



CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 2nd April 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](#). Our services are livestreamed and available on our [You Tube channel](#).

SUNDAY SERVICES

The 12.00noon service will be taken by Rev Calum Murdo Smith and the 6pm service will be taken by Mr Donald MacAulay (Carloway). At the **12.00noon service**, the reading is from Mark 6:1-13 and the sermon is entitled *The Gospel Passing By*. At the **6.00pm service** the reading and sermon will be from Ecclesiastes 12.

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	
1	Psalms 50(i):1-6	Psalter	Psalms 21:1-6	Psalter
2	Psalms 111:1-5	Psalter	Psalms 103:12-18	Psalter
3	Psalms 43:1-5	Sing Psalms	Psalms 92:12-15	Psalter
4	Psalms 147:15-18	Sing Psalms	Psalms 43:3-5	Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School this week or the next two weeks due to the school holiday.

GAELIC SERVICE

The Kirk Session has agreed to resume the monthly Gaelic service in Bragar. The service will take place on the first Lord's Day of each month at 6.00pm. The first Gaelic service in the programme will take place **this evening (Sunday 2nd April)**. The service will be taken on this occasion by the Minister. The English service in the Church at 6.00pm will continue as normal.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The 12pm service next Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister and the 6pm service will be taken by Mr Calum Maclean (Back).

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7.00pm in Bragar.

MISSIONARY MEETING

Adam, travelling Missionary, will give an update on his missionary work at the Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday 12th April 2023. Following our regular practice, a door collection will be taken in aid of Adam's missionary work at both services on Lord's Day 16th April.

WESTERN ISLES PRESBYTERY: HEALTHY CHURCH GATHERINGS

Join us at the Healthy Church Gathering at MA Memorial Hall Kenneth Street, Stornoway.

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 MA Memorial Hall, 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.

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNION SERVICES 7TH-9TH APRIL – PAIRC FREE CHURCH

Friday 7 th April	7.30pm	Church Hall	English	Rev Alasdair Macaulay
Saturday 8 th April	7.00pm	Church Hall	English	Rev Alasdair Macaulay
Lord's Day 9 th April	11.30am	Church	English	Rev Alasdair Macaulay
	6.30pm	Church	English	Rev Alasdair Macaulay
There will be a fellowship in the church hall after the evening service				

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TO JEWISH PEOPLE - THE HERALD NEWSLETTER

The latest issue of The Herald, containing news and reports from our missionaries around the world, and Praying Always are available to download below:

[The Herald - March](#)
[Praying Always - April](#)

If you would like to support our ministry among Jewish people, [you can download a donation form](#) here or send a gift securely via our website: www.imjp.org Please remember that this information is confidential and not to be forwarded to a third party without our prior agreement. If you know of someone who wishes to receive our publications, please ask them to contact us directly. Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER – 3rd April – 9th April 2023

Monday 3rd April

Gospel

We give thanks to God for his continued gracious and loving provision. For the encouragement and help we receive from others. We give thanks to God for professions of faith and new members in the past year.

Tuesday 4th April

Richard and Barbara, a European City

We thank the Lord for renewed contact with Helen. Following her family's return, she contacted us so we could meet again. But when we make a definite arrangement to meet she vanishes. In the past she and other family members listened well when we shared from the bible. Please pray.

Wednesday 5th April

Gospel

Please pray that as a church we would be strong enough to be able to be a support to other congregations in the Presbytery.

Thursday 6th April

Richard and Barbara, a European City

Alistair is happily married to Rachel. He has no children of his own. He has a good father-like relationship with the children in the home. We visit them each Wednesday. He does not seem to be concerned about his lack of children, but in island culture it is very important that he has children of his own. This month he will be visiting the islands to see his elderly mother and family. He will likely come under pressure to take another wife. Please pray for this situation and that we may have wisdom as we seek to show the relevance of the gospel in this situation.

Friday 7th April

Good Friday

Please pray for churches across the denomination holding Good Friday services, that the reminder of why Jesus death was good news for us will continue to transform our hearts, and those who do not know Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour will come to repentance and trust in Him.

Saturday 8th April

Gospel

Please pray that the church would be able to develop and grow, practically and spiritually. (Continuing to upgrade our buildings, our spiritual lives, and our gospel activities in the community). Pray that the gospel message would bear fruit in God's time.

Sunday 9th April

Easter Sunday

Give thanks for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Praise God for His saving work, and the promise of new life He gives through His death and resurrection. Pray that as a church we would grow in our love for Christ, and share the gospel of truth with those around us.