



GARRABOST

FREE CHURCH

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

Weekly Bulletin
26th January 2020

Garrabost Free Church welcomes you to our services today.

We use the **English Standard Version** of the Bible in our services.
Psalm books (Sing Psalms with Scottish Psalter) and Bibles
are available in the entrance hall.

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Free Church Youth Camps

FCYC 2020 brochures are available at the doors. Bookings can be made on the **new FCYC** website (freechurchoyouthcamps.org) for anyone in **P5 – S6**. Everyone is welcome to take extra copies for friends and neighbours, and if you have questions please get in touch with **Kirsten** on camps@freechurch.org. Please also look out for various updates on **FCYC Instagram** and **Facebook** pages.

As in previous years, the Deacons' Court will assist any families in meeting the cost of sending their children to camp. Please speak in confidence to Rev Andrew Coghill or any member of the Deacons' Court.

Both services today will be taken by **Rev Alasdair Macleod**.

We thank **Mr Macleod** for taking the services today.

Main Road Church 12 noon	Psalm 95:1-8 (Sing Psalms, p126) 11 11 11 11
	Psalm 67 (Scottish Psalter p300) SM
	Psalm 48:8(b)-14 (Scottish Psalter. p273) CM
	Psalm 22 (Sing Psalms, p27) LM
Reading	Matthew 28
School Road Church 6.00pm	Psalm 66:1-6 (Sing Psalms, p83) SM
	Psalm 138: 4-8 (Sing Psalms, p179) LM
	Psalm 116:1-8 (Scottish Psalter, p395) CM
	Psalm 23 (Scottish Psalter, 229) CM
Reading	Luke 9

Sunday School will meet during the 12noon service. The children will go to the front for the children's address and go to their classes at the start of the second singing.

The creche will be supervised by **Mairi Munro** and **Wendy Macmillan**.

POINT2LIFE will meet at **Andy & Christine's** house between **8.00** and **9.15pm**.

As well as secondary age young people, **P7s** are also invited to come along.

Congregational services and events this week

Tuesday 28 th	6.30 - ABC will meet in Sgoil An Rubha.
Wednesday 29 th	7.30 pm – Prayer meeting in School Road Church to be taken by Rev Paul Amed followed by a meeting to discuss plans for the Faith Mission Tent Mission proposed for June.
Friday 31 st	1.00pm – Parent and toddler group will meet in Main Road Church hall .
Saturday 1 st	8.00am – Early morning prayer meeting in Main Road Church hall . 7.30pm – Prayer Meeting in Main Road Church Hall .

Services next Sunday 2nd February

Both services will be taken by **Rev James Maciver, Stornoway**

12noon	Main Road Church
6.00pm	School Road Church

Sunday School will meet during the 12noon service.

The **creche** will be supervised by **Sina Macleod** and **Donna Clark**.

Walk With Me – Daily Devotional

Walk With Me is an excellent daily devotional written by St Columba's Free Church elder, **Rev Billy Graham**. It is intended to encourage every Christian in their walk with God and to encourage those who aren't yet Christians to seek the Lord and find Him as their Saviour.

To subscribe and to receive daily updates to your inbox please use the following link:
<https://walkwithme.generation-mission.org/>

There is also an audio option where you can listen to it instead of reading.

Western Isles Free Church Mission Support Group

The group will be hosting a supper evening on Friday 31st January at 7pm in the Rev M A Macleod Memorial Hall. The speaker will be Dave Fearon, former missionary to West Africa. Donations will go to Muriel Macleod (Cambodia) and Catriona Macdonald (Peru). To book a place or a table please contact Duncan Maclean on d.maclean145@btinternet.com, or by telephone on 01851 70 2618 or 07733 077972. All very welcome.

Islands Study Conference

The **Islands Study Conference** will be held in the **Harris Hotel, Tarbert**, Isle of Harris from **7th – 9th February 2020**. The speakers will be **Rev Alasdair I Macleod**, Edinburgh on *The Praying of Christ* and **Rev Dr Robert Murdock**, Faith Mission College Principal on *The Body, The Love Story, The Athlete*. On Sunday afternoon, **Rev Kenny I Macleod**, Stornoway Free Church will speak on *My Years in Ministry*. The residential cost is £175.00.

Application in writing with £10.00 non-refundable booking fee per person to: Booking Secretary (Hotel Residents & Day Visitors): Chrissie Macleod, 25A Upper Coll, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0LS. (Mobile: 07584 497567 Tel: 01851 820632; Email: chrissie.macleod@gmail.com).

Biblical Lectures

Rev James Maciver will be delivering a series of 10 theological lectures on “being human”, based on the Bible’s teaching, with an application to current views and debate. Topics covered include human origin (creation); the “image of God”; gender; our relation to the environment; flawed humans; God becoming human; being human in a new creation, holy humans; and glorified humans. The course is suitable for all levels of biblical and theological knowledge and will be delivered at Lews Castle College on Tuesdays, 7-8pm, starting on Tuesday 25th February. The cost of the course will be £45. To reserve a place, please contact Lews Castle College on 770000 or adminle@uhi.ac.uk

Garrabost Free Church Website

To access the bulletin and sermons online, just log on to www.garrabostfree.church and click on ‘**Notices**’, where you will be able to view the bulletin and prayer notes. They can also be accessed on the **GFC Facebook** page. To listen to any sermon preached in Garrabost congregation, click on the ‘**Listen to Sermons**’ link. There is also a link on the home page of the website to a calendar for the congregation. **If you have any questions or suggestions or any other issues regarding the congregation’s online activity (or anything else), please email garrabostfree@gmail.com or speak to one of the elders.**

Sermon CDs

If anyone would prefer CDs, these can be provided free of charge. Please ask any of the office bearers who will make the necessary arrangements

Prayer Notes

Separate prayer notes are now being produced on a weekly basis. They include congregational related issues, Praying for One Another, the Global Mission prayer points for the coming week and other relevant prayer points.

If anyone would like any prayer points to be included, please email garrabostfree@gmail.com or speak to one of the elders.

Please note that we will not mention individuals by name unless specifically requested.

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Prayer Notes

26th January 2020

Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thess 5:16-18

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Dornoch

The royal burgh of Dornoch is located some forty miles north of Inverness and with the church building located in the heart of the town the congregation seeks to serve the local community in a variety of ways. Our main concern is for people to come to know Christ, grow in Christ and go and reach others for Christ. We have seen some modest growth in recent years and are blessed with a reasonable age demographic in terms of committed Christians. The evening service on the last Sunday of each month is now held in the nearby village of Embo.

Prayer Points:

1. For the growth in grace of all our believers and wisdom in mentoring those who are young in the faith and for others to come to know the Lord through the personal witness of his people and the various activities by which we seek to minister to so many people with different needs in the congregation and community.
2. We hope to move forward this year with plans to develop the upper floor of the church building. Ongoing prayer for all that this involves would be greatly appreciated.

Bishopbriggs

Bishopbriggs is close to the areas of Auchinairn/Huntershill which are both residential and commercial areas, thus giving opportunities for outreach. The minister of Bishopbriggs has been involved in the Generation: Church Development Track – please pray that there will be fruit from this for both pastor and people.

Prayer Points:

1. Road to Recovery meets in the church every Thursday. Give thanks for this ministry to those with addictions.
2. The congregation also enjoys frequent visits from guest preachers. Take this opportunity to give thanks for them and others who give their time and talents to teaching God's word to other congregations.

Congregation and Community

- Please pray for the **elders, deacons** and the **interim moderator**. Pray for wisdom and discernment for them to make the correct judgements in all future decisions.
- Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones and also those who still grieve for loved ones after many years.
- Please pray for our **young people** with all the pressures that modern life brings and for those who have left our community for college or university or to work.
- Pray for **those** in our community who currently **do not attend church**.
- Pray for those connected with the congregation who are **housebound, hospitalised** or in **nursing homes** and those who are recovering at home after being in hospital.
- Pray for those receiving cancer treatment and any who are awaiting test results for themselves or for a loved one.
- Pray for any in our community who struggle with different forms of mental illness and pray for understanding and patience towards them.
- Pray for **Rev John Maclean** and family in his continuing illness. The blood transfusion he had recently has not brought about the hoped for improvement, but he is fairly well considering his condition. They are able to see some positives each day and are thankful for them. The family are grateful to the congregation for remembering them in prayer.
- Please keep praying for **Rev Dominic Smart** and his family as he continues his fight against cancer, which as you can read in the latest update available at the door, is not as positive as it has been of late. It is amazing how God is giving them the strength to cope.
- **Schools** – Please continue to pray for the **children**. Remember also the **teachers** and **assistants** and that they would be able to cope with all that they have to contend with.

Activities

ABC – Please pray for all the children as ABC restarts this week, that they would remember the things they learn and that God would bless it to them and their families. Please also pray that some new volunteers would come forward.

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 – Please pray for the teachers, **Christine Cumming, Janis Brand and Finlay Maclellan** and all those who help them each week as well as the children and parents. Pray that they would all know God's blessing.

Children's Church - Pray also for Children's Church as they meet during all school holidays. Give thanks for Anne Mackenzie who manages the programme and rota and for all those who volunteer to help out.

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 meet each Wednesday.

Parent and Toddler Group - pray for parents and the children and those from the congregation who help from week to week each term.

Free Church Youth Camps – As the brochures for next year's Camps are now available and the new website launched, pray that many young people would hear about **FCYC** and would be keen to attend a Camp next summer. Give thanks for the 200+ that have applied so far.

Pray for **Kirsten, Donald** and the **Camps Team Leaders** as they make preparations and recruit the leadership teams.

Pray that the love of God would be taught faithfully and would be demonstrated through the work of **FCYC**.

Sunday 26th - Japan

Osamu and Mairi ask that we pray for those who came to the Christmas service. Pray that they would have the desire to come to know the Lord.

Monday 27th - Asia

Remember Adam as he returns once again in mid-January to his politically and religiously tense homeland in Central Asia. The persecuted believers to whom he ministers deeply appreciate his facing many risks on their behalf.

Tuesday 28th - CWI

Asher, a Jewish man who helps out at his local synagogue, is open to reading the Bible with CWI Australia missionary Mark Landrum. He says he accepts Jesus' death and resurrection but doesn't believe the whole gospel. As Mark continues to share the gospel with him, please pray that God will be at work in Asher's heart and that he will soon come to know Jesus as his Saviour.

Wednesday 29th - OMF

Pray for Muriel as she continues on home assignment. Pray that she will be refreshed and able to share about her work in Cambodia with her supporters.

Thursday 30th - Poland

Pray for unity in the reformed churches in Poland and for the First Presbyterian Church in Warsaw which is going through difficulties at this time.

Friday 31st - SA

Pray for organising book gifts and prizes during January and other details for Dumisani's graduation and awards ceremony in early March.