

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 May 2026



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Donald A MacDonald.

At the **11.00am** service, the Scripture reading will be 1 Kings 10.1 – 13 and the sermon will focus on verse 1 and the following verses. The sermon is entitled *A Diplomatic Encounter*.

At the **6.00pm** service, the Scripture reading will be John 19. 16 - 37. The sermon will focus on verse 34 and is entitled *Pierced by a Spear*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 113:1-8	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 51:7-12	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 147:1-6	Sing Psalms	Psalm 22:14-20	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 147:6-11	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 34:15-22	Sing Psalms
4	Psalm 72:15-19	Sing Psalms	Psalm 111:1-5	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumes today at the usual time and the children will go to through to the Hall during the second item of praise.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Donald MacAulay.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

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

WOMEN FOR MISSION (WFM) COFFEE MORNING

The WFM group will host a coffee in aid of Bethesda on **Saturday 16th May in the Church Hall. 11.00am-1.00pm**. All welcome. **Donations of baking gratefully accepted**.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Blythswood have provided a leaflet with suggested items that can be pre-collected for the Shoebox Appeal. Please take a leaflet and support this worthy cause.

FOODBANK

The manager of the local foodbank has requested that we supply **men's toiletries** this month.

"It costs something to be a true Christian. Let that never be forgotten. To be a mere nominal Christian, and go to Church, is cheap and easy work. But to hear Christ's voice, follow Christ, believe in Christ, confess Christ, requires much self-denial"

J.C. Ryle

"It must not content us to take our bodies to church if we leave our hearts at home"

J.C. Ryle

"The distinguishing mark of true revival is that it makes God big and man small "

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

PROVENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – PRAYER MEETING

You are warmly invited to attend the prayer meeting at Providence Christian School, Cearns Community Centre, on the 11th May 2026 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be led by Rev. Alan Blaney. We hope to have a time of informal fellowship over a cup of tea after the meeting. If you are unable to attend in person a Teams meeting link can be sent. Please contact:

office@providencechristian.school or secretary@providencechristian.school

LEWIS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (LCEA) AGM

You are warmly invited to attend the LCEA Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will take place on Tuesday, 9th June 2026, 7.30pm in the conference room of Stornoway Business Hub. This will be a public meeting, and we encourage all members and supporters to come along. The LCEA operates Providence Christian School in Stornoway.

PRAYER POINTS 4th – 10th MAY 2026

Monday 4th May

Hope Church Coatbridge

We have been vacant since November 2024. We have had excellent supply but are very conscious of the need for our own minister and pray that the Lord would provide a man of His choosing for us. It is tough being an Interim Moderator, with extra work and travel. Pray please for ours, the Rev. Tom Penman, minister at Cumbernauld, that he would know God's blessing and encouragement in all that he does.

Tuesday 5th May

Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray that we would be able to have many Jesus centred conversations with the other parents we are meeting locally in playgrounds and making contacts with, and for fruit to come from that.

Wednesday 6th May

Board of Ministry

Please pray for the Free Church MiTs, both those who are finishing their training this year and those continuing their studies next session. We pray that those who are seeking a call will be settled quickly into their new setting.

Thursday 7th May

Hope Church Coatbridge

Please pray that all those associated with the congregation would seek to honour God in all aspects of their lives.

Friday 8th May

ETS

Give thanks for the Awards Ceremony taking place today on the 8th of May, and for students from all our programmes who will be receiving awards.

Saturday 9th May

Matt and Maria, Greece

Please remember our students from the language schools and for sincere spiritual embracing of the gospel.

Sunday 10th May

Hope Church Coatbridge

We provide each week a toddler group and a community cafe. We ask for prayer that these events would be a means of introducing our neighbours to the Lord Jesus Christ. Once a month a few of our members engage in street evangelism in Coatbridge town centre. Please pray that those contacted would respond to the Gospel literature and invitations to worship given out.

"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me: it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold on me"

Martin Luther