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The interment took place at Sandwick Cemetery, again with **Rev James Maciver** leading. In spite of the poor weather a large crowd gathered round to pay their final respects and to stand with the family.

As many have remarked over recent days, what can we say? There are no words to convey all that has happened these past two weeks. The loss is most grievous for the family, but its impact on our congregations in losing a loved and respected pastor is also very great. The unity that has developed among us over the past months was clearly seen in the dignified and exemplary way that the office-bearers of both congregations worked together in carrying out their duties during both services. This was a unity that was nurtured and encouraged by Dr Campbell, and our continuing enjoyment of it will be a fitting tribute to him.

We continue to uphold the family in prayer at this time and into the future as we seek the Lord's blessing and comfort for them, and ourselves.

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." **2 Corinthians 4:7**

"Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." **Psalms 73:25-26**

Special thanks go to the ladies for the great provision made for family and friends in Ionad Stoodie afterwards.

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The Free Church in Point

Weekly Bulletin

5th February 2017

Rarely has Stornoway seen such a gathering of people for a funeral as it did on Friday, as we laid to rest our beloved Rev Dr Iain D Campbell. It still seems scarcely possible that these words are being written and yet that is what happened only two days ago.

The opening comments of both the wake and the funeral reminded us of the need to worship God at all times and to come to Him with all our burdens. This we did, together, and found comfort in His abiding truth, in the midst of our sorrow. **Rev James Maciver** conducted the funeral service, beginning with a tribute to Dr Campbell, on behalf of the Presbytery. **Rev Ewen Matheson** and **Rev David Meredith** led the congregation in prayer.



The funeral procession was the largest that many people had ever seen in the town and the solemnity of it bore witness to the heaviness of the occasion. From leaving Kenneth Street and moving up Scotland Street, not everybody in the procession had taken a lift by the time it ceased at the Smith Avenue roundabout. The depth of sorrow felt by the mourners was evident in the total silence observed during the whole of the procession.

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A warm welcome is extended to all who are joining with us for worship 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 (ESV and AV) are available in the entrance hall. For our Gaelic services copies of the Gaelic Bible are available there also. Our practice at all English services is to stand for singing and sit during the prayers with the reverse being done at our Gaelic services.

Romans 15:7

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

Services and events today	
Point Free Church – 12 noon Rev Andrew Coghill, Scalpay	(All Psalms from the Scottish Psalter) Psalm 130, p421
	Psalm 27: 7-11, p236
	Psalm 24: 3-6, p230
	Psalm 131, p422
Reading	Luke 24: 28-53
Sunday School will meet during the morning service. The crèche will be supervised by Dene Campbell and Morag Macleod. The Projects Fund collection for Knock Free Church will be taken today.	
Knock Free Church 6 pm Rev Kenneth Ferguson (Ret'd)	Psalm 46:1-7(Scottish Psalter) p271
	Psalm 130(Sing Psalms) p173
	Psalm 89:1-6(Scottish Psalter) p344
	Psalm 25: 1-6 (Sing Psalms) p29
Reading	Lamentations 3:1-26
There will be a fellowship in Knock Free Church Hall after the evening service. The speaker will be Mark Macleod, student. The Garrabost/Shader group will arrange refreshments.	

Services next Lord's Day, 12 th February 2017	
12 noon	English in Knock Free Church Rev Ewen Matheson
6.00pm	English in Point Free Church Rev James Macdonald (Retired)
Sunday school will meet during the morning service. The crèche will be supervised by Fiona Campbell and Sandra Fairgrieve.	
There will be a collection for the Campbell family at both services next Lord's Day	
Congregational services and events this week	
Monday 6 th	7.30 Monthly Prayer Meeting in Bayble Mission House taken by Rev Ewen Matheson. The Kirk Sessions of both Point and Knock will meet after the prayer meeting.
Tuesday 7 th	ABC club meets at 6.00pm in Sgoil an Rubha
Wednesday 8 th	7.30 Prayer Meeting in Knock Free Church taken by Rev Donald A Macdonald (Retired)
Friday 10 th	The Parent and Toddler Group will not meet this Friday as the schools are on holiday. The group will meet again on Friday 17 th February.
Saturday 11 th	7.30pm - Prayer Meeting in Knock Free Church
Creche Rota for February	
5 th February	Dene Campbell and Morag Macleod
12 th February	Fiona Campbell and Sandra Fairgrieve
19 th February	Anne MacIennan and Sina Macleod
26 th February	Catriona Dunn and Chrisann Mackenzie

Point2Life Weekend away

The Point2Life weekend away in Perth to meet the Challenger team will take place next weekend from Friday to Monday. This has been booked since last year and has been postponed once already. Please pray for the young people and leaders at this difficult time.