

Mission Statement

"Our purpose is to honour and enjoy God, proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, serve our community in Jesus' name, strengthen one another in our spiritual life, and influence our world through prayer, witness, truth and grace."

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From the Minister

"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."

Psalm 66, verse 18



My attention was drawn to this verse in my daily devotion. It is a sober reminder that we cannot come to God expecting our prayers to be heard while there is unconfessed sin in our hearts. The season of Lent offers a timely opportunity to "spring clean" our lives, although we are free to do this at any time of the year.

By the time you read this it will be Easter. The tone switches from reflection to joy, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, an historical event whose significance is impossible to exaggerate. Should we worry that society seems not to notice? Of course, not out of a judgmental spirit but because people are missing out on the answer to their deepest longing, the cure for their darkest fears and acutest pain.

The death of Jesus confronts us with the ugliness of our sin and the extent of God's love. It is because we could never rectify, nor pay the price for, our mistakes that God sent his son. Jesus' sacrifice does the necessary and his resurrection confirms his victory. The natural consequences of our misbehaviour – suffering, strife, environmental decay – no longer have the last word. Through his resurrection Jesus opens the way to a new order of being, where everything is good again, better – because even our freewill has been redeemed. (continued overleaf)

Need prayer or someone to pray with you?

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Need to talk? Questions about the Christian faith

Contact the minister, who will find the right person to speak to you.

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From the Minister (continued)

The message, that Easter changes everything, must be heard. And that is what the church is for. As Marshall McLuhan reminded us in the '60s, "the medium is the message". That is to say, it is not just our words but our actions that count. Our walking must match our talking and the two must go together. Earlier this week the Annual Church Gathering attracted about 20 out of our congregation of 123 members and 134 adherents. I look forward to doubling this number every year, until we are having to hire the Kyleakin Village Hall to accommodate the number who care about how we operate as God's chosen means of delivery of his most relevant message to the world.

From May, we are going to come good on our commitment to serve our community, by deploying a work party on every second Saturday in May, June, August, September, November, December, February and March. We shall alternate between helping individuals and addressing more general tasks, such as beach cleaning. Please send me your requests/ recommendations!

Another intention which requires acting on is pastoral care. Each of our churches requires a team of volunteers which is committed to serving those within their areas, both in accordance with the needs of those being helped and the capacity of those doing the helping. I would like to meet briefly with any who are interested after the services in Broadford and Elgol on 27 May, Kilmore on 3 June and Kyleakin on 10 June.

Whatever your circumstances, and especially if you are struggling, may your Easter be filled with joy and may the joy of the Lord make you strong.

With love in Jesus, Rory

Church Life

Funerals

6 Feb	Edith Macrae, Broadford
9 Mar	Donald MacDonald, Kilmore

Dedication

18 Mar	Ivanna Currie, Kyleakin
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What's on???

April-May

Sun 1 Apr	6.30pm	Joint Area Communion, Kyleakin village Hall
Sun 29 th Apr	11am	Joint Parish service, followed by a sharing lunch Elgol Village Hall
4th-6th May	Various	Kingdom Gathering

4th-6th May, Kyleakin Village Hall



Kingdom Gathering brings together Christians of all ages for a weekend of teaching, worship and community in Kyleakin, Skye on 4-6 May 2018.

HOPE IS RISING

"The confident expectation of what lies over the horizon."

Please join us for the next Kingdom Gathering from the 4th-6th of May 2018 in the Kyleakin Village Hall, Skye. We are delighted to welcome back Rev Tommy MacNeil, of Martins Memorial Church of Scotland in Stornoway, Lewis, and Rev Kenny Borthwick, previously of Wester Hailes Church of Scotland, Edinburgh. This is an all-age event and there will be a Children's work catering for primary age children on both Saturday and Sunday morning, with a movie night on Saturday night. There is a parent and infant room with speaker in the hall.

Come and be inspired by biblically-based preaching, powerful testimony and live worship. Hear about the great movements of the past, be encouraged in your faith and be blessed to move forward.



Gaelic Awareness Day

Last Tuesday we spent a very enjoyable and informative few hours at the Gaelic Awareness Day, led by Ruairaidh MacIlleathain, an enthusiastic exponent of Gaelic and all things associated with it. He is well known to many of us through his weekly learners' letter in the Free Press and is now fast approaching his thousandth letter. People who have read the letters on a myriad of diverse subjects will be aware of the huge fund of information he has acquired over the years. This was very evident on Tuesday when he held our interest, introducing or reintroducing us to the history of the Scottish Gaelic language and its place in the broader picture of Celtic languages. He spoke about the extensive contribution of the Gaelic language to the naming of people, places and plants throughout most of Scotland. Many such names are associated with legendary or historical figures and their exploits.

Gaelic has been a spoken language within Scotland since the formation of the kingdom until the present day. It was spoken at one time virtually everywhere in Scotland but lost its status as the majority language nationally in the fifteenth century and then declined until the census of 2011 showed that there were just 58,000 Scots who could speak Gaelic.

The most significant event in modern times to counter this decline was the passing of the Gaelic Language Act in 2005, with the aim of increasing use of Gaelic in public life. The introduction of Gaelic-medium education has brought about a very small increase in the number of speakers aged under 20. It is hoped that the decrease in overall speaker numbers will be halted before 2021 and that numbers will then start to increase again.

How can we as a church involve ourselves in this Gaelic revival? For many years we, in Kilmore, have had both Gaelic and English readings at each service. We have built on this by including a hymn or psalm sung in Gaelic in some of the services and those of us unsure of pronunciation and the tune have been greatly helped and encouraged by Mairead MacDonald's lunchtime sessions at Kilmore on a Monday and Tuesday.

It is natural that some fluent Gaelic speakers will feel more "at home" at a Gaelic rather than an English service, so perhaps at a time when Ruairaidh is starting to preach at Gaelic services, some of us with less than perfect understanding should be giving him our support.

Perhaps we should be linking up with other similarly minded congregations for Gaelic praise sessions, like those enjoyed by early American settlers when different churches came together to indulge in shape-note singing, something still practised there to this day.

At the training session all levels of Gaelic proficiency were represented – fluent speakers, learners and those with little or no Gaelic, but at the finish all categories were equally positive about the experience.

We went home with this thought:

“Language diversity is essential to the human heritage. Each and every language embodies the unique cultural wisdom of a people. The loss of any language is thus a loss for all humanity.”

UNESCO

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Gift Aid, Freewill Offering & Stewardship Convenor's Report

Gift Aid claimed on related offerings during 2017 totalled £18930. When compared to £16943 during 2016 this shows a welcome increase of £1987 or 11.7%.

Nine new Gift Aid Declarations were signed during 2017 taking our active number during the year to 79 compared to 79 in 2016.

The Gift Aid claimed is shared across several elements of HMRC's systems and our work so you may find it helpful to know the breakdown in 2017 was as follows:

General Fund (by yellow envelopes and/or Standing Orders)	£13577
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (by cash in open plate)	£ 2853
Broadford Fabric Fund (restricted one-off donations)	£ 2500

As usual I urge other taxpayers among us to take the plunge and become Gift Aiders for this most worthy cause. You will be given the choice of giving by weekly envelopes or monthly standing order whichever is most convenient for yourself. The figures above make it obvious how essential this generous Government scheme is to keeping our church afloat financially and a constant flow of new Gift Aiders is necessary to counteract the natural decrease throughout the year for various personal reasons. The starting point is signing a *Gift Aid Declaration* form available in the church vestibule or directly from the undersigned.

If you don't fall into the taxpaying bracket weekly envelopes are also available for you. Please use these to ensure you give regularly rather than occasional *Open Plate* cash offerings. Your batch is ready and waiting – just let me know you're interested in doing your best for *Strath & Sleat Church of Scotland*.

.....and however you give please remember to review your donations regularly in accordance with God's faithfulness to your own personal situation.....

Margaret F Macrae

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Leviticus 25:18 – Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws and you will live safely in the land.

TRUE RELIGION- Henry Scougal (1650 – 1678), Professor of Divinity, King's College Aberdeen

Dear Friend,

I cannot speak of religion but I must lament that, among so many pretenders to it, so few understand what it means. Some place it in the understanding, in orthodox notions and opinions. All the account they can give of their religion is that it is this or that persuasion. So that is why they have chosen to join this one of many other sects into which Christendom is unhappily divided. Others place their religion into externals for the outward man, expressed by public duties and claim to have a model of performances. Provided they live peaceably with their neighbours, keep a temperate diet, observe public worship, frequent the church, or their own room for private prayer, and sometimes show charity to the poor, then they think they have acquitted themselves well. Others again, put all their investment in religion into their emotions, with rapturous and ecstatic devotion. So they aim to pray with passion, thinking pleasurably of heaven and constantly being melted into sentimentalism about their Saviour. They think they are mightily in love with him, and assume great confidence about salvation, which they esteem as the chief of Christian graces ... such are frequently assumed to be the whole content of Christianity.

But true religion is quite another thing, and those who have experienced it will entertain very different thoughts about it. For they know by personal experience that true religion is a union of the soul with God, a real participation of the divine nature, in the apostle's phrase, it is Christ formed within us. Briefly, I do not know how one can put it more succinctly than to simply call it divine life given to us...

friends of hope & faith school

helping to build Zambia's future



It is now more than 12 years since the local connection with Hope and Faith School in Lusaka began and 8 years since we constituted ourselves as a registered charity. Our management committee is composed mainly of members from Strath and Sleat church but we also receive huge support from members of our local community.

The school is situated in a large, sprawling township where there is great poverty and where there are many orphans due to the effects of AIDS. The school, which now has over 600 pupils, was founded in 2003 by Rosemary Mumbi, a Zambian lady who felt led by God to set up the school after her retirement.

The Skye connection began in 2005 after Rosemary visited an ex-fellow teacher who lived locally. Jean and Norman Gillies visited the school the following year and have visited another 5 times since. Later on, an official link with Portree High School was established and Tony Breen has now visited the school twice as part of an exchange visit paid for by the British Council; on the first of those occasions the Council also paid for a Zambian teacher to visit Portree High. The link was further strengthened in 2013 when Rosemary visited Skye, with one of her teachers and two senior pupils.



The committee raises funds for the school through local fundraising events such as quiz nights, charity cafes, concerts and dinners. Money is sent twice a year to help to pay for general running costs and food as each pupil is given a hot meal every day, for some the only meal they will have. We also run a sponsorship scheme, whereby individuals are given the opportunity to sponsor a young person in grades 10-12; prior to this, most would have

finished school after grade 9 (equivalent of S2) as families could not afford to keep them on at school. The total sent in the last financial year for both these purposes was £17770.

We are currently finalising sponsorships for this academic year and hope to be able to provide this help for 27 young people. Sponsors are able to follow the progress of the pupils through letters and news/pictures brought back by those who visit the school. There is still time for anyone who would like to join this scheme; the cost is £240/annum, which pays their school fees and contributes toward the cost of uniform/books.



I end on a piece of exciting news; as the British Council did not provide funding for a return visit by a Zambian teacher after Tony and another teacher from Portree High visited the school last September, we have decided, in liaison with the donor, to use a special donation we received to fund a visit to Skye by Rosemary and one of her teachers in May this year. Rosemary has chosen a lady teacher to accompany her and she will spend a week in Portree High; in addition we plan to organise other meetings/events for further times of fellowship and sharing which will hopefully strengthen the link and encourage us as we continue to serve God in this way.

Jean Gillies (jeangillies@btinternet.com)



Buidheann Ghàidhlig na h-Eaglaise

Thèid dreach de Phlana Gàidhlig Eaglais na h-Alba a chur air adhart dhan Bhuidhnn Ghàidhlig airson beachdachadh air aig an ath choinneimh - 5 an Giblean ann an Glaschu. 'S e Stephen MacIomhair a tha air a bhith ag obair air a' phlana seo agus 's e ceum chudromach a th' ann don eaglais.

Chaidh suirbhidh a dhèanamh le Ministearan air feadh Alba airson am beachan fhaighinn a thaobh Gàidhlig san eaglais agus na comasan agus na miannan cànan aca fhèin agus bidh na toraidhean sin rim faighinn aig a' choinneimh cuideachd. Thig aithris dhan ath chuair-litir.

Tha dithis bho choitheanal Eaglais nam Manach-Liath ann an Dun Eidinn air aontachadh obair-deasachaidh nan Duilleagan Gàidhlig a ghabhail os làimhe – Liam Krause agus Duncan Sneddon. 'S e freagairt ùrnaigh dha-rìrimh a tha seo agus tha iad mar-thà air dreach a dheasachadh a tha a' coimhead glè mhath. Bidh cothrom ann an iris a shanasachd cuideachd le dùil àireamh an luchd-leughaidh àrdachadh san àm ri teachd. Bhiodh iad fhathast ro thoilichte cluinntinn bhuaibh ma tha sibh airson alt a chur thuca.

Bidh am Fìor Urr. Aonghas Moireasdan a' seasamh sìos mar Chathraiche na buidhne aig an ath choinneimh.

Tha a' Bhuidheann an dùil tachartas sònraichte a chur air dòigh aig an Àrd-Sheanadh airson an t-eadar-theangachadh ùr den Tiomnadh Nuadh a chomharrachadh. Seo am pròiseact anns an robh an t-Urr. Iain Urchardan gu mòr an sàs.

Gaelic Church Group (summary of article)

- On 5 April the Church of Scotland Gaelic Group will meet to review a Gaelic Plan for the Church, which has been drafted by Stephen MacIver.
- The same meeting will receive the results of a nationwide survey into the state of Gaelic in our churches and the level of Gaelic among our ministers. More to follow...
- Two students attending Greyfriars Church in Edinburgh - Liam Krause and Duncan Sneddon - have volunteered to edit the Gaelic Supplement of 'Life & Work' (the Church of Scotland magazine). This is an answer to prayer, especially as their draft proposal looks so promising. Liam and Duncan are open to ideas about what might boost readership.
- The current chair, Angus Morrison, will be stepping down.
- And finally, the group will prepare a special event to launch the latest Gaelic translation of the New Testament, in which our own John Urquhart was involved.

Fruit of the Spirit in Strath & Sleat

The Year of Young People [YOYP] theme for February was Health so we decided to look at the Fruit of the Spirit, down in Kilmore, and held a youth-led service based on those verses from Galatians on 4th March. We broke into groups towards the end of the service to brainstorm how we as a congregation might be able to display our Fruit of the Spirit in the



community. In part, this was due a common theme that came from the "2 stars and a wish" survey which was carried out at the start of the year, to be more visible in the community.

Here are some of the ideas that came from the group that morning which are likely to be useful for the whole parish:

- Help folk with simple tasks
- Bag packing at the Co-op
- Collecting shopping and prescriptions
- Isolation issues
- Phonecall to a lonely person
- Open day for anyone
- An Acarsaid visit
- Youth visiting people with their musical skills
- Mid-week open afternoon for children and families
- Signage, flowers, the look of the building
- A rota of volunteers so church could be open each day
- Resurrect the church Blues Band
- Testimony services worked so powerfully last Easter
- Electronic noticeboard of moving text
- A special student service

Do you have other ideas that have worked or could work well in the parish? Let's share our ideas to the benefit of the communities we serve.

THEMES

April – Equality & Discrimination

May – Participation & Influence



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YV

Due to the range of ages within the Sunday School at Kilmore, we decided to break into two groups, with the older group (Primary 6 and up) meeting in the vestry. The group have chosen YV (Youth Vestry) as their name and they were very grateful to receive £300 from the Mission and Ministry fund to renovate what was a cold, damp and dreary looking vestry into a colourful and welcoming space that they consider to be theirs. Eva Mahon designed the logo herself and Steve at Cànan digitised it for us so we can use it in various ways. We are grateful too to those who helped us get the room painted and particularly to the Estates boys at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and to Emily's Dad, Seannaidh Mòr, for helping us with fitting new lights and prepping the walls. It has been an enjoyable project and we hope the giant beanbags, the hot chocolate and the fairy lights will all be conducive to nurturing young faith on a Sunday morning! We ask that you would remember our young people in your prayers, especially those preparing for transition to High School after the Summer. And we give thanks for the children, young people and families across the parish who continue to breathe new life into our churches. #YOYP


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YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE 2018

- We will explore ways to **engage** with under 25's
- We will increase **participation** of our young people
- We will **celebrate** all that they are and bring
- We will **pray** for children and young people in our church and community



Kilmore Bible Study

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Over the last 8 weeks we have been looking at the book of James in a study by Tom Wright (For everyone Bible studies series). It has been a really challenging study and incredibly useful as it looks to equipping us to live out our faith through our actions. It was a coincidence that the preaching theme was also James! The main themes were faith itself, the snares of the world, our words, favouritism, the taming of the tongue, humility, rich and suffering and prayer. It continues to be an encouragement to have students from Sabhal Mòr joining us for the study and we also look forward to a return to Tarskavaig Hall in the summer months when we hope to welcome Rory back in our midst for a few weeks again.

Prayer and the Jealous God

I am convinced that the reason we pray so little is fear: fear of facing God, fear also of facing our own and others' brokenness. Our hearts are saying: "Can I really trust God? Will he really show me his love when I don't keep anything hidden from him? – or will I be crushed by his anger and lose the little bit of freedom I have so carefully carved out for myself?"

"Do not be afraid." Those are the first words to those who want to come close to God. They were spoken by the angels to Zechariah, Mary, the shepherds in the fields, and the women at the empty tomb.

Yes, God is a jealous God, but God's jealousy is not filled with possessiveness and suspicion, as is our human jealousy. There is not a tinge of hatred, resentment or revenge in God. God loves us with a perfect love, a love that casts out all fear and allows us to approach God and his people in complete freedom. God indeed loves us so much that he passionately desires our love in response.

So let us pray without fear, let us enter God's presence with a vulnerable openness. Let us dare to be silent in his presence so that he can first speak to us and reveal us to ourselves as men and women created in love and created free to love. Then we can respond with a full "yes", affirming from the depths of our hearts that we are indeed made in the image and likeness of God.

From 'Prayer and the Jealous God', an article by Henri Nouwen in 'The New Oxford Review', June 1985

Dear Friends,

February was a month of intense heat. There had been no rain since November and the ground was cracked and parched. The local farmers burnt their land and large areas were black from fire. These charred fields looked like an artist's impression of Gehenna!, adding to the sense of desolation this season brings.

In the midst of that aridity, we were watering trees daily. The Water Collection Points, which had stored rainwater since November, were serving as an effective place to raise new saplings from seed and we have over 600 trees ready to go in the ground. Now that the rains have started – we are doing a rain dance! –we will start planting out the trees. We will also be giving one hundred saplings to each of the ex-child soldiers that have been working with us as trainees and they are excited about getting those established on their land.

International Child Soldiers' Day

February 12th was International Child Soldiers Day, Red Hand Day, as it is becoming known. This is a day that was started to raise awareness of this injustice. Here in northern Uganda we do not need to raise awareness, however, we are very aware that we do need to encourage dialogue about the healing and reconciliation needed in the wake of this injustice. We decided to mark this day, therefore, by gathering ex-child soldiers in the region and inviting local leaders and community to dialogue together about how best we can serve their needs. We held the event at the emerging Peace Centre, where we are developing an exhibition about the conflict and the path towards peace.

We had sent out word that we particularly wanted to talk with female ex-child soldiers so we were encouraged that nearly half of the twenty or so that came were women. They are often very reticent to attend such events. We conducted a seminar on Peace and Reconciliation and then visited the first three huts we have built at the Peace Centre. The first hut speaks of the dominance of war and has a low door that requires those who enter to bow, as pictured below.

The second hut is called The House of Tears and has glass bottles built into its walls, forming tear drops, which reference the grief of war. The third hut evokes the separatism of war, as it is made up of six segments with high walls so that you cannot see or interact with others. These dynamics sparked a lot of dialogue, which led to us communicating what we can offer to help those who have been through this injustice. The group were very interested in the Agricultural training and Peace and Reconciliation courses we hope to conduct, so we are now returning to the UK to communicate that need.

Good Friday Concert for Ex-Child Soldiers

We are greatly encouraged by those who are gathering to perform a Requiem Concert in Watford on Good Friday. We'll be back in the UK to start rehearsals this Friday and look

forward to a week of preparations then the performance. It's extraordinary to return to this degree of activity and it is a great antidote to the deep exhaustion in our souls.

In friendship, Rose-Mary National Director, Third Hope International [Creative Restoration: Lasting Transformation](#)

Gràs

Tha a h-uile càil na ghibht,
ris an can sinn gràs,
bhon Tì uile naomh.

An Cruthachadh

Thig a h-uile nì bho ghràs,
mise is tusa, a' bhileag fheòir,
's na rionnagan a chì sinn os ar cionn:
spreadh am mìorbhail à 'neoni'
billeanan bhliadhnaichean air ais
's às an 'neoni' thàinig sìol
às na dh'èirich mean air mhean
flùraichean iongantach nan speur.

Dh'fhosgail am flùra cosmach
a-mach tro chuairtean àrsaidh
às an tàinig na billeanan reul
Andromeda, Orion agus An Crann,
's reul-chriosan neo-aithnichte gun àireamh
a' sguapadh a-mach gu cian;
gach nì ro-òrdaichte, a' taomadh
eileamaidean taghte, eagraichte
a threòraicheas mu dheireadh thall
gu saoghal beò le beatha,
le ghràsan glòrmhor anns gach gnè,
èisg na fairge, eòin nan speur,
beathaichean annasach na talmhainn
agus ceist mhòr na cruinne fhèin,
thusa, mise,
an sealgair a tha a' sireadh eòlais,
am fear 's an tè a sheallas suas
air Slighe Chlann Uisnich gu h-àrd,
's math dh'fhaodte a chuireas a' cheist:
Cò às a thàinig òrdugh iongantach nan speur?
Cò às na mìle gràs tha dòrtadh
bhon t-siorraidheachd a th' ann ro thim?



Grasping the Nettle

Grace

All is a gift
from the infinite Holy One –
we call it grace.

The Creation

All things come from grace,
you and I, the blade of grass,
the stars of the vast sky:
they say the miracle came from 'nothing'
billions of years ago
and from this 'nothing' the seeds
from which gradually arose
the marvellous flowers of the sky.

There opened out the cosmic flower
the ancient wheelings
the constellated billions
Andromeda, Orion and the Plough,
myriad galaxies untold
sweeping out endlessly;
select elements exactly organised
to lead in the end
to a world full of life,
each kind filled with glorious grace,
the fish of the sea, the birds of the air,
the amazing animals of the earth
and the cosmic question mark itself,
you and I,
the searcher after knowledge,
the one who looks up to the Milky Way,
and who might say:
from where this amazing cosmic order?
from where the thousand graces
pouring out from beyond time?

<h2 style="text-align: center;">A-Z Prayer for the Persecuted</h2>		A – Authorities Pray that believers will know how to be both brave and obedient citizens. (Romans 13. 1-7)	B – Bible Access to God's word gives people hope. Pray that Bibles will reach believers. (Psalm 119. 43)
C – Churches Buildings are often vulnerable to closure or attack. Pray for protection. (Luke 19. 46)	D – Deliverance Even Jesus prayed that, if possible, he might be spared suffering. (Mark 14. 36)	E – Endurance Pray for energy for those supporting persecuted believers. (Revelation 14. 12)	F – Faith Ask that their faith may not fail, so that they can strengthen others. (Luke 22. 32)
G – Glory Pray that their suffering would glorify God as Stephen's did. (Acts 7. 59)	H – Healing Ask God to heal those injured through violent acts of persecution. (Luke 22. 51)	I – Ingenuity Pray that secret Christians will find creative ways to meet together. (Acts 16. 13)	J – Joy Even in prison, Paul and Silas sang as they prayed. (Acts 16. 25)
K – Knowledge Ask God to give his people all kinds of knowledge to help them live for him in oppressive regimes. (Daniel 1. 17)	L – Love Under stress, it is easy for relationships in the church to buckle. (1 Corinthians 13. 1-3)	M – Marriage Pray for respect between partners and the ability to model the love of Christ. (1 Peter 3. 7)	N – Neighbours Invite the Holy Spirit to help Christians love their hostile neighbours. (Ephesians 3. 16)
O – Opportunity In many countries, being a Christian is allowed, but sharing your faith is not. (Colossians 4. 3-5)	P – Peace Persecution often takes place in the context of war. Pray for Christians to be peace-makers. (Romans 12. 18)	Q – Quietness Ask the Lord of the wind and waves to calm the hearts of those in trouble. (Mark 4. 39)	R – Resilience Pray that God's children won't fall into despair. (2 Corinthians 4. 8)
S – Safety Ask God to give Open Doors workers and partners safe travel. (Psalm 140. 40)	T – Trust When secret police are spying on churches, believers need wisdom to know whom to trust. (Psalm 27. 11-12)	U – Unity Where the church is divided, the hardships of persecution are exacerbated. (John 17. 23)	V – Vision Pray that training opportunities will help Christians show Christ's love in their local culture. (Acts 11. 5-9)
W – Widows Pray for widows who are bringing up families alone and churches that support them. (1 Timothy 5. 3)	X – Xenophobia Christian migrants are doubly discriminated against. Pray for justice and mercy. (Exodus 23. 9)	Y – Youth Pray that churches will encourage their youth not to give up on God because of persecution. (Psalm 144. 11-15)	Z – Zeal Pray for God's grace on our persecuted family to live out the words of Paul. (Romans 12. 10-21)

STRATH & SLEAT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Regular Sunday service times

10am Kilmore **11am** Kyleakin **11am** Broadford

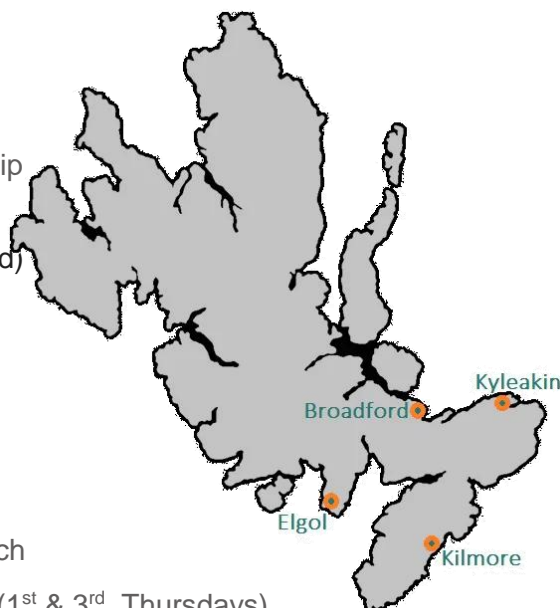
3pm Elgol (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month) **6pm** Kyleakin Fellowship

Seirbheisean Gàidhlig

6f An t-Ath Leathann (a' chiad Sàbaid), A' Chill Mhòr (an treas Sàbaid)

Midweek Meetings

Mondays	10am - Prayer for revival in Broadford Church
Tuesdays	7.30pm - Kyleakin Prayer Meeting, Church Hall
Wednesdays	7.15pm Sleat Midweek Group
	7.30pm Broadford Bible study, Broadford Church
Thursdays	1.30pm Ladies Group, Broadford church foyer (1 st & 3 rd Thursdays)
	7.30pm Housegroup, Grianach, Harrapool (2 nd & 4 th Thursdays)



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