



CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 27th August 2023

INTRODUCTION

We are a congregation of the [Free Church of Scotland](#). We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. We use the [ESV version of the Bible](#) in the public worship of God. We use both the [Scottish Psalter](#) and [Sing Psalms](#) versions of the Psalms for the praise items in our public worship. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#). Our services are livestreamed and available on our [You Tube channel](#).

LORD'S DAY SERVICES

Both services today will be taken by the Minister.

At the **12.00noon service**, we will continue our study of I Peter. The sermon is based on I Peter 5:8-11. The sermon title is **The Strategy of Satan & The Triumph of Grace**. Scripture readings: I Peter 5:8-14 and Revelation 12:7-17.

At the **6.00pm service**, we will continue our study of Learning Lessons from the Prayers of Paul. The sermon is based on Ephesians 3:14-19. The sermon title is **A Prayer for Presence, Progress, and Perfection**. Scripture reading: Ephesians 3:7-21

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	
1	Psalms 98:1-4	Sing Psalms	Psalms 92(a):5-15	Sing Psalms
2	Psalms 130:1-8	Sing Psalms	Psalms 1:1-6	Psalter
3	Psalms 69:13-18	Psalter	Psalms 132:12-18	Sing Psalms
4	Psalms 106:1-5	Psalter		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet as usual this Lord's Day. We continue to seek God's blessing on this aspect of our gospel ministry.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY - SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in the congregation next Lord's Day, 3rd September 2023. The programme of services will be as follows:

Date	Service	Location	Preacher
Friday 1st September	English at 7.00pm	Church	Rev Colin Macleod (Back)
	Gaelic at 7.00pm	Bragar	Rev John Macleod (Retired)
Saturday 2nd September	English at 12noon	Church	Rev Colin Macleod
	Bi-lingual PM - 6pm	Church Hall	
Lord's Day 3rd September	English at 12.00 noon	Church	Rev Colin Macleod
	English at 6.00pm	Church	
Fellowship in Church Hall after evening service			

Please be encouraged to support the services and also to pray for the visiting Ministers ahead of the communion weekend.

Sunday School

The children will go their classes in the Church Hall at **12noon** and will join with the congregation prior to the sacrament being dispensed.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th August 2023 at 7.00pm in Bragar.

SUDANESE REFORMED CHURCH – REV PATRICK JOK

As stated in their recent newsletter, the Sudanese Reformed Church (SRC), as a young growing Reformed denomination in the heart of Africa, needs connection and linkage with more matured biblical Reformed Churches to realize and unleash her potential in promoting Reformed faith in South Sudan and Sudan. Our congregation has links with one their pastors, Pastor Patrick Jok. Their [2022 Annual-Report](#) and [2023 Mid-Year Report](#) can be found on the congregation website.

COMFORT INTERNATIONAL

Callum Henderson, Director, Comfort International recently shared the latest [Comfort International Newsletter Summer 2023](#). This can also be found on the congregation website.

NORTH TOLSTA COMMUNION TIMETABLE

Thursday 31 st August	7.00pm	English	Rev Donald M Macleod
Friday 1 st September	7.00pm	English	Rev Thomas Davis
Saturday 2 nd September	12 noon	English	Rev R J Campbell (Rtd)
Saturday 2 nd September	6.00pm	Bi Lingual	Prayer meetings Led by the Elders
Lord's Day 3 rd September	8.00am (Hall)		
Lord's Day 3 rd September	11.30am 6.30pm	English English	Rev R J Campbell

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (28th AUGUST – 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023)

Monday 28th August Govanhill

Please remember midweek groups restarting in September (lunchtime drop-in, English classes, parent and toddlers, football team) as well as a new initiative aimed at teenage boys in the area. Pray for volunteers to be truly motivated by the love of Christ and this to become evident to all we connect with.

Tuesday 29th August Nairn

We're thankful for the modest growth we see in the congregation - some new folk coming along, a recent adult baptism, and a number of folk joining the membership of the congregation.

Wednesday 30th August 30x30 Gathering

Please pray as church planters, ministers from Mother Churches and Elders meet to discuss, pray and be encouraged of church planting work happening across Scotland. Please pray that this time will be of spiritual blessing and refreshment, but also fruitful in planning and strategizing to continue planting churches across Scotland.

Thursday 31st August Govanhill

There is real spiritual interest among a number of people more loosely connected with the congregation, but circumstances count against following through with this. Pray we know how to handle these things sensitively and the Lord would provide a way for full commitment and maturing faith in him.

Friday 1st September Nairn

We're thankful to be able to work in various ways in our community, not least with our local schools. As the new term begins our annual Harvest Thanksgiving event is due shortly, and our prayer is that it would be a blessing to the many young children who'll be coming along to the church with their schools to learn about God's goodness to us.

Saturday 2nd September Healthy Gospel Church Gathering

Please pray for the Healthy Gospel Gathering which is taking place in Edinburgh and Perth presbytery. Please pray for this to be of blessing to the wider denomination and that individuals will be equipped to serve their congregation.

Sunday 3rd Dumisani

We give thanks to the Lord that maintenance work on some portions of the walls on the Dumisani Theological Institute library building have been done in August and more may be done to complete all damp issues in September and ensure the long-term care of this wonderful building. We are thankful to brother Lawrence and his crew for their work in this task.