



Free North Church Inverness

17 December 2017

Welcome! The services today will be taken by our minister, Rev Colin Macleod. At the end of the morning service, there will be the Ordination and Induction of new Office Bearers. There is a service at 3pm in Cameron House, and this will be taken by one of the elders.

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.

Blessed are those
who have learned
to acclaim you,
who walk in the
light of your
presence, Lord.
Psalm 89 v. 15

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.

We leave by the side door and the hall door after the Sunday services to minimise the heat loss from the front doors during the winter months.

Today

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

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

The congregational **Newsletter** for December is available at the doors.

Morning Service – 11.00am			Evening Service – 6.30pm		
Psalms	Verses	Page	Psalms	Verses	Page
145 (sp)	1-7	189	103 (sp)	1-11	135
119 (sp)	129-136	165	45a (sp)	10-14	58
19 (sp)	10-14	23	118 (sp)	8-14	155
			43 (t)	3-5	264
Reading: 1 Corinthians 9 (page 1150) Title: <i>Paul's Priorities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generous about Giving (v1-14) • Passionate about Preaching (v15-18) • Faithful about Friendships (v19-23) • Serious about Self (v24-27) 			Reading: Genesis 12:1-9 (page 13) Title: <i>The Road to Christmas</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Gracious Road (v1-2) • A Costly Road (v1, 4-5) • A Challenging Road (v2, v4) • A Counter-Cultural Road (v6-9) 		

The Ordination and Induction of Elders and Deacons will take place this morning, after the sermon and before the last singing.

This week

Tumbletots on Wednesday at 10.00am to 11.30am in the hall (entry from Church Street).

The mid-week meeting is on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Road to Recovery: a meeting for those with addiction problems will be held in the Free North Hall on Thursday at 7.30pm (entry from Church St). If you have any queries, please phone 07918 775368 or 715809.

Kidzone on Thursday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for primary age children in the hall (entry from Church St).

Joint Christmas Party for all young people in Sunday School, Creche, Kidzone, any other children you know of, and their families, will be on Thursday 21st December from 6pm to 8pm in the Church Hall.

Coffee @ Dobbies from 10.30am on Tuesday 19 December. Come along, bring a friend, buy your coffee and join us in the less busy area to the left of the till.

Deacons' Court will meet on Tuesday, 19 December at 7.00 pm.

Other news

The funeral of the late Dorothy McEwan will take place in the Free North on Friday 22nd December at 10.30am with interment in Kilvean at 11.30am.

Carol Service Invitations – There are still a few areas that need invitations distributed to. If you can help, please put your name down on the list and take some invitations for that area. Please also feel free to take invitations for handing out personally. Above all, let's pray that the Lord will draw people to the Carol service or to one of the activities/groups listed.

Congratulations to Kirsteen and Alasdair Gillespie on the birth of their son, Angus George Gillespie, born Thursday 14th December at 12.30pm, 8lbs 6oz. Mother and child doing well!

More copies of the **Christian Institute 'Gnosticism'** booklet is available at both doors. Please take one if you wish.

Blythswood Job Vacancy for a Retail Administrator. For more information, contact **Barbara Grace** on **01349 830777** or email **personnel@blythswood.org** or visit our website vacancies section.

The latest **HTC Newsletter** is now available for viewing at www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/resources/newsletters

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Welcoming Teams

17 December: Martin, Janet, Mairi, Maureen (F); **Archie**, Stewart, J MacAulay (S)
24 December: Ruairidh, Marian, Donald, Darren (F); **Innes**, Alison, J Macleod (S)

Wednesday 20th – Archie, J MacAulay
Wednesday 27th – Innes, J Macleod

Crèche

17 December: Annetta, Kirsten, Alison
24 December: Iona, Lucy, Jessie

Heating: 17 December: Robbie; 24 December: Malcolm

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 M MacLean by noon on Friday.