

## 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.

23rd February 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Alec Stewart, (Maryburgh & Killearnan Free Church ). Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the congregation today at the close of the morning service which will commence at **11.00am**. The Scripture reading will be John 18:12-32, and the sermon is entitled *Why Crucifixion?*

At the **6.00pm English service**, the Scripture reading is Matthew 7:13-29, and the sermon is entitled *The Narrow Gate*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 100(i):1-5	Scottish Psalter	Ps 18:1-6	Scottish Psalter
2	Ps 22:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Ps 1(a):1-6	Sing Psalms
3	Ps 22:27-31	Sing Psalms	Ps 25:1-7	Sing Psalms
4	Ps 118:15-21	Scottish Psalter	Ps 73(a):21-28	Sing Psalms
5	Ps 72:17-19	Scottish Psalter		

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

School will meet in the Church Hall at **11am** and join with the congregation later in the service.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Donald A MacDonald (11.00am) and Mr Tormod (Tam) MacLennan (6pm). Rev Donald A MacDonald will take the **Gaelic Service in Bragar at 6pm**.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 26th February at 7pm in the Church Hall**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Christianity Explored group will meet again on **Thursday 27th February in the Church Hall at 7.15pm**. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith in a relaxed and informal setting, please be encouraged to attend – it doesn't matter if you haven't attended previously. You don't have to speak unless you wish to, and you can simply listen in to the discussion.

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Ladies Fellowship Group will meet again on **27th February at 7pm at the Manse**. The topic for the evening will be the John Piper poem, *The Lost Years*. All ladies welcome.

### BIG YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (YF)

There is a Big YF event in Sir E Scott School, Tarbert on **Friday 28th February 2025 from 7 - 9pm**. All S1-S6 welcome.

### THE SEND

THE SEND Scotland team bring your attention to a prayer and worship meeting that will take place on the Isle of Lewis on Friday, 28 February. At Martins Memorial Church, Stornoway, 8-10pm. THE SEND is a movement that exists to mobilise and activate a generation into their missional and evangelistic You can read more [here](#)

### PRAYER POINTS 24TH FEBRUARY - 3RD MARCH 2025

#### Monday 25th February – Lennoxtown

Give thanks for the provision of two new ordained elders at the end of last year. Give thanks to God for these men and their service to the congregation

### Tuesday 26th February - Assynt and Eddrachillis

Pray for believers in Lochinver, that they would be strengthened in the knowledge of Christ and grow in His likeness each day.

### Wednesday 27th February - Healthy Gospel Prayer Gatherings

Our focus in 2025 is going to be on thanksgiving and prayer. Please join us in giving thanks to God for all that he has done among us in the last 5 years and praying for the next 5 years in our local communities

### Thursday 28th February - Matt and Maria, Greece

Please continue to pray for Matt, Maria, and Sofia as they adjust to life as a family of three. Please pray for Maria and Sofia to be strengthened in their health, and pray for Matt and Maria, that the Lord would bless them as parents.

### Friday 1st March - Lennoxtown

Please pray that the Lord would provide great opportunities to witness into the community and to continue building relationships with individuals.

### Saturday 2nd March - Assynt and Eddrachillis

Give thanks to God for His faithfulness, and pray He would be renewing His church daily.

### Sunday 3rd March - Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray for relationships with individuals to continue to grow as the gospel is spoken into their lives. Pray that we would see individuals come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

### SCHEDULES OF COMMUNION SERVICES 27TH FEBRUARY TO 2ND MARCH 2025

#### North Tolsta Free Church

Thursday 27th February	7.00 pm	English	Rev Donald M Macleod
Friday 28th February	7.00 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
Saturday 1st March	12 noon	English	Rev Jonathan Baxter
Saturday 1st March	6.00 pm	Bilingual	Prayer meeting
Lord's Day 2nd March	8.00 am - Hall	English	Prayer meeting
Lord's Day 2nd March	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English English	Rev Colin Macleod

#### Carlway Free Church

Friday 28th February at 7.30 pm	Rev Ewen Matheson
Saturday 1st March at 7.30 pm	Rev Geoff Murray
Lord's Day 2nd March at 11.00am & 6.00 pm	Rev Geoff Murray
There will be a congregational lunch after the morning service, and a fellowship after the evening service	
All services will be in English with some Gaelic praise included.	

### GEORGE WHITEFIELD ON: THE SON'S SUBMISSION

*In the story of Abraham travelling up Moriah to offer his son Isaac, do you read of Isaac carrying the wood upon his shoulders up the mountain? Let this lead you to Mount Calvary (this very mountain of Moriah where Isaac is offered, as some would think and take a view of the antitype, Jesus the Son of God, bearing and ready to sink under the weight of that cross on which he was to hang for us. Do you admire Isaac for so freely consenting to die, though a creature, and therefore obliged to go where God called? Do not forget to admire infinitely more the dear Lord Jesus Christ, who willingly said, "Behold, I have come," though under no obligation to do so, "to do your will" to obey and die for men, "O God," (Heb 10:7)! Look by faith at our all-glorious Emmanuel, unbound, but nailed on an accursed tree; see how he hangs, crowned with thorns, enduring the derision of those around him; see how the thorns pierce him, and how the blood in purple streams trickles down his sacred temples! Hark how the God of nature groans! See how he bows his head, and at length humanity gives up the ghost! Isaac is saved, but Jesus has no substitute. Jesus must bleed; Jesus must die. God the Father provided this Lamb for himself from all eternity. We have been the betrayers and the murderers of this Lord of glory. Having been so much forgiven, shall we not love much? O, let us love him with all our hearts, minds, and strength, and glorify him in our souls and bodies, for they are his.*