

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.

26th January 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev David Macleod. Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.00am service** the Scripture reading is Genesis 28:10-22 and the sermon is entitled *The Testimony of Jacob* and will consider the following sermon points; relocated, revelation, relationship and response.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from Genesis 29:1-30 and the sermon is entitled *The Trials of Jacob* and will consider the following sermon points; the guidance of God, the providence of God, the sanctification of Jacob and the salvation of Jacob.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 46:1-7	Scottish Psalter	Ps 121	Scottish Psalter
2	Ps 139:1-10	Scottish Psalter	Ps 67	Sing Psalms
3	Ps 8	Sing Psalms	Ps 43:3-5	Scottish Psalter
4	Ps 23	Sing Psalms	Ps 72:17-18	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 Services next Lord's Day (2nd February 2025) will be taken by Rev Paul Murray (11.00am service and **6.00pm Gaelic Service in Bragar**) and Rev Calum MacDonald (6.00pm English Service in the Church Hall).

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 29th January at 7pm in the Church Hall**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Kirk Session has agreed to run a Christianity Explored course which will commence on **Thursday 13th February at 7.15pm in the church hall**. The course is suitable for anyone looking to explore the Christian faith, who Jesus is and why he matters. To find out more about the course visit this link [Christianity Explored](#). Please remember this item in prayer.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - OPEN DAY

Providence Christian School are holding a School Open Day at the Cearns Community Centre on **Wednesday 5th February from 10am-12 noon**. All who are interested in the school are encouraged to come along to meet staff and pupils and find out more about PCS. Enrolment is also now open for the August 2025 intake!

THE ISLANDS STUDY CONFERENCE

The Islands Study Conference will take place on **7th-9th February 2025** at North Harris Free Church and the Harris Hotel. The speakers are Rev Dr Sinclair Ferguson (Aberdeen) and Rev Colin Macleod (Back). Day Visitors – Lectures are free to attend and do not require pre-booking. However, if you wish to book any meals, please contact ischohotelbookings@yahoo.com. Residential Bookings- Accommodation is available in the Harris Hotel for the weekend of the conference. The cost for the residential option is £200 (including all meals). For further information contact the above email address.

THE ISLANDS STUDY CONFERENCE: PROGRAMME

Friday 7th February

7.30pm Rev Dr Sinclair Ferguson –
To be Found in Christ

9.00pm Tea/coffee and selection of
home baking

Saturday 8th February

8-9am Breakfast

9.30am Morning Worship

11.00am Rev Colin Macleod –
The Book of the King

12.30pm Soup/sandwiches

Free Time

4.00pm Rev Dr Sinclair Ferguson –
Our New Life in Christ

6.00pm Dinner

8.00pm Rev Colin Macleod –
The Book of the King

9.15pm Tea/coffee etc.

Sunday 9th February

8-9am Breakfast

9.30am Morning Worship

11.00am Morning Church Service: Rev Dr Sinclair
Ferguson – *Abiding in Christ*

1.00pm Dinner

3.30pm Afternoon Focus

5.00pm Tea/coffee and home baking

6.00pm Evening Church Service: Rev Colin Macleod
– *The Book of the King*

7.30pm Fellowship Supper

8.30pm Fellowship Meeting/Close of Conference

PRAYER POINTS 27TH JANUARY - 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

Monday 27th January - Free North

Pray for stamina, unity and joy in the Lord for our church family serving in the city centre of Inverness. Pray for wisdom to make best use of our location and resources. Pray for peace and protection from disruptions.

Tuesday 28th January - Charleston

New Venue: For the past few months our Sunday service has moved out of the old post office, and we are now in the community centre. Give thanks for the good relationship we have with the community centre and pray for that to continue and to open up new doors for mission. Give thanks as well for 2 of the ladies from the community centre management group who came along to our carol service.

Wednesday 29th January - Dornoch

Give thanks for the nomination of additional office bearers, and pray for unity, wisdom, and spiritual growth across the leadership and congregation as we seek to follow Christ and reach our rural communities with the gospel.

Thursday 30th January - Charleston

Addiction work: Our addiction group Bible study has been one group that we have run from the beginning but in the past year it has declined. We are hoping to rebrand it and relaunch this month. Please pray for that. Many in our community feel trapped by addiction, but there is hope and freedom in Christ and his gospel. Pray also for those that have come to our Bible study in the past – we listed the names of those who had attended and were encouraged to see that overall, we have had 52 people from the scheme have come and studied the Bible as part of that group.

Friday 3¹st January - Dornoch

Pray for God to raise up additional leaders to help coordinate outreach opportunities, including youth and children's ministries, Scripture Union in schools, Little Lambs, Living Room, and the Summer Holiday Bible Club, so that families in our community may come to know Jesus.

Saturday 1st February - Free North

Pray for a growing team of workers to share in ministries such as youth work, hospitality and leading praise. Pray that our kids and young people would be fully committed to Christ, serving the Lord.

Sunday 2nd February - Charleston

Growth in Christ: Give thanks for how some of our members are just growing in their godliness. It's been very encouraging to see how people in the church have dealt with various trials and difficulties these past few months. Pray that we would continue to disciple and love one another.