

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.

15th September 2024



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's service will be taken by Mr Tam MacIannan. Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12.00 noon service**, the Scripture readings will be from Job 1:6-22 and Luke 22:14-34 and the sermon will focus on verses 31 and 32 from Luke 22. The sermon is entitled *Christ's Prayer Triumphs Satan's Demand*.

There will be no evening service in the Church due to the Barvas Communion. The evening service in Barvas commences at **6.00pm** and the preacher is Professor John Angus Macleod.

	12:00 Noon Service		-	-
1	Psalm 105:1-7	Scottish Psalter, Pg 374	-	-
2	Psalm 1	Scottish Psalter, Pg 200	-	-
3	Psalm 2:8-12	Scottish Psalter, Pg 201	-	-
4	Psalm 94:14-18	Scottish Psalter, Pg 356	-	-

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time during the 12noon service. The children will go to their classes in the Hall during the second item of praise. Please remember the children and teachers in prayer.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Donald MacAulay, Carloway (**12 noon**), and Mr Joe MacPhee, Stornoway, (**6pm**).

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 18th September at 7pm in the Church Hall**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

DEACONS COURT

There will be a meeting of the Deacons' Court immediately following the prayer meeting on **Wednesday 18th September at 8pm**.

LADIES GROUP

The next meeting of the Ladies Group will take place on **Thursday 26th September at 7pm in the Manse, Shawbost**. There will be a guest speaker from Street Pastors. All welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Free Church has identified the following dates and times for Safeguarding Training Sessions: **Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm; Thursday 31st October at 7.30pm; Monday 2nd December at 6.00pm**. All training is online and these sessions are advertised on the web <https://freechurch.org/safeguarding-training/>

The September date is indicated as being of specific relevance to **Office Bearers** and the December one of specific relevance to **Safeguarding Coordinators**.

Please bear in mind that, as before, sign-up will become unavailable 7 days before actual event. We have also been reminded of the requirement set out by the Free Church Trustees that office bearers, youth workers, Sunday school teachers/helpers etc should have undertaken training within the last 3 years. Anyone who is due to take part in the three yearly refresher course is encouraged to do so. If you have any questions. Maletta MacPhail and Catherine Macleod will do their best to address these.

PRAYER POINTS 16th - 22nd September 2024

Monday 16th September - Sleat and Strath: Pray for the congregation to know God's blessing in their lives, and His strength when they gather for worship.

Tuesday 17th September – Turkey:

One of the Timothy Project's writers has just been appointed pastor of a small congregation in Istanbul. This ministry is on top of his full-time job, which is normal in the Turkish Church, since hardly any congregations in the country are able to support their own pastors financially. Please pray for U, his wife, and the members of the congregation, that the Lord would bless them and their ministry and add to their numbers.

Wednesday 18th September - Merchant City: Please pray for the beginnings of a new church plant in the Merchant City of Glasgow. Please pray as seeds begin to be sown that God would call those, He has to join the core team, and that there would be a spirit of unity, and passion for the gospel.

Thursday 19th September - Sleat and Strath: Pray that the Lord would build up His church in the rural communities in Skye, and that His people would be greatly encouraged by the gospel and by His word.

Friday 20th September - Merchant City Glasgow:

Give thanks for the Lord's provision of finances and prayerful support for the plant, and please pray that the Lord would sustain and provide the necessary funding for the plant to go ahead. Pray that a witness in the Merchant City would reach many new people with the good news of Christ.

Saturday 21st September - Refresh: Women for Mission Conference: Please pray for all the women attending the WfM conference that they would be encouraged and equipped from God's word. Pray for the speakers, Sharon Dickens and Anne MacDonald, that the Lord would bless them in their preparation and as they share about the importance of discipleship in building God's kingdom.

Sunday 22nd September – Turkey: At the start of a new school year in Turkey, please pray for the children there, particularly Christian children. There is a small number of Christian schools in the country, which are mainly restricted to foreign citizens and children from the minority communities. Pray for Turkish Christian children attending state schools, that the Lord would keep their faith strong and make them a clear witness where He has placed them. Also remember Turkish Christian teachers

LOCHS COMMUNION SERVICES (Thursday 19th – Lord's Day 22nd September)

Lochs Free Church			
Thursday 19th September	7.00pm	Gaelic	Rev Ian M Macdonald - Tarbert
Friday 20th September	7.00pm	English	Rev Ian Thomson
Saturday 21st September	7.00pm	English	Rev Ian Thomson
Lord's Day 22nd September	11.00am	English	Rev Ian Thomson
	6.00pm	English	Rev Ian Thomson

PRESBYTERY CAMP – SAVE THE DATE



Presbytery Youth Camp 2024!

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If you are in S3-S6, come and join us at Scaladale **22nd – 25th November 2024**

More details will follow...