

## 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

11<sup>th</sup> January 2026



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Gordon Matheson (11.00am) and Rev Calum M Smith (6.00pm).

At the **11.00am** service, the Scripture reading will be Colossians 1, and the sermon is entitled *The Pre-eminence of Christ*.

At the **6.00pm** service, the Scripture reading is 1 Peter 1:1-25. The sermon will focus on verses 8-12 and is entitled *Seeing Through the Eyes of Faith*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 97:1-7; 11-12	Sing Psalms	Psalm 27:1-5	Sing Psalms
2	Psalm 51:1-7	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 43:1-5	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 19:7-11	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 19:7-11	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 110:1-4	Sing Psalms	Psalm 116:1-6	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume today, and the children will go through to the hall during the second item of praise. Please remember both the pupils and teachers in prayer.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Stuart King (11.00am) and Mr Gordon Macleod (6.00pm).

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm** in Bragar. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### RETIRING COLLECTION – THE FAITH MISSION

There will be a retiring collection at both services today in aid of The Faith Mission.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Kirk Session has agreed to call a congregational meeting on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 (7pm, Church Hall)**, with a view to calling a minister to fill the pastoral vacancy. A strong turnout is encouraged so that the views of the congregation can be heard. Although it is members that have a vote, adherents will also be asked about their support or otherwise of the name or names nominated.

### ANNUAL LDOS PRAYER MEETING

The annual LDOS prayer meeting is due to take place **at 8.30pm tonight** in the APC building on Keith Street. All are encouraged to attend.

### DEACONS' COURT

There will be a meeting of the Deacons' Court immediately following the prayer meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational fellowship in the church hall immediately following the evening service on **25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. Representatives from the local branch of Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons) will be speaking. Please be encouraged, encourage others, to come along.

*Only sinfulness can keep a Christian from fruitfulness*

*Alexander Simpson*

### PRISEIL LADIES - AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP

The Priseil Ladies will be holding an Afternoon of Fellowship on the afternoon of **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 2:00-4:00pm**. This event will take place in the Rev M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall on Kenneth Street. There will be praise and worship and afternoon tea as we fellowship with one another. We are also delighted that Rosie Morgan who was our speaker at the Ladies Conference in June 2025 will bring us a New Year message all the way from Seaford in East Sussex via Zoom. We want to encourage any ladies in congregations who would like to join us that afternoon to do so. We hope and pray that it will be a time of blessing for us all. Please use the following link to complete and submit your booking form [Priseil Ladies Afternoon of Fellowship with Rosie Morgan – Fill in form](#). If you have no means to complete a booking form electronically please contact Natalie Ferrier, High Free Church Manse, Goathill Road, Stornoway who will be happy to help you with your booking details. A collection which will be taken on the day will be donated to the Phoebe Project which is the Women's Ministry connected to the Slavic Gospel Association. Please soak this event in prayer as we prepare for it. Pray that the hearts of all who attend would be prepared in advance.

### PRAYER POINTS 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Muriel Macleod, Cambodia

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will ignite hearts to worship and to make God known throughout Cambodia.

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Galashiels

Join with us in thanking God for our offer being accepted on a building. Please pray that the title issue can be resolved soon and we can get in next month.

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Sashko, Poland

Our church in Kraków occupies a unique position: close enough to understand Ukraine's needs, stable enough to focus on long-term spiritual infrastructure, and connected enough to distribute literature effectively across the region. This is where Ukrainian Reformation was born. Operating from Poland, we're able to provide the sound theological resources Ukrainian believers desperately need while their own churches are necessarily focused on immediate crisis response. Please pray that the Lord would continue to bless and grow this work.

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Galashiels

We had our first joint Borders Youth Night in December and it was a huge success, far better than we anticipated. Please pray that this continues and specifically that Scripture Union Scotland can appoint a worker for the Borders who can take this on.

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Muriel Macleod, Cambodia

Recently there has been a significant increase in hostilities between Thailand and Cambodia. More intense fighting and many more casualties, including five young men from the village. They were sent back home to the district medical centre to be near family as they recover. Pray for those reaching out to the increasing numbers of refugees. Pray for a peaceful resolution.

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January - Sashko, Poland

Our distribution infrastructure is already operational and reaching deep into Ukraine. Ministry partners we've carefully vetted are carrying our books directly to seminaries, churches, orphanages, displaced families and soldiers at the frontline — into bomb shelters, military hospitals, and refugee housing where theological resources are desperately needed. Please pray God's protection over this much needed distribution infrastructure.

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January - Galashiels

Please ask that the Lord might provide more mature Christians to the church plant. Specifically families and musicians.

*I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I wish to be. I am not what I hope to be. Yet I can truly say, I am not what I once was. By the grace of God, I am what I am.*

*John Newton*