

The Free Church in Point

Serving the kingdom of God
with Knock Free Church and Point Free Church

What are we for?

It seems a strange question, perhaps, but what is the church for? Its services are often a matter of routine, and they are not always what we might wish them to be. Yet to be committed to the local church is to reflect Christ's own insistence that it is through the church that God is to have glory (Eph 3:20).

First, we are for the gospel. The church is the pillar and ground of God's truth. In a world of deceit, lies and manipulation, the church proclaims the Christ who says 'I am the way, the truth and life' (John 14:6). To elevate the building we call the church above the means of grace that are housed in it is to entertain a worldly spirit. But to realise that the church is the people of God who exist for the work of the gospel is to have an other-worldly spirit, the spirit of Christ himself.



Second, the church is for the faith. Christ died for us, and rose again, bringing the achievements of his saving work into glory with him. Yet it is through the Word and the sacraments that he communicates that saving achievement to us. Worship, preaching, the Lord's Supper: these are all activities of faith, in which we believe that Christ is strengthening us and drawing us to himself.

Third, the church is for sinners. We do not regard ourselves as being perfect; far from it. Nor ought we to judge others: we are forbidden to do so, and we do not know enough about others to do it anyway. We are all unprofitable servants: beggars telling other beggars that we have found bread. How can we keep it to ourselves? For these reasons and more, we confess that there is one holy, catholic church, and that it exists for the glory of Christ, as he gives us his gospel, shares his mediatorial success with us, and calls law-breakers to his feast. Who would not want to be part of so glorious a body?



*'At the going
down of the sun
and in the
morning we will
remember them'*

Point2Life

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Looking for light in a time of darkness

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Point2Life



For the past eleven years, Point2Life has been operating as an outreach and discipleship ministry for local teenagers. Andy Cumming tells us where P2L is currently, and what the plans for the rest of the year are.

Point2Life has been running since 2005 and was started as a joint effort between the two Free Churches and also the Church of Scotland. It is for young people from S1 to S6.

Over the years we have seen God's blessing on the work and a number of young people have professed faith. Ongoing discipleship remains a challenge and we need to continue to remember each person in prayer, during such a crucial phase of their lives.

At the moment we have between 10 and 15 coming along to the meetings. We have various types of meeting, including testimonies, talks from people involved in overseas missions, and also cover some current issues. We start with a singing and a game, to warm everyone up.

We are currently planning a weekend trip to Perth from 25 to 28 November, to join up with the Challenger Bus team. We would appreciate prayer for this. We would also be thankful for your support at the fundraising light lunch to be held on Saturday 19 November at the Knock Free Church hall.

The remaining dates planned up to the end of the year are as follows:

13 November - Knock Free Church manse

20 November - Big YF

25-28 November - Perth weekend

4 December - Bayhead Youth Group

11 December - Knock Free Church manse

The picture is from the weekend in Scaladale last year.

Why Joint Services?

Those of us who have shared worship across the two Free Church buildings in the district have commented on the improved attendances and the good spirit in our worship. These are things that are incidental, however. The benefits of shared worship are greater than these.

First, they demonstrate what our priorities are. They show that as a body of Christians living side by side in the communities throughout Point, our priority is simply to glorify God and to enjoy him. The challenges of worshipping jointly have not been insignificant; but nor has the testimony they have borne to our common desire to put the glory of God before all else.

Second, they show that there is no reason for neighbours and friends to be separated in the worship of our great God and Saviour. I have observed that by coming together for worship, instead of worshipping apart, friends are glad to see each other; neighbours are glad to be travelling in the same direction, and those who are most familiar with one another in secular matters are no longer distanced in spiritual ones.

Third, our joint services make the ministry of the gospel more widely available. As interim-moderator I no longer have to take pulpit supply away from other congregations. The pool of supply is not as stretched as it was, and other congregations can be helped by the available supply.

For all these reasons, and more, we have had more to gain than to lose in gathering together to one place and with one accord to hear what

God has to say to us. And if it is the Lord's will to continue this into the future, then we need to work hard at viewing ourselves not as two congregations worshipping in each other's buildings, but as one fellowship sharing them. At last it is we, the people, not our buildings, that are called to worship the living God.

Thought for the month

“Let there be light” (Genesis 1:3).

The most fundamental movement of the creation was God's making light. Without light there could be no life. The light brought order into the chaos and illumination into the darkness. It was God's movement from out of himself to the creation of a world utterly dependent upon himself.

I sometimes think this is one of the first missionary texts of Scripture. The creation of lights opens up the **possibility** of mission: there will be a world, populated by men and women who will be in need of the gospel.

The creation of light also established the **pattern** of mission. Christ is the light of the world; his church is also the light of the world. Men love the world's darkness, but light has come.

The creation also established the **power** of mission. Just as the light shined in the darkness, God shines into human hearts with the light of his truth and the knowledge of his glory. As we move into the closing weeks of the year, our prayer too is that God would bless us with his Word. ‘Let there be light’.

SERVICES NOVEMBER 2016

Wednesday 2nd November

7.30pm - Prayer Meeting in Knock Free Church

Thursday 3rd November

12 noon - Gaelic pre-communion in Knock Free Church

7.30pm - English pre-communion in Knock Free Church

Friday 4th November

11.30am - Question meeting in Knock Free Church

7.30pm - Gaelic pre-communion in Knock Free Church; English pre-communion in Bayble

Saturday 5th November

12 noon - English pre-communion in Knock Free Church

6pm - Prayer Meeting in Knock Free Church

Sunday 6th November

COMMUNION SERVICES IN KNOCK FREE CHURCH

POINT FREE CHURCH CLOSED

Monday 7th November

11.30am - Gaelic post-communion in Knock Free Church

7.30pm - English post-communion in Knock Free Church

Wednesday 9th November

7.30pm - Prayer Meeting in Point Free Church

Sunday 13th November

10.30am - English in POINT FREE CHURCH

12 noon - Gaelic in POINT FREE CHURCH

6pm - English in KNOCK FREE CHURCH

Wednesday 16th November

7.30pm - Prayer Meeting in Knock Free Church

Sunday 20th November

10.30am - English in KNOCK FREE CHURCH

12 noon - Gaelic in KNOCK FREE CHURCH

6pm - English in POINT FREE CHURCH

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday 23rd November

7.30pm - Prayer Meeting in Point Free Church

Sunday 27th November

10.30am - English in POINT FREE CHURCH

12 noon - Gaelic in POINT FREE CHURCH

6pm - English in KNOCK FREE CHURCH

Wednesday 30th November

7.30pm - Prayer Meeting in Knock Free Church