



CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 20th August 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](#).

LORD'S DAY SERVICES

Both services today will be taken by the Minister.

At the **12.00noon service**, we will continue our study of 1 Peter. The sermon will be based on 1 Peter 5:5-7. The sermon title is *Present Suffering & The Role of the Congregation*. Scripture readings: Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 18:1-14

At the **6.00pm service**, we will continue our study of Learning Lessons from the Prayers of Paul. The sermon will be based on Ephesians 1:15-23. The sermon title is *A Prayer for Understanding Sovereign Grace*. Scripture readings: Ephesians 1:15-23 and Colossians 1:15-23.

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 72:1-7	Psalter	Psalms 119:17-24	Psalter
2	Psalms 17:6-9	Sing Psalms	Psalms 13:1-6	Psalter
3	Psalms 55:19-23	Sing Psalms	Psalms 34:1-7	Sing Psalms
4	Psalms 107:27-31	Psalter		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We give thanks that Sunday School starts again today following the school holidays. As we welcome back the children, please continue to pray for the work of the Sunday School, the teachers and the children. The usual practice will be followed, and teachers and children will make their way to the Church Hall during the second item of praise.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd August 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet tomorrow evening, Monday 21st August 2023, in the Church Hall at 7.00pm

DEACONS COURT

The Deacons Court will meet on Wednesday evening, 23rd August 2023, in the Church Hall, immediately after the Prayer Meeting.

CARLOWAY FREE CHURCH RENOVATION PROJECT

There is a Community Open Day and Coffee Afternoon at Carloway Free Church on Saturday 26th August (1.30pm-4.30pm). There will be an opportunity have a look around the building and enjoy coffee and cakes. There will be a donation box for the renovation project. Everyone is welcome.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (21ST- 27TH AUGUST 2023)

Monday 21st August

Leadership Bootcamp

Please pray for Leadership Bootcamp which is resuming post-covid in a new format. Pray for the young people joining the 18 month programme, that it will be of spiritual blessing to them. Pray they will be challenged spiritually and physically throughout the residential week away beginning this week, and the Lord would grow and shape them. Pray for Cory Brock and Louise MacMillan as they give talks on Gospel Theology and Gospel Change, and pray for the bootcamp leaders, that they will see fruit from the week and the rest of the programme.

Tuesday 22nd August

Stornoway

Pray for God's blessing to follow the recent Epic Explorers Holiday Club when 80 children explored the life of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark. Pray for parents as well as for the children. Pray also for God's guidance as we

consider further Gospel outreach in Stornoway. Pray for the Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship, Tweenies as they begin a new session soon.

Wednesday 23rd August
Livingston

Please pray for our vacancy (since March 2022) - for unity and for the Lord's leading.

Thursday 24th August
Stornoway

Pray for our communion due on the Lord's Day 27th August, when Rev Euan Dodds and Rev Donald A Macdonald will be the visiting preachers. Pray that God will bless all the services on Friday, Saturday and on the Lord's Day.

Friday 25th August
Livingston

Please pray for the participants on our Christianity Explored course on Monday evenings.

Saturday 26th August
UFM (Rev Ruairidh Maclean, Area Director)

It was a delight to take a Summer Team from Scotland in Juneto Palermo in Sicily to work alongside UFM mission partners JD and Annette Gilmore and the church plant they lead, LifeHope. There was a solid representation from the Free Church on the team, which I find very encouraging. Praise God for how well the team gelled. Praise the Lord also for the gospel openings and conversations that came during the course of the week, and for the significant possibility of follow-on conversations. Give thanks that the Summer Team were an encouragement to the church there and to the mission partners. Please pray for fruit from seed sown over the week, but also for fruit in the lives of those who took part, in terms of growing mission interest, not only individually but also in their spheres of influence. Pray for others to consider being part of similar teams in the future. Do get in touch if you'd like to find out more. ruairidh@ufm.org.uk

Sunday 27th August
Stornoway

Pray for Scott, Minister in Training based in the congregation, as he continues his studies at ETS and carries out ministry in the congregation. Pray also for his wife Fiona and for their girls Katie Bell and Lilly Mae.

QUOTE

"Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul. Man is at his greatest and highest when upon his knees he comes face to face with God."

(Studies on the Sermon on the Mount, Dr Martyn Llyod-Jones).

Stornoway Free Church – Schedule of Communion Services

Friday 25th August

Services	Preacher
English service at 7.30pm in the Kenneth St Church and live on YouTube (Channel name - <i>Stornoway Free Church</i>).	Rev Euan Dodds (Minister of Kilmallie Free Church)
Gaelic service at 7.30pm in the Seminary and live on YouTube (Channel name - <i>Free Church Seminary Stornoway</i>).	Rev Donald A Macdonald (Retired - Kinloch)

Saturday 26th August

Services	Preacher
Gaelic service at 11.00am in the Seminary and live on YouTube (Channel name - <i>Free Church Seminary Stornoway</i>).	Rev Donald A Macdonald
English service at 7.00pm in the Kenneth St church and live on YouTube (Channel name - <i>Stornoway Free Church</i>).	Rev Euan Dodds

Lord's Day 27th August

Services	Preacher
English at 11.00am in the Kenneth St church and live on YouTube (<i>Stornoway Free Church</i>).	Rev Euan Dodds
Gaelic at 11.00am in the Seminary and live on YouTube (<i>Free Church Seminary Stornoway</i>).	Rev Donald A Macdonald
English at 6.30pm in the Kenneth St church and live on YouTube (<i>Stornoway Free Church</i>).	Rev Euan Dodds
There will be a congregational fellowship in the Rev M A Macleod Memorial Hall following the evening service.	