

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> February 2026



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Rev Roddy John Campbell is unable to take the services today and we are most grateful to Rev James Maciver who has agreed to take both the 11.00am service in the Church and the 6.00pm service in the Church Hall. We continue to be thankful as a congregation for all the retired ministers, lay preachers and other visiting ministers for their willingness to lead the services of worship each Lord's Day and on other occasions also.

At the **11.00am** service, the Scripture reading will be Acts 3:1-16. The sermon will focus on verses 1-10 and is entitled *The Power of Christ's Name*.

At the **6.00pm** service, the Scripture reading is from 1 Kings 17 v 1-16. The sermon will focus on verses 8-16 and is entitled *God's Constant Care*.

**\*\* Please note the Gaelic service that was due to take place in Bragar tonight at 6.00pm has been cancelled. \*\***

	11.00am Service	6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 113:1-8	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 118:1-9
2	Psalm 119:89-94	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 119:49-52
3	Psalm 62:5-12	Sing Psalms	Psalm 119:41-48
4	Psalm 106:1-5	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 146:6-10

### 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 Kenneth I Macleod.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 4th February at 7pm** in the Church Hall. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### SAFEGUARDING

Office-bearers whose training is now due for renewal are welcome to attend an update session on **Tuesday 24th February in the Church Hall**. The course is scheduled to start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.00pm. This may also be done privately on the same date, provided that individual registration has been submitted via the Free Church website at least 7 days in advance of the training date. Maletta and Catherine are happy to help with questions regarding training and individual responsibilities.

### LIVESTREAMING OF SERVICES

As from last week, the livestreaming of services is back up and running as normal. The livestreaming equipment was damaged by a lightning strike towards the end of last December and we were awaiting delivery of replacement equipment. Thank you for your patience.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

During the vacancy period, the Deacons' Court has been progressing an agreed programme of works at both the manse and the church. The 'Court is keen to substantially complete these this year, God willing. If you are able to assist with various jobs at the manse initially (works in the church are planned for later in the year) please add your name and contact details to the sheet at the main door. No special skills or technical knowledge required, (just a good sense of humour!). Please speak to a member of the property committee (Kenny, Matthew, Alex, Norman and Dan) if you have any questions.

### 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)

### UPDATE FROM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January, the name of Rev. Paul Murray was proposed by the Vacancy Committee. Opportunity was given for any members present to propose other nominations, but none were forthcoming. A vote was taken to ascertain support for Rev. Paul Murray and there was a strong majority in favour. Adherents were then asked if they were supportive and again there was a strong majority. As such, the Kirk Session requested that the Western Isles Presbytery make arrangements for the call to be processed and a meeting has been set by them for **Wednesday 11th February at 7pm**. An edict stating such will be read at the services today and on 8<sup>th</sup> February. At the meeting, members and adherents will be asked to sign the call. Any members and adherents who cannot be present that evening can show their support of a call by signing a mandate form. Should you require one of these forms, or know someone else who does, please speak to any of the elders or deacons and they will make arrangements for this. We continue to pray for the Lord's will to be done in all of this.

### PRAYER POINTS 26TH JANUARY – 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

#### Monday 26th January - Leven

Pray for 3 people who are due to attend a Christianity explored course we're running over the next 7 weeks. None of them are Christians but they're all seeking and are attending Sunday services

#### Tuesday 27th January - Tearfund

Please pray for the ongoing conflict in Gaza and the Middle East. Pray that our local partner, Anera, can quickly and safely deliver vital aid to people in Gaza.

#### Wednesday 28th January - Stirling

Please pray that Stirling Free Church would be marked by God's presence, in our worship, our conversations, and our throughout our everyday lives.

#### Thursday 29th January - Leven

Pray for our small groups that run, that they'd be a useful tool to build strong Christian friendships, to help people read the Bible, and for us all to grow together

#### Friday 30th January - Stirling

Please pray for spiritual growth in our congregation, that God would grow us in faith, love, and obedience this year. Pray that we would not simply attend church, but be transformed by God's word as His people.

#### Saturday 31st January - Leven

Give thanks for a woman who became a Christian in recent months. Pray she'd continue to bear good fruit and grow in her faith.

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Tearfund

Pray for Tearfund and our partners in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and neighbouring countries – that God would strengthen them as they support schools and hospitals, and as they provide food and essentials to families who have been displaced.

*It is possible to be surrounded by divine truth and yet never truly see Christ until God opens the eyes of the soul*  
Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see*  
John 9:25

*Where God is present, there will be a sense of the holy. Where he is absent, religion becomes a performance.*  
A.W. Tozer