

## 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.

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Alex MacRitchie (12 Noon) and Mr Donald Mackinnon, North Tolsta (6pm). Our services are livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12:00 noon service** the Scripture readings will be from John 6:25-40 and Matthew 11.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from Joshua Chapter 1, and the sermon will consider *Faithlessness and Faithfulness*.

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 46a:1-7	Sing Psalms	Psalm 1	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 116:1-8	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 86:9-13	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 119:57-64	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 106:4-7	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 62:1-8	Sing Psalms	Psalm 90:13-17	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School today due to the school holidays.

### CONGRGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational fellowship in the hall **immediately following the evening service tonight**. Donald MacAulay (Carloway) is the speaker. Tea and biscuits will be served. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Farquhar Macleod, Elder, North Harris.

### WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The weekly prayer meeting and Bible study on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** will take place **in Bragar**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### DEACONS' COURT

There will be a **meeting of the Deacons' Court on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** immediately following the prayer meeting.

### SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

All are warmly welcome to an informal prayer meeting **in the Manse on Saturday evenings at 7pm**. Please access the Manse via the rear door.

### LCEA PUBLIC MEETING: 'CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXPLAINED'

To commemorate 25 years since Providence Christian School opened its doors, the Lewis Christian Education Association (LCEA) are holding a public meeting in the Stornoway Town Hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, at which Rev Kenneth Stewart will give a talk entitled 'Christian Education Explained.' A warm invitation is extended to all who have an interest in Christian education in any form. The LCEA will hold its AGM in a separate room in the Town Hall at 6.30pm, and this meeting is also open to all.

### SOLAS - FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AND SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Andy Bannister and Steve Osmond from SOLAS Centre for Public Christianity will be the speakers at these two events, both **on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April in** Stornoway, God willing.

**1. Youth Cafe Night** for S1-S6 in Kopi Java, 7:30-9:00pm. Free entry and refreshments. Short talk on 'Can God and Science Coexist?' followed by opportunity for questions. Booking essential - <https://forms.office.com/r/WFH8qsix0N>.

**2. Cafe Night** for over 18s in the Woodlands Centre, 7:30-9:00pm. Free entry and refreshments. Short talk on 'Did Jesus actually rise from the dead? A historical examination.' No booking required.

Flyers for both events are attached. Please share. For more information please contact Rev Colin Macleod - [padre1872@gmail.com](mailto:padre1872@gmail.com) or Mairianne Campbell - [stornowayfreechurch@outlook.com](mailto:stornowayfreechurch@outlook.com)

On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** there are two events running that are open to everyone and you are very much encouraged to attend.

In Back Church Hall beginning at 2.30pm there will be two presentations:

1. Sharing your faith with those who are disinterested.

2. Living for God while in Babylon.

On Saturday evening in Sandwick Hall at 7.30pm there will be a further presentation:

1. Finding Hope in a world of chaos.

Both events are open to all. The evening event is particularly geared to inviting non-Christian friends. This is a great opportunity for outreach. For any further info please contact-

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### CALLANISH COMMUNION SCHEDULE - 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** 7.30 pm. Gaelic Rev Iain Thomson - Garrabost

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** 7.30 pm. English Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** 12.00 pm. English Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc

6.00 pm. Bi - Lingual Prayer Meeting - Elders

**Lord's Day 21<sup>st</sup> April** 11.00 am. English Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc

6.30 pm. English Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc

All services in the Church - There will be a short Prayer Meeting after the Evening Service

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*Just as the Lord Jesus Christ's zeal was misunderstood by His enemies, so it will be of His followers.*

*There is nothing in this fact that need surprise us. The prophet who came to anoint Jehu was called a "mad fellow." (2 Kings 9:11.) Festus told Paul that he was "mad." Few things show the corruption of human nature more clearly, than man's inability to understand zeal in religion. Zeal about money, or science, or war, or commerce, or business, is intelligible to the world. But zeal about religion is too often reckoned foolishness, fanaticism, and the sign of a weak mind. If a man injures his health by study, or excessive attention to business, no fault is found:—"He is a diligent man."—But if he wears himself out with preaching, or spends his whole time in doing good to souls, the cry is raised, "He is an enthusiast and righteous over-much." The world is not altered. The "things of the Spirit" are always "foolishness to the natural man." (1 Corinthians 2:14.) - J.C. Ryle*

*J. C. RYLE: We should cultivate the habit of pleading promises in our prayers. We should take with us some promise, and say, "Lord, here is Thine own word pledged. Do for us as Thou hast said." This was the habit of Jacob, and Moses, and David. The 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm is full of things asked, "according to Thy word."*