

## 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> June 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's English services will be taken by Rev Neil Chambers (Retired, formerly Senior Pastor of Bundoora Presbyterian Church, in the north of Melbourne, Australia (11am) and Rev Calum MacDonald in the Church Hall (6pm). The Gaelic Service in Bragar at 6pm will be taken by Rev Roddy John Campbell. Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture readings will be from Isaiah 55:1-13 and John 4:39-54. The sermon text is John 4:46-54 and is entitled *Desperate for Life*.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture reading will be from Isaiah 6 and the sermon text is verse 1 ff.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 100	Scottish Psalter	Ps 89:13-18	Scottish Psalter
2	Ps 65:9-13	Sing Psalms	Ps 18:6-14	Sing Psalms
3	Ps 131	Sing Psalms	Ps 97:1-7	Sing Psalms
4	Ps 98:1-4	Scottish Psalter	Ps 68:18-20	Scottish Psalter

### 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 Elijah Brook, Minister in Training.

### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational fellowship next Lord's Day immediately following the evening service. Mr Elijah Brook will be the speaker.

### COFFEE MORNING

The Ladies fellowship group are holding a coffee morning, in aid of Bethesda, on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June between 11am and 1pm** in the Church Hall. Any donations of baking will be gratefully received.

### 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.

### ANNUAL RALLY – GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE (FORMERLY GIDEONS UK)

The Annual Rally of Good News for Everyone will take place in the APC Church, Keith St, Stormoway on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. The main speaker is Rev Jonathan Baxter, minister of the Stormoway APC Church. All welcome.

### LEWIS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

The Lewis Christian Conference is being held in St Columba's Church, Lewis St, Stormoway from **Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st June 2025**. The speaker is Pastor Bill Bygroves and in addition to his work at Bridge Chapel, he serves as the club chaplain for Liverpool Football Club, providing spiritual and emotional support to players and staff. For more information on the conference programme click [HERE](#).

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*Here is encouragement to persevere. Jesus, our head, is already in heaven; and if the head be above water the body cannot drown.*  
John Flavel

## PRAYER POINTS 2ND JUNE - 8TH JUNE 2025

### Monday 2nd June - Asian Outreach

The Islamic season of hajj or pilgrimage is almost upon us (4th-9th June), when Muslims from around the world travel to the ka'aba, the black cube shaped building in Makkah, and to other sites in the Arabian Peninsula. Please pray for A and S (and perhaps people you know who are going this year) - that somehow the experience would point them to the Lord Jesus.

### Tuesday 3rd June - Elgin, Forbes and Burghead

Burghead Building Project. As building work to extend and refurbish our church halls progresses please pray that it would be completed by August and remain on budget. Pray also for final fundraising for fixtures and fittings, and that the facilities would be greatly used and bring gospel fruit for many years to come.

### Wednesday 4th June - Blythwood

Today is a Day of Prayer for Blythwood. This day brings together supporters from different parts of the world, who might be separated by many miles, but are united in prayer for different aspects of Blythwood's work. Please pray for God's blessing in and through this day. Pray that in God's strength, and for His glory, many lives will be changed for good and forever through the work of Blythwood.

### Thursday 5th June - Asian Outreach

A small-scale Muslim-Christian dialogue event is planned for 9th June. Please pray for a time of mutual learning, developing friendship, and opportunity to present the good news of the Messiah Jesus in new lights.

### Friday 6th June - Cross

Pray for the planned works to our church building to maximise better use of our space for all our congregational activities and outreach

### Saturday 7th June - Elgin, Forbes and Burghead

Elgin outreach and holiday club. Please pray for our continued efforts and church growth and church revitalisation in Elgin. Pray particularly for our upcoming summer holiday club. Give thanks for a team from the USA coming to help and pray for a big impact on children and families

### Sunday 8th June - Cross

Give thanks for all the families coming to church including good attendance at our Sunday School and Bible class. Pray for teachers and pupils, as we approach the close of term, and look forward to our community BBQ this summer.

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### HALF-HEARTED CHRISTIANITY! (Horatius Bonar)

*"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money!" Matthew 6:24*

If you are a Christian, then be a consistent Christian!

Be a Christian every hour, in every place. Beware . . .

of half-hearted discipleship,

of compromise with evil,

of conformity to the world,

of trying to serve two masters,

of attempting to walk in both the narrow and the broad ways.

It is impossible!

Half-hearted Christianity will only end in misery!

*"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew 7:13-14*