



CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 19th March 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](#).

SUNDAY SERVICES

The 12noon will be taken by Mr Scott Macleod (Minister in Training) and the 6pm service will be taken by our Minister, Rev Callum Macleod who we welcome back on a phased return basis following a period of illness. At the **12.00noon service**, the reading is from Luke 10:21-37 with a focus on verse 25. At the **6.00pm service** the readings will be from Psalms 126 and Isaiah 51:1-16. The sermon will be based on Psalm 126 and is entitled *A Pathway of Prayerful Preparation*.

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 | |
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| 1 | Psalm 67(i):1-7 | Psalter | Psalm 48:1-6 | Psalter |
| 2 | Psalm 103:4-10 | Psalter | Psalm 63:1-6 | Psalter |
| 3 | Psalm 13:1-6 | Sing Psalms | Psalm 85:1-7 | Sing Psalms |
| 4 | Psalm 86:10-13 | Psalter | | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children will go to their classes as normal today.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The 12pm service next Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister (12pm) and the 6pm service will be taken by Mr Gordon Macleod (Presbytery Youth and Discipleship Support Worker)

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 7.00pm in Bragar.

SCHEDULES OF COMMUNION SERVICES – 24th-26th March 2023

| Back Free Church | | | |
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| Friday 24 th March | 7.30pm | English | Rev Thomas Penman (South Uist & Benbecula) |
| Saturday 25 th March | 7.30pm | English | Rev Iain Macritchie (Pairc) |
| Lord's Day 26 th March | 11.00am 6.00pm | English English | |
| The evening service will be followed by a Fellowship | | | |
| Lochs Free Church | | | |
| Friday 24 th March | 7.00pm | English | Rev Andrew Coghill (Scalpay) |
| Saturday 25 th March | 6.00pm | English | |
| Lord's Day 26 th March | 11.00am 6.00pm | English English | Rev David Macleod (North Harris) |

WESTERN ISLES PRESBYTERY: HEALTHY CHURCH GATHERINGS

Join us at the Healthy Church Gathering at Stornoway Free Church

This is a free event being organised for congregations in the Western Isles Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland, as we look to encourage one another and share in the vision for A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland.

The hope is to bring together as many people in your congregations as possible for a time of input and then discussion, with a focus on us hearing the views and ideas of one another. There will be updates on how some churches have taken hold of the vision, as well as time to discuss some main topics, give feedback, ask questions and pray together.

The gathering will take place on Friday 21st April at Stornoway Free Church, Kenneth Street, Stornoway. There will be refreshments from 6.30pm. The gathering will formally start at 7pm, with two main sections, and will conclude 9.30pm. We are asking people to sign up, to give us an idea of numbers attending.

To book, go to: freechurch.org/healthy-church-gatherings.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday 20th March

Free Church Youth Conference

Please pray for those who attended the youth conference over the weekend, pray that it would be over spiritual blessing to them as they grow in their faith.

Tuesday 21st March

Bon Accord Free Church

Please pray for those who came to our recent Christianity Explored course, including 6 non-Christians and several young Christians who wanted a firmer grounding in the gospel. Pray for lasting and eternal fruit in each of their lives. Pray for us as leaders as we follow up in the coming weeks and continue to share the gospel and disciple them.

Wednesday 22nd March

Mission Board

Please pray as the Mission Board as they meet in person over the next two days. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they make decisions, and pray for vision as they think strategically.

Thursday 23rd March

Dumisani

Give thanks to the Lord for the 28 Dumisani Theological Institute students who graduated on March 4th. May they bless the churches and ministries that they serve and truly bring honour to the Lord Jesus Christ in all that they do.

Friday 24th March

High Free Stornoway

Please pray for the congregation to be strengthened by the weekly preaching of the Word. Pray that they will be encouraged to share the gospel as they witness in the community.

Saturday 25th March

Dumisani

Pray for Principal Chipenyu as he talks with possible lecturerers to come to Dumisani Theological Institute. One couple from South Korea have withdrawn over difficulties in obtaining a visa to South Africa. May the Lord raise up other lecturers from within South Africa with a missionary calling.

Sunday 26th March

Bon Accord Free Church

Pray for our Pastoral Care Team (office bearers and others) as we serve our church family and model Christ-like care to the whole congregation. Pray for us as we train together each month, studying *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*, that we would deepen our love for Christ and his people, and our skill to serve them.