

# Oversteps

Today we gather to give thanks to God for 50 years of care at Oversteps. It was exactly 50 years to the day that the home was officially opened by the then Provost of Dornoch, Rev. William McLeod of Dornoch Free Church. The building had been bought for £1,750 and was originally called The Beatrice Sykes Memorial Home at the request of one of the main benefactors Miss E. A. G. Mould. It wasn't until quite a few years later that it was decided that this name was too long for common usage and 'Oversteps' was introduced.

When the home opened in 1958 it had accommodation for 24 residents. Today, after a renovation programme costing £1 million, Oversteps still has places for 24 residents but the recent upgrade has transformed the interior of the home into a modern, spacious and bright area. The revised design for the home also won the top award for the architects in the 'New Life for Old Buildings' category of the IAA Highlands heat and now goes forward to the national finals.

Recently Oversteps was one of 21 CrossReach services granted the prestigious Charter Mark award for customer service excellence. This award is a recognition of the hard work and effort by Service Manager Eileen MacKay and her staff. Eileen is pictured below with CrossReach's Chief Executive Alan Staff receiving a special Charter Mark certificate.



Oversteps is one of 80 care services operated by CrossReach across Scotland. Every day around 4,000 people in need are offered care and support in our services.

For more information about CrossReach and our services, visit our website: [www.crossreach.org.uk](http://www.crossreach.org.uk).

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## Service of Thanksgiving

### Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 50th Anniversary of Oversteps, Dornoch



Wednesday 12th November 2008  
at 12.30pm in  
Dornoch Cathedral

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# Order of Service

## WELCOME

Rev. Susan Brown, Minister, Dornoch Cathedral

## HYMN

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

## PRAYER

Rev. Angus Lamont, Minister, Dornoch Free Church

## READING Psalm 23

Gwen Melville, Former Matron, Oversteps

## HYMN

Christ be our Light

## READING James 2:14-26

Hugh Steele, Resident and former Convener of Friends' Group

## 'OUR HOME'

David Court, Eileen MacKay, Willie MacKay, Shiona Stuart,  
Maggie Shaw, Pat Matheson

## SONG

Elaine Shearer, Administrator, Oversteps

## ADDRESS

Rev. David Court, Convener, CrossReach

## HYMN

Brother, Sister let me serve you

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION OF STAFF

Rev. Susan Brown

## HYMN

To God be the Glory

## BENEDICTION

Rev. David Court

# Hymns

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place,  
O Lord of hosts, to me.  
My soul is longing and fainting  
the courts of the Lord to see.  
My heart and flesh, they are singing  
for joy to the living God.  
How lovely is Thy dwelling-place,  
O Lord of hosts, to me.

Even the sparrow finds a home  
where he can settle down,  
and the swallow, she can build a nest  
where she may lay her young,  
within the courts of the Lord of hosts,  
my King, my Lord, and my God;  
and happy are those who are dwelling where  
the song of praise is sung.

And I'd rather be a door-keeper  
and only stay a day,  
than live the life of a sinner  
and have to stay away.  
For the Lord is shining as the sun,  
and the Lord, He's like a shield;  
and no good thing does He withhold  
from those who walk His way.

### Repeat verse 1

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He  
has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.