

## 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

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Angus MacRae (Free North, Inverness). Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture readings will be from Genesis 16:1-16 and the sermon is entitled *The Girl Who Tried to Run from God*.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture readings will be from Genesis 21:1-21. The sermon is entitled *The Boy Who Walked Away from God*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 95:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Ps 33:1-5	Scottish Psalter
2	Ps 23	Scottish Psalter	Ps 105:4-9	Scottish Psalter
3	Ps 139(a):7-14	Sing Psalms	Ps 9a:7-11	Sing Psalms
4	Ps 61:1-5,8	Sing Psalms	Ps 138:4-8	Sing Psalms

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School today.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Alec Stweart, Maryburgh & Killearnan Free Church.

### PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on Wednesday 25th June at 7pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### DEACONS' COURT

There will be a meeting of the Deacons' Court immediately following the prayer meeting in Church Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> June.

### LADIES GROUP – SUPPER EVENING

The Ladies Group are having a Supper Evening of Pot Luck in the Church Hall on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**. All ladies very welcome.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The congregational AGM will take place on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** at 7pm in the Church Hall. An overview of the audited Congregational Accounts for 2024 will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### WORK TO CHURCH CAR PARK

It is hoped the external improvements to the Church car-park will commence this week, if not the following week (DV), and will take around a month to complete. It is expected the car-park will still be available for use during the period of the works but there will be some restricted areas to accommodate the contractor's working space, plant and materials. Once the contractor has established the site, the Deacons' Court will review the situation and provide more guidance as necessary. In the meantime, approach the car-park with caution, being vigilant for any new signage and contractor barriers at restricted areas. Please also keep the work in prayer.

“Patience is the self-restraint which does not hastily retaliate a wrong” (J.B. Lightfoot)

## PRAYER POINTS 16TH JUNE - 22ND JUNE 2025

### Monday 16th June

#### Dumisani

Give thanks to the Lord for the blessings from the Tiyo Soga Conference held at Dumisani in the Eastern Cape, SA, in June, with 75 participants and for the four speakers who spoke. The new edition of Soga's Xhosa translation of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress was launched in the Eastern Cape and sold out at the conference.

### Tuesday 17th June

#### Greenock

Please pray for the weekly informal bible study and time of prayer on a Wednesday morning. Please pray that this time would be of great encouragement and fellowship to those who attend.

### Wednesday 18th June

#### Free Church Youth Camps

Please pray for the Free Church Youth Camps as they prepare for the camps programme beginning shortly. Give thanks for the leaders, volunteers, and young people who will be attending. Pray that the camps would be a place of gospel transformation, joy, and that friendships would be formed. Pray that the Lord would bless all practical preparations.

### Thursday 19th June

#### Board of Trustees

Pray for the meeting of the Board of Trustees which takes place today. Pray for wisdom for the Board as they make decisions and give thanks for their service to the Church in this way.

### Friday 20th June

#### Dumisani

Pray for Dumisani as plans are being made for it to be a distribution centre for the new Soga translation. May much spiritual good come through this book as it enters new homes for a new generation across the Eastern Cape.

### Saturday 21st June

#### Rogart

Please pray for this rural congregation currently without a minister. Ask the Lord to sustain them in faith and unity.

### Sunday 22nd June

#### Greenock

Pray for the believers gathering in Greenock, pray for spiritual growth, faithful witness in the community, and encouragement for those serving faithfully week by week.

God is the author of conversions, and no person is beyond His reach. Even the most unlikely soul may become a champion of truth. (CH Spurgeon)

The excellence of the church does not consist in multitude but in purity. (John Calvin)