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**CHURCH BULLETIN**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

## INTRODUCTION

We are a congregation of the [Free Church of Scotland](#). We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. We use the [ESV version of the Bible](#) in the public worship of God. We use both the [Scottish Psalter](#) and [Sing Psalms](#) versions of the Psalms for the praise items in our public worship. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#).

## SUNDAY SERVICES

The services today will be taken by Mr Donald MacAulay (Carloway). For the **12.00noon service**, the reading is from Psalm 119, verses 1-24 with a focus on verse 18.

At the **6.00pm service**, the reading will be from Revelation 3 with a focus on verses 15 and 16.

The praise will be led by our precentor and the Psalms for this Lord's Day are as follows:

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 1	Psalter	Psalm 42: 1-5	Psalter
2	Psalm 119: 7-11	Psalter	Psalm 80: 3-7	Psalter
3	Psalm 119: 1-8	Psalter	Psalm 130	Psalter
4	Psalm 119: 9-16	Psalter	-----	-----

## English Services

The English services in the Church at 12.00noon and 6.00pm will be live streamed on our **YouTube Channel** [here](#). An audio recording of both services will be available on Sermon Audio as soon as possible after the services end. The services can be accessed on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

## MINISTER UPDATE

The Minister continues to make good progress and the situation will be reviewed by his GP in two weeks. We are thankful for this update and continue to remember him and his family in prayer. We remember all such who are laid aside through ill health and/or old age and who are unable to join with us in corporate worship.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet as usual this Lord's Day. We continue to seek God's blessing on this aspect of our gospel ministry.

## SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Alex MacRitchie (Back).

## PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.00pm at the Church Hall.

## SATURDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study in Bragar Meeting Hall every second Saturday has resumed. The group is currently studying the gospel of John. The next meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

## TURKEY AND SYRIA

Please see [this link](#) on the Free Church website about how we as a denomination are supporting those affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, through finances and prayer support.

The Mission Board want to encourage churches in Scotland to continue to pray for these countries in desperate need, and to ask for God's protection and comfort to be known by believers across the global church. Please pray for those who are affected, whether injured, traumatised or grieving. Please pray that these organisations would be guided continually by the Lord throughout these appeals and their relief efforts, and that their work would ultimately bring glory to God's name across the nations.

Accordingly, the Deacons' Court agreed that a door collection be arranged for **next Lord's Day (Sunday 19th February)** with all donations going towards the Free Church of Scotland Disaster and Relief Fund.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in the congregation on Lord's Day 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The programme of services will be as follows:

Day	Service	Location
Friday Evening	English Service	Church
	Gaelic Service	Bragar
Saturday Morning	English Service	Church
Saturday Evening	Prayer Meeting	Church Hall
Lord's Day Morning	English Service	Church
Lord's Day Evening	English Service	Church

The English services will be taken by Rev. Andrew Macleod, Assistant Minister at Tain and Fearn. The Gaelic service in Bragar on Friday evening will be taken by Rev. Paul Murray, Kinloch.

## STORNOWAY FREE CHURCH - FEBRUARY 2023 COMMUNION

<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
English service at 7.30pm in the Kenneth St Church	Rev Iain Macritchie
Gaelic service at 7.30pm in the Seminary	Rev Malcolm Macdonald
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Gaelic service at 11.00am in the Seminary	Rev Kenneth Ferguson
English service 7.00pm ( <b>NOT 7.30pm</b> ) in the Kenneth St church	Rev Iain Macritchie
<b>Lord's Day 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
English at 11.00am in the Kenneth St church	Rev Iain Macritchie
Gaelic at 11.00am in the Seminary	Rev Kenneth Ferguson
English at 6.30pm in the Kenneth St church	Rev Iain Macritchie

There will be a congregational fellowship in the M A Hall following the evening service at which Marsali Campbell will speak about new mission work she is about to undertake in Bolivia. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

## STORNOWAY HIGH FREE CHURCH - FEBRUARY 2023 COMMUNION

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Testimony evening at 7.30pm in the Fàilte (Retirement) Centre, Bayhead	
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Gaelic Service at 7.30pm in the Fàilte (Retirement) Centre, Bayhead	Rev Malcolm Macdonald
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
English service at 7.30pm in Sandwick Hall	Rev Alex Macdonald
<b>Lord's Day 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
English service at 11.00am in Sandwick Hall	Rev Alex Macdonald
English service at 6.30pm in Sandwick Hall	Rev Alex Macdonald

## **SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING: LAUNCH OF THE GAELIC AUDIO NEW TESTAMENT**

A Gaelic service of thanksgiving has been arranged to take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm, at Stornoway Free Church, Kenneth Street, to mark the launch of the Gaelic Audio New Testament, recorded during July and August 2022.

Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the MAMM Hall. Representatives from the Scottish Bible Society will speak briefly about the project and footage from the filming of the project will be shown, featuring interviews with folk at Kenneth Street last summer. Some clips from the recordings will also be played. A warm invitation is extended to all.

## **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

The following are prayer points issued by the Mission Board under the Praying For One Another Scheme (PFOA) in the coming week.

### **Monday 13th February Portree and Bracadale**

Our new church building project is progressing well, and we hope it will be completed by the end of the summer. Pray that we will be able to raise the funding gap of £160k, but also that we will use the facility well as a tool to reach our community with the message of the Gospel and with which to minister the love of Christ.

### **Tuesday 14th February Falkirk**

We continue to be encouraged in Falkirk, as our growth of recent years has continued. We've been blessed with an increasing number of young adults worshipping week by week, but we'd love to see a few more younger families come along too.

### **Wednesday 15th February Turkey and Syria**

Please pray for these countries in desperate need following an earthquake, and to ask for God's protection and comfort to be known by believers across the global and persecuted church. Please pray for those who are affected, whether injured, traumatised or grieving. Please pray that Christian organisations providing aid would be guided continually by the Lord throughout these appeals and their relief efforts, and that their work would ultimately bring glory to God's name across the nations.

### **Thursday 16th February Covenant Church Newmilns**

We've been pleased to partner with a few other organisations in the local community to offer a 'warm welcome' space each week. Please pray for wisdom as we explore further opportunities to work alongside these organisations and improve our links with the community, making good use of opportunities to give a reason for the hope we have in Christ.

### **Friday 17th February Portree and Bracadale**

The past few years have been very difficult for the congregation with the impact of Covid followed by almost a year's absence of the minister due to a cancer diagnosis. Pray that as we move forward that there will be a time of greater stability in which we can focus on our mission together.

### **Saturday 18th February Falkirk**

We are seeing an increasing commitment to Sunday evening worship and the midweek prayer-meeting, and we want to really prioritise these at the heart of our congregation's life. So please pray that, as we give ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word, God would build us up and make us effective in reaching out to the people of Falkirk with the good news.

### **Sunday 19th February Covenant Church Newmilns**

It feels a long way off, but we're starting to make plans for a summer holiday club. Having lost the pattern/habit over the past few years please pray for enough volunteers to be forthcoming for this as well as for the various other rotas and responsibilities in the church.