

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.

21st April 2024



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Farquhar Macleod (North Harris Free Church). Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12:00 noon service** the Scripture readings will be from John 3:1-21

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from Hebrews 9.

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 40:1-5, 11	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 95:1-7	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalms 116:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 19:7-13	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalms 107:1-7	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 31:21-24	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalms 86:15-17	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 132:1-5	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school resumes today following the school holidays. The children will go their classes in the hall during the second item of praise. Please remember the teachers and children in prayer,

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Donald MacAulay (Carloway)

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The weekly prayer meeting and Bible study on **Wednesday 24th April at 7pm** will take place **in the Church Hall**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

KIRK SESSION

There will be a meeting of the Kirk Session immediately following the prayer meeting on **Wednesday 24th April**.

SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

All are warmly welcome to an informal prayer meeting **in the Manse on Saturday evenings at 7pm**. Please access the Manse via the rear door.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING & OPEN DAY

Providence Christian School are holding a Coffee Morning and School Open Day at the Cearns Community Centre on **Wednesday 24th April from 10.30am-12.30pm**. All who are interested in the school are encouraged to come along.

PRAYER POINTS 15TH APRIL - 21ST APRIL 2024

Monday 15th April Govan

Please pray for the congregation in Govan, that they would be strengthened during vacancy. Pray for the ministries connected with Govan, particularly Street Connect, that the light of the Gospel would shine into the lives of those who do not yet know Him.

Tuesday 16th April

Muriel Macleod, Cambodia

Khmer New Year falls in April and we have a school break. I am planning to be home in Scotland from 28th March till 18th April. Please pray for our girls as they will spend time in their villages that they would be a faithful in their witness. Since it's a time of holiday, many church activities are planned.

Wednesday 17th April

General Assembly

Pray for the Assembly Clerks as they prepare for the General Assembly next month. Pray that they will have wisdom and be strengthened as they read through many reports, preparing for the assembly.

Thursday 18th April

Muriel Macleod, Cambodia

The 6-monthly Leaders' Bible School will be held from 17th-20th April. They will consider together Family life as Christian leaders. Please pray for stable, loving Christian families.

Friday 19th April

Govan

Pray that God would provide the right man to take on the Church Plant and that the work in Govan would continue to flourish.

Saturday 20th of April

In a Big Country

Pray for the In a Big Country Rural conference which is taking place in Dingwall today. Pray for all the speakers, and that the conference would be of great blessing to all who attend and that it would be of greater blessing to rural communities across Scotland.

Sunday 21st April

Livonia, Michigan

Please pray for the Livonia congregation in Michigan which is vacant and looking for a full-time pastor. Pray that the small congregation would be encouraged in their fellowship during this time.

THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS: ST CYPRIAN OF CARTHAGE

He that doeth the will of God abideth forever | John 2:17

We who desire to live for ever should do the will of the everlasting God. Now this is God's will which Christ both obeyed and taught –

Humility in behaviour; firmness in faith;
Modesty in speech; fair-mindedness and compassion in all we do;
Self-control in sensual appetite; to be unable to harm others,
And to be able to put up with any harm when it is done to us;
To live at peace with our brothers and sisters;
To love God with all our heart;
To love Him because He is a Father;
To reverence Him because He is God;
To treasure nothing whatsoever above Christ,
Because He treasured us above everything;
To cling with utter attachment to His love;
To stand by His cross boldly and devotedly;
When there is any struggle for His name and glory,
To show in speech the loyalty with which we confess Christ;
In torture, the strong trust with which we fight for Him;
In death, the endurance by which we are crowned.
This is to aspire to be joint-heirs with Christ;
This is to obey the command of God;
This is to fulfil the will of the Father.