

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 May 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Scott Macleod, Minister in Training, (11am and 6pm). Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be from John 13:31-14:6. The sermon text is John 14:1-3 and the sermon is entitled *The King is Preparing for You*.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture reading will be from Hebrews 11:30-12:13. The sermon text is Hebrews 12:1-2 and is entitled *Worthy Witness*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 122:1-9	Scottish Psalter	Ps 96a:7-13	Sing Psalms
2	Ps 4:3-8	Sing Psalms	Ps 63:1-8	Scottish Psalter
3	Ps 31:21-24	Scottish Psalter	Ps 71:16-19	Scottish Psalter
4	Ps 23:1-6	Sign Psalms	Ps 133	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be on at the usual time during the service and the children will go to their classes during the second item of praise. Please remember the Sunday School in prayer.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The 11am service next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Neil Chambers (Retired, formerly Senior Pastor of Bundoora Presbyterian Church, in the north of Melbourne, Australia). The 6pm English service in the Church Hall will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald. The 6pm Gaelic service in Bragar will be taken by Rev Roddy John Campbell.

PRESBYTERY OVERSIGHT VISIT (QUINQUENNIAL)

On **Wednesday 28th May, 7pm in the Church Hall** there will be a Presbytery Oversight Visit (POV) from the Presbytery of the Western Isles, as previously intimated. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

POV QUESTIONNAIRES

In connection with the above, the congregation is encouraged to complete the questionnaire forms. These are available at the door and should be returned **asap ahead of the POV meeting**. Electronic forms are also available (and preferable) and can be obtained by emailing Dan Macphail at dan.macphail@icloud.com

LADIES GROUP

The next meeting of the Ladies Group will be in the **Church Hall on Thursday 29th May**. The speaker will be Mrs Jayne Chambers, wife of Rev Neil Chambers, and she will speak about her life in Australia. All ladies are welcome.

PRESBYTERY PRAISE NIGHT

There will be a Presbytery Praise Night on **Friday June 6th at 7.30pm in the Back Church Hall**. Please come along and enjoy an evening of psalm singing which will include a number of Gaelic singings. There will be a short address from Rev James MacIver with tea & coffee served after the event.

Faith is the root, good works are the fruits, and we must see to it that we have both.

Matthew Henry

PRAYER POINTS 26TH MAY – 1ST JUNE 2025

Monday 26th May

Bon Accord

Please pray for us as we begin to plant Garioch Free Church, especially Ben and the Traynor family as they look to move into Inverurie over the summer.

Tuesday 27th May

Loch Ness

Rev Sean Ankers is currently on sabbatical until the end of June. We ask for prayer for him to be blessed both physically and spiritually during this time. We give thanks for those who are providing preaching supply.

Wednesday 28th May

Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray for the continued growth of two individuals who are hungry to study God's word.

Thursday 29th May

UFM

Pray that the churches in Moldova will know a fresh breeze from heaven and that many will seek the Saviour again.

Friday 30th May

Bon Accord

Please pray that the Lord would guard our unity and grow us in maturity through this exciting but stretching time in the life of the Bon Accord church family.

Saturday 31st May

Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray that we would have more opportunities to have good conversations to share God's good news and our testimonies in the regular hikes we are doing.

Sunday 1st June

Loch Ness

As a consequence of Covid and bereavements, the congregation at Fort Augustus has declined to the extent that Sunday services are now only held on an intermittent basis. Pray for revival in that area and that the church would be able to find opportunities to reach into this community with the Gospel

NO TIME IS SO WELL SPENT! (JC RYLE)

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2

Prayer is . . .

the mightiest weapon that God has placed in our hands,
the best weapon to use in every difficulty,
the surest remedy in every trouble,
the key that unlocks the treasury of promises,
the hand that draws forth grace and help in time of need,
the silver trumpet that God commands us to sound in all our necessity,
the cry He has promised always to listen to, just as a loving mother listen attentively to the cry of her child.

Be sure that no time is so well spent, as that which a man spends on his knees.

What is the reason that some believers are so much brighter and holier than others?

I believe the difference, in nineteen cases out of twenty, arises from different habits in private prayer.

I believe that those who are not eminently holy, pray little-and those who are eminently holy, pray much.

What is the cause of most backslidings?

I believe, as a general rule, one of the chief causes is neglect of private prayer.

People are backsliders on their knees, long before they backslide openly in the eyes of the world.

Fear not because your prayer is stammering, your words feeble, and your language poor. Jesus can understand you!