

11. **Lending Library** A small lending library of books has been set up in the side room on the Garrabost side of the church. Books have been kindly provided by Christine Macleod (Bayble) who has also agreed to oversee the library. We hope to build up the stock of books over time, as well as other materials such as Christian DVDs and CDs. There is a notebook to use in signing out books when borrowed. Just sign your name in the book whenever you take one out and the same when you take it back. Also a donation is asked for when you borrow the book, which will go towards WFM funds. Just put your donation in the box (suggested £1), but there will be no fines for late returns! You can take all the time you want to read your book! Please use this facility and if you have any books that you think might be suitable for the library please bring them along to the room and Christine will see to them.

12. **Fencing manse glebe** The Deacons' Court last week agreed to fence the perimeter of the manse glebe seeing the current fence has become so dilapidated over the years. Most of the fence along the roadside has disappeared altogether. It was agreed to ask the men of the congregation to volunteer their services for this work, probably over a couple of Saturdays after the materials have been purchased. Callum Campbell will coordinate the work so if you can help please let him know, even if it's just for part of the time required. No doubt he will be head-hunting people in any case!

# Knock Free Church

## Intimations and Prayer Notes

8th August 2010

Welcome to our services today. If you are a visitor or unfamiliar with our services we use the English Standard Version of the Bible in our English services. We also use a combination of traditional metrical psalms (The Scottish Psalter) and a more recent rendering of metrical psalms (Sing Psalms). Both renderings are combined in one Psalm Book, copies of which can be found on the shelves at the back of the hall and at the entrance to the main church. For our Gaelic services copies of the Gaelic Bible are available in the same locations. Our practice at all services is to stand for prayer and sit during the singings.

**1. Evening Service** The service this evening will be in English at 6.00pm, in the church. The sermon will be the next study in the “I Ams” of Jesus in John’s Gospel, from John 14:6, entitled “*Jesus, the Way the Truth and the Life*”.

**2. Prayer Meetings:**

Wednesday 4th, 7.30pm - meeting for prayer and Bible teaching at **Bayble**.

Saturday, 7.30pm - English Prayer meeting in the hall.

**3. Services next Lord's Day:** Services will be as follows:

10.30am - English service in the hall.

12 noon - Gaelic service in the hall.

6.00pm - English service in the church

**4. Crech** For the crèche next Sunday morning and for the weeks following those who help are asked to enter their names on the sheet in the hall opposite whichever dates suit them. This way those who supervise the crèche can choose the dates that they know suit them best and can see well in advance when their turn is due. If anyone else wishes to help with the crèche please add your name to the sheet.

**5. Kirk Session**

Kirk Session - meeting on Wednesday evening at Bayble after the weekly prayer meeting.

**6. Disclosure Certificates**

Those who help or are planning to help with crèche, Womens’ Visitation, Sunday School or any other congregational work involving children or vulnerable adults, and who do not yet have a Disclosure Certificate, are asked to meet on Wednesday evening at the church hall at 9.00pm. It is important that everyone carrying out such work in the congregation is covered by a certificate. Ciorstag Ann Macleod, Coordinator, will be present at the meeting and will have the forms to fill in. You are asked to bring with you: (1) a black or blue ink pen; (2) photographic ID, such as passport or driving licence with photo; (3) a document verifying your address, such as bank statement or utility bill. If you want to volunteer for any work like this in the congregation, or

might be interested in doing this in future, please consider getting your Disclosure Certificate now, as this will make it much easier to use your help as a volunteer in future. If you cannot come to the meeting on Wednesday but wish to have a certificate please contact Ciorstag Ann on 870307.

**7. Induction at Back** The Presbytery have appointed the induction of Rev. Calum Iain Macleod to Back Free Church to take place next Tuesday 10th August, at 7.00pm. The service will be conducted by the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev Kenneth J. Macleod, Carloway. The newly inducted minister will be addressed by Rev. J. Maciver and the congregation of Back by Rev. Donald A. Macdonald, Kinloch, who has been the Interim Moderator for the congregation. All will be welcome.

**8. Rev Alistair Begg at Knock Free Church** We expect to have Rev Alistair Begg preaching at Garrabost on Sunday 26th September. We will have two services that day, both in English, at 12 noon and 6.00pm. Alistair Begg was born and raised in Glasgow, and from there went to Trent University, London School of Theology, and Westminster Seminary. He has been Senior Pastor at Parkside Church, Cleveland, Ohio, USA, since 1983. His teaching is also featured on the radio program Truth For Life. You can find their website at [www.parksidechurch.com](http://www.parksidechurch.com). He is due to speak at the Northern Convention in the East Church, Inverness, from Monday 27th and had a “space” on the 26th which he kindly agreed to fill by coming to preach for us! He was contacted initially by John Norman Macdonald who discovered his trip to Scotland and inquired as to the possibility of him being free to preach in Lewis. Thereafter the minister contacted him to invite him to preach at Garrabost. Thanks to John N.!

We are most grateful to Rev. Begg for accepting our invitation in what will be a very busy schedule of travel and speaking. This again will be a great opportunity to invite people to church and we will make up some leaflets to hand out nearer the time. Meantime please pray and let people know of the visit.

**9. Discussion Conference on Worship** The Board of Trustees as instructed by the General Assembly has arranged a conference for ministers and elders to take place at Dingwall Free Church beginning at 6.00pm on Tuesday 23rd August and going into the next day 24th. No decisions on the church’s worship will be taken at the conference; it is meant to prepare the way for the Plenary Assembly which will decide this issue in November. Forms are available for this for any of the Kirk Session who wish to go. The forms must be sent to the Church Offices immediately.

**Morning Service 7th August 2010**  
**The Life of David (6)**

Passage to read - 2 Samuel chapters 26, 29 and 30:1-6

Sermon from: passages read

Psalms:

138:1-5 - (page 179 - Sing Psalms - Long Metre)

86:6-12 (page 341 - Scottish Psalter - Common Metre)

32:3-7 (page 38 - Sing Psalms - 86886)

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**1. THE CAUSE OF COMPROMISE - 27 V. 1-4**

**forgetting God's promises** - note v. 27a - contrary to what David had been told!

- David relying on his own reasoning and looking to the future through this!

**formulating human plans** - v. 27b - understandable but not acceptable

- no mention of prayer here and not till 30 v. 6, 14 months later!

- note "there is nothing better for me.." (v. 1) - from the man who killed Goliath!

**2. THE CONSEQUENCES OF COMPROMISE - 27 v. 5 ff**

**false sense of security** - note 27 v.4 - it felt like he had done the right thing!

- being free of the pressure of living obediently can feel good and a relief!

- note the fact that David's compromise involved all his people with him!

**falling in with the enemy** -27 v.5 - David describes himself as Achish's *servant*!

- contrast 17 v. 37, and 47 - walking away from God means walking with Satan!

**forced to act deviously** - 27 v. 8-12 - what he said was at odds with what he did

- he was inwardly an Israelite but outwardly acting like a Philistine!

- while compromising a Christian has no full allegiance to God or to the world!

**feeling displaced** - chapter 29 - the Philistine leaders complain to Achish

- they know David does not belong there! - so David is forced to leave

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- where will David go? - he cannot stay with Achish nor will he go back home!

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**facing revolt** - 30 v. 1-6 - the losses are part of the price paid for compromise

- v. 6a - it eventually comes round to this! - how David reacts to this is vital!

- so for ourselves when friends tell us the compromise must end!

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- eternal life is “resurrection life” -ie the life which is has in it victory over death
- this is in Jesus himself and he gives this life to his people

**“Christ’s authority to give this life”** - arises from having personally overcome

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**a privilege requiring faith in Christ**

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