

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

18th May 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Nathan Kish, Minister in Training, (11am and 6pm). Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be from Philippians 1:27-2:11.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture reading will be from Philippians 2:12-18.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 51:1-6	Sing Psalms	Ps 103:1-11	Sing Psalms
2	Ps 51:7-12	Scottish Psalter	Ps 103:12-22	Sing Psalms
3	Ps 131	Sing Psalms	Ps 136:1-5, 23-26	Scottish Psalter
4	Ps 30:1-5, 11-12	Sign Psalms	Ps 45(a):1-4, 10-14a	Sing Psalms

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be on at the usual time during the service and the children will go to their classes during the second item of praise. Please remember the Sunday School in prayer.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Scott Macleod, (Minister in Training).

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 21st May at 7pm in the Church hall**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

PRESBYTERY PRAISE NIGHT

There will be a Presbytery Praise Night on **Friday June 6th at 7.30pm in the Back Church Hall**. Please come along and enjoy an evening of psalm singing which will include a number of Gaelic singings. There will be a short address from Rev James MacIver with tea & coffee served after the event.

PRESBYTERY PREACHERS' WORKSHOP

The Western Isles Presbytery has organised a preaching workshop on **Saturday 24th May from 9.15am to 12.30pm at Back Free Church Hall**. The main speaker will be Dr Ben Casteneda, Lecturer in New Testament at ETS. This workshop has arisen from the two-fold need both for God to call more men into ministry and for there to be more men willing to help with supply preaching across our Presbytery. This workshop is therefore aimed at both those men already involved in lay preaching, and those who may wish to explore the possibility of starting to preach. Moreover, the workshop is open to all those who would like to learn more about the core basics of preaching God's word.

HE WILL SUSTAIN YOU! (J.R. MILLER)

"Cast your burden upon the Lord - and **He will sustain you**." Psalm 55:22

The promise is not that the Lord will *remove* the load we cast upon Him, nor that He will *carry* it for us - but that He will *sustain* us so that we may carry it.

He does not *free* us from the duty - but He *strengthens* us for it.

He does not *deliver* us from the conflict - but He enables us to *overcome*.

He does not withhold or withdraw the trial from us - but He helps us in trial to be submissive and victorious, and makes it a blessing to us.

He does not mitigate the hardness or severity of our circumstances, taking away the difficult elements, removing the thorns, making life easy for us - but He puts Divine grace into our hearts, so that we can live sweetly in all the hard, adverse circumstances.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" Philippians 4:13

PRAYER POINTS 19TH MAY - 25TH MAY 2025

Monday 19th May

General Assembly

Please pray for the General Assembly which commences today. Give thanks to Rev Callum Macleod who has served as Moderator over the past year, and pray for Rev Alasdair Macleod who will be Moderator this upcoming year. Please pray for wisdom for Alasdair, and also for all of the commissioners who are making decisions. Pray that in all the decisions would be made, the Lord would be glorified.

Tuesday 20th May

Hope Church Leith

Please remember our next 'Come and See' service on 25th May (coffee and tea from 10am, service at 10.30am). Again, if you know anyone in Leith that might be up for coming along (even if they don't usually go to church) let them know! The next one after that will be 22th June, and then we will be weekly from August.

Wednesday 21st May

Christ Church Edinburgh

Pray for the Interim Moderator Dr Zack Purvis as he takes up this role during the upcoming vacancy.

Thursday 22nd May

Dumisani

Pray for the principal at Dumisani as he and the staff discuss another possible workshop event on the subject of Tiyo Soga with two guest speakers from the Western Cape.

Friday 23rd May

Christ Church Edinburgh

Pray for the Kirk Session and congregation that they would know the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit as they begin looking for a new minister.

Saturday 24th May

Hope Church Leith

Give thanks for our Core team, and for the passion they have for the vision and work of HCL. Please continue to pray for the people of Leith as we seek to become known in the community, serve in whatever way we can, and share the good news of Jesus, the light of the World.

Sunday 25th May

Dumisani

Pray for Dumisani, South Africa that additional donations may be secured or pledged to move forward on developing more male accommodations on campus

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