

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 November 2023



SUNDAY SERVICES

Both services today will be taken by Mr Donald Macaulay (Carloway). Our services are livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12.00noon service** the Scripture reading will be taken from Isaiah Chapter 1 and the sermon will focus on verse 18.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture reading will be Revelation Chapter 4 and 5 and the sermon will focus on an aspect of the reading.

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 139:1-8 | Psalter | Psalm 63:1-5 | Psalter |
| 2 | Psalm 51:1-7 | Psalter | Psalm 63:6-11 | Sing Psalms |
| 3 | Psalm 51:8-14 | Sing Psalms | Psalm 89:1-6 | Psalter |
| 4 | Psalm 51:15-19 | Psalter | Psalm 89:13-18 | Psalter |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School tomorrow due to the school holiday.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Joe MacPhee (Stornoway).

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service in **Bragar on 3rd December at 6pm** will be taken by Rev Donald A Macdonald.

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Free Church of Scotland's annual day of prayer will take place on **Wednesday 29th November**. There will be a time of the prayer at **12noon in the Church Hall** led by one of the Elders. The Annual Thanksgiving Service will take place at **7pm on the same day** and will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald (Interim Moderator).

COLLECTION FOR MINISTER

The Deacons' Court can advise the sum of £1600 was collected in connection with Rev Callum Macleod's retiring from his pastoral ministry in the congregation. Thank you to all who contributed.

SUDANSE REFORMED CHURCH - RETIRING COLLECTION

The Deacons' Court had previously agreed making a regular donation to the Sudanese Reformed Church following the visit of Pastor Patrick Jok. There will therefore be a collection taken at both Lord's Day services on 9th December 2023.

VACANCY - HOSPITALITY ROTA

It has been agreed to compile a rota for providing hospitality for visiting preachers during the vacancy period. Anyone in the congregation who would like their name to be added to the rota should contact Morris Macleod or Dan MacPhail.

BETHESDA SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH - SATURDAY 02 DECEMBER 2023

Bethesda Hospice will be holding a Soup & Pudding Lunch in the M A Macleod Memorial Hall, Kenneth Street, on Saturday 2nd December 2023 from 12noon - 2pm. All are welcome to come along. Donations of baking would be gratefully accepted at the Hall from 10am onwards.

MISSION APPEAL | GLASGOW CITY MISSION

In aid of The Glasgow City Mission Christmas Appeal for the Homeless in Glasgow, coordinated locally by Stornoway High Free Church. Requested this year by the Glasgow City Mission: finance donations, vouchers and e-vouchers for stores such as Boots, Superdrug, Coop, Tesco, Argos, Matalan, Costa Coffee, Starbucks, TK Maxx and Primark. These can be acquired from shops in Stornoway. The drop off point is the Stornoway Library Community Room (across from Baltic Bookshop) at the following times: **FRIDAY 1st December 2:00-3:45pm** and **SATURDAY 2nd December 11:00-3:30pm**

For further information contact Ian Smith, Ian McLeman 07985223078, Norman Maciver 07741007617, Charlie Nicolson 07717816476. (Grateful thanks to Macleod & Buchanan, CNES Library Staff and AM Training LTD). Thank you.

BINDING BROKENNESS: A SMALL GROUP FOR BIBLE-BASED TRAUMA HEALING

Our small group will help you to deal with hurt, loss, grief and trauma, and begin the journey towards healing. We use the time-tested model of the Trauma Healing Institute, which is endorsed by the Scottish Bible Society. The introductory lesson takes place on **Tuesday 12th December 2023, 7.00-9.00pm** in a Stornoway venue. The course continues in 2024 - **weekly on Tuesdays, 7.00-9.00pm from 9th January to 13th February 2024**. Booking is essential. To book or find out more contact the group facilitators Mairianne Campbell: 07876202073 or Joanna George: bindingbrokenness@proton.me or simply fill in your details online: <https://forms.office.com/r/fDrMmuM4Zx>

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (27th November – 3rd December 2023)

Monday 27th November - Kiltearn

Friday Club meets in Cornerstone at 7pm on Friday 24th November. Please pray that God will bring the right number of children along and for His blessing to accompany the work there.

Tuesday 28th November - Wick

Please pray that the Lord would send a worker, or workers, who will encourage and build up His people, and promote the work of His Kingdom in the Wick.

Wednesday 29th November - Day of Prayer

Across the denomination today is a day of prayer, calling all of us to pray for our church, our nation, our world, and one another. Please join us in praying that God will use His church for His glory, and that many in our nation and across the world will come to know Jesus as their Lord and saviour.

Thursday 30th November - Osamu and Mairi, Japan

Thank you for your prayers for the move to the new location in Tagajo city in September. The Lord wonderfully supplied all the needed furniture and necessary equipment's for us to start the service on 17th Sept. We have felt God's assurance that this is the place of His choice. Pray that the Lord will guide us step by step as to the ways to reach out to the community.

Friday 1st December - Greenock

Please pray for the congregation, that their ministry will be strengthened during a time of vacancy, and that God would bless them.

Saturday 2nd December - Wick

Pray that the believers there, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how high and wide and long and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – so that they may be filled to all the fulness of God.

Sunday 3rd December - Kiltearn

Please pray that the congregation will be a light in and to the community, that many from the community will connect with the congregation and come to know Christ through their witness.