

General Information

If you want to include information in the bulletin, please contact Dayspring MacLeod (dayspring.macleod@btinternet.com). The deadline is Friday at 9am.

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THIS WEEK (31 August)

Door Duty

Janee MacKenzie, Nick Middlemiss,
Don MacLeod (Neil DM MacLeod)

Crèche

Eilidh Massie, Sarah Warnock

Precenting

Donald McIntosh, Billy Graham

Catering

Colin & Anne Langley, Katherine & Sally Rendall

Cleaning

Martha Middlemiss, Calum & Liz Ferguson

Welcome

Peter Rorke, Kathleen Rogerson

Technical

Donna MacKenzie, Scott Lamont

NEXT WEEK (7 September)

Door Duty

Nikhil Chouguley, Calum & Liz Ferguson
(Ewen MacDonald)

Crèche

Rachel Rorke, Annis MacIver

Precenting

Colin Rogerson, Calum Ferguson

Catering

Cathy Ann Murray, Joan Newton, Cae Murray,
Chrisetta Morrison

Cleaning

Craig Nicolson, Donald McIntosh, Joe Webster

Welcome

Elizabeth Graham, Nicky Laud

Technical



St Columba's

Free Church of Scotland

Registered Charity SC016551

**Sunday 31
August
2008**

We warmly welcome you to our worship today. If you are visiting with us, we trust that you will feel at home, and will enjoy God's blessing here. Please sign our visitors' book in the entrance hall. Our 'welcomers' (wearing yellow badges) will happily give you any further help you need.

We are a congregation that belongs to the Free Church of Scotland. We are evangelical, in the reformed Presbyterian tradition.

If you are unfamiliar with our form of worship, we sing metrical versions of the Psalms, and our singing is led by a precentor rather than by musical instruments.

We have an offering box attached to the wall near the front door, and any offering can be placed in it before or after the service if you so desire.

Our emphasis is on simplicity, spirituality and sound biblical teaching as we seek to worship together in Spirit and Truth, in unity and love. The service usually lasts for about an hour.



There are audio and mp3 CD's available of the Sunday services - there is a catalogue and order forms in the library area. For details, contact Ali Oliver (see entry in the directory or e-mail recording@stcolumbas.info).



There is an Induction loop system installed in this church. To use it please turn your hearing aid to position 'T'.



There is a designated area for wheelchairs towards the rear of our worship area and a wheelchair access toilet just off the library at the back of the worship area.



We have some large print versions of the Sing Psalms available (please speak to someone at the entrance of the church)



From time to time congregational events will be photographed, and the images will be posted on the congregational website. If you do not wish your image - or those of your children - to appear on the website, please make your wishes known to Jané MacKenzie, and she will give you a form to sign for our records.

WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET

Morning

11am Worship
"Conditional Discipleship"
Luke 9:57-62
Rev Derek Lamont

Crèche (ages 0-3) is available during the morning sermon.

Tea and Coffee will be served in the downstairs hall after the morning service. If you are new to our congregation today, please join us!

Evening

6.30pm Evening Service
"Doctrine of God: A Spirit"
Rev Derek Lamont

The church newsletter and new magazines are out today - please make you get a copy!

The **commissioning service** for the restarting of schools and Sunday Schools is today. The children will be introduced to their new classes, and Sunday School proper will begin next week.

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Congregational Diary

Monday 1 September

The **Kirk Session** will meet in the church hall at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 2 September

Parent & Toddlers will take place in the church hall at 9.30am.

Wednesday 3 September

The **Prayer Meeting and Bible study** will be in the church hall at 7.30pm. This week will be “Summer Mission reporting” – we’ll be hearing from those who did missions this year and will give thanks for them.

Thursday 4 September

Discipleship Explored - Week 7 will take place at the Manse. Please feel free to join, even for the last two weeks.

Saturday 6 September

There will be an **Elders’ Prayer Breakfast** at 8.30am. The Session will be meeting any who wish to join the congregation, either by profession of faith or by certificate from elsewhere on Saturday. Please speak to Derek or any of the elders today if this is on your mind.

Sunday 7 September

We hope to have a **baptism** at our morning service. Also, the **Presbytery Gaelic Service** will be held in Perth Free Church at 3pm and will be conducted by Rev Duncan MacLeod.

New Arrivals!

We want to congratulate John & Sarah Johnstone on the birth of **Anna Mairi**, who arrived on Friday 22 August. We will be organizing meals for them starting on Tuesday. If you can help, please speak to Dayspring today.

We also rejoice with Gurhan and Elcin, whose baby **Elizabeth** arrived 28 August, a little sister for Deniz Han and Turgaycan.

Other News

Monthly Figures

Each month, the Deacons’ Court wish to inform the congregation about the financial support in order to inform prayer and action. These figures are for July:

July total income: £5715

July total expenditure: £7413

Defecit for month: £1698

Expenditure included, Central church funds are £1500, building maintenance and rent for Manse are £2049, Presbytery student levy is £850, Ongoing ministerial and caretaking costs are £1418. Please remember

2 Cor. 8:1-15.

The Prayer Rooms

If you are in need of prayer, you are invited to come along to our prayer breakfast between 7.30am – 9am at New Horizons Christian Centre, Arthur St., Leith.

Walk for Homelessness

There is a 12-mile sponsored walk taking place on Saturday 20 September in aid of Bethany Christian Trust. All walkers must register before the day. If you are interested in taking part, please speak to Derek or Dayspring.

Conferences

There are three conferences coming up that may be of interest:

The Free Church Day Away for Women is on 27 September in Aviemore and costs £25 (booking form in *Monthly Record*),

Going Public with the Gospel at Carrubbers Christian Centre on 18-19 September and costs £30 (www.theheraldstrust.org for details), and

Edinburgh Churches Climate Change Conference on 11 October (see www.edinburghclimate.net).