

Sunday School:

All are invited to join with the Garrabost Free Church Sunday School in the **School Road hall** for a short time immediately after the 12noon service on **Sunday 24th December**. The children will sing a couple of songs, and will receive their prizes for attendance and good behaviour. Please note that this will be the final Sunday School of the year, with **Children's Church** meeting on the 31st December, and Sunday School resuming on 7th January 2018.

The Sunday School teachers, Christine, Kirsten and Janis (and those who help) would also like to thank all those who bring the children along to Sunday School each week to hear the Good News of Jesus and the salvation He offers to those who accept Him.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke ch2 v11

Carols on Christmas Eve's Eve:

Please join with us from 6-7pm on **Saturday 23 December** at Ionad Stoodie for singing carols, Bible readings, the telling of the nativity story by the ABC children and a short gospel message - all followed by hot chocolate and mince pies!

Stornoway Street Pastors:

Stornoway Street Pastors are hoping to hold an information evening with Carols and Hot Chocolate on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.30pm in St Columba's Church Hall. All are welcome. The management committee intends on holding information nights in other parts of the island in the New Year. The AGM of the management committee will be held on Tuesday 16th January at 5pm in St Columba's hall. New committee members would be most welcome.

Door Duty Rota for Sunday and Wednesday

DECEMBER Donald Macleod (Shader), David Murray, John D Macdonald

JANUARY Donald Macleod (Bayble), Callum Campbell, Iain Nicolson

FEBRUARY Finlay Stewart, Roddy Mackenzie, Donald John Macleod

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*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God*

Weekly Bulletin

10th December 2017

Garrabost Free Church welcomes you to our services today.

If you are a visitor or unfamiliar with our services, we use the **English Standard Version** of the Bible in our English services. Psalm books (Sing Psalms with Scottish Psalter) and Bibles are available in the entrance hall.

Our practice at all English services is to stand for singing and sit for prayers.

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Congregational services and events today. Both services will be taken by Rev Murdo Macleod (Nairn) We thank Mr Macleod for taking the services today.	
School Road Church- 12 noon	Psalm 93:1-5 Scottish Psalter p354 CM
	Psalm 19:7-14 Sing Psalms p23 666688
	Psalm 34:7-13 Scottish Psalter p247 CM
	Psalm 119:9-16 Sing Psalms p157 LM
Reading	Luke 18 1-30
Sunday School will meet during the morning service. The crèche will be supervised by Margaret Graham and Dolina Macleod	
Main Road Church 6.00pm	Psalm 85 1-13 Sing Psalms p113 8787D
	Psalm 43 3-5 Scottish Psalter p264 CM
	Psalm 138 3-8 Sing Psalms p179 LM
	Psalm 116 1-7 Scottish Psalter p395 CM
Reading	2 Timothy:4
There will be a congregational fellowship in the Main Road Hall after the evening service. The Garrabost and Shader group will be in charge of the catering. PARKING – All those who intend to stay for the fellowship are asked to park in the lanes nearer the church.	
Congregational services and events this week	
Monday 11th	7.30pm – WFM open night ‘Vintage Tea Party’ and Christian bookstall which was cancelled last Thursday will be held in Main Road Hall .
Tuesday 12th	6.00pm – ABC club will meet in Sgoil An Rubha .
Wednesday 13th	7.30pm – Prayer Meeting in Main Road Church Hall to be taken by one of the elders .
Thursday 14th	12.30 to 3pm - The Parent and Toddler group will be having their Christmas party today. Please note it is Thursday this week and not Friday
Saturday 16th	7.30pm – Prayer meeting in Main Road Church Hall .
Services next Lord’s Day to be taken by Rev Andrew Coghill	
12 noon	English in Main Road Church
6.00 pm	English in School Road Church
Sunday School will meet during the morning service. The crèche will be supervised by Wendy Macmillan and Anne Macleod	

Calling a minister: As previously mentioned we have a list of ministers that some of the congregation have told us they would like to listen to with a view to a call. The programme for supply ministers has been arranged up to the end of December and so, it will be the New Year before this process will begin. If any of you have anyone in mind that you would like to hear, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the elders in the first instance or leave an appropriately marked envelope for the elders in the plate at any time with your suggestions. Alternatively, you can email garrabostfree@gmail.com.

Condolences: We send condolences to Kenneth Angus Macsween, Aignish on the loss of his sister, Margaret Ann. Also to Graeme, Mairi, Jessica and Lucas on the loss of a granny and great granny and to Karen Mackenzie on the loss of her Aunt.

Envelopes: Free Will Offering envelopes are now available for the congregation for use from January 2017 and will be distributed by the office bearers over the next few weeks. If there is anyone connected with the congregation who do not currently use this system and would like envelopes, please speak to Iain Nicolson or Iain Maclellan or **complete your details on the form at the door**.

Alternatively, anyone can pay by Standing Order and forms will be available shortly for any new contributors or for any who would like to change from the envelope system to standing order.

Those who currently contribute via standing order will need to cancel the existing one and they will receive a new form with new account details and reference number which will replace the existing instruction from 1st January. Please speak to any of the office bearers for further details.

Gift Aid: Gift Aid is a valuable benefit for charities like ourselves. It allows us to claim back from the government 25p for every £1 donated by a taxpayer. Please consider this if you do not already, as it will increase your donation to the church by 25%. Please speak to Iain Nicolson, Andy Cumming or Iain Maclellan if you are interested or if you require further information.
Gift Aid Forms available at the door.

Record: Subscriptions for the Record are now due. Whether you pay annually (£18) or 6 monthly (£9), please leave an envelope in the plate, clearly marked ‘Record’ along with your name and address.

Deacon’s Court: The next meeting of the Deacons’ Court will be on **Wednesday 20th** after the prayer meeting in **School Road Church**.

Kirk Session: The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be held on **Thursday 21st December** at **7pm** in the **Main Road Church Hall**.

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