

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.

11th February 2024



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Both today's services will be taken by Mr Farquhar Macleod, Elder, North Harris Free Church. Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12.00 noon service** the Scripture reading will be from Hebrews 12:1-13. At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from Luke 18:1-17. The praise will be led by our precentor(s) and the Psalms for this Lord's Day are as follows:

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 91:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 51:1-7	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 23	Sing Psalms	Psalm 51:8-14	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 123	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 116:1-6	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 121	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 102(ii):16-20	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time and the children will go to the hall during the second item of praise.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The 12noon service next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Duncan MacPherson, Elder, North Harris Free Church. The 6pm service will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

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

RESPOND TO THE SCOTTISH GOVT'S 'CONVERSION PRACTICES' CONSULTATION

On 9th January the Scottish Government published its extreme proposals for a new law to ban so-called conversion practices. Groups like Stonewall and the Humanist Society are encouraging their supporters to respond to the public consultation on the proposals. They want a 'conversion practices' law that would force Christians to endorse LGBT ideology. So, it's absolutely crucial that the Scottish Government hears from Christians. Please [respond to the consultation](#). To help you respond, The Christian Institute has produced an [overview of the proposals](#) and a [a guide for using the online response form](#). The guide identifies the key consultation questions and gives ideas how to respond. It is important to use your own words. Multiple responses using identical wording are likely to be dismissed. The consultation closes at **midnight on 2 April**. We'd like to ask you to do three things:

1. Pray that the proposals would be widely recognised as unworkable and that the Scottish Government would be forced to abandon its plans altogether.
2. Respond to the consultation.
3. Take the time to explain to your church and Christian friends why it's so important that they respond to the consultation. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The last of the current series of online training sessions is scheduled for **Thursday 22nd February at 7.30 pm**. Please note that sign-up will become unavailable one week before the training event. Register at <https://freechurch.org/safeguarding-training/>

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

All are warmly invited to a prayer meeting at Providence Christian School on Monday 12th February at 7.30pm. The meeting will be led by Rev Callum Macleod and there will be a time of fellowship afterwards over a cup of tea. For those unable to join in person, a Teams option is available through office@providencechristian.school

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - PART-TIME TEACHER ADVERT

Providence Christian School are seeking a Part-Time Teacher to join the team, and there are also vacancies for volunteers. For more information about the posts, please get in touch by email at office@providencechristian.school

KESWICK CONVENTION 2024 (WEEK 1) - TRAVEL TO KESWICK OPPORTUNITY.

A bus from Ullapool all the way to Keswick, peppered with some lunch and comfort breaks en route. The plan would be:

- to leave Ullapool on the morning of the 13th July after having travelled over on the first ferry.
- attend first week of the conference
- return on the morning of the 20th, reverse of outward trip, coming home on the evening ferry.

It's open to any, and every church, the bus still has room, currently over 20 travelling and we won't be filling it to the brim. Whether you've been before or always wanted to go to Keswick, this is a fantastic opportunity. Rev David Gibson of Trinity Church Aberdeen is the main speaker that week. See [this link](#) for details about Keswick Convention. If all goes to plan, we should be down in Keswick in time to make the week's opening evening event. If interested, please contact David Morrison at davidshader@hotmail.com or phone 07753957336 to book a seat.

SOLAS

SOLAS are making a return trip to Lewis with the dates scheduled for Thursday 18th to Monday 22nd April. Andy Bannister and the new Scottish rep for Solas Steve Osmond are travelling up and an outline programme is taking shape. There will be a Confident Christianity event on the Saturday afternoon (likley in Stornoway) as well as the opportunity for a minters/elders session with them on Friday 19th 10am-12 noon. Please mark in diaries as this will undoubtedly be to our benefit. More info to follow shortly.

PRAYER POINTS 12TH FEBRUARY - 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

Monday 12th February - Bishopbriggs

Please pray for congregation's midweek bible study and prayer meeting, as they meet to pray together and to learn together, that God would greatly encourage them through His word and through fellowship with one another.

Tuesday 13th February - Dumisani

Pray for new lecturer, Dion Steele, as he lectures for Term One at Dumisani and gets to know the staff and students. Give thanks to the Lord for this new lecturer coming this Term.

Wednesday 14th February - Youth Conference

Please pray for the Youth Conference which is taking place on the 15th-17th of March. Pray for the speaker, Thomas Davis, as he prepares on the theme of idolatry, and pray for the committee as they seek to encourage more young people to sign up and come along. Pray for the relationships of the young people across our denomination.

Thursday 15th February - Healthy Gospel Church: Partnering with Others

Give thanks to God that we are partnering with other organisations and churches that share the commitment of proclaiming the true Christian message, for the advancement of God's work.

Friday 16th February - Helensburgh

Pray for our youth/Sunday school. We're blessed with many families but that poses the wonderful problem of teaching them well. We have great Sunday school teachers, but we need more.

Saturday 17th February - Bishopbriggs

Please pray for the congregation to grow in their love for the gospel and hearing the gospel in their community. Please pray that the church would be strengthened and built up for kingdom works.

Sunday 18th February - Helensburgh

Please pray for our families. We have many families, and we want to see children flourishing and growing into personal faith.

THE MIGHTY MEN OF PRAYER OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546): *Prayer is that mightiest of all weapons that created natures can wield—it is 'bombarda Christianorum,' the cannon of Christians. It shaketh heaven and earth.*