

## 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 May 2024



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Ewen Matheson. Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12:00 noon service** the Scripture reading will be from Luke 14:1-35 with a focus on verses 16-17. The sermon is entitled *Invitation to the Banquet*.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from 2 Timothy 3:10-4:18 with a focus on verse 13 from chapter 4. The sermon is entitled *Paul's Requests*.

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 84:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 1:1-6	Sing Psalms
2	Psalm 36:5-10	Sing Psalms	Psalm 119:33-40	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 45(a):10-15	Sing Psalms	Psalm 119:105-112	Sing Psalms
4	Psalm 132:13-18	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 19:8-11	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will be at the usual time today during the service and the children will go to their classes in the Hall during the second item of praise.

### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational fellowship this evening immediately following the 6pm service. Rev Ewen Matheson will be the speaker. Tea and biscuits will be served and everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Kenneth Ferguson.

### GAELIC SERVICE

Rev Donald A Macdonald will be taking the Gaelic service in **Bragar, 2nd June at 6pm (DV)**.

### WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The weekly prayer meeting and Bible study on **Wednesday 29th May at 7pm** will take place in **Bragar**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

All are warmly welcome to an informal prayer meeting in the **Manse on Saturday evenings at 7pm**. Please access the Manse via the rear door.

### VACANCY COMMITTEE

The Vacancy Committee, which comprises all officer bearers (Elders and Deacons) are seeking to meet in the short-term (next week to fortnight). Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to make contact with an office bearer and share your views on a Minister(s) you would like to see invited to preach in the congregation, perhaps for the first time or to preach again.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

The Sunday School outing this year is to Dalmore beach **this Saturday, 1st June**, weather permitting, with the following Saturday as a back-up. We are joining with Carloway Free Church Sunday School. If you are planning to join us, please contact Neil by phone on 07444886905 or email on [neilmoley@outlook.com](mailto:neilmoley@outlook.com) by Tuesday evening.

### DAYONE / LDOS ANNUAL RALLY

The Lewis Branch of the Lord's Day Observance Society (DayOne) will hold its annual Rally in the **Stornoway Town Hall on Friday 31st May at 7.30pm**. The speaker will be Rev Dr Malcolm Maclean, former minister of Greyfriars Free Church in Inverness, and the title for his lecture is *The Sabbath and Christian Experience*. All are encouraged to attend and to continue to support the work of promoting the Lord's Day in our islands.

### PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Providence Christian School are planning to hold a clothing sale fundraiser - if you have any good quality clothing you would like to donate it would be much appreciated if you could drop it off at either the school itself or the Kinloch Free Church Manse between the 27th May and the 1st June. Further details of the sale location and time to follow in due course.

The school also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Failte Centre, Bayhead, Stornoway at 6pm on Monday 17th June as the children perform their play - an adaption of John Bunyan's "A Pilgrim's Progress".

### PRAYER POINTS - 27th May - 2nd June 2024

#### Monday 27th May - Bon Accord

We have a number of young people who have become Christians this year with no former Christian background, in some cases from families who are opposed to the gospel. Please pray for them, and for all our students, that they would not fear people but be rooted deeply in Christ and grow to maturity in him.

#### Tuesday 28th May - Christ Church Glasgow

Give thanks for the recent ordination of new elders and a deacon at Christ Church Glasgow. Pray that God would strengthen our church leaders, give them wisdom, and enable them to exercise their responsibilities well.

#### Wednesday 29th May - Richard and Barbara, a European City

We give thanks to the Lord for finding a good house to rent in a new city and getting on well with the landlords. We expect to move in July. Please pray for what still needs to be arranged in particular for our son James who would like to stay in or near the city we have been based in, but needs work and accommodation.

#### Thursday 30th May - Bon Accord Free Church

We are planning training for future leaders in the church, particularly elders and/or deacons. Please pray the Lord would continue to raise up all kinds of leaders in our congregation, to continue and strengthen the work He has given us to do.

#### Friday 31st May - Christ Church Glasgow

Pray for our evangelism and outreach to our local neighbourhood. Ask that we would be burdened by those who are lost and would be motivated by the love of Christ to find new ways of connecting with those around us in order to share the good news of Jesus.

#### Saturday 1st June - Richard and Barbara, a European City

Pray that seeds sown from the Word of God in the minds and hearts of islanders will bear fruit in the days and years to come. We have had some good opportunities to share over the last month. Praise the Lord.

#### Sunday 2nd June - Bon Accord

Please pray for the roughly 265,000 people of Aberdeenshire. Pray for the rural communities where there is no healthy gospel church, and little gospel witness. Pray the Lord would multiply healthy gospel churches throughout our region over the coming years, and thousands more people would hear the gospel and respond in faith.