



**Highland  
International  
Church  
Inverness**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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# Highland International Church

## *Welcome & Notices*

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- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August (today)

**12 noon – Morning Service (James Torrens)**

Face masks still have to be worn when *standing/singing* but can be removed when *seated*

**5.30pm –** There will be a **New City Catechism**  
Zoom meeting at 5.30pm. Q/A.41 (part 2)

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**7.30pm –** we meet as a church family for prayer on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm in 7A Mayfield Road **and** via Zoom (this is a blended meeting)

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

**7.30pm –** there will be an in-person **Church Council Meeting** at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

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## Raigmore Recreation Hall

We have booked **Raigmore Recreation Hall** for the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** beginning on 12<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> September. Meetings will take place at **5.30pm**.

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## Bible explorers and HIC-youth

have now resumed on Sunday mornings. At present, both are meeting at 7A Mayfield Road:

- HIC-Youth at **10.00am**
- Bible Explorers at **11.00am**

If you haven't done so already, *all leaders and helpers* need to go through the Disclosure Scotland/Child Protection process. Please speak to Louise Price, our Child Protection / Safeguarding Officer. *This can no longer be done retrospectively.*

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## David Hendrickse

starts as our part-time **Ministry Associate** this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, there will be an opportunity to welcome **David and Swantje** more formally (*but not too formally!*) to the fellowship of the HIC congregation.

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## Harvest Thanksgiving: a time to give thanks by giving

Over the next 2 to 3 weeks, there will be an opportunity to give thanks to God for his goodness to us by giving to **Tearfund** in support of their relief work in **Afghanistan** and **Haiti**.

This can be done in person **or** electronically with a payment card **or** via a bank transfer. Speak to Kirsten for more details.

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## Order of today's 12 noon service

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### Call to Worship

Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
in the council of the upright  
and in the assembly...

He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant for ever –  
holy and awesome is his name.

[PSALM 111 v 1; v 9]

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#### 1. WE GIVE IMMORTAL PRAISE

to God the Father's love  
for all our comforts here  
and better hopes above:  
*he sent his own eternal Son  
to die for sins that we had done.*

2. To God the Son belongs  
immortal glory too,  
who bought us with his blood  
from everlasting woe:  
*and now he lives, and now he reigns,  
and sees the fruit of all his pains.*

3. To God the Spirit's name  
immortal worship give,  
whose new-creating power  
makes the dead sinner live:

*his work completes the great design,  
and fills the soul with joy divine.*

**4.** To God the Trinity  
be endless honours done,  
the undivided Three,  
and the mysterious One:  
*where reason fails with all her powers,  
there faith prevails, and love adores.*

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[PRAISE 164]

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## **Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (said together)**

[MATTHEW CH.6, V.9-13, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION © 2011]

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.*

*For yours is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever.*

*Amen.*

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# Bible readings (New International Version)

## PSALM 126

- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.
- <sup>2</sup> Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.
- Then it was said among the nations,  
*'The LORD has done great things for them.'*
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.
- <sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, LORD,  
like streams in the Negev.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.

## JAMES 5 v 7 – 11

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! <sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

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*Chat with the children*  
*“Praying with tears”*

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**1. WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS,**

all our sins and griefs to bear;  
what a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

**2. Have we trials and temptations,**  
is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness-  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

**3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,**  
burdened with a load of care?

Jesus is our mighty Saviour,  
he will listen to our prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in his arms he'll take and shield you,  
find your strength and comfort there.

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[PRAISE 614]

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## PSALM 126

### 1. THE LORD RESTORED US – WE WERE FREED:

our life was like a dream!  
We laughed and sang; the heathen said,  
'The Lord did this for them.'

2. The Lord had done great things for us,  
as every eye could see;  
he made our thankful hearts rejoice,  
he set the captives free!

3. Restore us, Lord, again, we pray:  
make desert waters spring;  
for those that sow in tears today  
at harvest time shall sing.

4. The sower who goes forth and grieves  
to see such barren ground  
shall carry home his golden sheaves,  
while songs of joy resound.

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[PSALM 126 / PRAISE 126]

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## Bible Message

*A game of two halves (but God will do it again)*

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### 1. THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD

Revealed in all the universe:  
All things created by His hand  
And held together at His command.  
He knows the mysteries of the seas,  
The secrets of the stars are His;  
He guides the planets on their way  
And turns the earth through another day.

2. The matchless wisdom of His ways  
That mark the path of righteousness;  
His word a lamp unto my feet,  
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.  
And O the mystery of the cross,  
That God should suffer for the lost,  
So that the fool might shame the wise,  
And all the glory might go to Christ!

3. O grant me wisdom from above,  
To pray for peace and cling to love,  
And teach me humbly to receive  
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.  
Each strand of sorrow has a place  
Within this tapestry of grace;  
So through the trials I choose to say:  
*“Your perfect will in Your perfect way.”*

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## Closing Benediction

*The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**  
and the love of **God**  
and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit**  
be with us all.*  
*Amen!*

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## Bible Verse

**John 12 v 23, 24:** Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.'

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## Quotation

**Eugene Peterson:** "All suffering, all pain, all emptiness, all disappointment is seed: sow it in God; he will, finally, bring a crop of joy from it."

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## HIGHLAND FOOD BANK

Here is the latest list of needs from the Inverness-based **Highland Food Bank**:

- Long life Fruit Juice
- UHT Milk
- Small Tins of Potatoes
- Small Bags Granulated Sugar
- Oatcakes & Crackers
- Tins of Rice & Custard
- Washing Powder (Small) or Pods

**David and Emm Warmbath** are willing to collect any donations (01463 710110), but it is also possible to *leave donations at the door of the Food Bank premises, provided it is open* – 1 Glebe Street, Inverness IV1 1RF

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