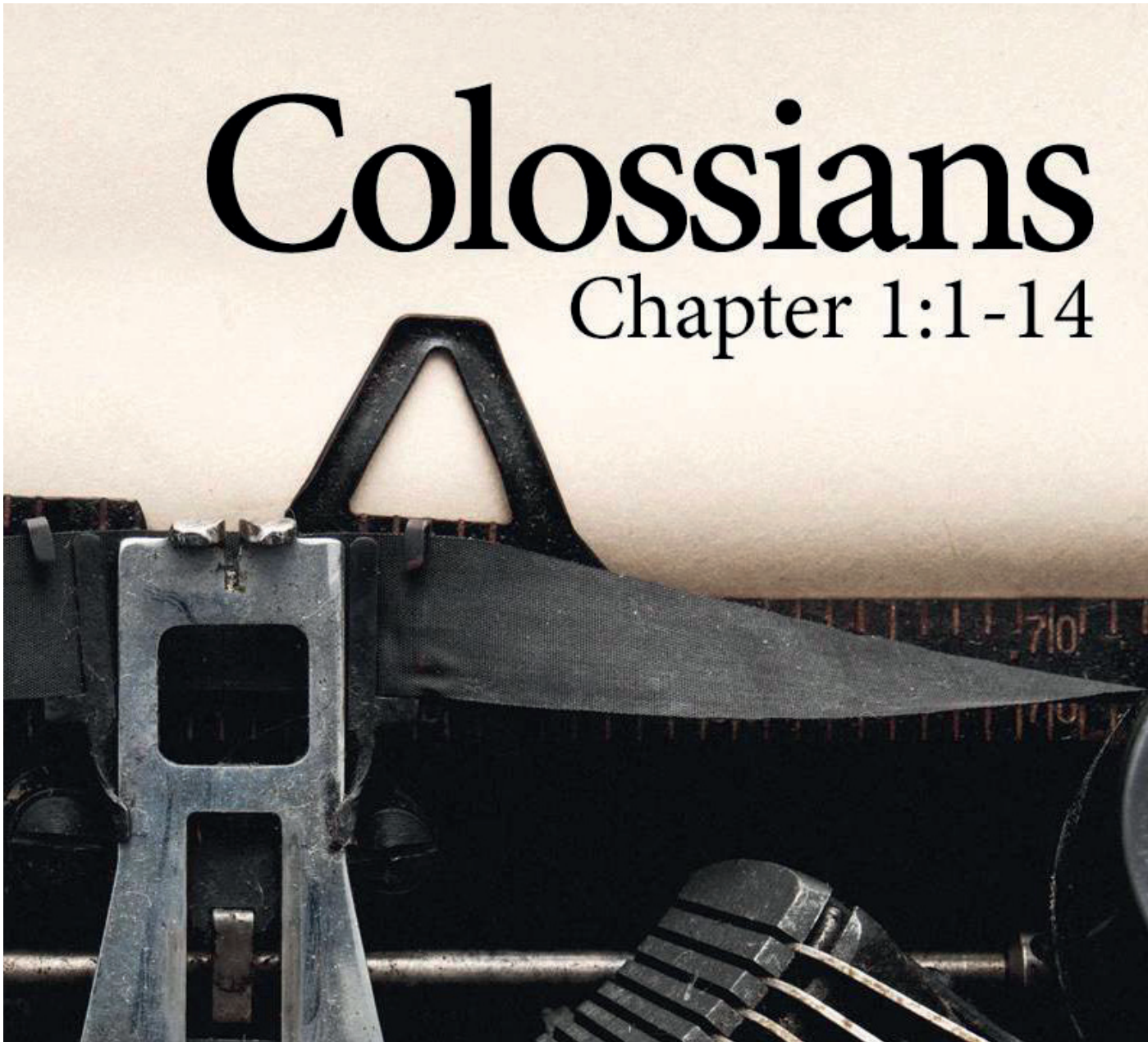


Free North Church Inverness

Sunday 17th March 2019

Colossians

Chapter 1:1-14



WELCOME!

The services today are taken by Rev Murdo Macleod.

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 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. 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 116:1-7 (Scottish Psalter)
Glory be to God the Father
Psalm 103:12-22 (Sing Psalms)
In Christ Alone

Reading

Colossians 1:1-23

Sermon title

"The Church at Colossae"
(*Colossians 1:1-14*)

Evening Service (5.30pm)

Praise

Psalm 147:1-7 (Sing Psalms)
At the name of Jesus
Psalm 23:1-6 (Scottish Psalter)
What a Friend we have in Jesus

Reading

John 1:29-2:12

Sermon title

"Wedding Reception"
(*John 2:1-12*)

Today

We are pleased to have Rev Murdo (Mud) Macleod taking our services today. Murdo is the minister in Nairn Free Church. Before going into the ministry, Mud worked with the Banner of Truth Trust in Edinburgh. Mud is married to Maggie, and they have two grown up children; Angus and Kirsty.

There is a **time of open prayer** before the Sunday services at 10.30am and 5pm in the session room. This is a wonderful time to pray together before the services. It would be great to see you there.

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 resumes today. Children of primary age should leave for the hall after the scripture reading.

Youth Fellowship – Y.F. meets in the old creche room tonight from 6.45pm to 7.45/8pm.

Today is the monthly **3pm Sunday Service at Cameron House**, Please come along if you can.

The latest Free North Newsletter is available today.

This week

Coffee@Dobbies on Tuesday 19 March from 10.30am. Buy your coffee and make your way to the quieter area on the left of the tills. Please come along and join us for a time to catch up with each other, to make new friends or if you just want some company!

Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm. There will be a time of prayer before at 7pm.

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

There will be no prayer meeting this week. Instead, we will support the Faith Mission Annual Rally in Greyfriars Free Church on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

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

YF are going to have a trip to Roller Bowl on Friday evening. We will meet at 6.30pm at roller bowl. It would be great to see as many of YF age folk there. There is no cost for the outing.

The services next Sunday will be taken by Rev Innes MacSween, Assistant Minister in Smithton Free Church.

The Tear Fund Lunch will be held next Sunday(24th). Please sign up today and place contributions in an envelope marked Tear Fund. Sign up sheets for those who can help by making a pan of soup and/or help on the day to serve and clear up are in the kitchen.

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Other News

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm in the hall. Reports will be available next weekend.

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Rotas This Week

DOOR: Janet Montgomery, Stewart Vant, Maureen Semple, Anne Muirden, **Angus Campbell**, Brian Cameron

CRECHE: Sarah MacIver, Maureen Semple and Alison Waite

WEDNESDAY: No prayer meeting this week

HEATING: Rob MacIver

Rotas Next Week

DOOR: Janet Montgomery, Stewart Vant, Maureen Semple, Anne Muirden, Angus Campbell, **Brian Cameron**

CRECHE: Mairi MacAulay, Emma Fraser and Alison Macleod

WEDNESDAY: John MacAulay and Brian Cameron

HEATING: Rob MacIver

Other News (cont.)

Church Officer post – The Deacons' Court have agreed to proceed with a Church Officer post. This post will cover various janitorial duties such as cleaning, checking the facilities, putting bins out for collection and minor DIY repairs as required. The duties will also include opening the church for public events such as weddings, funerals and open-door events, with the post-holder ideally being able to provide a warm welcome to the church to visitors on these occasions.

The tasks of the post-holder will take an estimated 14-16 hours per week and the post-holder will be expected to be flexible in their availability to carry out the duties. It may be possible for the post to be filled by more than 1 person and/or for duties to be shared as appropriate.

The post would be paid at a rate of £9 per hour which is the Scottish Living Wage.

If you would like a full job specification or just like more details on the post, please speak to me.

Regards

Brian Cameron

Clerk to the Deacons Court

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Location of crèche – The crèche has been situated in the fellowship area as a temporary measure for the last few weeks. The Court has agreed that the crèche needs a more permanent location to meet the needs of the children and young families.

The Court has agreed in principle to investigate further as to whether it may be feasible to create an additional multi-purpose room in the hall. The Court has also agreed in principle to identify potential improvement works to the upstairs rooms which are underused at present and as to whether they may be suitable for the use of various church groups such as the Sunday School and Youth Fellowship. More details will be forthcoming once these are available and a decision will only be taken once full costings and proposals are assessed.

The Vacancy Committee met on Thursday, 7 March. We were informed that Bob Akroyd had been invited to come and preach a second time but had declined for various reasons. There are 5 people whom we would like to hear a second time and potentially 2 others whom we are going to approach to come for a first time. The next meeting was fixed for 4 April.

Copies of the note of the meeting held on 7 March have been posted on the notice boards at the lane door and in the hall. Please continue to pray and to speak to members of the Committee.

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

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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