

## 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

27th April 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

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

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be from 1 John Chapter 4 and the sermon is entitled *Making God Known*.

At the **6.00pm service in the Church Hall**, the Scripture reading will be from 2 Kings Chapter 7 and the sermon is entitled *Certainty & Uncertainty*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 75	Sing Psalms (Pg 98)	Ps 18:1-10	Sing Psalms (Pg 19)
2	Ps 115:1-9	Scottish Psalter (Pg 394)	Ps 36:5-10	Scottish Psalter (Pg 251)
3	Ps 63:1-8	Sing Psalms (Pg 80)	Ps 109:21-31	Sing Psalms (Pg 148)
4	Ps 126	Scottish Psalter (Pg 419)	Ps 130	Scottish Psalter (Pg 421)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be on as usual, and the children will go to their classes during the second item of praise.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Iain Thomson (11am and 6pm Gaelic in Bragar) and Rev Calum M Smith (6pm, English in the Church Hall). There will be a **congregational fellowship** in hall and Mr Rohan Meir, General Secretary of the Society for the Distribution of Hebrew Scriptures, will be the guest speaker.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 30th April at 7pm in Bragar**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### PRESBYTERY OVERSIGHT VISIT (QUINQUENNIAL)

On **Wednesday 28th May**, there will be a Presbytery Oversight Visit (POV) from the Presbytery of the Western Isles, who have the responsibility for the wider pastoral and spiritual oversight of Shawbost Free Church. As part of this oversight, the Presbytery is required to meet with each congregation within its bounds once every five years. The purpose of the visitation is to provide an opportunity and basis for a conversation and conference with the congregation and its office-bearers so as to strengthen, confirm and encourage them in the Lord's service, and to provide them with an opportunity for self-assessment and examination of the work of the Church in the local area. The goal of the process is to challenge congregations to take prudent measures to build up the cause of Christ in fulfilling the great Gospel commission. The whole process is not in any way meant to be inquisitorial, but simply an opportunity to reflect and pray about the ongoing progress of the Gospel in the congregation.

The Presbytery would like to receive comments from the Congregation through a questionnaire in order to complete the consultation process. Once completed, the questionnaire will be returned to the Presbytery Visitation Committee. All questionnaires must be signed, and anonymous questionnaires will be discarded. There will also be an opportunity for the Congregation to make their views known to the Committee on the day of the visit at the Congregational Meeting. Questionnaire forms are available at the door and should be returned **by Lord's Day 11th May**. Electronic forms are also available (and preferable) and will be sent out with the weekly bulletin or can be obtained by emailing Dan Macphail at [dan.macphail@icloud.com](mailto:dan.macphail@icloud.com)

## PRAYER POINTS 28th April – 4th May 2025

### Monday 28th April - Cornerstone

Give thanks for Neil and Louise MacMillan who have served faithfully in Cornerstone over the past 10 years. Give thanks for their ministry and for all they have contributed to the life of the church. Please pray as Neil steps into his new role as director of City to City Europe that the Lord would continue to use him as he seeks to serve the church.

### Tuesday 29th April - Sashko, Poland

Pray For Our Ukrainian Ministry: Continue to pray for the Ukrainian teens and families in our congregation, especially those led by Yurii and Olya Boiko. Pray for healing from the trauma of war, for spiritual growth among the youth, and for wisdom as we minister to their needs.

### Wednesday 30th April - Cumbernauld

Please pray for the youth club which meets every Friday for crafts, games and bible discussion. Please pray that our young people would grow in friendship with one another, and that they would know Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.

### Thursday 1st May - Cornerstone

Please pray for the Spanish Speaking congregation, that the Lord would continue to grow each individual in knowledge and love for Him. Please also pray for the Gilmerton Church Plant, that God would work in the hearts those reached in the community, that many would be saved in Gilmerton.

### Friday 2nd May - General Assembly

Please pray for the commissioners as they prepare for the General Assembly later this month. Pray that God would grant them wisdom as they make decisions for the church in the upcoming year.

### Saturday 3rd May - Sashko, Poland

Pray For Our Publishing Ministry (MW Books): Pray for all those involved in our Reformed publishing work. Ask that God would use the translated materials to combat theological famine in Poland and Ukraine, and that these resources would strengthen the Church throughout Eastern Europe.

### Sunday 4th May - Cumbernauld

Pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen the congregation, and that He would provide opportunities for outreach into the community.

## GATHER THE FRAGMENTS..... (J.R. MILLER)

**"Gather the fragments that are left over. Let nothing be wasted!" (John 6:12)**

*It seems remarkable, that He who so easily could multiply the five loaves into an abundant meal for thousands, should be so particular about 'saving the fragments'. But Jesus would teach us economy. No matter how great our abundance, we should take care of the 'fragments'. After we have eaten at our tables, there are hungry people who would be glad for the pieces that are left over.*

*This applies also to the fragments of **time**. Many busy people waste whole years of time in their life, in the minutes which they lose every day! If at the end of a year they could gather up all these 'fragments', they would have many basketfuls of golden time in which they might do much good!*

*Likewise, we should not waste our **strength**. Many people waste their bodily energy, using it in play, or useless amusements—when it belongs to God, and ought to be employed to its last particle for His glory!*

*Likewise, we should not waste our **affections** by allowing them to be given to unworthy objects or people.*

*There is no limit to the application of this principle. We must give account of everything we have, even . . .*

*the minutes of time,*

*the little fractions of strength, and*

*the smallest bits of bread on our tables!*