

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.

16th February 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Neil Lachie MacDonald (Lochbroom & Coigach Free Church). Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the 11.00am service, the Scripture reading is Romans 8:18-39. The sermon will focus on verse 28 and is entitled *God's Care*.

At the 6.00pm English service, the Scripture reading is Colossians 1:1-20. The sermon will focus on verses 15-19 and is entitled *The Supremacy of Christ*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 147:1-7	Sing Psalms	Ps 100(i)	Scottish Psalter
2	Ps 139a:1-10	Sing Psalms	Ps 19:1-7	Scottish Psalter
3	Ps 61:1-6	Sing Psalms	Ps 8:1-5	Sing Psalms
4	Ps 89:1-5	Scottish Psalter	Ps 48a:1 & 8-14	Sing Psalms

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today due to the school holiday weekend. Sunday School will be on next Lord's Day and will meet in the Church Hall at 11am and join with the congregation later.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY – SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the congregation next Lord's Day 23rd February 2025 (DV). The programme of communion services will be as follows:

Thursday 20th February 2025

Gaelic Service at 7.00pm in Bragar Rev Kenneth Ferguson

Friday 21st February 2025

English service at 7.00pm in Church Rev Alec Stewart, (Maryburgh & Killearnan Free Church)

Saturday 22nd February 2025

English service at 11am Rev Alec Stewart,

Bilingual Prayer Meeting 6pm, Church Hall, led by Elders

Lord's Day 23rd February 2025

Communion Service at 11.00am Rev Alec Stewart

Service at 6.00pm in the Church. Rev Alec Stewart

There will be a fellowship in the hall after the evening service with Rev Alec Stewart

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 19th February at 7pm in Bragar**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

VACANCY COMMITTEE

The Vacancy Committee will meet immediately after the Prayer Meeting on **Wednesday 19th February** in Bragar.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Christianity Explored group will meet again on **Thursday 20th February in the Church Hall at 7.15pm**. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith in a relaxed and informal setting, please be encouraged to attend – it doesn't matter if you haven't attended previously. You don't have to speak unless you wish to, and you can simply listen in to the discussion.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Ladies Fellowship Group will meet again on **27th February at 7pm at the Manse**. The topic for the evening will be the John Piper poem, *The Lost Years*. All ladies welcome.

PRAYER POINTS 17TH FEBRUARY - 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

Monday 17th February - Knockbain

Give thanks for a new ministry beginning in Knockbain. Please pray the congregation will be strengthened and blessed by this ministry, and that the Lord would be greatly at work within the community.

Tuesday 18th February - Sashko, Poland

Pray for our translation team as they work to accurately convey complex theological concepts in Ukrainian while maintaining the heart and meaning of each text.

Wednesday 19th February - Free Church Youth Conference

Give thanks for the annual youth conference taking place on the 14th-16th March. Please pray this will be a time of fellowship, discipleship and growing in likeness of Christ for all who attend. Please pray for the Committee as they finalise plans and pray that the Lord would provide the finances and bookings needed to make the weekend viable. Please pray that as our young people gather, the Lord would be glorified and exalted in their lives.

Thursday 20th February - Asian Outreach

Pray for opportunities to discuss the message of Christ further with T and C.

Friday 21st February - Sashko, Poland

Pray that God would provide the necessary resources and partnerships to continue this publishing work. Many vital titles have never been available in Ukrainian, and we want to help fill this crucial gap in theological literature.

Saturday 22nd February - Knockbain

Please remember Knockbain in prayer as today is the induction of Rev Murdo Campbell as our new minister and he will be preaching on the Sunday for the first time. Please pray that all will go well with the practicalities of the induction and that Murdo, together with his wife Alison and four boys David, Finlay, Daniel and Matthew will know the Lord's blessing as they begin this next chapter of their ministry in Knockbain.

Sunday 23rd February - Asian Outreach

Please pray for the third edition of Holy Injil, Luke, that this translation would continue to be used and read widely. About 4930 copies have gone out so far over the 3 editions.

SOUTH HARRIS FREE CHURCH COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Friday 21st February

12noon (Gaelic) Rev James Maciver

7.00pm (English) Rev John Macleod, Allander Evangelical Church

Saturday 22nd February

12noon Prayer Meeting (Gaelic/English)

7.00pm (English) Rev John Macleod

Lords Day 23rd February

12noon (English) Rev John Macleod

6.00pm (English) Rev John Macleod

There will be a fellowship in the hall after the evening service

GEORGE WHITEFIELD ON PRAYER

The spirit of grace is always accompanied with the spirit of supplication. It is the very breath of the new creature, the fan of divine life, whereby the spark of holy fire, kindled in the soul by God, is raised into flame. Neglect of secret prayer has been frequently an inlet to many spiritual diseases, and has been attended with fatal consequences....Prayer is one of the noblest parts of the believer's spiritual armour. Ephesians 6:18 reads "Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication." Our Lord says "Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation" (Mark 14:38). Not that the Lord would have us always upon our knees, or in our closets, to the neglect of other relative duties. But he means, that our souls should be kept in a praying frame, so that we might be able to say, as a good man in Scotland once said to his friends on his deathbed, "Could these curtains, or could these walls speak, they would tell you what sweet communion I have had with my God here" O prayer! Prayer! It brings and keeps God and man together. It raises man up to God and brings God down to man. If you would therefore, O believers, keep up your walk with God, pray. Pray without ceasing. Be much in secret, be much in ejaculatory prayer, and send, from time to time, short letters post to heaven upon the wings of faith. They will reach the very heart of God and return to you again loaded with spiritual blessings.