



GARRABOST

FREE CHURCH

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

Weekly Bulletin
8th December 2019

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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Consultation Documents regarding use of Buildings

Consultation documents are available at the door in both buildings and feel free to take one to friends or relatives who may not be able to attend church on a regular basis for whatever reason but may still be members or adherents of the congregation.

Please read instructions for completion carefully before returning and feel free to include any comments in the comments section.

IMPORTANT – please ensure your completed form is in a sealed envelope with your name and address before returning as any without an envelope will not be accepted as all forms need to be verified.

(please note that the envelopes will be discarded after verifying)

These should all be returned by **Sunday 29th December**

If you have any questions, feel free to speak to any of the office bearers.

The services today will be taken by Rev John Davidson and Rev Kenneth I Macleod . We thank Mr Davidson and Mr Macleod for taking the services.	
Main Road Church 12 noon Rev John Davidson	Psalm 149: 1-6 (Scottish Psalter, p450) CM
	Psalm 42:1-5 (Scottish Psalter, p262) CM
	Psalm 42:6-11 (Scottish Psalter, p263) CM
	Psalm 43:1-5 (Scottish Psalter p3264) CM
Reading	Psalm 42 and Psalm 43
School Road Church 6.00pm Rev Kenneth I Macleod	TBC
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Reading	TBC
<p>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.</p> <p>The creche will be supervised by Alison Macdonald and Murdina Murray.</p>	
Congregational services and events this week	
Monday 9 th	7.30pm- WFM Walking group will meet at School Road car park .
Tuesday 10 th	6.30pm - ABC will meet in Sgoil an Rubha .
Wednesday 11 th	7.30pm – Prayer Meeting in Main Road Church Hall to be taken by the elders.
Friday 13 th	1.00pm - Parent and Toddler Group will meet in Main Road Church Hall .
Saturday 14 th	7.30pm – Prayer Meeting in Main Road Church Hall .
Services next Sunday 15th December	
Both services will be taken by Rev Andrew Coghill	
12noon	Main Road Church followed by the sacrament of baptism
6.00pm	School Road Church
<p>Sunday School will meet during the 12noon service.</p> <p>The creche will be supervised by Sandra Fairgrieve and Fiona Campbell</p>	
Baptism	
Please pray for James Noah Macleod who is due to be baptised next week. Please also remember his sister, Orla and parents, Martin and Dolina, Upper Bayble.	
Sunday School Superintendent	
The Kirk Session have appointed Finlay Maclennan as the Sunday School Superintendent for the congregation. Please pray for him as he takes up this new role and for the other teachers as well as they continue to teach our young folk each week.	
Children's packs – evening service	
Packs with worksheets, pencils and sweets are available at the door in School Road for children who will be attending the evening service.	

FWO Envelopes

The Free Will Offering envelopes for 2020 are currently being distributed throughout the congregation. If you do not currently contribute using this method and would like to start or if you are wishing to contribute via Bank Standing Order please email garrabostfree@gmail.com or speak to one of the office bearers.

Please note that if you are a UK taxpayer and sign a **Gift Aid** declaration form, the congregation will receive an additional 25% on your donation at no additional cost to you. Forms are available at the door if you wish to join this scheme. Please ensure that all forms are handed to **Iain Nicolson**, treasurer.

Record Subscriptions

Payment for those who subscribe to the Record is now due. Please enclose the payment of **£22** (11 issues) in an envelope with your name and address and place in the collection plate.

Sermon CDs

If there are any in the congregation who are unable to listen to sermons online and would like CDs, these can be provided free of charge. Please ask any of the office bearers who will make the necessary arrangements.

Collection for Homeless Unit

The Deacons' Court agreed at their last meeting to make a collection for the Homeless Unit of the Council. It is very appropriate for us to be doing this especially at this time of year when we can give things to people who are in real need. There are forms with items required at the entrance in School Road Church and you are asked to add your names against the item you plan to supply. The hall in School Road will be open each day for anyone to drop off items. **The final date for dropping off items will be this Thursday 12th December.**

Please note that items should be in **new** or **unused** condition.

Parking at Main Road

The Deacons' Court have requested drivers to park carefully in Main Road car park to avoid bottlenecks. One of the repercussions of bottlenecks is that drivers will need to park further back, potentially blocking access to the side of the church for any emergency vehicles.

Western Isles Free Church Mission Support Group

The Western Isles Free Church Mission Support Group would like to thank everyone who attended or contributed to the curry evening on 14th November. A total of £1340 was raised for Muriel Macleod, Cambodia, and Catriona Macdonald, Peru.

Garrabost Free Church Website

To access the bulletin and sermons online, just log on to www.garrabostfree.church and click on '**Notices**', 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.**

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.

Items for uplifting today

The **December Record**.

DayOne Magazine, Breakthrough (Slavic Gospel Newsletter)

Barnabas Aid (Aid agency for the persecuted church)

Paracetamol is so underrated: The latest blog and update on Dominic Smart.

Day One Christmas Gift Catalogues are available at the door.

Supply

15 th December	Rev Andrew Coghill
22 nd December	Rev Trevor Hunt
29 th December	Rev Trevor Hunt

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Any notices for the bulletin should be forwarded by Friday morning

Prayer Notes

8th December 2019

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

- 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 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**.
- 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**, who is recovering well at home after a recent stay in hospital in Broadford. Please remember the family in your prayers as well.
- Please keep praying for **Rev Dominic Smart** and his family as he continues his fight against cancer, which as you can read in the 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.

ABC – Please pray for all the children, 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 Maclennan** 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.

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.

Free Church Youth Camps - As the brochures for next year's Camps are sent out, pray that many young people would hear about **FCYC** and would be keen to attend a Camp next summer.

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**.

ETS Prayer Points

December 2019

- Pray for our students as they sit their **end of semester exams** this month.
- Please pray for **Daniel Sladek**, Lecturer in Old Testament.
- Please pray for the ongoing work of the **Seminary Board**, as they are responsible for the overall governance of the Seminary.



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Greenock

The congregation of Greenock has a long history of gospel witness to the community west of Glasgow. Although the congregation has been vacant for a number of years, it still maintains a faithful gospel ministry each week.

Prayer Points:

1. Please pray for communities in Greenock, an area of mixed social classes and some areas of higher than average unemployment. Please pray that God would be at work among the people here.
2. Please pray for the future of the congregation. Like several other congregations in the Glasgow and Argyll presbytery, Greenock is a small congregation but one which is in a hugely important strategic location. Please pray for growth, resources and sustainability so that in the years to come there will be thriving gospel witness here.

Poolewe & Aultbea

We are a rural congregation set in Poolewe and Aultbea (approx. 1hr 30 mins) west of Inverness.

Prayer Points:

1. Give thanks for a good year. With a recently renovated building, new faces coming out and a congregational unity we have been given a time of rejoicing. God has supplied for our needs and we are very grateful for all He has done.
Please pray for our continued efforts to finance the work of the church; reach out into our communities and build bridges with those who do not come along.

Sun 8th SA

Pray for the last push on Campus Redevelopment for December as students are now away from the campus at Dumisani. Attention is now being given to removing more floors in the library which are rotten and starting to collapse. Pray that no security issues would arise during this last push.

Mon 9th AIM

Marsali gives thanks to God for answered prayers for her return to ministry in Uganda. She is hopeful to be able to be engaged with ministry, and navigate the boundaries of not doing too much to aggravate the pain issue, but also continuing with physio exercises.

Tues 10th East Asia

Give thanks that our team's recent Science & Faith workshop went really well. Pray for wisdom now for the team in following up with the participants. Many churches in East Asia will have special events this month to share the good news with friends and family - pray that many would hear for the first time, and truly seek the Lord. Pray that churches would be able to follow up effectively with those who are interested.

Wed 11th SFR

Please remember Arthur and his continued negotiation with Building Control regarding permission for a 'new' access into his proposed Medical clinic in Cluj which is to replace the existing property. In a country where everything has 'a price' please pray that God will uphold and strengthen Arthur and that his Christian principles will finally win the day and give God the glory.

Thurs 12th France

Pray for Richard and Barbara as they tell the Christmas story in the homes that they visit from week to week. Pray that their practical care will be seen as gifts from the Lord.

Fri 13th Peru

Pupils, families and staff join together in a thanksgiving service tonight to celebrate the close of another school year. Give God thanks for the continuing ministry of the school and pray for much blessing upon the whole San Andrés community.

Sat 14th OMF

Please pray for the work amongst the cargo ships throughout the winter as they come into Invergordon and Inverness. Give thanks for the literature given and for the practical assistance offered. Pray for God's work to go on in the lives of crew members.