

## 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 March 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's 11.00am service will be taken by Rev James Maciver. Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland> There will be no 6.00pm service due to the Barvas communion weekend. At 11.00am service the Scripture reading will be from Isaiah 55. The sermon will focus on verses 1-3 and is entitled *God's Invitation and Exhortation*.

| 11.00am Service |               |                  |  |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| 1               | Ps 45(ii):1-5 | Scottish Psalter |  |
| 2               | Ps 30:1-5     | Sing Psalms      |  |
| 3               | Ps 37:4-9     | Scottish Psalter |  |
| 4               | Ps 85:4-9     | Sing Psalms      |  |

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be on as usual, and the children will go to their classes during the second item of praise.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The 11.00am service next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Gordon Macleod.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

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

### NORTH HARRIS FREE CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

There are still some spaces available at the Women's Conference being held in North Harris Free Church, Tarbert on Saturday, 22nd March from 10.00am till 3.00pm. The main speaker is Mairi Smith from Deeside Christian Fellowship in Aberdeen. Mairi will be speaking from Revelation and there will also be some testimonies. Donations will be taken for WFM projects. Cost is £10 including lunch. Bookings can be made by emailing [nhfcwomen25@gmail.com](mailto:nhfcwomen25@gmail.com). "Victory Vision – explore the vision give to us to fuel our joyful endurance!"

### PRESBYTERY JUNIOR SCALADALE CAMP - NOW FULL

Please be advised that such has been the demand for this camp (for children in the p7-S2 age bracket at the Scaladale Centre on the weekend of 2nd-5th May) that all places have now been taken along with a waiting list of additional children. Please remember this camp in prayer.

### IN HIS HUMBLEST WORKS (Thomas Guthrie, 1803-1873)

"The earth is full of His unfailing love!" Psalm 33:5

The British Museum possessed in the Portland Vase - one of the finest remains of ancient art. It may be remembered how, some years ago - the world of culture was shocked to hear that this precious relic had been shattered by a maniac's hand. Without disparaging cultured taste, or this exquisite example of it - I venture to say that there is not a poor worm which we tread upon, nor a sere leaf which dances merrily in its fallen state to the autumn winds - but has superior claims upon our study and admiration. The child who plucks a lily or rose to pieces, or crushes the fragile form of a fluttering insect - destroys an intricate work which the highest human art could not invent, nor man's best skilled hand construct! There is not a leaf which quivers on the trees of the forest - which does not eclipse the brightest glories of the painter's brush or the sculptor's chisel! A simple flower has no rival among the triumphs of invention, which the silly world flocks to see. Yes, in His humblest works, God infinitely surpasses the highest efforts of all created skill.

"How many are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures!" Psalm 104:24

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge!" Psalm 19:1-2

### ARGYLL CONVENTION 2025 – "Your truth, my truth, versus THE TRUTH"

We are delighted to warmly invite you to attend this year's Argyll Convention. It is one of many Conventions held across the UK, mainly in the summer months. We are now in our 12th year. The dates are Tuesday 5th August to Thursday 7th August inclusive and the venue is again the Corran Halls in Oban. As usual, there is no charge (donations welcome) or registration, and you can turn up without booking to as many sessions as you like. You will be made very welcome. This is a unique local opportunity to meet Christians or to find out more about Christianity. It is not a theological conference or a gathering for clergy but aimed at the Christian-in-the-pew or non-Christian 'enquirer' and does not assume any particular level of knowledge of the Bible! This year Joe Barnard and Andy Robertson are coming to give the main talks with morning sessions and posters (10am to 12 noon) and evening sessions (7.30pm to 9pm). Joe Barnard is the pastor of Holyrood Evangelical Church in Edinburgh and the executive director of Cross Training Ministries, a discipleship ministry focused on training men in spiritual fitness. Originally, he is from New Orleans, but most of his pastoral ministry has been in Scotland. Joe has authored various books including *The Way Forward: A Road Map of Spiritual Growth for Men in the 21st Century*. He is married to Anna. They have four children. Rev Andy Robertson leads the Charleston Community Church, Dundee (a member of the wider Free Church of Scotland), a church plant of St Peter's Free Church. Andy and his elders share the gospel to a community of 4,500 people. This is part of a 20 schemes church plant initiative focusing on the most impoverished communities in Scotland. Andy is a graduate in animation and computer arts and has a Theology Degree. Andy is married to Caireen, and they have three children. We will have lunchtime workshops in the café. We will have Mission Speakers from Open Doors, The Scottish Bible Society, and Samaritan's Purse. The Good Book Company will provide a bookstall and give Christian books updates. There will be a Praise band to lead our worship. A Prayer Room will be provided. A full programme will be provided in future mailshots and will appear on our website, [www.argyllconvention.org](http://www.argyllconvention.org) Flyers and posters for sharing the event more widely, will be sent in due course in follow on emails, in the meantime we attach our advert that has been appearing in some Christian Publications. We hope you will save the dates and come along. If you need further information, you can always write to us at our email address. We attach 'Friends of Argyll Convention' Pack. Please consider becoming a Friend so that you may partner with the aims of the Convention.

Donald MacAskill for Argyll Convention Committee.

### SCHEDULES OF COMMUNION SERVICES 19<sup>TH</sup> TO 23<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

#### LOCHS FREE CHURCH

|                                   |          |         |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|--|
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March  | 7.30 pm  | English | Pre Communion Prayer Meeting           |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March   | 7.00 pm  | Gaelic  | Rev Calum Macdonald rtd                |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March     | 7.00 pm  | English | Rev Hugh Ferrier- High Free, Stornoway |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March   | 7.00 pm  | English | Rev Hugh Ferrier- High Free, Stornoway |
| Lord's Day 23 <sup>rd</sup> March | 11.00 am | English | Rev Calum M Smith - Stornoway          |
|                                   | 6.00 pm  | English |  |

#### BACK FREE CHURCH

|   |          |         |                                    |
|---|----------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                                   | 7.00 pm  | Gaelic  | Rev James Maciver                  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March                                     | 7.30 pm  | English | Rev Mark Macleod                   |
| There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service |          |         |                                    |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                                   | 6.30 pm  | English | Rev Calum Iain Macleod - Ferintosh |
| Lord's Day 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                                 | 11.00 am | English | Rev Calum Iain Macleod - Ferintosh |
|   | 6.00 pm  | English |                                    |
| There will be a Fellowship in the Hall after the Evening Service. |          |         |                                    |