

## 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

21<sup>st</sup> December 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Calum M Smith (11.00am) and Mr Gordon Macleod, North Harris (6.00pm).

At the **11.00am** service, the Scripture reading will be Romans 15:1-21 with a focus on v13. The sermon is entitled *Hope Overflowing*.

At the **6.00pm** service, the Scripture reading is Mark 4:1-20 and the sermon text will be from the book of Psalms, chapter 126.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 78:4-7	Scottish Psalter, (Pg 324)	Psalms 126	Sing Psalms, (Pg 121)
2	Psalms 65:1-8	Sing Psalms, (Pg 82)	Psalms 24:1-7	Sing Psalms, (Pg 28)
3	Psalms 39:7-13	Sing Psalms, (Pg 49)	Psalms 34:1-10	Scottish Psalter (Pg 246)
4	Psalms 130:1-8	Sing Psalms, (Pg 173)	Psalms 111:1-4	Scottish Psalter (Pg 391)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

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

### LADIES GROUP - COFFEE MORNING

Having received further donations after the event, the Ladies Group Coffee Morning total sum raised has increased to £1342. Again, a huge thank you to everyone who attended and donated.

### MESSAGE FROM MORRISON FAMILY

In connection with the above, the Morrison family have shared the following message: "We would like to thank everyone who came along to the coffee morning fundraiser on Saturday. The support and generosity from you all are much appreciated and the amount raised was incredible! Thank you all so much. Lydia has completed seven rounds of chemotherapy now and has another seven to get through. She has also done four weeks of radiotherapy and has another five weeks still to go. It has been the most difficult five months for our family, but your continued support and prayers have given us great comfort during the most challenging time of our lives. Peigi, Andrew, Lydia and Rory."

### GLASGOW CITY MISSION APPEAL 2025

Stornoway High Free Church will host an event on **Tuesday 23rd December from 9:00am to 4:00pm** in aid of the Glasgow City Mission Christmas Appeal for the homeless in Glasgow. There will be a stall in the Stornoway Town Hall, and supporters are encouraged to donate finance, vouchers, or e-vouchers, as specifically requested by the Glasgow City Mission this year. Vouchers from Boots, Superdrug, Coop, Tesco, Argos, Matalan, Costa Coffee, Starbucks, TK Maxx, and Primark can be purchased locally in Stornoway. For further information, individuals can contact Norman Maciver (07741007617), Robert France (07796283328), or Charlie Nicolson (07717816476). The event expresses the sentiment: 'Cridhe nan Eilean, Cridhe a' Bhaile'—Heart of the Isles, Heart of the City.

*The Church is not meant to be a collection of religious people, but a body of men and women who are amazed that God has saved them*

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

### PSALM TUNE PRACTICE

The tunes practiced last week were [St Lawrence](#) and [Paisley](#). Previous tunes practiced were [St. Magnus](#) and [Warwick](#). Click on the hyperlinks to listen to the tunes being sung to the correct musical notation.

### PRAYER POINTS 15TH DECEMBER- 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025

#### Monday 15th December

##### Open Doors - Central Asia

This Christmas, local partners in Central Asia are sharing God's love through various festive initiatives, including the distribution of thousands of Christmas gifts. Praise God for the wonderful impact of these events, and pray for many more precious encounters over the coming festive period

#### Tuesday 16th December

##### Turkey

Pray for a ministry producing indigenous, Turkish-language Bible Study materials. Give thanks for the way these are being used by churches all across Turkey and ask God to give wisdom about the future development of the ministry.

#### Wednesday 17th December

##### North Tolsta

Please pray for the Carol Service taking place this evening. It is a great opportunity meet our community, hand out tracts and invites to services, and to share the gospel message. Please pray that those who come would hear and respond to the gospel message.

#### Thursday 18th December

##### Free Church Youth Camps

Give thanks for the work of Free Church Youth Camps. The FCYC team been working hard behind the scenes for summer 2026 and have worked on various changes to improve and update the current booking system. There will be 12 camps next summer, including Junior Adventure and Kinraig Seniors! Bookings go live in January, please pray that all goes smoothly with the new booking system, and for many children to have the opportunity to attend a camp.

#### Friday 19th December

##### Turkey

Ask God to refresh and renew Christian leaders in Turkey. Most are overworked, because of the small size of the Church in the country, and some are in danger of burnout. Pray that the Lord would provide them with all the resources they need for their ministries.

#### Saturday 20th December

##### North Tolsta

Please pray for the congregation to be strengthened by the weekly teaching of the word, and that this would spur them on to witness to those around them.

#### Sunday 21st December

##### Open Doors - Central Asia

Please pray for the local partners – for safety in travel, good health and renewed energy for each event. Please pray that the events will be kept from the prying eyes and ears of those who might be opposed to them.

### PREACHING SUPPLY: PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (DEC 2025 - FEB 2026)

	11.00am	6.00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Rev. Gordon Matheson	Rev. Calum Smith
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Mr Stuart King	Mr Gordon Macleod
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Rev. Callum Macleod	Mr Ian Macrae
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev. Kenny I Macleod	Rev. Kenny I Macleod
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Mr Tam MacLennan
22 <sup>nd</sup> February *	Rev. Matty Guy	Rev. Matty Guy

\*Communion