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CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2023

INTRODUCTION

We are a congregation of the [Free Church of Scotland](#). We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. We use the [ESV version of the Bible](#) in the public worship of God. We use both the [Scottish Psalter](#) and [Sing Psalms](#) versions of the Psalms for the praise items in our public worship. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#). Our services are livestreamed and available on our [You Tube channel](#).

LORD'S DAY SERVICES

The services today will be taken by the Minister. As the Minister prepares for his retirement in the coming weeks, we continue the series of sermons entitled '**Parting Counsel from the Words of Paul**.'

At the **12.00noon service**, the sermon will be based on Philippians 3:17-41. The sermon title is '**A Plea for Heaven-inspired Christian Living**.'

At the **6.00pm service**, the sermon will be based on Philippians 4:10-20. The title of the sermon is '**A Plea for Confidence in God's Provision**.'

The praise will be led by our precentor(s) and the Psalms for this Lord's Day are as follows:

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 84:1-6	Psalter	Psalm 147:11-19	Psalter
2	Psalm 85:8-13	Sing Psalms	Psalm 22:22-27	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 86:6-11	Psalter	Psalm 115:12-18	Sing Psalms
4	Psalm 26:7-12	Sing Psalms		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children will go to their classes in the Church Hall as normal during the second item of praise.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.**

KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet this Wednesday, 27th September 2023, immediately after the Prayer Meeting in the Church Hall.

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service in **Bragar on 1st October at 6pm** will be taken by Rev Roddy John Campbell.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

As previously announced, the Minister will retire from the pastoral ministry in the congregation, effective from 31st October 2023. He has three weeks holidays to take before this date. This means that the last Lord's Day on which the Minister will preach will be Sunday 8th October. Pulpit supply has been arranged up until the end of October. Rev. Calum Macdonald (Callanish) will take over as Interim-Moderator on the 1st November 2023.

In connection with the above, there will be a Retirement Presentation at **The Old School Centre, Shawbost**, on **Friday 27th October 2023** to which everyone is invited and most welcome to attend. Further details regarding the evening, and a special collection, will be provided in the coming weeks.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH CAMP - SAVE THE DATE!

A Presbytery Youth Camp is being planned for the S3-S6 age group at **Scaladale 24th – 27th November 2023**. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

BACK FREE CHURCH COMMUNION TIMETABLE

Thursday 28 th September	7.00 pm	Gaelic	Rev Kenneth Ferguson
Friday 29 th September	7.30 pm	English	Rev Murdo Campbell - Barvas
<i>There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service.</i>			
Saturday 30 th September	7.30 pm	English	Rev Rory Stott - Fortrose
Sunday 1 st October	11.00 am	English	Rev Rory Stott - Fortrose
	6.00 pm	English	Rev Rory Stott - Fortrose
<i>There will be a Fellowship in the Hall after the Evening Service.</i>			

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (25th SEPTEMBER – 1st OCTOBER 2023)

Monday 25th September Dumisani

We remember Dumisani Theological Institute, SA in the recent death of a long-serving governor, Mr Toyo Mngqaba whose funeral was September 16th. We pray with thanksgiving for this brother's years of faithful service and remember the family, the Free Church in Southern Africa and Dumisani at this time of mourning.

Tuesday 26th September North Harris

Pray for our outreach clubs for children, which will restart on Friday afternoons in October.

Wednesday 27th September Dumisani

Pray for principal Wilbert Chipenyu of Dumisani Theological Institute, SA whose mother passed away on 14 September in Zimbabwe. Pray for safety in travel and for family arrangements.

Thursday 28th September Murray River (PEI Eastern Charge)

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Murray River, that God would be strengthening His people, and growing His church through the work and outreach of His people.

Friday 29th September North Harris

Give thanks for very successful elders and deacons training sessions led by Professor John Angus Macleod. Pray that the lessons learned will be put into practice.

Saturday 30th September Big Free Rally

Please pray that the Lord would bless all the children and young people attending the free rally. Give thanks for the work of camps, and this chance to gather for learning more about Jesus. Pray friendships would continue to form and God would continue revealing himself to all who attend.

Sunday 1st October Dumisani

We pray for Andre the visiting lecturer this term at Dumisani Theological Institute, SA. Brother Andre is from REAC