

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.

28th January 2024



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

The 12.00 noon service today has been cancelled due to the adverse weather. The evening service will be taken by Rev Calum M Smith.

Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture reading will be from Titus 3:1-15. The sermon will focus on verses 1-7 of the chapter 1 and is entitled *Three Things To Remember*

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		Ps 40:1-5	Psalter Pg. 259
2		Ps 17:1-6	Sing Psalms Pg.17
3		Ps 33:6-11	Psalter Pg.245
4		Ps 131:1-3	Sing Psalms Pg 173

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken Mr Scott Macleod, Minister in Training.

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service in **Bragar next Lord's Day (4th February) at 6pm** will be taken by Rev Kenneth Ferguson.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The weekly prayer meeting and Bible study on **Wednesday 31st January at 7pm** will take place in Bragar. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

VISIT OF DAVID MEREDITH, MISSION DIRECTOR

Free Church Mission Director, David Meredith, will be visiting the island at the end of this month. As part of his visit, he will be speaking at an open meeting at the MA Macleod Hall on **Tuesday January 30th at 7.30pm**. The focus of the evening will be 'The Next 10 Years: building a vision for our church' and will include a talk along with opportunities for questions and discussions. The meeting is open to all and everyone is warmly invited to attend.

THE ISLANDS STUDY CONFERENCE

A detailed programme for this three-day conference, and information for day visitors and residential bookings, is provided within a leaflet available at the door today, Please take a copy. The Islands Study Conference relaunches on the weekend of **2nd - 4th February 2024** and the venue is North Harris Free Church and the Harris Hotel.

PRAYER POINTS 29th - 4th FEBRUARY 2024

Monday 29th January
Grace Church Leith

Please pray for the witness of the congregation on Leith Walk, that they would be a light to the Gospel in all they do within and for the community.

Tuesday 30th January

Turkey

The building used by a church in a city in Turkey was badly damaged by fire just after Christmas. Nobody was in the building at the time, and it seems to have been an accident. Pray for them as they deal with the aftermath.

Wednesday 31st January

Healthy Gospel Church

Pray that God will strengthen and build His church. Pray that we will see healthy revitalisation across our denomination, and that God would draw people to know Him. Pray that our smaller congregations would particularly know God's strength and power, and plans.

Thursday 1st February

Turkey

The Timothy Bible Study project in Turkey is holding a Leadership Team planning session and a Writers' Seminar in early February. Pray for the Lord's blessing on these meetings, on the wider work of the ministry, and for all involved in it.

Friday 2nd February

Richard and Barbara, a European City

Please pray for A. She has seven children, aged roughly 12 to 28, and many cares. She is more comfortable in her island language than in French and during our visits enjoys listening on a phone app to bible passages that have been translated into her language. Pray for a real spiritual hunger and enlightenment by the Spirit.

Saturday 3rd February

Portree and Bracadale

Please remember Portree and Bracadale today as they officially commemorate the opening of their new building. Give thanks to God for all of His provision and may He be glorified through the ministry that takes place here.

Sunday 4th February

Grace Church Leith

Pray for the conversation cafe, that those who attend would build meaningful relationships with Christmas, and that they would have a desire to know Jesus

OUR FIRST DUTY IS TO PRAY - JC Ryle

"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38 ESV)

If we know anything of prayer, let us make it a point of conscience never to forget this solemn charge of our Lord's. Let us settle it in our minds, that it is one of the surest ways of doing good, and stemming evil. Personal working for souls is good. Giving money is good. But praying is best of all. By prayer we reach Him without whom work and money are alike in vain. We obtain the aid of the Holy Spirit.

- Money can hire workers.
- Universities can give learning.
- Congregations may elect.
- Bishops may ordain.

But the Holy Spirit alone can make ministers of the Gospel, and raise up lay workmen in the spiritual harvest, who need not be ashamed.

Never, never may we forget that if we would do good to the world, **our first duty is to pray!**