

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

24th August 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Roddy MacRae (11am) and Kenneth Ferguson (6pm).

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be 1 Peter 1:1-12 and the sermon is entitled *Faith More Precious Than Gold*.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture reading will be Acts 16, verses 6 – 34 and the sermon text is Philippians 1, verse 6.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 40:1-5	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 63:1-8	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalms 138:1-4	Sing Psalms	Psalms 40:1-5	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalms 2:1-6	Sing Psalms	Psalms 37:3-9	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalms 150	Sing Psalms	Psalms 92:12-15	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be on as normal today. The children will go through to the hall 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.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 27th August at 7pm** in Bragar. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

BIG YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There is a Big YF on **tonight at 7-45 - 9.15pm** at the M. A Macleod Hall, Stornoway. All P7 to S6 children are welcome to attend. If any parents of children in the congregation would like assistance with transport to the event, please contact either Dan MacPhail or Matthew Hebditch who are happy to assist.

COMMUNION SCHEDULES

The communion schedules for Stornoway Free Church and Stornoway High Free Church can be found [HERE](#) as well as on the congregation website. The visiting preachers will include:

Stornoway Free Church: Principal Iver Martin (English), Rev Callum Macleod (Gaelic - Thursday) and Rev Donald A MacDonald (Gaelic - Fri/Sat/Lord's Day)

High Free: Rev James Simms (English - Saturday and Lord's Day) and Rev Kenneth Ferguson (Gaelic - Thursday)

MINISTRY FOR WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA

The women's conference, "Reflections", which was held in Back Free Church in September 2024, involved much discussion about our roles as women in the community. We're now having a time of fellowship and reflection over afternoon tea on **Saturday 13th September between 2pm and 4pm** in Back Free Church Hall. All welcome. Booking is essential so please email: ministryforwomenbroadbay@gmail.com

The beginning of the way to heaven is to feel that we are on the way to hell, and to be willing to be taught of the Spirit to trust only in Jesus.

JC Ryle

PRAYER POINTS - 25th August – 31st August 2025

Monday 25th August - Kiltarlity

Pray for our recently appointed Community and Family Worker, Marta Mitchell, as she is seeking accommodation in the area and prepares to begin work (hopefully in September).

Tuesday 26th August - Merchant City

Pray that as they sow the seeds of the gospel and extend invitations to those who they meet-that God would stir the hearts of those who do not know Him. The mission events include the following: Wednesday a music night with Ellyn Oliver from Hope City Church Edinburgh, Friday will be an evangelistic outreach night with international speaker Mark Ritchie and Sunday will be the launch service."

Wednesday 27th August - 30x30

Please pray for the 30x30 gathering which has taken place over yesterday and today. Pray that as church planters, ministers and elders gather, there would be a renewed heart for gospel work across Scotland. Pray that as a denomination, we would have wisdom in how best to reach every community in Scotland. Give thanks for those who have planted churches, and pray for God to continue to strengthen them.

Thursday 28th August - Open Doors

Pray for Open Doors' ongoing work in supporting the persecuted church worldwide, that their efforts to provide resources, encouragement, and advocacy will strengthen believers in the global church. Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom, protection, and provision to all who serve with Open Doors, enabling them to reach hidden and vulnerable communities.

Friday 29th August - Merchant City

Please pray for the Merchant City Church who are launching public worship services end of August. On the lead up to the launch Sunday, Merchant City are partnering with OM who are sending six missionaries to help the church with promoting their services, street questionnaires and street evangelism.

Saturday 30th August - Kiltarlity

Give thanks for a large number of children and young people coming along to church and other activities such as Young Life Club during the week. Pray for wisdom as we begin plans to build a hall extension to the church to accommodate so many young people.

Sunday 31st August - Open Doors

Pray for Christians in Myanmar who have been forcibly displaced due to ongoing conflict. Many now live in overcrowded IDP (internally displaced persons) camps under harsh conditions. Pray for their health, provision, and the restoration of peace.

PREACHING SUPPLY: PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (SEPT – NOV 2025)

Date	11am Service	6pm Service
7 th September	Communion	
14 th September	Mr Marten Paterson	Rev James Maciver
21 st September	Rev. Kenny I Macleod	(Closed for Barvas Communion)
28 th September	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev James Maciver

5 th October	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
12 th October	Mr Ian M Macleod (Stornoway)	Rev James Maciver
19 th October	Rev. A Coghill	Rev. A Coghill
26 th October	Rev. G Matheson	Mr Stuart King (Harris)

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