

## CHURCH BULLETIN

We are a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland. We gather each Lord's Day to praise and worship the only true and living God.

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Andrew Coghill. Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the congregation today at the close of the 11.30am service. At the **11:30am service**, the Scripture reading will be from Revelation 12 and the sermon is entitled *Written in Blood*.

At the **6.30pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from John 18:33-19:22 and the sermon is entitled *Alone with the Crowd*.

	11.30 Noon Service		6.30pm Service	
1	Psalm 139:1-6	Scottish Psalter, Pg 432	Psalm 24:1-8	Sing Psalms, Pg 28
2	Psalm 139:7-14	Scottish Psalter, Pg 432	Psalm 87:3-7	Sing Psalms, Pg 115
3	Psalm 116:11-19	Scottish Psalter, Pg 396	Psalm 143 (ii):6-12	Scottish Psalter, Pg 439
4	Psalm 118:15-19	Scottish Psalter, Pg 398	Psalm 25:8-15	Sing Psalms, Pg 29
5	Psalm 103:1-5	Scottish Psalter, Pg 369	-	-

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at 11.30am. The children will go **straight to their classes** in the Church Hall at 11.30am and will join with the congregation prior to the sacrament being dispensed.

### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational fellowship following the evening service and everyone is warmly welcomed to attend.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Mark Macleod (South Harris).

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Church Hall**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### ORDINATION AND INDUCTION OF REV DAVID FERGUSON

The Ordination and Induction of Rev David Ferguson to the congregation of North Uist is due to take place at **11.00am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at North Uist Free Church, Carinish, North Uist, to which all are cordially invited. There will be a reception afterwards in the Church Hall.

### PRESBYTERY OF THE WESTERN ISLES: PRACTICE & PROCEDURES GROUP CONSULTATION WITH PRESBYTERIES

The Western Isles Presbytery is holding a Special Meeting on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, at 7.00pm within the MA MacLeod Memorial Hall**, Stornoway to meet and consult with the Free Church's Practice and Procedures Group (PPG). The PPG are currently engaged in two processes regarding which they wish to engage with Presbyteries by way of consultation, namely Capability Procedures for Ministers, and a revision of Procedures for Filling A Vacancy. Whilst this is a Meeting primarily for members of the Presbytery, the Meeting is open to the public and anyone with a particular interest in any of the matters being discussed is welcome to attend.

*"The Lord's supper is memorative, and so it has the nature and use of a pledge or token of love, left by a dying to a dear surviving friend.*

— **John Flavel**

### PRAYER POINTS 26th August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

**Monday 26th August - Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan:** Please pray for the successful completion of the Acharaclechurch refurbishment. We hope to re-open again in the autumn. Please pray for the next chapter of witness and service in the village.

**Tuesday 27th August – Turkey:** The inflation rate in Turkey is still among the highest in the world and wages are steadily falling in value. Most of the population are struggling financially. Please pray for them, and especially for believers, that they would be able to trust in the Lord, and that they would see Him providing for all their needs.

**Wednesday 28th August – Dumisani:** Pray for the appeal process and the engagement of a new lawyer hired to now work on Principal Wilbert Chipenyu's renewal-visa application. May the Lord grant the renewal.

**Thursday 29th August - Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan:** Pray for work among the youth of the area. We hope to see more schoolwork beginning after the interruption of the pandemic. Pray especially for open doors in the High School which is attended by young people from right across the region.

**Friday 30th August – Dumisani:** Pray for Principal Chipenyu who has been invited to attend the REACH Synod meeting in Johannesburg as a representative of Dumisani Theological Institute. May this be a wonderful opportunity to engage with many.

**Saturday 31st August – Turkey:** Pray for Christian leaders in Turkey. The Pandemic, the after-effects of the devastating earthquake in February 2023, and the critical economic situation have all added to the stress they were already experiencing, as they try to pastor their people in a society which does not understand the Christian faith and is often hostile to it.

**Sunday 1st September – ETS:** Please pray for the students and staff, as term begins tomorrow. Please pray they will be renewed and refreshed beginning this new term, and that God will bless His word being taught, and for all the students that they would grow in their knowledge of the Lord.

### KINLOCH COMMUNION SERVICES (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September)

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm	English	Rev Iain Thomson
There will be a fellowship at the manse after this service – all are invited.			
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	11.30am	Gaelic	Question Meeting
	7.00pm	Gaelic (Hall)	Rev Iain Thomson
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm	English	Rev Jonathan Baxter
	12.00 noon	English	Rev Jonathan Baxter
Lord's Day 8 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm	Bilingual	Elders
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	11.30am	English	Rev Iain Thomson
	6.00pm	English	Rev Jonathan Baxter
The evening service will be followed by a short elder led prayer meeting, then a fellowship at the manse at which visiting ministers will give a word of testimony.			
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00am	English	Rev Jonathan Baxter
A short prayer meeting is held in the vestry an hour before the morning services on Friday, Saturday, Lord's Day, and Monday.			

### THE LARGER CATECHISM

#### Q. 12. What are the decrees of God?

A. God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his will, whereby, from all eternity, he hath, for his own glory, unchangeably fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass in time, especially concerning angels and men.

[Eph. 1:11](#); [Rom. 11:33](#); [Rom. 9:14-15, 18](#); [Eph. 1:4, 11](#); [Rom. 9:22-23](#); [Ps. 33:11](#).

*"Our sins should humble us, but they must not discourage us from coming to Christ."*

— **Thomas Watson, The Lord's Supper.**