

## 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 April 2026



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald.

At the **11.00am** service, the Scripture reading will be Matthew 18:1-20. The sermon will focus on verse 3 and is entitled *Faith Like a Little Child*.

At the **6.00pm** service, the Scripture reading will be Matthew 27:27-66. The sermon will focus on verse 51 and is entitled *The Torn Curtain*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 103:1-4	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 132:11-18	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 80:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 22:14-22	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 51:7-14	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 38:1-11	Sing Psalms
4	Psalm 19:7-10	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 118:24-29	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be on today at the usual time and the children will go to through to the Hall during the second item of praise.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Andrew McMahon, SASRA (11.00am) and Rev Roddy J Campbell (6.00pm).

### GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic service next Lord's Day in **Bragar at 6.00pm** will be taken by Mr Joe MacPhee, Stornoway.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

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

### GRASS CUTTING AT THE MANSE

Anyone in the congregation willing and able to assist with grass cutting can meet at the Manse this Saturday, **2nd May, at 10.00am**, Many hands make light work!

### WOMEN FOR MISSION (WFM)

The WFM group will meet in the Church Hall on **Thursday 30th April at 7pm**. Mrs Catherine Macleod (Bragar) will be our speaker.

### SHOEBOX APPEAL

Blythswood have provided a leaflet with suggested items that can be pre-collected for the Shoebox Appeal. Please take a leaflet and support this worthy cause.

### SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL VISIT

Slavic Gospel Association will be in Lewis and North Harris from 2nd May until 10th May when they will be visiting some of the churches around the Island giving updates on their work. A public meeting will be held in the **M.A. Memorial Hall on Friday 8th May at 7:30 pm** where Derek Maxwell, General Director and Eric MacDonald, Scottish Representative will be speaking. There will also be a live link with some guest speakers from Eastern Europe who will be giving updates from their respective areas. This meeting is open to everyone, and you are warmly invited to attend. There will be refreshments served afterwards and an opportunity given for a time of fellowship.

### PROVENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

You are warmly invited to attend our curry night and quiz. This event is being planned and run by PCS staff and pupils to raise funds for their upcoming p7 trip to Amsterdam. They are visiting Christian Educators, pupils, and supporters. The event will be held at MA memorial Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 from 6pm. This is a sit in meal only. To book table/seats please contact [hannah@providencechristian.school](mailto:hannah@providencechristian.school)

### PRAYER POINTS 20TH APRIL - 26TH APRIL 2026

#### Monday 20th April

##### Asian Outreach

Please pray for a group of young people at a local university as they seek to reach Muslims with love and with the good news of Jesus the Messiah.

#### Tuesday 21st April

##### Sashko, Poland

Give thanks for the completion of Calvin's Institutes in Polish after 490 years of waiting, and finally in readers' hands.

#### Wednesday 22nd April

##### Badenoch

Please pray for Badenoch Free Church, that God would strengthen the congregation as they serve and witness to the people in the local community.

#### Thursday 23rd April

##### Free Church Offices

Please pray that the Lord would provide the right person to join the finance team as a finance officer / accountant. Please pray that this role would be of blessing to the wider denomination as the finance team seeks to manage Church finances well.

#### Friday 24th April

##### Sashko, Poland

Please pray for the soldiers that one of our church members visits near the frontline that the Word of God and the presence of a chaplain would bring real comfort in genuinely dark circumstances.

#### Saturday 25th April

##### Asian Outreach

I'm taking part in a conference 29th April to 3rd May for people across Europe engaged in ministry to Muslims including many who have joined us for the 'Engaging Well with Muslims (EWM)' online forum. Please pray for an encouraging and useful time and good fellowship.

#### Sunday 26th April

##### Badenoch

Please pray that through everyday relationships with those in the congregation, many would come to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ.

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*"If God be near a church, it must pray. And if He be not there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be a slothfulness in prayer"*

C. H. Spurgeon

*"The prayer that prevails is not of many words, but of much faith"*

George Müller

*"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness"*