

## 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

20<sup>th</sup> April 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Joe MacPhee (11.00am) and Rev Calum M Smith (6pm). Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the 11.00am service, the Scripture reading will be from Psalm 40 and Hebrews 10:1-18.

At the 6.00pm service in the Church Hall, the Scripture reading will be from Luke 24:28-53 with a focus on verse 36. The sermon is entitled *The Peace Filled People*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 30:1-5	Scottish Psalter	Ps 40:1-5	Scottish Psalter
2	Ps 88:1-9	Scottish Psalter	Ps 119:161-168	Sing Psalms
3	Ps 40:1-8	Sing Psalms	Ps 73:23-28	Scottish Psalter
4	Ps 98:1-3	Sing Psalms	Ps 16:8-11	Sing Psalms

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today due to the school holiday.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Andrew Coghill.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 23rd April at 7pm in the Church Hall**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### MEETINGS: KIRK SESSION | VACANCY COMMITTEE | DEACONS' COURT

There will be a meeting of the **Deacons' Court on Tuesday 22nd April at 7pm** in the Church Hall.

There will be a meeting of the **Vacancy Committee immediately following the above meeting of the Deacons' Court**.

There will be a meeting of the **Kirk Session immediately following the above Vacancy Committee meeting**.

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The next meeting of the Ladies Group will be on **Thursday 24th April 2025 at 7pm in the Manse**. Margaret Smith and Elizabeth Ferguson from the Western Isles Pregnancy Crisis Support will speak about the work of the organisation. All ladies connected to the congregation are warmly invited.

### BIG YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There will be a "Big YF" on **Friday 25th April 2025 7.00-9.00pm** Rev MA Memorial Hall, Kenneth St, Stornoway. All S1-S6 young people most welcome! YF leaders, please inform Dawn Macphee on 07384 270455 once you know what number of young people you are bringing along. Thank you.

### CONGRGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Mr Rohan Meir, General Secretary of the Society for the Distribution of Hebrew Scriptures, will speak at an after-church fellowship **on the evening of Sunday 4th May**.

*This is the day we commemorate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ - we call it the Lord's Day.*

## PRAYER POINTS 21<sup>ST</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

### Monday 21st April

#### Covenant Church Newmilns

Please pray for links with the Verve, a local community group providing groups and services for those struggling with addiction, mental health issues and more. We partner with them to provide a food bank service, a 'warm welcome' every Saturday and more. Pray for good relations with other team members, that more of those who we meet through these links will join us on Sundays and at other events, and that those who've been coming along will prioritise church in the midst of lives which are often very chaotic.

### Tuesday 22nd April

#### Dumisani

Pray with thanksgiving and for the final discernment over details for the May finalisation of the purchase of an adjacent house beside the Dumisani Library for male student accommodations. We are so grateful to all the Lord's people who have partnered with this major strategic development at Dumisani.

### Wednesday 23rd April

#### Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow

Please pray for the congregation, that they would continue to know God's blessing and provision during this time of vacancy for the church.

### Thursday 24th April

#### Asian Outreach

I was invited to take part in a night-time Ramadan programme on a local South Asian radio station. We had a wide-ranging discussion on areas of commonality and difference between Muslim and Christian faiths. Please pray for all who heard the programme and particularly for R and Z (hosts of the radio programme).

### Friday 25th April

#### Covenant Church Newmilns

Please pray for Stephen Strong, minister in training. Pray for his studies at ETS, that we will provide good opportunities, training and feedback and that Stephen, Hannah and Noah will know God's blessing during this period of study and training, as they are a blessing to Covenant Church.

### Saturday 26th April

#### Dumisani

Pray for lecturer Thinus Herman will be teaching Old Testament CCF for the second Term end of April and through May. We thank the Lord for Thinus and pray the blessing of the Lord upon his teaching.

### Sunday 27th April

#### Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow

Pray that the Lord would make clear the path forward, and that the congregation as they seek a minister would be granted wisdom.

## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

*The cause of death is Adam, and we die in him: hence Christ, whose office it is to restore to us what we lost in Adam, is the cause of life to us; and his resurrection is the ground-work and pledge of ours. And as the former was the beginning of death, so the latter is of life.*

John Calvin - Commentary on [1 Corinthians 15:21](#)