

## 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 September 2025**



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's service (11am) will be taken by Rev Kenneth I Macleod. For the evening service the church will be closed for the Barvas communion. The evening service in Barvas will be taken by Rev James Maciver commencing at 6pm.

At the 11.00am service, the Scripture reading will be Proverbs 18, and the sermon will focus on verse 24. The sermon is entitled *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*.

	11.00am Service	6.00pm Service
1	Psalm 139:1-9	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 4:3-8	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 36:5-10	Sing Psalms
4	Psalm 122:4-9	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet in the Hall as usual and the children will go to their classes 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 Rev Calum MacDonald (11am) and Rev James Maciver (6pm).

### PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

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

### BENEVOLENT FUND

The Deacons' Court had previously agreed the Wednesday collection was to fund mission projects and other areas such as disaster recovery appeals. However, the Deacons' Court recently agreed that, for the time being, the Wednesday night collection will be used to build up the congregation's Benevolent Fund which is another important area in the context of the church's social responsibility.

### SOUTH UIST AND BENBECULA INDUCTION

The South Uist and Benbeuca Induction (Rev Seoras MacGillivray) will take at 11:00am, Saturday, 4 October 2025. It would be helpful, for catering purposes, if anyone hoping to attend the above induction could please let Mike Townsend know by email ([miketownsend121@gmail.com](mailto:miketownsend121@gmail.com)) or by phone (01870 602804) - before 9 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 September.

### ANNUAL BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Leaflets are available at the door for this worthy cause. Anyone willing to participate may take their filled shoebox to the church or if you are unable to fill one, individual items can be donated and will be added. Monetary donations are most welcome and can be put in the envelope provided on the leaflet. At the appointed time the shoeboxes will be collected for delivery to the central collection point.

*The church is an outpost of heaven. When she lives in holiness, unity and dependence on the Spirit, she becomes a colony of heaven on earth, drawing others into the Kingdom. (Augustine)*

*We bring nothing to our salvation except the sin that made it necessary (Jonathan Edwards)*

## PREACHING ROTA FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2025

Date	11am Service	6pm Service
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr Ian M Macleod (Stornoway)	Rev James Maciver
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev. A Coghill	Rev. A Coghill
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev. G Matheson	Mr Stuart King (Harris)

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

## LOCHS COMMUNION SCHEDULE: 24<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30 pm	English	Pre- Communion Prayer Meeting
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00 pm	Gaelic	Rev D A Macdonald
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
Lord's Day 28 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00 am	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a fellowship in the hall after the evening service to which all are invited			

## CARLOWAY COMMUNION SCHEDULE 26<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm	Rev Mark Macleod
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm	Rev Lachie Macdonald
Lord's Day 28 <sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am & 6.00pm	Rev Lachie Macdonald
There will be a fellowship after the evening service.	

## PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: JOB ADVERT

Providence Christian School is an independent, non-denominational, reformed Christian Primary School on the Isle of Lewis (Scotland). They are currently seeking applications for a Part-Time Primary Teaching position at the school. There are also opportunities available for paid Supply Primary Teachers and volunteer classroom assistants. The closing date for the advertised position is Friday 10th October. For more information and to request an application form, please get in touch by email at [office@providencechristian.school](mailto:office@providencechristian.school)

## PREACHING PATHWAY

The Western Isles Presbytery is organising a series of workshops called Preaching Pathway. These are designed for those who are involved in lay preaching or those who may be interested in starting out in preaching. There will be a series of six-monthly workshops between September and April, each of which will aim to cover key aspects of preparing and delivering sermons. The first workshop will be on Monday 29th September meeting upstairs in the MA Macleod Hall, Stornoway, from 7pm – 9pm. All men currently involved in lay preaching or interested in becoming involved in preaching are invited to come. For more information, please contact Thomas Davis: [tdavis.freechurch@outlook.com](mailto:tdavis.freechurch@outlook.com) or Ewen Matheson: [ematheson@emmail.uk](mailto:ematheson@emmail.uk)