

## 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

18<sup>th</sup> January 2026



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Stuart King (11.00am) and Mr Gordon Macleod (6.00pm).

At the 11.00am service, the Scripture reading will be Deuteronomy Chapter 33.

At the 6.00pm service, the Scripture reading is from Psalms, Chapter 77 and the sermon is entitled *Seek the Lord*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 57:1-5	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 77:7-14	Sing Psalms
2	Psalms 91:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 119:169-174	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalms 100	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 51:6-12	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalms 46:1-7	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 77:15-20	Sing Psalms

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time today and the children will go through to the hall during the second item of praise. Please remember both the pupils and teachers in prayer.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Callum Macleod (11.00am) and Mr Ian MacRae (6.00pm).

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Kirk Session has agreed to call a congregational meeting on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 (7pm, Church Hall)**, with a view to calling a minister to fill the pastoral vacancy. A strong turnout is encouraged so that the views of the congregation can be heard. Although it is members that have a vote, adherents will also be asked about their support or otherwise of the name or names nominated. There will be a meeting of the vacancy committee at 6.15pm beforehand.

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The next Ladies Fellowship meeting is on **Thursday 29th January at 7pm** at the manse. Shona MacLeod will be speaking about the local Food Bank.

### ISLANDS STUDY CONFERENCE - 6th-8th February 2026

**Speakers:** Rev. Paul Levy (International Presbyterian Church, Ealing) - 'The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom' and Prof. John Angus Macleod (Caithness) - 'The Forgotten King'

**Residential Bookings:** Accommodation is available in the Harris Hotel for the weekend of the conference. The cost for the residential option is £230.00 (including all meals). Please contact the Harris Hotel by phone (01859 502 154) or by e-mail ([info@harrishotel.com](mailto:info@harrishotel.com)) to arrange a reservation.

**Day Visitors:** Lectures are free to attend and do not require pre-booking. However, if you require meals, please contact the hotel in advance to arrange a reservation.

If you require any further information, please contact [islandstudyconference@mail.com](mailto:islandstudyconference@mail.com)

### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational fellowship in the church hall immediately following the evening service on **25th January 2026**. Representatives from the local branch of Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons) will be speaking. Please be encouraged, encourage others, to come along.

### BIG YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The next big YF (for those in school years S1-S6) will take place on 23rd January at the Coll Centre at **7-9pm**

*When God is about to do a great work, He sets His people praying*

Jonathan Edwards

### PRISEIL LADIES - AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP

The Priseil Ladies will be holding an Afternoon of Fellowship on the afternoon of **Saturday 24th January from 2:00-4:00pm**. This event will take place in the Rev M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall on Kenneth Street. There will be praise and worship and afternoon tea as we fellowship with one another. We are also delighted that Rosie Morgan who was our speaker at the Ladies Conference in June 2025 will bring us a New Year message all the way from Seaford in East Sussex via Zoom. We want to encourage any ladies in congregations who would like to join us that afternoon to do so. We hope and pray that it will be a time of blessing for us all. Please use the following link to complete and submit your booking form [Priseil Ladies Afternoon of Fellowship with Rosie Morgan – Fill in form](#). If you have no means to complete a booking form electronically please contact Natalie Ferrier, High Free Church Manse, Goathill Road, Stornoway who will be happy to help you with your booking details. A collection which will be taken on the day will be donated to the Phoebe Project which is the Women's Ministry connected to the Slavic Gospel Association. Please soak this event in prayer as we prepare for it. Pray that the hearts of all who attend would be prepared in advance.

### PREACHING PATHWAY WORKSHOPS

The next meeting of the Preaching Pathway will be on **Monday 26th January from 7pm – 9pm** upstairs in the M.A. Hall, Kenneth St, Stornoway. These workshops are for all men currently involved, or interested in becoming involved, in preaching. All are welcome, even if you were unable to attend previous workshops. (Future workshop dates are scheduled to be held, 2/3/26, 20/4/26.)

### PRAYER POINTS 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

**Monday 12th January - Ministers Training Conference** - The Ministers Training Conference is taking place from 12th – 15th January in Edinburgh. We are delighted to have a range of speakers this year, with the main sessions—Learning to Lament in Hope—being delivered by Christopher Ash. More than fifty delegates are expected to attend. Please pray that the Lord would richly bless this event, and that the ministers, set apart from their normal activities for the week, would be encouraged and refreshed during their time together.

**Tuesday 13th January – Helensburgh** - Pray that the Lord would continue to build Hope Community Church in Helensburgh as a Bible-centred congregation that bears witness to the hope of the gospel in the local community.

**Wednesday 14th January - Engage 2026** - Engage 2026 is a prayer initiative calling 10,000 believers to commit to praying for ten people each to come to know Christ, bringing 100,000 lives across our nation before God in intentional, sustained prayer. For more information, please keep an eye on the Free Church of Scotland Website and social media for updates in the coming weeks. Pray that the Lord would help each of us to faithfully commit to praying for ten specific individuals in our lives, asking that they might come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and that we would persevere in prayer.

**Thursday 15th January – Bishopbriggs** - Pray that the Lord would uphold the congregation during this period of vacancy and continue His work among the congregation. Please pray that God would guide and strengthen the congregation in the coming months, granting wisdom and clarity as they continue witnessing to Christ in Bishopbriggs.

**Friday 16th January - Engage 2026** - Pray that, through Engage 2026, God would deepen our culture of prayer and mission, raise the evangelistic temperature of our churches and draw many across Scotland to saving faith for His glory.

**Saturday 17th January – Dumisani** - Pray for the commencement of classes for Term One on February 9th at Dumisani Theological Institute in the Eastern Cape. Pray for returning and for new students that many friendships will be made and close bonds for ministry labours will be formed.

**Sunday 18th January - Helensburgh** - Pray that God would strengthen the church's ministry and outreach, guiding its leaders and members in faithful service and growth in Christ.

*Nothing is more contrary to a heavenly hope than an earthly heart*

William Gurnall