

## 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> September 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Keith Knowlton, Buccleuch Free Church, (11am) and Rev James Maciver (6pm). Keith, wife Rachel and their family serve with Mission to the World in Edinburgh, Scotland. Since 2020, they have partnered with the Free Church of Scotland and have served at Buccleuch Free Church, Edinburgh. More information can be found at <https://mtw.org/missionaries/details/knowlton-keith-and-rachel/>

At the 11.00am service, the Scripture reading will be Romans 5:1-5, and the sermon will consider 1 Kings 19:1-18. The sermon is entitled *Dealing with Despair*.

At the 6.00pm service, the Scripture reading will be Psalm 106:1-15 and 43-48 and the sermon is entitled *An Appeal with Three Reasons*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 34:1-10	Sing Psalms	Psalm 34:1-9	Sing Psalms
2	Psalm 34:15-22	Sing Psalms	Psalm 33:8-12	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 37:1-7	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 94:14-18	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 73:23-26	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 106:1-5	Sing Psalms

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet in the Hall as usual and the children will go to their classes during the second item of praise. Please remember the teachers and children in prayer.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The 11.00am service next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Kenneth I Macleod. For the evening service the church will be closed for the Barvas communion.

### PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 17th September at 7pm** in the Church Hall. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### BENEVOLENT FUND

The Deacons' Court had previously agreed the Wednesday collection was to fund mission projects and other areas such as disaster recovery appeals. However, the Deacons' Court recently agreed that, for the time being, the Wednesday night collection will be used to build up the congregation's Benevolent Fund which is another important area in the context of the church's social responsibility.

### BIG YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There is a Big YF tonight at 7.45pm in the M A Hall in Stornoway with speakers from Christians in Sport.

### PREACHING PATHWAY

The Western Isles Presbytery is organising a series of workshops called Preaching Pathway. These are designed for those who are involved in lay preaching or those who may be interested in starting out in preaching. There will be a series of six-monthly workshops between September and April, each of which will aim to cover key aspects of preparing and delivering sermons. The first workshop will be on Monday 29th September meeting upstairs in the MA Macleod Hall, Stornoway, from 7pm – 9pm. All men currently involved in lay preaching or interested in becoming involved in preaching are invited to come. For more information, please contact Thomas Davis: [tdavis.freechurch@outlook.com](mailto:tdavis.freechurch@outlook.com) or Ewen Matheson: [ematheson@emmail.uk](mailto:ematheson@emmail.uk)

*It is God alone who can open the ear, engage the heart, and incline the will of the sinner to accept salvation*  
(George Whitfield)

## PRAYER POINTS 15TH SEPTEMBER - 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

### Monday 8th September - Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray that everyone we have shared Sofia's testimony with would take it seriously and recognise God's intervention.

### Tuesday 9th September - Sleat and Strath

Susan Maclean (Presbytery Administrator) organises all Supply for vacant congregations in the Presbytery, which is a tremendous blessing and benefit to Interim Moderators. Give thanks for Susan and the work she does.

### Wednesday 10th September - Healthy Gospel Church: Prayer

Pray for the Healthy Gospel Church Prayer Gatherings taking place in Portree, Plockton and Kyle, and Aultbae this week. Pray that as a Church, we would see God at work among us, and at work in this nation, so that many people hear and respond to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Thursday 11th September - Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray for the university outreach going forward, and for our ability to share clearly and gracefully.

### Friday 12th September - Sleat and Strath

Pray for the Presbytery Strategy Team as they support the witness and vision of the congregation going forward. Pray that the Lord will stir up the Team and the congregation and send us out in the power of the Spirit.

### Saturday 13th September - Central Office

Please pray for the right candidate for the role of Finance Manager in the Central Office. Pray that God's hand will be in the process, from the application through to the interviews, and that the right person would be appointed.

### Sunday 14th September - Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray for a smooth transition and the building up of good relationships with colleagues and students in our language teaching, and opportunities to share the Gospel.

## SCALPAY COMMUNION SCHEDULE: 18<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm	English	Rev R J Campbell
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	12.00 noon	Gaelic	Rev R J Campbell
	7.00pm	English	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30am	Prayer Meeting	Elders
	12.00 noon	English	Rev R J Campbell
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Visting Elder-Bi-lingual
Lord's Day 21st September	8.30am	Prayer Meeting	Elders
	12 noon	English	Rev Andrew Coghill
	6.30pm	English	
There will be a short prayer meeting after the Sabbath evening service.			

## BARVAS COMMUNION SCHEDULE 19TH - 21ST SEPTEMBER

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm	English	Rev James Maciver
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm	English	Rev James Maciver
Lord's Day 21 <sup>st</sup> September	11.00am	English	Rev James Maciver
	6.00pm	English	
There will be a fellowship meeting in the hall after the Sabbath evening service.			

## PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: JOB ADVERT

Providence Christian School is an independent, non-denominational, reformed Christian Primary School on the Isle of Lewis (Scotland). They are currently seeking applications for a Part-Time Primary Teaching position at the school. There are also opportunities available for paid Supply Primary Teachers and volunteer classroom assistants. The closing date for the advertised position is Friday 10th October. For more information and to request an application form, please get in touch by email at [office@providencechristian.school](mailto:office@providencechristian.school)