

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.

2nd February 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Paul Murray (11.00am service and 6.00pm Gaelic Service in Bragar) and Rev Calum MacDonald (6.00pm English Service in the Church Hall). Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.00am service** the Scripture reading is Genesis 25, and the sermon text is verse 27.

At the **6.00pm English service**, the Scripture reading is Isaiah 26 and the sermon text is verse 3. The sermon is entitled *The True Foundation of the Believer's Peace*.

At the **6.00pm Gaelic service**, the Scripture reading is Hosea 2 and the sermon text is verse 14. The items of praise for the Gaelic service are: (1) Ps 63:1-2, (2) Ps 84:5-7 and (3) Ps 94:18-19.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service (English)	
1	Ps 26:6-12	Scottish Psalter	Ps 34:17-22	Scottish Psalter
2	Ps 78:1-8	Sing Psalms	Ps 30:1-7	Sing Psalms
3	Ps 1	Scottish Psalter	Ps 122	Scottish Psalter
4	Ps 37:34-37	Scottish Psalter	Ps 20:1-5	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 (9th February 2025) will be taken by Rev Gordon Matheson (11.00am service) and Mr Donald MacAulay (6.00pm, Church Hall).

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

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

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Kirk Session has agreed to run a Christianity Explored course which will commence on **Thursday 13th February at 7.15pm in the church hall**. The course is suitable for anyone looking to explore the Christian faith, who Jesus is and why he matters. To find out more about the course visit this link [Christianity Explored](#). Please remember this item in prayer.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - OPEN DAY

Providence Christian School are holding a School Open Day at the Cearns Community Centre on **Wednesday 5th February from 10am-12 noon**. All who are interested in the school are encouraged to come along to meet staff and pupils and find out more about PCS. Enrolment is also now open for the August 2025 intake!

INTERDENOMINATIONAL GAELIC SERVICE

Everyone is warmly invited to an Interdenominational Gaelic Service being held on **Friday 7th February at 7.30pm in the Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre, Borge**. The service will be conducted by Rev. John MacLeod. Tea/Coffee will be served after the service. All donations will go towards Crossroads

THE ISLANDS STUDY CONFERENCE

The Islands Study Conference will take place on 7th-9th February 2025 at North Harris Free Church and the Harris Hotel. The speakers are Rev Dr Sinclair Ferguson (Aberdeen) and Rev Colin Macleod (Back). Day Visitors – Lectures are free to attend and do not require pre-booking. However, if you wish to book any meals, please contact ischotelbookings@yahoo.com. Residential Bookings- Accommodation is available in the Harris Hotel for the weekend of the conference. The cost for the residential option is £200 (including all meals). For further information contact the above email address.

Friday 7th February

7.30pm Rev Dr Sinclair Ferguson –
To be Found in Christ
9.00pm Tea/coffee and selection of
home baking

Saturday 8th February

8-9am Breakfast
9.30am Morning Worship
11.00am Rev Colin Macleod –
The Book of the King
12.30pm Soup/sandwiches

Free Time
4.00pm Rev Dr Sinclair Ferguson –
Our New Life in Christ
6.00pm Dinner
8.00pm Rev Colin Macleod –
The Book of the King
9.15pm Tea/coffee etc.

Sunday 9th February

8-9am Breakfast
9.30am Morning Worship
11.00am Morning Church Service: Rev Dr Sinclair
Ferguson – *Abiding in Christ*
1.00pm Dinner
3.30pm Afternoon Focus
5.00pm Tea/coffee and home baking
6.00pm Evening Church Service: Rev Colin Macleod
– *The Book of the King*
7.30pm Fellowship Supper
8.30pm Fellowship Meeting/Close of Conference

PRAYER POINTS 3RD FEBRUARY – 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Monday 3rd February - Carloway

Our vision for the coming year is that we grow by 25% in 2025. Please pray that God would give us confidence to reach out to our community and that God would draw people to hear the gospel and trust in Jesus.

Tuesday 4th February - Sashko, Poland

Please pray for wisdom in selecting and prioritizing which Reformed titles to translate into Ukrainian. With so many Ukrainian believers hungry for sound theological resources, we need discernment to choose materials that will best serve the church during this challenging time.

Wednesday 5th February - Mission Board

Please pray for the Mission Board which meets today and tomorrow in Edinburgh. Please pray for wisdom and clarity over all decisions. Please pray that the Lord would be at work through the work of the Board.

Thursday 6th February- Sashko, Poland

Pray for our translation team as they work to accurately convey complex theological concepts in Ukrainian while maintaining the heart and meaning of each text.

Friday 7th February - Carloway

Please pray for the West Side of Lewis - Between Barvas and Callanish there are four Free Churches and two faithful Church of Scotland congregations. But four out of these six congregations are vacant. Please pray that God would send pastors to these communities.

Saturday 8th February - Sashko, Poland

Pray that God would provide the necessary resources and partnerships to continue this publishing work. Many vital titles have never been available in Ukrainian, and we want to help fill this crucial gap in theological literature.

Sunday 9th February - Tearfund, Middle East

Praise God for the recent announcement of a ceasefire in Gaza. Pray for lasting peace, healing and the restoration of communities.