

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.

25th February 2024



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald (Interim Moderator). The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in the congregation today during the 11.30am service. Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.30am service** the Scripture reading will be from John 12:12-36 and the service will focus on verse 32. At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from John 18:28 – John 19:22 and the sermon will focus on verses 5 and 14 of Chapter 19. 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 | |
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| 1 | Psalm 27:1-5 | Sing Psalms | Psalm 72:1-8 | Scottish Psalter |
| 2 | Psalm 22:22-27 | Scottish Psalter | Psalm 80(a): 14-19 | Sing Psalms |
| 3 | Psalm 45(ii)1:3 | Scottish Psalter | Psalm 2:1-7 | Sing Psalms |
| 4 | Psalm 118:15 ff | Scottish Psalter | Psalm 2:8-12 | Scottish Psalter |
| 5 | Psalm 103:1-4 | Scottish Psalter | | |
| 6 | Psalm 72:17-19 | Scottish Psalter | | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children will go **their classes in the Church Hall at 11:30am** and will join with the congregation prior to the sacrament being dispensed.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational fellowship in Church Hall following the evening service and everyone is warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Iain MacRitchie (Pairc Free Church)

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service in **Bragar on 3 March at 6pm** will be taken by Donald Morrison, Bragar.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The weekly prayer meeting and Bible study on **Wednesday 28th February at 7pm** will take place in the Church Hall. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

FREE CHURCH YOUTH CONFERENCE 2024

Bookings for the Youth Conference 2024 are now open and can be made on the [Free Church website](https://freechurch.org/free-church-youth-conference-2024/) - <https://freechurch.org/free-church-youth-conference-2024/> This is a great opportunity for any young people (18 – 30 year olds) that you know to be encouraged in and grow in their faith. The weekend is filled with great teaching, times of worship and prayer, seminars, and opportunities to rest, reflect, begin new friendships and strengthen old ones. The key information for the Youth Conference is as follows: -

Date: 15th to 17th of March 2024

Location: Lendrick Muir

Ages: 18 – 30-year-olds

Main Speaker: Thomas Davis, Carloway Free Church

More information can also be found on the Free Church Youth Conference's social media channels.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE 29th February – 3rd March 2024

| North Tolsta Free Church Communion Schedule | | | |
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| Thursday 29 th February | 7.00pm | English | Rev Donald M Macleod |
| Friday 1 st March | 7.00pm | English | Rev Colin Macleod |
| Saturday 2 nd March | 12 noon | English | Rev Calum Macleod (Rtd) |
| Saturday 2 nd March | 6.00pm | Bilingual | Prayer meetings Led by the Elders |
| Lord's Day 3 rd March | 8.00am (Hall) | | |
| Lord's Day 3 rd March | 11.30am 6.30pm | English English | Rev Calum Macleod (Rtd) |

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| Friday 1 st March at 7.30pm | Rev David Macleod |
| Saturday 2 nd March at 7.30pm | Rev Derek Lamont |
| Lord's Day 3 rd March at 11.00am & 6.00pm | Rev Derek Lamont |
| All services will be in English | |

PRAYER POINTS 26th FEBRUARY - 3RD MARCH 2024

Monday 26th February - Galashiels

Please pray for wisdom to know what to do about where to worship on a Sunday. Please pray that the Lord may provide 'a space of our own' and the means to purchase and refurbish it.

Tuesday 27th February - Dumisani

Pray for the ordination service of Dr Wilbert Chipenyu the principal at Dumisani Theological Institute who is being ordained at the East London Reformed Church, Eastern Cape province, SA in the afternoon of Saturday March 2nd. May the service bring much advance to the Lord's work.

Wednesday 28th February - Falkirk

Give thanks for the weekly ministry and discipleship which takes place in the congregation. Pray for the Lord to greatly encourage the people so that they may be equipped for works of service.

Thursday 29th February - Dumisani

Pray for a way forward to secure more housing for students wanting to enrol at Dumisani Theological Institute in the Eastern Cape. This continues to be a most pressing need and all options are being considered. Pray for the guidance of the Lord in finding a solution.

Friday 1st March - Galashiels

Please continue to pray specifically for more people to join the church plant who can also join the launch team and for more regular financial partners. We are amazed at the way the Lord has answered this prayer since the last prayer letter, but we continue to ask for prayer for this specifically.

Saturday 2nd March - Middle East

Pray for peace in the Middle East conflict and for a great outpouring of God's grace unto salvation to fall upon all peoples, both Jews and Palestinians, across the entire region. Pray for God's comfort to be known by those suffering great loss.

Sunday 3rd March - Galashiels

Our great desire is to grow primarily through people being saved. Please join with me in praying expectantly to see 10 people saved this year and discipled in the church plant.

THE MIGHTY MEN OF PRAYER OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

JOHN FLAVEL (1630-1691): *The prayer of a single saint is sometimes followed with wonderful effects. What then can a thundering legion of such praying souls do?*