

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.

10th November 2024



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

The **Service of Remembrance** today will be held at West Side War Memorial at **10.45am** and will be conducted by Rev Calum MacDonald (Retired). An English service will be held shortly afterwards at **11.30am in Bragar Meeting House** and will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald (Retired). The evening English service in **Shawbost at 6pm** will be conducted by Mr Donald MacAulay (Carloway). Our evening service will be livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from the book of Psalms, chapter 19.

	11:30 Service	6.00pm Service
1		Ps 31:14-19 Scottish Psalter
2		Ps 31:20-24 Scottish Psalter
3		Ps 32:1-5 Scottish Psalter
4		Ps 51:7-12 Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today due to the Service of Remembrance.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The Services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Donald A MacDonald.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 13th November at 7pm in the Church Hall**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

All are welcome to an informal prayer meeting in the Manse at **7pm on Saturday evenings**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COLLECTION

The Deacons' Court recently agreed that a collection be taken **at all congregational prayer meetings** from now on in aid of local/international missionary causes and disaster relief funds.

BETHESDA SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH - SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024

Bethesda will be holding a Soup & Pudding Lunch in the **M.A Macleod Memorial Hall, Kenneth Street**, on **Saturday 7th December from 12 Noon -2pm**. Donations of baking would be gratefully accepted at the Hall from 10am onwards, all welcome to come along.

PSALM 124 AND THE DELIVERANCE OF THE ALLIED ARMIES AT DUNKIRK

The deliverance of the allied armies at Dunkirk is considered by many to be a true story of Divine providence in modern history. King George VI had ordered the observance of a National Day of Prayer. The British Monarch, along with members of the cabinet, attended Westminster Abbey to pray, while millions of Britons all across the Kingdom in unprecedented unity, attended churches to join the King in prayer. Newspapers throughout the UK reported, "Nothing like it has ever happened before."

Following the evacuation of Dunkirk, Winston Churchill addressed the British nation and described the evacuation as a "miracle of deliverance." The following Sunday, the nation in celebration of God's answer to prayer, sang Psalm 124 throughout churches in the United Kingdom.

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The phrase, "If the Lord had not been our side", is repeated twice in the first two verses of Psalm 124. The following is a quote from Martin Luther regarding this passage of scripture: **"This repetition is not in vain. For whilst we are in danger, our fear is without measure, but when it is once past, we imagine it to have been less than it was indeed. And this is the delusion of Satan, to diminish and obscure the grace of God."**

In Psalm 124, David gives God the glory for their victory, reminding us that our strengths and weaknesses mean nothing unless we have the provision of God.

RETIRING COLLECTION - BENEVOLENT FUND

In order to build up the congregational benevolent fund, the Deacons' Court recently agreed to arrange a retiring collection at **both services on Sunday 17th November 2024**.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - 11th November - 17th of November 2024

North Harris

Please pray that the congregation would continue to be united, encouraged, and faithful in the gospel. Pray that God would bless the congregation and strengthen them.

Tuesday 12th November

UK Partnership

Please pray for the UK Partnership which is taking place this week in Colorado. Give thanks for our partnership in the gospel with many churches in the states. Pray for our church planters as they share the work they are doing in Scotland, and pray their time would be fruitful. Pray that we would continue to build a partnership of prayer and support, and that this would be of blessing to churches in Scotland and the USA.

Wednesday 13th November

Muriel Macleod, Cambodia

A church leaders training was held from 13 - 16 Nov where the focus was on being a missional church. Pray the time together will have reignited a vision to share the gospel with other tribal minorities and Cambodians, as well as reaching those from their own language groups across the borders in Laos and Vietnam.

Thursday 14th November

North Harris

Please pray for continued strength and comfort to those suffering. Pray that the Lord would draw close to His people.

Friday 15th November

Wick and Keiss

Please pray for believers in Wick, that the Lord would continue to build them up and encourage them in the faith. Please pray they would know the Lord's presence, and the work of the Spirit in their lives.

Saturday 16th November

Centre for Rural Ministry

Please pray for the Centre for Rural Ministry which launched at the start of the month. Please pray for Ivor MacDonald and Megan Grey as they begin their roles, that the Lord would grant wisdom to them, and strengthen them and the advisory committee.

Sunday 17th November

Wick and Keiss

Pray that the Lord would provide a gospel worker to take on the work in Wick. Pray that the Lord would raise up the right leader so that the gospel may flourish in the North of Scotland.