

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

13th July 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Ian Murdo Macleod, Elder, Stornoway. Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be from Ruth 1 with a focus on verses 14 – 18. The sermon is entitled *Life's Choices*.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture readings will be from Matthew 8 vs 23 – 27 and Mark vs 35 - 41 with a focus on Mark 4 vs 37 – 39. The sermon is entitled *The Perfect Storm*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 96a:1-9	Sing Psalms, Pg 126	Psalms 91:1-6	Scottish Psalter, Pg 351
2	Psalms 25(i): 4-10	Scottish Psalter, Pg 231	Psalms 46a:1-5, 10-11	Sing Psalms, Pg 59
3	Psalms 145(ii):13-19	Scottish Psalter, Pg 445	Psalms 93:1-5	Sing Psalms, Pg 123
4	Psalms 36: 5-10	Sing Psalms, Pg 44	Psalms 107:27-31	Scottish Psalter, Pg 384

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School due to the school holiday.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Calum Murdo Smith (11am) and Rev Kenneth Ferguson (6pm).

CHURCH CAR PARK

The rear section of the car-park is available for use again but with restrictions. Please approach the car-park with caution and be vigilant of the cordoned off areas to the rear and around the main entrance door.

MY POLITICS! (LETTERS OF JOHN NEWTON, 1778)

The whole system of my politics is summed up in this one verse, "*The Lord reigns! Let the nations tremble!*" Psalm 99:1

The times look awfully dark indeed; and as the clouds grow thicker - the stupidity of the nation seems proportionally to increase. If the Lord had not a remnant here, I would have very formidable apprehensions. But He loves His redeemed children; some are sighing and mourning before Him, and I am sure He hears their sighs, and sees their tears. I trust there is mercy in store for us at the bottom; but I expect a shaking time before things get into a right channel - before we are humbled, and are taught to give Him the glory.

The state of the nation, the state of the churches - both are deplorable! Those who should be praying - are disputing and fighting among themselves! Alas! how many professors are more concerned for the mistakes of government - than for their own sins!

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!" Revelation 19:6

PRAYER POINTS 14TH JULY - 20TH JULY 2025

Monday 14th July - Garrabost

Give thanks for the parents who bring their children to church to attend Sunday School and pray that more families will come next term.

Tuesday 15th July - St Andrew's

Please pray that the Lord would help us to have a manner of life that is worthy of the gospel of Christ, bearing fruit in every good work - for more conversions, more discipleship, and more workers trained for God's harvest field.

Wednesday 16th July - Matt and Maria, Greece

Pray for a safe and stress-free departure from Argentina and settling into Greece, especially finding a routine and rhythm in the first weeks, and to get all the bureaucracy sorted smoothly.

Thursday 17th July - St. Andrew's

Pray that the Lord, in his good timing, would give us a Church building.

Friday 18th July - Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray we can effectively learn how to engage with university ministry on returning with Sofia.

Saturday 19th July - Free Church Youth Camps

Please pray for Kincaig Kids 2 which head to camp today. Please pray for the Team Leaders and Leaders and Cooks, that they would be sustained and equipped in wisdom and energy for the week ahead. Pray for safe travels, friendships to be grown and the gospel to be heard and received.

Sunday 20th July - Garrabost

Pray that those of us who know Jesus, would be looking for, and take advantage of opportunities to share the Gospel with others.

PREACHING SUPPLY: PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (JULY - NOVEMBER 2025)

Date	11am Service	6pm Service
27 th July	Rev. Roddy Macrae	Rev. Roddy Macrae

3 rd August	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
10 th August	Mr Tam MacLennan	Rev. Donald A Macdonald
17 th August	Rev. Euan Dodds	Rev. Euan Dodds
24 th August	Rev Roddy Macrae	Rev. Kenny Ferguson
31 st August	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev. Calum Macdonald

7 th September	Communion	
14 th September	Mr Marten Paterson	Rev James Maciver
21 st September	Rev. Kenny I Macleod	(Closed for Barvas Communion)
28 th September	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev James Maciver

5 th October	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
12 th October	Mr Ian M Macleod (Stornoway)	Rev James Maciver
19 th October	Rev. A Coghill	Rev. A Coghill
26 th October	Rev. G Matheson	Mr Stuart King (Harris)

2 nd November	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
9 th November	Rev. Donald A Macdonald	Rev. Donald A Macdonald
16 th November	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev. Calum Macdonald
23 rd November		Rev Colin Macleod (Back)
30 th November	Mr Ian M Macleod	Mr Ian M Macleod