

*Cross Free Church extends a warm
welcome to all who join us in worship today*

If you are a visitor or unfamiliar with our services, we use the ESV, English Standard Version of the Bible. Our singing in English is from the Scottish Psalter and Sing Psalms and in Gaelic singing we use Sailm Dhaibhidh.

He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Psalm 107 v 29-30

Cuimhnich a-nis do Chruithear ann an làithean d'òige, mun tig na droch làithean, agus an druid na bliadhna-chan riut, anns an abair thu, Chan eil tlachd agam annta:

Ecclesiastes 12 v 1



Prayer

Pray for Rev. Matheson as he leads us in worship today.

Remember before the Lord all who have lost loved ones, the lonely and the broken-hearted. Pray that the Lord would remember all who are in hospital or Care Homes and also those being cared for in their own homes.

Give thanks for all who provide medical and support services.

Pray for the infants in our community and for their parents. Ask that the Lord would bring joy to all families, watch over children, guide the young, bring reconciliation to those in discord, and healing to those who are suffering from illnesses and addictions and give us all true repentance and the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Church Diary all as the Lord wills

Sunday 22 August

12.00pm English Service - Church & Live Stream

Preacher: Rev. Ewen Matheson

Title: 'I thirst'

Reading: John Chapter 19 v 23 -42

Text: John Chapter 19 v 28

Psalms: Psalm 42 v 1-4 (Scottish Psalter) & Psalm 69 v 20-22 (Gaelic)
Psalm 143 v 6-8 (Scottish Psalter)

12.15pm Sunday School—Church Hall
Little Roots—(Facebook Page)

6:00 pm English Service - Church & Live Stream

Preacher: Rev. Ewen Matheson

Title: The voice crying in the wilderness

Reading: Luke Chapter 3 v 1-22

Text: Luke Chapter 3 v 4

Psalms: Sing Psalms 98 v 1-3; Sing Psalms 99 v 7-11; Sing Psalms 26 v 2-8

Wednesday 25 August

7.30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study—Church & Zoom—Rev. E Matheson

8.45pm Deacons' Court Meeting—Church Entrance Hall

Sunday 29 August

12.00pm English Service - Church & Live Stream

12.15pm Sunday School—Church Hall

Preacher: Rev. Ewen Matheson

6.00pm English Service - Church & Live Stream

Preacher: Rev. Ewen Matheson

Church Letterbox

The Church Letterbox is out of commission for a few months as remedial work is undertaken. During this time any FWO/Projects Envelopes can still be accepted at the Church Door on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are unable to attend please pass your envelopes on to someone you know is coming to Church or contact one of the Office Bearers who will organise an alternative arrangement.

Praying for One Another Focus

22.8.2021

- Thurso & North Coast
Minister: Vacant
Interim Moderator: Howard Stone
- Murray River (PEI Eastern Charge)
Minister: Peter Aitken



Little Roots Group

Catastrophe: the flood – Genesis 6 v5-8; 6 v 14; John 10 v 9

Infants P1-P3

Esther, Mordecai & Haman, Esther Chapter 3 & 4

Junior Class P4-P7 & Bible Class (Young Teens)

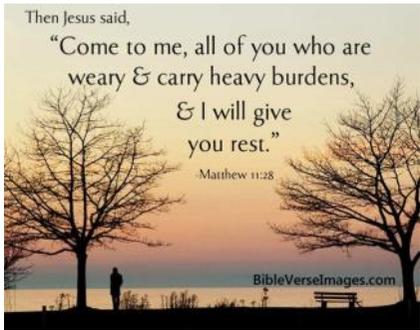
'Is the Bible relevant today?' Psalm 119 v 105

Gaelic or English contributions to the Bulletin are very welcome. Feel free to drop an envelope in the plate at the church door marked 'Bulletin' or phone or email Angus & Alice Murray. Tel. 810322 Email: crossfcbulletin@hotmail.com Any contributions should be sent preferably by 8pm on Friday to allow time to prepare & print Bulletin.

Women for Mission Project for 2021/22
Hope for the Hurting
Supporting the following 3 projects:

- Lakhnadon Christian Hospital, India
- Safe Families Scotland
- Damaris Community House, Greece

For more information visit their website www.womenformission.org



An Interview with God

I dreamed I had an INTERVIEW WITH GOD.

“So, you would like to interview me?” GOD asked.

“If you have time,” I said.

GOD smiled. “My time is eternity... what questions do you have in mind for me?”

“What surprises you the most about humankind?”

GOD answered...

“That they get bored with childhood, that they rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.”

“That they lose their health to make money... and then lose their money to restore their health.”

“That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future.”

“That they live as if they would never die, and die as though they had never lived.”

GOD’s hand took mine... and we were silent for a while.

And then I asked, “As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons you want your children to learn?”

GOD replied, “To learn they cannot make anyone love them. All they can do is let themselves be loved.”

“To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others.”

“To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.”

“To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in those they love, and it can take many years to heal them.”

“To learn there are people who love them dearly, but simply do not yet know how to express or show their feelings.”

“To learn that two people can look at the same thing, and see it differently.”

“To learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, but they must also forgive themselves.”

“Thank you for your time,” I said humbly.

“Is there anything else you would like your children to know?”

GOD smiled, and said... “Just know that I am here. Always.”

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