



**THE VISION OF THE
FREE CHURCH OF
SCOTLAND IS**

**A Healthy
Gospel Church
for Every Community
in Scotland**

CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 16th April 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](#).

SUNDAY SERVICES

The 12.00noon service will be taken by Rev Kenneth Ferguson and the 6pm service will be taken by the Minister. At the **12.00noon service**, the reading will be from Proverbs 4 with a focus on verse 18. At the **6.00pm service** we will commence the second part of a study on *The Life of King David*. We concluded part one some time ago when we looked at the *The King according to God's Heart* in the context of the fall of King Saul and Saul's jealousy of David which led to his determination to kill him. The second part of the study is looking at the life of David as a fugitive, fleeing for his own safety. This period of his life takes us up to his coronation as King in 2 Samuel Chapters 2 and 5. The title of the series is '*The Forging of Character in the Path of Adversity*.' This Lord's Day we will study 1 Samuel 21:1-9 and '*The Necessity of Getting Our Priorities Right*.'

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	Psalms 95:1-6	Psalter	Psalms 146:1-8	Psalter
2	Psalms 27:1-5	Psalter	Psalms 59:10-17	Sing Psalms
3	Psalms 36:7-12	Sing Psalms	Psalms 132:13-18	Psalter
4	Psalms 84:5-12	Sing Psalms		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School this week due to the school holiday.

DOOR COLLECTION - ADAM (TRAVELLING MISSIONARY)

Further to his visit last week, a door collection will be taken in aid of Adam's missionary work at both services today.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The 12pm service next Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister and the 6pm service will be taken by the Rev Roddy J Campbell.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.00pm in Bragar.

THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE WEEK OF PRAYER: OUR LEADERS

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 JOHN 5:14

Our week of prayer starts tomorrow and runs through until Saturday. Each day we will focus on a different issue, and we will begin by praying for our leaders. On Sunday we pray for those in authority over us. *The authorities that exist have been established by God* (Romans 13:1). They are God's servants (v6). We should pray for them. Please pray:

- For integrity and wisdom for the King, Prime Minister, First Ministers and all those in national and local government;
- That parliamentarians and assembly members will promote what is good and restrain evil;
- For God to raise up more leaders in our national life who follow Christ.

You can download the Week of prayer leaflet and find specific points for prayer and thanksgiving at: https://www.christian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Wop_Spring23.pdf

WESTERN ISLES PRESBYTERY: HEALTHY CHURCH GATHERINGS

Join us at the Healthy Church Gathering at MA Memorial Hall Kenneth Street, Stornoway.

This is a free event being organised for congregations in the Western Isles Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland, as we look to encourage one another and share in the vision for A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland.

The hope is to bring together as many people in your congregations as possible for a time of input and then discussion, with a focus on us hearing the views and ideas of one another. There will be updates on how some churches have taken hold of the vision, as well as time to discuss some main topics, give feedback, ask questions and pray together.

The gathering will take place on **Friday 21st April** at MA Memorial Hall, Kenneth Street, Stornoway. There will be refreshments from **6.30pm**. The gathering will formally start at 7pm, with two main sections, and will conclude 9.30pm. We are asking people to sign up, to give us an idea of numbers attending.

To book, go to: freechurch.org/healthy-church-gatherings.

SERVICE TO MARK 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF METAGAMA SAILING TO CANADA

A service is being held at St. Columba's church at 3pm on **23rd April 2023** to mark the 100th anniversary of the sailing of the Metagama to Canada taking over 300 emigrant islanders. All are welcome to attend the service which is also being live streamed on St Columba's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The service will be conducted by Rev William Heenan and will include Psalms and prayers as well as an address by the Lord Lieutenant of the Western Isles, Iain Macaulay, the Metagama Song by Margaret Stewart, Gaelic poetry and readings by the captains of The Nicolson Institute and Sir E. Scott Schools.

A collection will be taken in support of Bethesda Hospice.

Refreshments will be available in the church hall afterwards.

MISSIONARY MEETING

Representatives of the Society for the Distribution of the Hebrew Scriptures will be on the Island at the end of this month. The visiting representatives and speakers are Eric Browning, who will be retiring this year after about 40 years as General Secretary, and Rohan Meyer who will be taking over from Eric. The representatives will join us for a Missionary Meeting in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 26th April 2023**.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER – 17-23rd APRIL 2023

Monday 17th April

Glenelg and Inverinate

Please pray for the gatherings in Glenelg and Inverinate, that gospel seeds would be sown in the communities.

Tuesday 18th April

Turkey

Presidential and parliamentary elections take place in Turkey on the 14th May. The country is still dealing with the aftermath of February's devastating earthquake, as well as an inflation rate among the highest in the world. Pray for leaders to be elected who will rule the country wisely and justly in the years ahead.

Wednesday 19th April

Healthy Gospel Church Gatherings

Pray for the healthy gospel church gatherings which are taking place this week in the Western Isles. Pray that these gatherings will be of blessing to those who attend and that God would continue growing healthy, gospel centred churches in the Western Isles.

Thursday 20th April

Glenelg and Inverinate

Please pray that the gospel work in Glenelg and Inverinate would bear fruit in the community. Pray that God may bring new life to this area through the preaching of the Word.

Friday 21st April

Turkey

Turkish Christians have been involved in relief efforts since the earthquake hit on the 6th February. Pray for renewed strength for those who are exhausted, healing for the traumatised, and hope in Christ for those who have lost everything

Saturday 22nd April

General Assembly

Pray for the Principal Clerk's office as they read through many reports and prepare for the General Assembly next month. Give thanks for their diligent work at this time.

Sunday 23rd April

Richard and Barbara, a European City

Please pray that the Lord might send more labourers into the diaspora island harvest; may he bring Christians here into gospel-sharing contact with island neighbours and colleagues etc.