

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

17th August 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Euan Dodds, (Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church).

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be Luke 14:1-24.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture reading will be Acts 11:19-30.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 84:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 100	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 103:1-14	Sing Psalms	Psalm 121	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 40:1-5	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 65:1-8	Sing Psalms
4	Psalm 23	Sing Psalms	Psalm 67:1-7	Sing Psalms

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume following the summer holiday period. The Children will go through to the hall during the second item of praise. Please remember the teachers and children in prayer.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Roddy MacRae (11am) and Kenneth Ferguson (6pm).

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 20th August at 7pm** in the Church Hall. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

BEREAVEMENT

We note with sadness the passing of Isabella Ann Sinclair (late of Edinburgh and 52 South Shawbost). We remember the extended family in prayer. The funeral service will take place on **Wednesday 20th August** at the Church with the service of worship commencing at **11.00am**. There will be a service of worship on Tuesday evening (19th August) at the Church commencing at **8.00pm**.

SOLAS – CONFIDENT CHRISTIANITY

Solas are holding a Confident Christianity event in the MA hall on **Saturday 23rd August 10am-12.30**. All are very welcome. Steve Osmond will give 2 presentations:

- 1 Conversations that Count
- 2 The Truth about Truth

This is a great opportunity to think about how we engage our community with the Gospel. On Sun 24th there will be a joint YF after the evening service in MA hall.

BIG YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There is a Big YF on **Sunday 24th August 2025, 7-45 - 9.15pm** at the M. A Macleod Hall, Stornoway. All P7 to S6 children are welcome to attend. If any parents of children in the congregation would like assistance with transport to the event, please contact either Dan MacPhail or Matthew Hebditch who are happy to assist.

MINISTRY FOR WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA

The women's conference, "Reflections", which was held in Back Free Church in September 2024, involved much discussion about our roles as women in the community. We're now having a time of fellowship and reflection over afternoon tea on **Saturday 13th September between 2pm and 4pm** in Back Free Church Hall. All welcome. Booking is essential so please email: ministryforwomenbroadbay@gmail.com

PRAYER POINTS - 11th August - 17th August 2025

Monday 11th August - Govan

Give thanks for the recent baptisms at Govan. Pray for each person and their families to grow in faith, know God's love and grace deeply, and pray for the church as they seek to disciple them.

Tuesday 12th August - Big Free Rally

Pray for wisdom for the committee as they plan the Big Free Rally and pray for all the children who attended camps this summer—that they would remember what they learned about Jesus and be strengthened in faith as they return to school.

Wednesday 13th August - Tearfund: Democratic Republic of Congo

Give thanks to God for the new and timely support from the Scottish Government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund, which is helping support Tearfund's life-saving work in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The £125,000 grant from the Scottish Government is supporting three vital interventions: providing cash assistance; delivering dignity kits to women and girls; and helping protect people from potential risks – including gender-based violence. This funding comes at a critical time as families return to communities devastated by conflict – many with no homes, no schools, and no access to healthcare. Please pray that God would bless the use of these funds.

Thursday 14th August - Govan

Pray that as the church reaches out to the people of Govan, relationships would be built, needs met, and hearts would be opened to the good news of Jesus.

Friday 15th August - Dowanvale

Pray for the congregation as they make faithful gospel connections in their community and pray for opportunities for those seeking to respond to the good news of Jesus.

Saturday 16th August - Tearfund

Pray for peace, stability, and healing in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where communities continue to face the effects of conflict, displacement, and poverty. Ask God to strengthen the Church and Church leaders who seek to share hope in the spiritual darkness.

Sunday 17th August - Dowanvale

Pray for continued steadfast preaching of God's Word, and for spiritual refreshment each week.

PREACHING SUPPLY: PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (AUG – NOV 2025)

Date	11am Service	6pm Service
31 st August	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev. Calum Macdonald

7 th September	Communion	
14 th September	Mr Marten Paterson	Rev James Maciver
21 st September	Rev. Kenny I Macleod	(Closed for Barvas Communion)
28 th September	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev James Maciver

5 th October	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
12 th October	Mr Ian M Macleod (Stornoway)	Rev James Maciver
19 th October	Rev. A Coghill	Rev. A Coghill
26 th October	Rev. G Matheson	Mr Stuart King (Harris)

2 nd November	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
9 th November	Rev. Donald A Macdonald	Rev. Donald A Macdonald
16 th November	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev. Calum Macdonald
23 rd November		Rev Colin Macleod (Back)
30 th November	Mr Ian M Macleod	Mr Ian M Macleod