

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 July 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Roddy MacRae. Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be John 13: 18-30 and the sermon is entitled *Jesus Was Troubled*.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture reading will be from John 13:31-38 and the sermon is entitled *Now Is The Son of Man Lifted Up*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 121	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 103:1-9	Sing Psalms
2	Psalm 93	Sing Psalms	Psalm 8:1-5	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 107:23-31	Sing Psalms	Psalm 24:7-10	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 46(a)	Sing Psalms	Psalm 72:17-19	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School due to the school holiday.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The English services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Roddy J Campbell. The Gaelic service in Bragar at 6pm will be taken by Mr Joe MacPhee (Elder, Stornoway).

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

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

PRAYER REQUEST

Lydia Morrison, aged 9 years, daughter of Peggy and Andrew Morrison, (granddaughter of Christine Macmillan and Ali 'Ban' MacIennan), is in hospital in Glasgow preparing for surgery on Tuesday 29th July. Please remember Lydia, her parents and wider family in prayer.

A PRAYING CHURCH

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. (Acts 12:5)

"But prayer was made - The church was apprised of his imprisonment and danger and had no resource but to apply to God by prayer. In scenes of danger there is no other refuge; and the result shows that even in most discouraging circumstances God can hear prayer. Nothing scarcely could appear more hopeless than the idea of rescuing Peter out of the hands of Herod, and out of the prison, and out of the custody of sixteen men, by prayer. But the prayer of faith Was prevalent with God." (Barnes' Notes on the Whole Bible)

THE LEAST THING YOU CAN DO.....

"No man loves the brethren who does not pray for them. What! It is the very least thing you can do, and if you cannot perform the least, you certainly will fail in the greater. You do not really love the brethren unless you sincerely pray for them."

CH Spurgeon

PRAYER POINTS 28th JULY – 3rd AUGUST 2025

Monday 28th July - Ferintosh and Resolis

Give thanks for a good start to a new gospel outreach in Cromarty in partnership with the Faith Mission and Fortrose Free Church. Pray for all those involved in organising the monthly outreach service and for more local people to attend and to come to know Jesus.

Tuesday 29th July - Dumisani

Pray for Principal Wilbert Chipenyu of Dumisani, Eastern Cape, SA who is struggling with shingles as Term Three commences. May he soon be granted relief from this.

Wednesday 30th July - Healthy Gospel Church

Please pray for the Thanksgiving and Prayer gatherings taking place in August in Inverness and Elgin, that as God's people gather to pray, He be at work among believers. Pray that the Lord would be at work across Scotland, and every nation, so that many people hear and respond to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thursday 31st July - Ferintosh and Resolis

Pray for our gospel witness to the north Black Isle: August Holiday club in conjunction with Faith Mission; Bite and Blether and Hobbies and Hobnobs for older people. Give thanks for good opportunities for school assemblies and SU groups, for a vibrant Youth Fellowship and good attendance at Men's breakfasts. Pray for the Kirk Session as it overseas our mission strategy.

Friday 1st August - Dumisani

Pray for the Term Three Chapel meetings at Dumisani Institute, SA, during Term Three. May these be opportunities to bring staff and students together in unified worship, prayer, and fellowship.

Saturday 2nd August - Free Church Youth Camps

As the final camps return today, please give thanks to God for all He has done and provided for over the summer. Give thanks to all the leaders, cooks, chaperones, and drivers who have made it possible, and please also give thanks to Rohan and Donald for the work they have done to make the camp program happen. Please pray that each of the children (over 300) who heard the gospel and learned more about who Jesus is, would hold fast to Scripture, and know Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.

Sunday 3rd August - Dumisani

Please continue to pray that the many details which continue to arise will be overcome with wisdom to proceed with the addition of the much-needed male dorm for Dumisani Institute in the Eastern Cape. Pray for the governors' meeting on August 4th, when this will also be on the agenda.

PREACHING SUPPLY: PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (JULY – OCTOBER 2025)

Date	11am Service	6pm Service
10 th August	Mr Tam MacIennan	Rev. Donald A Macdonald
17 th August	Rev. Euan Dodds	Rev. Euan Dodds
24 th August	Rev Roddy Macrae	Rev. Kenny Ferguson
31 st August	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev. Calum Macdonald
7 th September	Communion	
14 th September	Mr Marten Paterson	Rev James Maciver
21 st September	Rev. Kenny I Macleod	(Closed for Barvas Communion)
28 th September	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Rev James Maciver
5 th October	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
12 th October	Mr Ian M Macleod (Stornoway)	Rev James Maciver
19 th October	Rev. A Coghill	Rev. A Coghill
26 th October	Rev. G Matheson	Mr Stuart King (Harris)