

## 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 March 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Donald A MacDonald (11am and Gaelic 6pm), and Mr Tormod (Tam) MacLennan (English 6pm). Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At 11.00am service the Scripture reading will be 1 Corinthians 11: 17 - 33, with a focus on verse 26. The sermon is entitled *Until he Comes*

At the 6.00pm English service, the Scripture readings are Esther 7 and Mark 6:14-29 with a focus on Mark 6:20. The sermon is entitled *Herod's Compromise*.

At the 6.00pm Gaelic service in Bragar, the Scripture reading is Romans 9:1-26 with a focus on verse 23. The sermon is entitled *Soithichean na Tràcair*. The items of praise are Psalm 116:5-8 (three verses), Psalm 86:15-17 (three verses) and Psalm 73:23-24 (two verses).

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 145:1-7	Sing Psalms	Ps 119:33-40	Scottish Psalter
2	Ps 31:19-24	Sing Psalms	Ps 9(a):15-20	Sing Psalms
3	Ps 50(ii):3-6	Scottish Psalter	Ps 25(i):4-9	Scottish Psalter
4	Ps 23	Scottish Psalter	Ps 37:1-5	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be on as usual, and the children will go to their classes during the second item of praise.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Gordon Martheson (11.00am) and Mr Donald MacAulay (6pm).

### VACANCY COMMITTEE

There will be a Vacancy Committee meeting on **Monday 3rd March at 7pm in the Church Hall**.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 5th March at 7pm in Bragar**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Christianity Explored group will meet again on **Thursday 6th March in the Church Hall at 7.15pm**. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith in a relaxed and informal setting, please be encouraged to attend – it doesn't matter if you haven't attended previously. You don't have to speak unless you wish to, and you can simply listen in to the discussion.

### NORTH HARRIS FREE CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

We are hosting a Women's Conference at North Harris Free Church in Tarbert on Saturday 22nd March from 10.00am till 3.00pm. Cost is £10 including lunch. Bookings can be made by emailing [nhfwomen25@gmail.com](mailto:nhfwomen25@gmail.com). "Victory Vision – explore the vision give to us to fuel our joyful endurance!"

### WEBINAR - CREATE A WELCOMING CHURCH FOR EVERYONE

It has been suggested that this webinar may be beneficial for Sunday school teachers, Youth Leaders and others who volunteer in our congregations. For more information and how to book, please visit the news section of the congregation website: <https://shawbostfreechurch.org/webinar-create-a-welcoming-church-for-everyone/>

### IS JESUS LIKE ANYBODY I KNOW? (J.R. Miller)

A little child was thinking about the unseen Christ to whom she prayed, and came to her mother with the question, "Is Jesus like anybody I know?" The question was not an unreasonable one — it was one to which the child should have received the answer of "Yes." Every true disciple of Christ ought to be an answer — in some sense, at least — to the child's inquiry. Every little one ought to see Christ's beauty mirrored in its Christian mother's face. Every Sunday-school teacher's character, should reflect some tracings of the Eternal Love on which the scholars may gaze. Whoever looks upon the life of any Christian, should see in it at once the reflection of the beauty of Christ. "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory" 2 Corinthians 3:18

### RICHARD SIBBES QUOTES

#### On church life.....

"The church of Christ is a common hospital, wherein all are in some measure sick of some spiritual disease or another. Therefore, we should all have cause to exercise mutual kindness and humility."

#### On affliction.....

"God breaks the cistern to drive us to the fountain."

"The fire does not destroy the gold, but only refines it."

"God's hammer breaks us in pieces, that He may fashion us into His own likeness."

"God squeezes the sins out of His saints by affliction."

"It is better to go limping to Heaven, than leaping to Hell."

### SCHEDULES OF COMMUNION SERVICES 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

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Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	English	Rev Callum Macleod
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	12.00 noon	Gaelic	Rev Callum Macleod
	7.00pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30am	Prayer Meeting	Elders
	12.00 noon	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Bi-Lingual - Elders
Lord's Day 9 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30am	Prayer Meeting	Elders
	12.00 noon	English	Rev Callum Macleod
	6.30pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
There will be a short bi-lingual prayer meeting after the evening service followed by fellowship in the Manse			

Cross Free Church			
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm	English	Rev Kenneth Ferguson
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	12.00 noon	English	Rev Kenneth Ferguson
	6.00 pm	G/E-Prayer Meeting	Elders
Lord's Day 9 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 am	English	Rev Kenneth Ferguson
	6.00 pm	English	
The evening service will be followed by a fellowship			

North Harris Free Church			
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	12.00 noon	Gaelic	Rev D A Macdonald
	7.00 pm	English	Rev Iain Macritchie
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Bi - lingual	Rev Iain Macritchie
Lord's Day 9 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 am	English	Rev Iain Macritchie
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a fellowship in the Church after the evening service.			