

## 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.

**22nd September 2024**



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Donald Macaulay (Carloway) and Mr Joe Macphee (Stornoway). Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12.00 noon service**, the Scripture reading will be from 1 Corinthians 2.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from Psalms 80 and the sermon will focus on verses 1-3 of the chapter.

	12:00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 92:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 77:11-15	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 139: 1-10	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 77:16-20	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 139a:11-16	Sing Psalms	Psalm 48:13-14	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 92:12-15	Scottish Psalter	-	-

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time during the 12noon service. The children will go to their classes in the Hall during the second item of praise. Please remember the children and teachers in prayer.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Roddy John Campbell (**12 noon**), and Mr Calum Maclean, Back, (**6pm**).

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Bragar**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### LADIES GROUP

The next meeting of the Ladies Group will take place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Manse, Shawbost**. There will be a guest speaker from Street Pastors. All welcome.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Free Church has identified the following dates and times for Safeguarding Training Sessions: **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm; Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm; Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.00 pm**. All training is online and these sessions are advertised on the web <https://freechurch.org/safeguarding-training/>

The September date is indicated as being of specific relevance to **Office Bearers** and the December one of specific relevance to **Safeguarding Coordinators**.

Please bear in mind that, as before, sign-up will become unavailable 7 days before actual event. We have also been reminded of the requirement set out by the Free Church Trustees that office bearers, youth workers, Sunday school teachers/helpers etc should have undertaken training within the last 3 years. Anyone who is due to take part in the three yearly refresher course is encouraged to do so. If you have any questions, Maletta MacPhail and Catherine Macleod will do their best to address these.

## CARLOWAY COMMUNION SERVICES (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Lord's Day 29<sup>th</sup> September)

### Carloway Free Church

Friday 27th September	7.30pm	English	Rev Calum M Smith, Stornoway
Saturday 28th September	7.30pm	English	Rev Iain Morrison, Dowanvale
Lord's Day 29 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00am 6.00pm	English English	Rev Iain Morrison, Dowanvale Rev Iain Morrison, Dowanvale

### THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS - ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment but has passed from death to life. (John 5:24)*

Even if you lack faith, or have little faith, the Lord is loving toward humanity; He stoops down to you on your repentance. All you need do is say with a sincere mind, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). However, if you think you truly have faith, but you don't yet have the fullness of faith, you should join with the apostles in saying, "Lord, increase our faith!" (Luke 17:5). So there is something for you to do; but what the Lord does for you is the greatest thing.

The word "faith" may be a single word, but it has two meanings. There is faith relating to doctrine, involving assent on a definite point, beneficial to the soul, as the Lord says: "Whoever hears My words, and believes in Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come under judgment or condemnation: whoever believes in the Son has passed from death to life" (John 5:24). O God's vast compassion! The righteous spent many years in doing what pleased Him; but what they accomplished through many long years of pleasing God, this same blessing Jesus now grants you in a single hour! If you will only believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Rom. 10:9), and be carried into Paradise by Him who took the robber there. Don't doubt whether it's possible; He Himself, who upon holy Golgotha saved the robber after one single hour of belief, will save you too upon your believing.

The second kind of faith is given by Christ as a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:8-11)... It doesn't relate primarily to doctrine, but works heavenly miracles. Whoever has this faith will say to a mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move (Matt. 21:21).

### THE LARGER CATECHSIM

#### Q. 14. How doth God execute his decrees?

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence, according to his infallible fore-knowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will.

[Eph. 1:11.](#)

#### Q. 15. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is that wherein God did in the beginning, by the word of his power, make of nothing the world, and all things therein, for himself, within the space of six days, and all very good.

[Gen. 1;](#) [Heb. 11:3;](#) [Prov. 16:4.](#)