

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 September 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald (11am) and Rev James Maciver (6pm).

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be Matthew 11:1-19, and the sermon will focus on verse 3.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be Ephesians 6:10-24 and the sermon will focus on verse 15. The sermon is entitled *Footwear Fit for Purpose*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 34:1-10	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 119:33-40	Sing Psalms
2	Psalm 18:27-34	Sing Psalms	Psalm 4:3-8	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 139:1-10	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 35:18-23	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 119:129-133	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 17:4b-8	Sing Psalms

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet in the Hall as usual and the children will go to their classes during the second item of praise. Please remember the teachers and children in prayer.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The 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 Murdo Martin (Stornoway).

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 1st October at 7pm** in the Church Hall. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

DEACONS' COURT

There will be a meeting of the Deacons' Court on **Wednesday 1st October** immediately following the prayer meeting in the Church Hall.

SAFEGUARDING

The Free Church has a robust Safeguarding policy, requiring all its workers to be members of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG) and it currently requires them to refresh their training within 3 years. All training is done online and the Church has published the following upcoming dates as opportunities to refresh training: Thursday 23 October at 7.30pm (office-bearers only); Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm; Monday 8 December at 6.00pm (Safeguarding coordinators only). Booking for these courses is now available on the Free Church website (in Resources section) and closes 7 days prior to each training date. If anyone has questions with regard to individual status, please have a word with Maletta (MacPhail) or Catherine (MacLeod). Your cooperation is vital in order for us to function according to the legal requirements as well as for the well-being of our congregational community.

ANNUAL BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Leaflets are available at the door for this worthy cause. Anyone willing to participate may take their filled shoebox to the church or if you are unable to fill one, individual items can be donated and will be added. Monetary donations are most welcome and can be put in the envelope provided on the leaflet. At the appointed time the shoeboxes will be collected for delivery to the central collection point.

God's works are not meant to terminate in us but flow through us for the blessing of others.
(Jonathan Edwards)

PRAYER POINTS 22ND SEPTEMBER - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday 22nd September - Lochgilphead and Tarbert

Rodger Crooks retires as Resident Supply at the end of September. As the congregation faces the challenges ahead of getting a new minister, buying a manse, and dealing with old buildings, pray that she may do so with faith, hope and unity

Tuesday 23rd September - North Uist

Give thanks that we welcomed 3 new members by profession of faith at our recent communion weekend. Pray that we would see more people coming forward because their lives have been transformed by Jesus

Wednesday 24th September - Asian Outreach

Give thanks for good relations with a Muslim group at a recent dialogue event, and pray that God's word would have transforming impact in their lives

Thursday 25th September - Dumisani

Pray for the Dumisani Institute governors as they work on getting things in place with an architect and a building team for the new male dorm.

Friday 26th September - Lochgilphead and Tarbert

Give thanks for the growth in Lochgilphead with new members being added, an increase in attendance, and improving finances. Pray that continued growth in Lochgilphead and renewed growth in Tarbert, so that both might be healthy gospel churches for their respective communities.

Saturday 27th September - Asian Outreach

Please pray for an upcoming Engaging Well with Muslim event, and a gathering of those involved in ministry to Muslims across the UK, both taking place in October. Please pray for these events, both for my own contribution and for the wider events (for EWM, series of events) that these would be useful in encouraging and equipping folk in ministry

Sunday 28th September - North Uist

Pray that we would be able to identify and train men for the Eldership and Deaconate. We currently only have one Elder and two Deacons, and there is much work to be done!

BACK COMMUNION SCHEDULE: 2nd – 5th OCTOBER 2025

Thursday 2 nd October	7.00 pm	Gaelic	Rev Kenneth Ferguson
Friday 3 rd October	7.30 pm	English	Rev Paul Murray
There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service			
Saturday 4 th October	6.30 pm	English	Rev Colin Dow
Lord's Day 5 th October	11.00 am	English	
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a Fellowship in the Hall after the Evening Service.			

NORTH HARRIS COMMUNION SCHEDULE 3rd – 5th OCTOBER

Friday 3 rd October	12.00	Gaelic	Rev D J Morriosn (Kyles)
	7.00pm	English	Rev Malcolm Maclean
There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service			
Saturday 4 th October	7.000 pm	English	Rev Malcolm Maclean
Lord's Day 5 th October	11.00 am	English	
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a Fellowship in the Church after the Evening Service.			

PREACHING PATHWAY

The Western Isles Presbytery is organising a series of workshops called Preaching Pathway. These are designed for those who are involved in lay preaching or those who may be interested in starting out in preaching. There will be a series of six-monthly workshops between September and April, each of which will aim to cover key aspects of preparing and delivering sermons. The first workshop will be on Monday 29th September meeting upstairs in the MA Macleod Hall, Stornoway, from 7pm – 9pm. All men currently involved in lay preaching or interested in becoming involved in preaching are invited to come. For more information, please contact Thomas Davis: tdavis.freechurch@outlook.com or Ewen Matheson: ematheson@emmail.uk