

*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.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

***Philippians Ch 2 v 12-13***

An sin thàinig maighistir na luinge da ionnsaigh, agus thubhairt e ris, Cìod as ciall dhut, O thusa a tha ad chadal? Eirich, gairm air do Dhia; theagamh gun smaoinich Dia oirnn, a-chum nach bàsaich sinn.

***Ionah 1 v 6***



**Prayer**

*Pray for Rev. Matheson and those who will lead the praise at the services 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 24 April

11.00am English Service - Church & Live Stream  
11.15am Sunday School  
Preacher: Rev. Ewen Matheson  
Title: Salvation Tests: (6) Abiding  
Reading: Hebrews Ch 4  
Text: 1 John Ch 2 v 24  
Psalms: Scottish Psalter Psalm 40 v 1-5; Gaelic Psalm 73 1-2;  
Scottish Psalter 130 v 1-8; Scottish Psalter 25 v 4-9

6:00 pm English Service - Church & Live Stream  
Preacher: Rev. Ewen Matheson  
Title: The Bread of Life: (v) Identity  
Reading: John Ch 1 v 1-42  
Text: John Ch 6 v 51  
Psalms: Scottish Psalter Psalm 110 v 1-5; Sing Psalms 2 v 4-9;  
Sing Psalms 40 v 5-10; Scottish Psalter 73 v 17-19

### Wednesday 27 April

7.30pm Prayer Meeting—taken by the Elders—Church & Zoom

### Sunday 1 May

11.00am English Service - Church & Live Stream  
Preacher: Rev. Ewen Matheson  
6.00pm English Service - Church & Live Stream  
Preacher: Rev. Ewen Matheson

#### Recording & Website Rota

24.4.22—Iain Murdo Macleod (Rec)  
Kathryn Ferguson (Web)

27.4.22—Iain Murdo Macleod (Rec)  
John-Ross Murray (Web)

1.5.22—Iain Murdo Macleod (Rec)  
John-Ross Murray (Web)

#### **DOOR DUTY ROTA**

#### **May—Team 3**

Iain Macsween  
DW Gillies  
Angus Murray (Lionel)  
John Murdo Macleod

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**Little Roots (Online )**

**Infants P1-P3**

Samson—Judges Ch 13-14

**Junior Class P4-P7**

**Bible Class (Young Teens)**

**Flourish Women's Conference  
Saturday 7th May 10am—4pm**

Booking Forms are available at the Church  
Door or speak to Christina Macleod

The Church Entrance Hall is available  
during the service for nursing parents.

The Annual **Women for Mission** Evening Event will (DV) be taking place on Friday 20 May, 5-10pm in the Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway. The speaker this year will be Rona Matheson. Booking forms are available from Annie Macsween and bookings have to be made before Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a stall for baking, jams, crafts and plants too but no books.

**Face Coverings in Worship Services**

The wearing of face coverings in Places of Worship, wedding services, and funerals is now voluntary and no longer mandatory.

**Licensing of Mr Donald M Macleod for the Ministry.**

The Presbytery is due to meet in the Rev M A Macleod Memorial Hall on Tuesday 26th April at 10.30am. At this meeting Mr Donald M Macleod will undergo his "trials for licence". On the successful completion of his examination, Mr Macleod will be licensed to preach the gospel at a public service to be held in Pairc Free Church on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm. The service will be conducted by Rev. Malcolm Macdonald and everyone is warmly invited to attend.

The Presbytery is thankful to the Lord for all who are all involved in training our future ministers and encourages prayerful remembrance of Mr Macleod as he prepares for his trials for licensing and his future public ministry.

JEHOVAH TSIDKENU

“THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS” (The watchword of the Reformers.)

I once was a stranger to grace and to God,  
I knew not my danger, and felt not my load;  
Though friends spoke in rapture of Christ on the tree,  
Jehovah Tsidkenu was nothing to me.

I oft read with pleasure, to sooth or engage,  
Isaiah’s wild measure and John’s simple page;  
But e’en when they pictured the blood-sprinkled tree  
Jehovah Tsidkenu seem’d nothing to me.

Like tears from the daughters of Zion that roll,  
I wept when the waters went over His soul;  
Yet thought not that my sins had nail’d to the tree  
Jehovah Tsidkenu – ’twas nothing to me.

When free grace awoke me, by light from on high,  
Then legal fears shook me, I trembled to die;  
No refuge, no safety in self could I see, –  
Jehovah Tsidkenu my Saviour must be.

My terrors all vanished before the sweet name;  
My guilty fears banished, with boldness I came  
To drink at the fountain, life-giving and free, –  
Jehovah Tsidkenu is all things to me.

Jehovah Tsidkenu! my treasure and boast,  
Jehovah Tsidkenu! I ne’er can be lost;  
In thee I shall conquer by flood and by field,  
My cable, my anchor, my breast-plate and shield!

Even treading the valley, the shadow of death,  
This “watchword” shall rally my faltering breath;  
For while from life’s fever my God sets me free,  
Jehovah Tsidkenu, my death song shall be.

*November 18, 1834.*

[Jehovah Tsidekenu – Robert Murray M’Cheyne \(mcheyne.info\)](http://mcheyne.info)