

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

20th July 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Calum M Smith (11am) and Rev Kenneth Ferguson (6pm). Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the 11.00am service, the Scripture reading will be Philippians 4:2-23 with a focus on verses 19-23. The sermon is entitled *God's Abundant Provision*.

At the 6.00pm service the Scripture reading will be from John 6:1-40. The sermon text is John 6:37.

	11.00am Service	6.00pm Service
1	Psalm 100(i):1-5	Scottish Psalter, Pg 362
2	Psalm 45a:1-6	Sing Psalms, Pg 56
3	Psalm 145:8-18	Sing Psalms, Pg 190
4	Psalm 28:6-9	Sing Psalms, Pg 33
		Psalm 130:1-8
		Sing Psalms, Pg 173

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School due to the school holiday.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Roddy MacRae.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

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

THE FIVE 'SOLAS' OF THE REFORMATION

The five "solas" of the Reformation are foundational principles that emerged during the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, emphasizing the core beliefs of Reformed theology. Together, these five solas reinforce the belief that salvation is a divine work, centred on Scripture, received by faith through grace, with Christ as the only mediator, and that all of it serves to glorify God.

Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

This doctrine asserts that the Bible alone is the highest authority in matters of faith and practice. Scripture, as God's inspired word, stands above church traditions or teachings. Sola Scriptura emphasizes that the Bible is complete and sufficient for guiding believers in all aspects of their spiritual lives.

Sola Fide (Faith Alone)

Sola Fide teaches that individuals are justified, or made right with God, solely through faith in Jesus Christ, not by any human efforts or works. This principle was central to the Reformation, as it countered the idea that salvation could be earned. Faith in Christ and His redemptive work is seen as the only means of obtaining God's forgiveness and righteousness.

Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)

This tenet emphasizes that salvation is purely a gift of God's grace, not something humanity can deserve or earn. Sola Gratia underscores that God's favour in saving sinners is given freely, out of His mercy and love, rather than due to any merit in those who are saved.

Solus Christus (Christ Alone)

Solus Christus focuses on Jesus Christ as the sole mediator between God and humanity. It teaches that Christ's work on the cross is the only basis for salvation, rejecting the need for any other intermediaries, such as saints or priests. This principle places Jesus as the centre of the Christian faith and the only one capable of reconciling man to God.

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)

Soli Deo Gloria asserts that all glory is due to God alone, as He is the source and purpose of all creation and salvation. This doctrine holds that all aspects of a believer's life should be lived for God's glory, rejecting any self-glorification or worship of other beings. The Reformation emphasized that both faith and works should ultimately honour God.

PRAYER POINTS 21st JULY – 27th JULY 2025

Monday 21st July - Christ Church Glasgow

Give thanks for Tots & Tunes on Friday mornings. Pray for good connections with local families so that the group would be a means to people coming to faith in Jesus.

Tuesday 22nd July - Central Office

Please pray as we look to appoint a motivated and capable Property Officer to join our team of committed staff in the Central Office to help look after the main Mound Building and other centrally held properties. Please pray the right person steps forward for the role.

Wednesday 23rd July - Knockbain

Please pray for healing as we seek to move forward as a congregation and for a fresh vision of mission to reach the people of North Kessock, Munlochy and the surrounding areas.

Thursday 24th July - Central Office

Please pray for the right candidate for the role of Finance Manager in the Central Office. Pray that God's hand will be in the process, from the application through to the interviews.

Friday 25th July - Knockbain

Pray for our Christianity Explored Course starting in September. Pray that hearts would be softened and people would be made willing to come and learn more about our wonderful Saviour.

Saturday 26th July - Free Church Youth Camps

Please pray for Kinraig Kids 3 and Renfrew Seniors which head to camp today. Please pray that the campers would settle in well, and that the Lord would speak to each of them through His word throughout the week. Pray for energy for the leaders and cooks across the week.

Sunday 27th July - Christ Church Glasgow

Give thanks for the many children on Sundays. Pray for more volunteers as we add another group after the summer.

PREACHING SUPPLY: PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (JULY – NOVEMBER 2025)

Date	11am Service	6pm Service
3 rd August	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
10 th August	Mr Tam MacLennan	Rev. Donald A Macdonald
17 th August	Rev. Euan Dodds	Rev. Euan Dodds
24 th August	Rev Roddy Macrae	Rev. Kenny Ferguson
31 st August	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev. Calum Macdonald

7 th September	Communion	
14 th September	Mr Marten Paterson	Rev James Maciver
21 st September	Rev. Kenny I Macleod	(Closed for Barvas Communion)
28 th September	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev James Maciver

5 th October	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
12 th October	Mr Ian M Macleod (Stornoway)	Rev James Maciver
19 th October	Rev. A Coghill	Rev. A Coghill
26 th October	Rev. G Matheson	Mr Stuart King (Harris)

2 nd November	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
9 th November	Rev. Donald A Macdonald	Rev. Donald A Macdonald
16 th November	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev. Calum Macdonald
23 rd November		Rev Colin Macleod (Back)
30 th November	Mr Ian M Macleod	Mr Ian M Macleod