

## The week ahead

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 10.15am Women's bible study** at Rachel Barrowman's house, 16 Eorodale. All women welcome.

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 7.30pm Midweek prayer meeting**, church hall.

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 7pm Thanksgiving service**, church hall.

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov No Rock Solid** due to school holiday.

## Services next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**11am service (church)** Mr John Hebditch

**No Sunday school** due to Thanksgiving holiday

**6pm service (church hall)** Mr Iain MacMillan

## Dates for your diary

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov Chit Chat women's group 8pm in the church hall.** Donna Morrison and Murdo MacIver will be giving a talk on The Shed youth and community facility, Stornoway. All women most welcome.

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Women's Christmas meal**, 6.30pm, Borge House

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Men's Christmas meal**, 6.30pm, Borge House

Please pick up menus at the back of the hall, fill in your choices and indicate whether you need a lift or are able to provide a lift. Menu choices should be returned to Rachel Barrowman, 810112 (women's) and Norman MacLeod, 810364 (men's) by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

*Please pray that the congregation would know the Lord's blessing at this time. Please continue to pray for all in our congregation and community who are in hospital or are ill in any way. If you know of someone who needs prayer at this time, please let one of the Elders know*

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**



A very warm welcome to our services of worship today. We pray that you will all know God's blessing as we meet together. Worship this morning and evening is led by Rev Murdo Smith.



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## 11 o'clock service led by Rev Murdo Smith

### 'The Faith of Joseph' Hebrews 11:22

1. **Praise:** Psalm 89:1-6

2. **Praise:** Hymn 477

3. **Praise:** Paraphrase 42

4. **Praise:** Hymn 697 'My hope is built on nothing less'

### Reading: Genesis 50 (NIV)

**50** Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him. <sup>2</sup> Then Joseph directed the physicians in his service to embalm his father Israel. So the physicians embalmed him, <sup>3</sup> taking a full forty days, for that was the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

<sup>4</sup> When the days of mourning had passed, Joseph said to Pharaoh's court, "If I have found favor in your eyes, speak to Pharaoh for me. Tell him, <sup>5</sup> 'My father made me swear an oath and said, "I am about to die; bury me in the tomb I dug for myself in the land of Canaan." Now let me go up and bury my father; then I will return.'"

<sup>6</sup> Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear to do."

<sup>7</sup> So Joseph went up to bury his father. All Pharaoh's officials accompanied him—the dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of Egypt— <sup>8</sup> besides all the members of Joseph's household and his brothers and those belonging to his father's household. Only their children and their flocks and herds were left in Goshen. <sup>9</sup> Chariots and horsemen also went up with him. It was a very large company.

<sup>10</sup> When they reached the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan, they lamented loudly and bitterly; and there Joseph observed a seven-day period of mourning for his father. <sup>11</sup> When the Canaanites who lived there saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "The Egyptians are holding a solemn ceremony of mourning." That is why that place near the Jordan is called Abel Mizraim.

<sup>12</sup> So Jacob's sons did as he had commanded them: <sup>13</sup> They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field as a burial place from Ephron the Hittite. <sup>14</sup> After burying his father,

Joseph returned to Egypt, together with his brothers and all the others who had gone with him to bury his father.

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

<sup>22</sup> Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years <sup>23</sup> and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.

<sup>24</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." <sup>25</sup> And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

<sup>26</sup> So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

**Joshua 24:32 (NIV)** <sup>32</sup> And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver<sup>[a]</sup> from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants.

*Tea/Coffee will be served after the morning service to which everyone is warmly invited*

**6pm service** – led by Rev Murdo Smith '**The Faith of Moses**'.  
Exodus 3; Hebrews 11:24-9