

GARRABOST

FREE CHURCH

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

Weekly Bulletin
14th April 2019

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.

Both services will be taken by Rev Alasdair Macleod.
We thank Mr Macleod for taking the services today.

Main Road Church 12 noon	Psalm 98:1-4 (Sing Psalms, p129) CM
	Psalm 145(2):9-18 (Scottish Psalter, p444) LM
	Psalm 25:1-6 (Sing Psalms, p29) LM
	Psalm 67(1) :1-7 (Scottish Psalter, p300) SM
Reading	John 18:28-40; Sermon: Acts 1:3
School Road Church 6.00pm	Psalm 95:1-6 (Scottish Psalter, p357) CM
	Psalm 96(a):7-13 (Sing Psalms, p127) CM
	Psalm 80:1-6 (Scottish Psalter, 332) CM
	Psalm 119:33-40 (Sing Psalms, p159) LM
Readings	Micah 6:1-16; Romans 14:13-23; Sermon: Micah 6:8

Sunday School will meet during the 12noon service. The children will go to the front for the children's address and go out at the start of the second singing. The creche will be supervised by Kirst Macleod and Wendy Macmillan.

Congregational services and events this week

Monday 15th	7.00pm – WFM Walking Group will meet at School Road Church car park. Donation of £1.00 to go to WFM projects.
Tuesday 16th	6.00pm - The ABC club will meet in Sgoil An Rubha.
Wednesday 17 th	There is no prayer meeting – see notice for Thursday.
Thursday 18 th	7.30 – Eric & Joy Browning of The Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures will be giving a presentation at Main Road Hall
Friday 19th	1.00pm - The Parent and Toddler Group will meet in Ionad Stodie, for the second of the four planned Make and Create play sessions.

Services next Sunday 21st April

Both services to be taken by Rev Alasdair Macleod.

12 noon	Main Road Church
6.00 pm	School Road Church

Sunday School will meet during the 12noon service.

After the service, everyone is invited to join the Sunday School children in the Main Road hall for tea or coffee and some Easter songs and Bible readings.

The creche will be supervised by Anne MacIennan and Mairi Morrison

Praying for one another

Separate prayer notes are now being produced on a weekly basis. They include Generation Praying for One Another and the Global Mission prayer points for the coming week. Also included are the Adopt a Camp prayer points for April and other congregational related issues. If anyone would like any prayer points to be included please email garrabostfree@gmail.com or speak to one of the elders.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Donald and Margaret Graham and family, Upper Bayble, on the passing of Donald's brother-in-law in Glasgow.

We also extend our sympathy to Murdo and Fiona Campbell and family, Portnaguran, on the loss of Fiona's nephew in a drowning accident in New Zealand.

Safeguarding/Child Protection training – Saturday 20th April

All volunteers involved in youth and children's work in our congregations are invited to **Safeguarding/Child Protection Training** on **Saturday 20th April** in the Rev MA Memorial Hall, Kenneth Street. The training will run from 10am – 12 noon (coffee from 9.45am) and will focus on Free Church policies and procedures for Child Protection and Social Media. This training is recommended to all volunteers working with children and young people and is essential for those who have never done such training before, including Free Church Youth Camps (FCYC) leaders. Mr Donald A Macleod (Camps Supervisor) will deliver the training and the invitation is extended to volunteers in congregations throughout the presbytery to make use of this opportunity. Booking is advised - please contact Mairianne Campbell to book at stornowayfreechurch@outlook.com or by telephone on 703860.

Easter Praise Night - Stornoway Town Hall 20th April

The High Free Church will be holding an Easter Praise Night in Stornoway Town hall on Saturday 20 April starting at 7.30 pm This will include prayer and readings. Refreshments will be available afterwards followed by a time of fellowship. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family along. Donations at the door to go to the new High Free Church Building Fund.

Congregational Meeting

The Kirk Session have appointed a congregational meeting to be held on Thursday 6th June in connection with the vacancy.

Hospitality

If anyone would like to provide hospitality to visiting preachers during the vacancy, please add your name and contact details to the list at the door

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Prayer Notes

14th April 2019

Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Praying for One Another

Christ Church, Glasgow

Christ Church Glasgow exists to be a Christ-centred Church to make disciples of all nations and impact Glasgow for the glory of God. We began meeting as a core group around a year ago and are working towards launching this year when we reach a critical mass. Through our mission statement: 'Loving God - Loving each other - Loving Glasgow' we seek to establish a church in North West Glasgow where people can hear the gospel, see it lived out, and come to believe it for themselves.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the growth of our core team. We still seek more Christians who will be committed to the vision of planting a church to reach new people. While we have a diverse group of people, we would love to have a few new families join us so we can reach a critical mass of people.
2. Pray for faithfulness in our evangelism. We can't neglect this as it is the foundation for everything else, we do right now and in the future. We are aware that we need to keep sharing the good news about Jesus within our relationship networks (friends, colleagues, neighbours, family).

Elgin and Forres

We are based in a town of 23,000 people and worship in a warm, attractive building situated in the town centre; the building is 150 years old and in need of re-pointing. The congregation is relatively small and is drawn from a wide area with some travelling up to 25 miles to church. It is friendly and has a commitment to outreach through a variety of children's work and a weekly drop-in attracting around 30 local people. We have a small but enthusiastic Sunday school that regularly raises funds for Steadfast Global.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that more people in Moray would hear of the good news through all of our activities and through all our witnessing. Pray that we would not be disheartened but rather made bold by the spirit of Christ that is in us.
2. Give thanks for the schools outreach in which we been engaged for a number of years, and pray that it would result in more families in Moray knowing the truth about Jesus

Global Mission Prayer Notes

Sun 14th India

Continue to remember the work of EHA and especially Lakhnadon hospital where they now have a Palliative Care programme which means visiting people at home in villages scattered 30 kilometres around Lakhnadon.

Mon 15th ERT

Pray for meetings this week with faithful publishing partner Union Bible Training Centre in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. It is a real challenge to produce resources for the church in Kyrgyzstan: The church is small, education limited and the economy poor. Pray particularly for discernment for the way forward once the current manager retires.

Tues 16th SFR

Pray for the leadership team of Diakonia as they make decisions and deal with continuous challenges and management issues. Continuous challenges are faced as a result of hazardous changes to the fiscal law and budget restructuring managed poorly by the current government. Please pray that God in His mercy would overrule in these areas and bless the work of professionals in His service.

Wed 17th OMF

The 'Cruise Liner' season began at the end of March in Invergordon. Please pray for the team working there. Pray for wisdom and strength as literally thousands of people will visit. Pray for the team to have good opportunities of sharing Jesus with the crew, in particular. Give thanks for the way that God provides for this ministry. Please remember those who are Christians working on the ships. Pray for their testimony to both fellow crew members and to passengers.

Thurs 18th WEC

Donald and Rosangela ask us to pray as several members of staff will be moving on at the end of this year, some to a new mission field and others to retirement. Please pray for key positions to be filled, one of which is the principal.

Fri 19th SA

Pray for more short-term mission volunteers from both within South Africa and from overseas to continue to serve at Dumisani Theological Institute and to make meaningful contributions to the advance of the Lord's Kingdom. We thank the Lord for two short-term workers who came in Term One.

Sat 20th Japan

Remember the continuing work of churches in Tohoku to reach out to the people in 2011 Tsunami-hit areas. 8 years have passed. Great works of restoration have been done but still lots remain undone. Over 50,000 people are still living in temporary accommodations throughout Tohoku

ADOPT A CAMP - KINCRAIG KIDS

Sat 6th—Sat 13th July

April Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the leaders and cooks who have already signed up:

Team Leader: Mairi MacLeod

Team: Hugh Ferrier, Finlay Stewart, Anna Heriot, Amy Munro, Uilleam MacLeod, Cooks: Fiona Campbell, Christine Cumming, Maddy Cumming

- Please pray that the activities would be pitched right for the campers, that they would enjoy the activities and have a fun week.
- For the campers—for any who have particular concerns about coming to camp, whether nerves or homesickness worries.
- For the leaders—that they would be spiritually and physically prepared for camp.
- For the leaders and cooks training day in Inverness on May 4th— that it would equip them for camp.

Pray for all the other camps as well and for all the children and young people who will attend this year.

Pray also for **Kirsten** as she continues to manage the administrative and planning aspect of the camps programme.

Other Congregational Prayer Points

ABC – Pray for the children that attend each week and for the leaders that they would be refreshed during the holidays.

Point2Life – Pray for all who attend and also that more would come along. Pray for guidance for the leaders as they seek to plan ahead.

Sunday School – Pray for the regular teachers, Christine, Janis and Diane and all those who help them each week. Pray for the children who attend and for the parents who bring them along each week

Creche – Pray for the children who attend creche each week and we thank God for young families who come along.

Scripture Union – Pray for Christine Cumming and Elizabeth Ferguson as they hold SU each Tuesday in Sgoil an Rubha. Usually about 20 children attend each week. Please pray for them as up to 2/3 of them do not attend church regularly.

Challenger Bus Visit – Pray for the Challenger Bus Team as they prepare to visit Point for a week in September. Pray that the required funding would be achieved to enable them to carry out their mission work with kids and young people.

Parent and Toddler Group - pray for parents and the children and those from the congregation who help from day to day. Pray that relationships would be built with the parents to encourage them and the children to attend church.

Please pray for the elders and the interim moderator. Pray for wisdom and discernment for them to make the correct judgements in future decisions concerning the congregation and the vacancy.

Pray that we would all be faithful and consistent in our walk with Jesus and be influential in our community.