



CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER 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 services today will be taken by Rev Roddy John Campbell (12.00 noon) and Mr Phil Pickett (6pm). We thank both preachers for their willingness to take the services.

At the **12.00 noon service**, the Scripture reading will be Luke 9:18-62 and the sermon will focus on verses 28-31.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be taken from Romans 1:1-17 and the sermon will focus on verses 16 and 17.

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 65: 1-5	Psalter	Psalm 95:1-7	Sing Psalms
2	Psalm 24: 1-5	Psalter	Psalm 25(i): 1-5	Psalter
3	Psalm 8: 3-9	Psalter	Psalm 118: 8-14	Sing Psalms
4	Psalm 27: 3-5	Psalter		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today due to the school holidays.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY AND PULPIT SUPPLY

The services next Lord's Day and the following Lord's Day are planned to be as follows:

Date	12.00noon	6.00pm
22 October	Mr Stuart King, North Harris	Rev. Roddy J. Campbell
29 October	Rev. George MacAskill	Rev. Gordon Matheson

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.00pm in Bragar**.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT COLLECTION

A collection will be taken at **both Lord's Day services today (15th October) and 22nd October 2023**. Donations can be placed in an envelope and marked "**Minister's Retirement**". For those unable to attend services and those within the wider community who may wish to contribute, donations can be placed in envelopes as above and passed to a friend or neighbour attending the above services, or they can be handed to office bearers no later than **24th October 2023**. Office bearer details for the various districts can be found on the congregation website on the [About Us](#) page. Please share this information with friends and neighbours as appropriate.

In connection with the above, there will be a Retirement Presentation at **The Old School Centre, Shawbost**, on **Friday 27th October 2023** to which everyone is invited and most welcome to attend.

THE RECORD | TRIBUTE - DONALD MACLEOD, SHAWBOST

The latest issue of The Record is available now. This month's issue includes a tribute for the late Mr Donald Macleod (Elder) written by the Minister. The tribute is also available on the congregational website [HERE](#).

MARSALI'S MUSINGS – SEPTEMBER 2023

The latest newsletter from Marsali Campbell, currently updating from Boliva, is available on the congregational website [HERE](#).

PRESBYTERY YOUTH CAMP - SAVE THE DATE!

A Presbytery Youth Camp is being planned for the S3-S6 age group at **Scaladale 24th – 27th November 2023**. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

BLYTHSWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023 - LEWIS AND HARRIS

Bring joy at Christmas! Each shoebox is an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need. Filled with small, practical items, the individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Blythswood Shoebox **Leaflets** are available for collection from the Blythswood Shop, Ness and Balallan, Nicolson's Newsagents, some schools, and churches. They are also available [online](#).

The Appeal Centre will be at Woodys, Rigs Road in Stornoway, in one of the units at the back and will be open on the following days to receive shoeboxes:

- **Thursday 26th October** 4pm – 6.30 pm
- **Friday 27th October**, 4pm - 6.30 pm
- **Saturday 28th October**, 10 am – 12 noon

The APPEAL will CLOSE on Saturday 28th OCTOBER at 12 noon.

Please adhere to the above times.

Further information can be sought from Blythswood Care on Facebook or from the Lewis and Harris Blythswood Support Group, contacts below:

Jackie Keddie - Tel: 07908207267

Nana Maclean - Tel: 07818861637

Catherine Maciver - Tel: 01851 703187

Anne Blyth - Tel: 07733441017

Mairianne Campbell - Tel: 07876202073

DJ Macleod - Tel: 07730377137

Charlie Nicolson - Tel: 07717816476

James Muir - Tel: 07527501005

Sam Murray - Tel:07484106715

Thank you.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (16th – 22nd OCTOBER 2023)

Monday 16th October

North Uist

Pray that the Lord would enable us to build on the recent OM Mission week that took place in Uist with volunteers from around the world coming to Uist to engage in evangelistic work. Lots of connections were made and many came along to the various events, pray that seeds planted would bear fruit in the lives of many.

Tuesday 17th October

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.

Wednesday 18th October

Lochgilphead

Give thanks for the new people who have joined and for the positive contribution they have already made to the spiritual vitality of the congregation. Pray that they will find a spiritual home among us.

Thursday 19th October

Vision Day

Please pray for the Generation Vision Conference taking place on the 11th of November in Glasgow. Please pray that many will come and be equipped in evangelism, and that there will be increased support and partnership for Church Planting and Church Planters across the denomination. Pray for Dan Strange as he prepares to give talks on Making Faith Magnetic, that they would be engaging and mobilising people for evangelism in their own life, as well as the wider work of the denomination.

Friday 20th October**North Uist**

Pray that the Lord would provide a Minister for the congregation. Give thanks to the lord for the many who have been willing to come to North Uist to provide supply preaching over the vacancy period. The congregation have greatly enjoyed the variety of preachers over this past year but we are now sensing a strong desire for a regular ministry to be re-established in the congregation.

Saturday 21st October**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 22nd October**Lochgilphead**

Pray that the building renovation project might regain momentum, especially in terms of success in raising the money to finance it.

“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*
