



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

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

CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 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](#).

LORD'S DAY SERVICES

We welcome Dr Adam, missionary of the gospel, to our **12.00noon service** today. Dr Adam will bring God's Word to us from Isaiah 25. He will also give an update on some aspects of his missionary work. **Due to the nature of Dr Adam's work, the 12.00noon service will not be livestreamed.** We pray for God's blessing and protection for Dr Adam's ongoing ministry.

At the **6.00pm service**, we will continue our sermon series on '**Parting Counsel from the Word of Paul.**' This Lord's Day we will study Philippians 2:12-16. The title of the sermon is '**A Plea for a God-glorifying Witness.**'

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	Psalm 47:1-9	Psalter	Psalm 96(a):1-12	Sing Psalms
2	Psalm 16:7-11	Sing Psalms	Psalm 44:1-8	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 69:30-36	Psalter	Psalm 18:19-23	Psalter
4	Psalm 18:46-50	Psalter		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children will go to their classes in the Church Hall as normal during the second item of praise.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

As previously announced, the Minister will retire from the pastoral ministry in the congregation, effective from 31st October 2023. He has three weeks holidays to take before this date. This means that the last Lord's Day on which the Minister will preach will be Sunday 8th October. Pulpit supply has been arranged up until the end of October. Rev. Calum Macdonald (Callanish) will take over as Interim-Moderator on the 1st November 2023.

In connection with the above, there will be a Retirement Presentation at **The Old School Centre, Shawbost**, on **Friday 27th October 2023** to which everyone is invited and most welcome to attend. Further details regarding the evening, and a special collection, will be provided in the coming weeks.

THE HEALTHY GOSPEL CHURCH PODCAST

In August, the Minister was a guest on the Healthy Gospel Church PODCAST to discuss the theme of "Ministry Life." Topics discussed included:

- Entering ministry later in life
- Confirming the call to ministry
- Community ministry
- Maintaining our identity in Christ
- Can revival give a false sense of spiritual energy?
- Commitment to the Confessions

The podcast, as well as a link to other podcasts in the series, can be accessed at [this link](#) on the congregation website.

CARLOWAY FREE CHURCH COMMUNION TIMETABLE

Friday 22 nd September	7.30pm	English	Rev Murdo Campbell, Barvas
Saturday 23 rd September	7.30pm	English	Rev Kenny Macleod, Downvale
Lord's Day 24 th September	11.00am	English	Rev Kenny Macleod, Downvale
	6.00pm	English	Rev Kenny Macleod, Downvale

LOCHS FREE CHURCH COMMUNION TIMETABLE

Friday 22 nd September	7.00pm	English	Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc
Saturday 23 rd September	6.00pm	English	Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc
Lord's Day 24 th September	11.00am	English	Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc
	6.00pm	English	Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (18th SEPTEMBER – 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023)

Monday 18th September

Turkey

Pray for a youth ministry in Turkey. A conference is planned for later this year. May it bring encouragement and blessing to all those who take part.

Tuesday 19th September

Matt and Maria Lingard, Greece

There is a young man we have known almost since we came to Greece. He has always been generally open to talking about Jesus, however since a friend of his came to the Lord not so long ago he has been especially more interested in speaking with us. Please pray for him and that The Holy Spirit would soften his heart to receive the message of God's Kingdom.

Wednesday 20th September

Mission Board

Please pray for the Mission Board as they meet today and tomorrow. Pray for wisdom as they make decisions, and vision as they set out goals for the next 3 years.

Thursday 21st September

Dumbarton

Please pray the congregation, that the Lord would strengthen the congregation during their vacancy, that the Lord would be working in the lives and hearts of the congregation and those connected.

Friday 22nd September

Turkey

A Turkish pastor and his family are under stress because of problems with their housing. Pray that a solution would be found and ask the Lord to give him the strength and grace he needs to continue to serve his congregation and to reach out to the wider community.

Saturday 23rd September

Dumbarton

Please pray that the Lord would help maintain the unity of the Spirit as we continue our witness in the communities.

Sunday 24th September

Matt and Maria Lingard, Greece

Please pray for the horrific damage that has been done to people's lives and the environment in Greece because of the fires.