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CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 23rd July 2023

INTRODUCTION

We are a congregation of the [Free Church of Scotland](#). We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. We use the [ESV version of the Bible](#) in the public worship of God. We use both the [Scottish Psalter](#) and [Sing Psalms](#) versions of the Psalms for the praise items in our public worship. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#). Our services are livestreamed and available on our [You Tube channel](#).

LORD'S DAY SERVICES

Both services today will be taken by the Minister.

At the **12.00noon service**, the scripture readings will be from Matthew 25:14-30 and Romans 12:1-8. We continue our study of I Peter by looking at I Peter 4:9-11. The sermon title is *Order of Life in the Christian Community – Part 2*.

At the **6.00pm service**, the reading will be from Colossians 1:1-23. We continue our study of Learning Lessons from the Prayers of Paul by looking at Colossians 1:9-14. The sermon title is *Prayer & The Steppingstones to Christian Assurance*.

The praise will be led by our precentor(s) and the Psalms for this Lord's Day are as follows:

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 112:1-6	Psalter	Psalms 119:137-144	Psalter
2	Psalms 102(i):19-22	Psalter	Psalms 111:4-10	Psalter
3	Psalms 22:23-27	Sing Psalms	Psalms 92(a):8-15	Sing Psalms
4	Psalms 146:6-10	Sing Psalms		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today due to the school holidays.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE – NEWS

A Christian parent governor who was ousted for questioning an inappropriate sex ed policy at her children's primary school has been vindicated by the High Court. Susan, not her real name, highlighted legal issues with the Gateshead school's Relationships and Sex Education policy in 2021. But the following year, before the official complaints procedure had concluded, the Governing Body accused her of opposing its "collective decision" and banned her from serving as a governor in any school in England for five years. Following a legal challenge supported by The Christian Institute, the High Court has now reinstated her as a governor after the Governing Body and Local Authority both admitted that the decision to dismiss her was unlawful. For more on this article and other Christian Institute news, please visit [their website](#).

FREE CHURCH - NEWS

Free Church Establishes New Christian Education Group

A Christian Education Group is set to be established as a sub-group of the Mission Board. It is set to be established following concerns raised at the General Assembly about the Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) curriculum in schools.

At the Assembly, commissioners received an update from the Steering Group which was appointed by the Mission Board in June 2021 to address concerns raised at that year's Assembly regarding the resources provided to support the RSHP area of Curriculum for Excellence. The Mission Board welcomed the appointment of Ms Kirsty Moffat last September as Project Leader of the joint project with Christian Values in Education (Scotland) to develop new resources. The Steering Group has created several resources:

- a Relationships, Sexual Health, and Parenthood (RSHP) – A Guide for Parents and Carers leaflet
- a resource for teachers
- and a survey on Christian schools

For more information on this and other recent news articles please visit [the Free Church of Scotland website](#).

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (24th-30th JULY 2023)

Monday 24th July Dumisani

Pray for the admin team at Dumisani Theological Institute, South Africa as they create a whole new website. May this work prove a helpful tool of communication and information.

Tuesday 25th July Rogart

Please pray for the week-to-week ministry in Rogart. Pray that the congregation would find encouragement through God's word.

Wednesday 26th July Pairc

Please pray that the church will continue to grow in their discipleship and outreach in the area. Pray that individuals will be encouraged to evangelise to their peers.

Thursday 27th July Central Office

Please pray for Chloe, the office admin receptionist who is in her last week as she is getting married and relocating. Please give thanks for all she has brought to the office team and pray for her future in Aberdeen. Give thanks for the provision of Jacob, who will be taking over the role next week and pray that he will settle well into His new role.

Friday 28th July Dumisani

Pray for term three at Dumisani which begins at the end of July. May students all be able to return and also new students join for the term. Pray also for the lecturers for term three. Also pray that the July shipments of ESV Global Study Bibles arrive for the new students to use.

Saturday 29th July Free Church Youth Camps

Today concludes our final youth camp. Give thanks to God for the work of the camps in our young people's lives. Please pray that God will continue to work in their hearts, drawing them near to Him and bringing those who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour to salvation. Give thanks for Mairi and Donald, and for all the leaders who gave their time to serve.

Sunday 30th July St Andrew's

Please pray that God will strengthen and grow His church through the preaching of the Gospel, and that many sinners would come to repentance.

QUOTE

"Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul. Man is at his greatest and highest when upon his knees he comes face to face with God."

(Studies on the Sermon on the Mount, Dr Martyn Llyod-Jones).