

# **FREE CHURCH**

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

Weekly Bulletin 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Garrabost Free Church welcomes you to our services today.

Both services will be taken by Rev John Maclean.		
We thank Mr Maclean for taking the services today.		
Main Road Church-	Psalm 110:1-5 (Sing Psalms, p149) <b>SM</b>	
12 noon	Psalm 66:16-20 (Scottish Psalter p299) CM	
	Psalm 34: 11- 18 (Sing Psalms, p40) CM	
	Psalm 139a:7-12 (Sing Psalms p180) <b>CM</b>	
Reading	Acts 2:14-41	
Sunday School will meet during the morning service. The children will go to the		
front with their teachers for the children's address and go out at the start of the		
second singing.		
The creche will be supervised by Margaret Graham and Cathy Mary Mackay.		
School Road Church 6.00pm	Psalm 19: 7-13(Scottish Psalter, p223) CM	
	Psalm 32:1-8 (Sing Psalms, p38) <b>8 6 8 8 6</b>	
	Psalm 110:1-5 (Scottish Psalter, p390) CM	
	Psalm 133 (Scottish Psalter, p424) CM	
Reading	Acts 2:1-13; 41-47	

Congregational services and events this week	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - The Kirk Session will meet in School Road Hall.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm - ABC club will meet in Sgoil An Rubha.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.30pm –</b> Prayer meeting in <b>School Road Church</b> , to be
	taken by Rev John Maclean.
Friday 15th	1.00pm – The Parent and Toddler Group will meet in Main
	Road Church Hall.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	There will be no Saturday prayer meetings until after the
	communion season.
Services next Lord's Day, 17 <sup>th</sup> February.	
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12noon	Main Road Church
6.00pm	School Road Church

Sunday School will meet during the 12noon service.

The creche will be supervised by Alison Macdonald and Dolina Macleod.

## Evangelical Alliance - Public Leadership Prayer Lunch

The Evangelical Alliance will be holding a lunchtime prayer event at Lews Castle Library Room at 12pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. This will be on the theme of Christian public leadership and will involve time praying for our local community, island and nation. The event may be of particular interest to those who are in leadership contexts in a workplace or community setting or those discipling them. There will also be the launch of a new small group resource to help with discipleship in workplace and community settings. For further information or to confirm attendance please contact Bethany Macleod at b.macleod@eauk.org

### **Praying For One Another**

Please see the back page for *Praying for one another*. This week's congregations are Grace Church Kilmacolm and Castletown and Community. Please remember to pray for the different congregations each week as we bear one another's burdens. Some will have similar circumstances to our own although others will be vastly different but all are in need of support as we seek God's blessing and unity as we move forward together as a denomination.

#### Free Church Youth Camps Summer 2019

FCYC Booklets for the 2019 summer camps are now available to view at <a href="https://issuu.com/freechurch/docs">https://issuu.com/freechurch/docs</a>. Booklets are also available at the door. Please hurry as spaces are filling up fast!!

**Please note**: As in previous years, if any parent/s require financial assistance for sending their children to a Free Church Camp, please speak to the interim moderator or one of the elders and it will be treated in the strictest confidence.

## Women for Mission - Takeaway Dinner

The WFM committee would like to thank all those who supported them in different ways yesterday and helped them raise the sum of £600 which will go towards the projects mentioned in last week's bulletin.

## **Adopt a Camp**

Some of you may remember that Garrabost Free Church adopted Oswestry 1 camp last year. This year, the camp we are asked to 'adopt' is **Kincraig Kids 1** camp which will be led by one of our members, **Mairi Macleod** from Stornoway. **Mairi** and **Kirsten** will send us information regularly so that people can pray more specifically for our adopted camp.

### Safeguarding

As you will know, the Free Church of Scotland has a Christian care for the welfare of each individual and seeks to make the Church a safe place for all. In light of this, we plan to have some Safeguarding training in **School Road Hall** on **Thursday 21st February at 7.30**pm. If you work with children and/or vulnerable adults it is essential that you are at this meeting to refresh your knowledge and to ensure that everyone who works with children are members of the **PVG** scheme and also for any who need to update their existing membership. There are forms available at the doors for you to take with you. It would be helpful if you could complete this beforehand and bring to the meeting along with suitable ID. For further guidance or information, please speak to Heiko Rank, Safeguarding Coordinator or to any of the office bearers in the first instance

## **Sunday School update**

As previously intimated, we've decided to use the collection that is taken each week at Sunday School to buy chickens for Mogogosiek Baby Home that Kirsten visited in Kenya in September. This will mean that the children in the home can have fresh eggs each day, as well as the occasional chicken for dinner! The children are aiming to collect £500. Please encourage the children to think about this project and how we can show God's love to others and please pray for the teachers and the children as they meet each week.

So far, the children have raised £159 and, combined with money collected last year, have sent £200 to the Baby Home. Brilliant effort. Keep up the good work

# **Praying for one Another**

#### **Grace Church Kilmacolm**

Grace Church are currently under the care of Dowanvale Free Church. There are roughly 50 people associated with Grace (including members and adherents) with around 30-40 meeting every Lord's Day in a local Guides' hut. At the moment, the congregation attends Dowanvale for evening services. Nick Mackison, Associate Minister of Dowanvale preaches in Kilmacolm for three Sunday mornings per month as well as taking the Thursday evening prayer meetings.

#### **Prayer Points**

- There is a real desire in the congregation to reach out to the local community with the Gospel. Pray that the congregation would be aided in their desire to reach families as, currently, there are no children or young people in the church.
- 2. Pray for wisdom for Nick Mackison and the Kirk Session as they work through practical issues. The Guides hall is small and not ideal for hosting families. Do we seek new premises now, or do we wait until young families start attending before we seek a new Sunday venue?

#### Castletown & Community

The congregation is part of a small community on the north coast, about 16 miles from John O' Groats. We are blessed with a warm, united fellowship, with a good spread of ages. The congregation has a long-standing work among the young and, in more recent years, a weekly cafe for senior folk. As a consequence of a growing awareness of the damage that alcohol causes locally, the congregation has been seeking the Lord's direction on how to reach those affected by drink with the good news of the kingdom. We are now seeing opportunities opening up. The congregation is enthusiastic in the Lord's service but needs more workers.

#### **Prayer Points**

- 1. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore to send out workers into his harvest.
- 2. Ask that God would enable us to speak his word with great boldness, stretching out his hand to heal and to perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of his holy servant Jesus.