

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 January 2026



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Callum Macleod (11.00am) and Mr Ian MacRae (6.00pm).

At the **11.00am** service, the Scripture reading will be John 14:15-31. The sermon will focus on verses 25-28 and is entitled *The Travel Plans of Jesus & The Life of Disciples*.

At the **6.00pm** service, the Scripture reading is from Mark 4:35-5:20. The sermon will focus on Mark 4:35 and is entitled *Crossing to the Other Side*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 85:1-9	Sing Psalms	Psalm 105:1-7	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 68:18-20	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 96:1-6	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 119:161-168	Sing Psalms	Psalm 67	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 25(ii);12-16	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 98:1-4	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time today and the children will go through to the hall during the second item of praise. Please remember both the pupils and teachers in prayer.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational fellowship in the church hall immediately following the evening service **tonight** when representatives from the local branch of Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons) will be speaking. Please be encouraged, encourage others, to come along.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Roddy John Campbell.

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic service in Bragar at 6pm next Lord's Day (1st February) will be taken by Rev James MacIver.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 28th January at 7pm** in Bragar. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

DEACONS COURT

There will be a meeting of the Deacons' Court on **Wednesday 28th January** immediately following the prayer meeting in Bragar.

UPDATE FROM CONGRGATIONAL MEETING

At the meeting last Wednesday evening, the name of Rev. Paul Murray was proposed by the Vacancy Committee. Opportunity was given for any members present to propose other nominations, but none were forthcoming. A vote was taken to ascertain support for Rev. Paul Murray and there was a strong majority in favour. Adherents were then asked if they were supportive and again there was a strong majority. As such, the Kirk Session requested that the Western Isles Presbytery make arrangements for the call to be processed and a meeting has been set by them for **Wednesday 11th February at 7pm**. An edict stating such will be read at the services on the 1st and 8th of February. At the meeting, members and adherents will be asked to sign the call. Any members and adherents who cannot be present that evening can show their support of a call by signing a mandate form. Should you require one of these forms, or know someone else who does, please speak to any of the elders or deacons and they will make arrangements for this. We continue to pray for the Lord's will to be done in all of this.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The next Ladies Fellowship meeting is on **Thursday 29th January at 7pm** at the manse. Shona MacLeod will be speaking about the local Food Bank.

ISLANDS STUDY CONFERENCE - 6th-8th February 2026

Speakers: Rev. Paul Levy (International Presbyterian Church, Ealing) - 'The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom' and Prof. John Angus Macleod (Caithness) - 'The Forgotten King'
Residential Bookings: Accommodation is available in the Harris Hotel for the weekend of the conference. The cost for the residential option is £230.00 (including all meals). Please contact the Harris Hotel by phone (01859 502 154) or by e-mail (info@harrishotel.com) to arrange a reservation.
Day Visitors: Lectures are free to attend and do not require pre-booking. However, if you require meals, please contact the hotel in advance to arrange a reservation.
If you require any further information, please contact islandstudyconference@mail.com

PREACHING PATHWAY WORKSHOPS

The next meeting of the Preaching Pathway will be on **Monday 26th January from 7pm – 9pm** upstairs in the M.A. Hall, Kenneth St, Stornoway. These workshops are for all men currently involved, or interested in becoming involved, in preaching. All are welcome, even if you were unable to attend previous workshops. (Future workshop dates are scheduled to be held, 2/3/26, 20/4/26.)

PRAYER POINTS 19TH JANUARY - 25TH JANUARY 2026

Monday 19th January - Rebecca Tait, OM

Pray for my transition into Headteacher of Logos Hope School, that I will be able to find a balance between work and rest with this increased workload - give thanks for all of the friends I have made on board and the parents of the pupils who are supporting me with this change.

Tuesday 20th January - Abbeygreen

Pray for the faithful teaching of God's word at Abbeygreen, pray that it would be clearly taught and that as a church we would grow in godliness and faithfulness.

Wednesday 21st January - Open Doors

The Open Doors World Watch List 2026 — an annual report ranking the 50 countries where Christians face the most severe persecution — is being officially released today. Alongside this launch, Christian leaders and advocates are inviting Members of Parliament and political leaders to attend related events in Westminster to raise awareness about global Christian persecution and encourage political engagement and response to the issue. Pray that this would clearly highlight the reality of persecution and strengthen prayer and action for suffering believers.

Thursday 22nd January - Rebecca Tait, OM

Pray that I will keep my sights fixed on this amazing experience God has given me and the awesome privilege it is to serve on board, even when things get difficult.

Friday 23rd January - Abbeygreen

Pray for the elders and members of Abbeygreen Free Church, that they would remain faithful in doctrine and life, and that they would be a witness to Christ in their community.

Saturday 24th January - Open Doors

Pray for the parliament leaders invited to the 2026 World Watch List launch, that they would take these concerns seriously and act to uphold justice and freedom of religion.

Sunday 25th January - Free Church Youth Conference

Pray for the Free Church Youth Conference at Lendrick Muir (13-15 March), that God would use the Christ-centred teaching, worship, prayer, seminars, and fellowship to deepen the faith of the young adults, and strengthen their relationships with one another and with God.

It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our last day

Matthew Henry

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labour among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5:12-18