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**A Healthy
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CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 12th November 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](#). Our services are livestreamed and available on our [You Tube Channel](#).

LORD'S DAY SERVICES

The Remembrance Service will take place at the West Side War Memorial today at **10.45am** and will be taken by Rev Donald A MacDonald (Kinloch, Retired). The morning English service will take place in the Bragar Meeting House immediately following the Remembrance Service at **11.30am**. The Scripture reading will be Psalm 46 and the sermon entitled **Behold the Works of the Lord**, will focus on verses 8 and 9 of the chapter.

The **6.00pm** evening service, in the Church, will also be taken by Rev Donald A MacDonald. The Scripture reading will be Mark 5:21-43 and the sermon entitled **Talitha Cumi**, will focus on verse 41 of the chapter.

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 99a:1-5	Sing Psalms	Psalm 105:1-6	Psalter
2	Psalm 46:1-5	Psalter	Psalm 111: 1-4	Psalter
3	Psalm 46a:8-11	Sing Psalms	Psalm 9a:7-11	Sing Psalms
4	Psalm 107:29-32	Psalter	Psalm 28:6-9	Sing Psalms

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today.

COLLECTION

A collection will be taken at both services today to help with the upkeep of the War Memorial.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

There will be services as normal in the Church next Lord's Day. The services will be taken by Rev Kenneth Ferguson.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7.00pm** in Bragar. Everyone is encouraged to attend the midweek prayer meeting and bible study.

BOOK LAUNCH - AN EVENING WITH TOM LENNIE.

Tom Lennie, author of *Island Aflame - The Famed Lewis Awakening that Never Occurred and the Glorious Revival that Did* (Lewis and Harris 1949 - 1952) will be at the Barvas and Brue Community Centre on Monday 20th November at 7.30 p.m. to speak about his new book which is being launched this month. The event is being hosted by Stornoway Christian Bookshop in conjunction with Christian Focus Publications. There will be a bookstall and an opportunity to buy signed copies of *Island Aflame* which will be on sale at a discounted price. His other books will also be available to buy - *Glory in the Glen*, *Land of Many Revivals* and *Scotland Ablaze*. There will be tea/coffee and baking provided.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (13th November - 19th of November 2023)

Monday 13th November - UK Partnership

The UK Partnership (UKP) will be visiting Edinburgh today to hear from various church planters about work of Church Planting in Scotland. The UKP describes itself as “a camaraderie of like-minded Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) churches networking with U.K. nationals to facilitate an indigenous and Reformed church planting movement in the U.K.” Please pray for this meeting and partnership, thanking God for the resources they have provided to churches in Scotland, and their passion for seeing indigenous churches being planted and the gospel flourishing across Scotland. Pray for that new partnerships would be formed, and that they would be of great blessing to the wider denomination.

Tuesday 14th November - Tarbert (Argyll)

Pray for our Christmas outreach plans. Pray especially for our Community Carol Service on Sunday 10th December. Pray that people from the village will attend.

Wednesday 15th November - Urray and Strathconan (Muir of Ord)

Each Tuesday during term time, Noah's Art Tots meets at the hall. It's a great place for babies, toddlers, parents and carers to come and get together with others from the community. Please pray that this would be of great blessing to those in the community, and that the gospel would be shared in relationships built through this ministry.

Thursday 16th November - Turkey

Getting Christian theological training is not straightforward for believers in Turkey. Pray for all those involved in providing training and for those studying. Also for Turkish believers at theological colleges abroad - particularly that they would return to Turkey to serve the Church there

Friday 17th November - Urray and Strathconan (Muir of Ord)

Please pray for the congregation that they will be strengthened and encouraged in the gospel. Pray as they witness in their communities, that God would be glorified.

Saturday 18th November - Turkey

After February's devastating earthquake in Turkey many people are still living in temporary housing. Pray for them as winter approaches, and ask God to bless continued relief efforts, especially those done by local Christians.

Sunday 19th November - Tarbert (Argyll)

Pray that plans for a Hope Explored event in the New Year might come to fruition.

CHARLES SPURGEON DEVOTIONAL READING 12TH NOVEMBER (EVENING)

"And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." [Luke 6:12](#)

If ever one of woman born might have lived without prayer, it was our spotless, perfect Lord, and yet none was ever so much in supplication as he! Such was his love to his Father, that he loved much to be in communion with him: such his love for his people, that he desired to be much in intercession for them. The fact of this eminent prayerfulness of Jesus is a lesson for us--he hath given us an example that we may follow in his steps. The time he chose was admirable, it was the hour of silence, when the crowd would not disturb him; the time of inaction, when all but himself had ceased to labour; and the season when slumber made men forget their woes and cease their applications to him for relief. While others found rest in sleep, he refreshed himself with prayer. The place was also well selected. He was alone where none would intrude, where none could observe: thus was he free from Pharisaic ostentation and vulgar interruption. Those dark and silent hills were a fit oratory for the Son of

God. Heaven and earth in midnight stillness heard the groans and sighs of the mysterious Being in whom both worlds were blended. The continuance of his pleadings is remarkable; the long watches were not too long; the cold wind did not chill his devotions; the grim darkness did not darken his faith, or loneliness check his importunity. We cannot watch with him one hour, but he watched for us whole nights. The occasion for this prayer is notable; it was after his enemies had been enraged--prayer was his refuge and solace; it was before he sent forth the twelve apostles--prayer was the gate of his enterprise, the herald of his new work. Should we not learn from Jesus to resort to special prayer when we are under peculiar trial, or contemplate fresh endeavours for the Master's glory? Lord Jesus, teach us to pray.

“Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to life. How a man can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a man can believe and not pray is past my comprehension too.”

— J.C. Ryle (1816-1900), **A Call to Prayer**