

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.
14th June 2026



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by **Rev. Calum MacDonald**

11.00am Service		6.00pm Service		
Scripture reading: I Kings 18: 17-40 Sermon Text: 37 - 39		Scripture reading will be from: I Kings 19: 1-18 Sermon Title: What are you doing here Elijah?		
1	Psalms 43	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 4	Sing Psalms
2	Psalms 115: 1-9	Sing Psalms	Psalms 119: 169-176	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalms 115: 10-18	Sing Psalms	Psalms 107: 23-30	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalms 125: 1-5	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 122	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is on at the usual time and the children will go to through to the Hall during the second item of praise.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by **Mr Scott MacLeod**.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

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

WFM

Please note the WFM will meet on **Thursday 18th June at 7pm in the Church Hall**. Our speaker this month will be Mrs McEwan we hope to have a Bring and Buy sale.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

This year's Sunday School Outing will be a **Congregational Barbecue** taking place at **Shawbost School** on **Saturday 20 June** from **1pm - 3:30pm**. It would be great to see as many of the congregation there as possible. In order to make sure we have plenty of food, could you please let Neil know if you can manage to attend by Thursday 18 June. Neil's mobile number is 07444886905 and his email is neilmoley@outlook.com.

FOOD HYGIENE

A Food Hygiene course is to be offered soon, for anyone who helps, or would like to help, with the preparation and serving of refreshments at church events. The course will provide basic guidance on safe food handling and good hygiene practices. If you are interested, please add your name to the list at the door.

VACANCY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee met on the 3rd of June and several names were suggested as suitable candidates to fill our vacancy. Prominent among these, all of whom are currently serving as Free Church ministers were, 1. **Rev Robin Gray**, Gardenstown, 2. **Rev Alasdair MacAulay**, Tain, 3. **Rev Geoffrey Murray**, Leven and 4. **Rev Davi de Paula**, Smithton who preached recently in the congregation. The list is not, of course exclusive and all connected with the congregation are invited to make suggestions or state their preferences. Our interim moderator undertook to contact all four as to their availability to preach with us. Sermons from all four are available on their churches *YouTube* channels.

KIRK SESSION UPDATES (forwarded from last week)

1. The Kirk Session has decided to adopt the current practice prevalent throughout most of the denomination of **standing to sing** (if a person is able) and **remaining seated for prayer**. It was agreed that the change would come in on **Sunday 28th June**.
2. The Kirk Session has agreed that we should **serve tea/coffee after the Sunday service**. If you are able to help, please add your name to the list at the door so that a rota can be made up - Thank you.

LEWIS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

The **Lewis Christian Conference** is being held at **St Columbas Church** Stornoway from **June 18th - 20th @ 7.30pm each night**. This year, Dr Robert Smith Jr. will be the conference speaker. Dr Smith is a widely celebrated American theologian, author and professor. His topic for the conference this year is **When Life and Belief Collide: After the Benediction, What Then?**. All are welcome to attend - Come & Be Blessed!

PRAYER POINTS

Please note that the prayer points below were received from the Free Church Office earlier in the week. While they reach our intimations sheet after some delay, they remain relevant and we encourage you to keep these matters in your prayers in the days ahead.

Monday 8th June – Sashko, Poland

We are deeply thankful for our ever-growing publishing ministry and the influence it is having across Poland. Please pray that the books we send out would find the readers God intends for them.

Tuesday 9th June – Board of Ministry

The Board of Ministry meet today. Pray that God would give discernment in their decisions, and lead and guide them in their work of supporting ministers, congregations, and those preparing for ministry. Pray that God would provide workers for the harvest, and bless the Board's training pathways for ministers, women and those seeking ministry training.

Wednesday 10th June - Sashko, Poland

We are thankful for the ordination of our first deacon. Please pray that God would raise up more men in our congregation who sense this calling - men with a heart for mercy and the willingness to serve in quiet, unglamorous, essential ways.

Thursday 11th June – Mission Board

Please pray for the Mission Board as they meet today, that God would give wisdom in their discussions and decisions, and bless their work in supporting and facilitating mission both locally and globally, for His glory.

Friday 12th June – Teens Conference

Please pray for the Teens' Conference taking place this weekend, that the Lord would bless all the teens who attend, build them up in their faith, and encourage them to live wholeheartedly for Christ. Pray for the leaders, for wisdom and guidance as they faithfully serve the teens over the weekend.

Saturday 13th June - Kirkcaldy

Our community cafe takes place each alternate Saturday and is an open invitation for all the community to come and enjoy food and a chat together. Please pray that this would be a hub for community to build relationships. Pray that through this, the church would have many opportunities to witness to those who come along.

Sunday 14th June – Sashko, Poland

Pray also for our intensive summer season. June is already shaping up to be a full and lively month. We are hosting an Irish bake-off outreach event - a fun, low-barrier way of connecting with our neighborhood and inviting new friendships. We are also hosting a two-week internship for RUF campus ministry candidates, which we hope will help lay the groundwork for a formal campus ministry presence in Krakow - a city of 200,000 university students and a decade-long prayer focus for us. Please pray for energy, fruitfulness, and - always - the grace that turns ordinary efforts into lasting fruit.

"The sweetest fellowship on earth is found among those who are united in Christ and devoted to His cause"
(Andrew Bonar, 1810-1892)

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