



CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 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

The services today will be taken by Rev George MacAskill (12.00 noon) and Rev Gordon Matheson (6pm). We thank both preachers for their willingness to take the services.

At the **12.00 noon service**, the Scripture reading will be from 1 Peter, Chapter 2 and the sermon will be based on v9-10.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be taken from Psalm 19 and the sermon is entitled *The Meditation of My Heart*.

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	Psalm 119:1-8	Sing Psalms	Psalm 121	Psalter
2	Psalm 119:33-40	Sing Psalms	Psalm 46(a) 1-7	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 119:105-112	Psalter	Psalm 19:7-11	Psalter
4	Psalm 106:1-5	Psalter	Psalm 19:12-14	Sing Psalm

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children will go to their classes in the Church Hall as normal during the second item of praise.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day are planned to be as follows:

Date	12.00noon	6.00pm
5 th November	Rev. Calum MacDonald	Rev. Thomas Davies

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service in Bragar next **Lord's Day (5 November) at 6.00pm** taken by Mr Joe Macphee, Stornoway.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 7.00pm in Bragar**. Everyone is encouraged to attend the midweek prayer meeting and bible study.

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT PRESENTATION EVENING

The congregation wishes to express its sincere thanks and gratitude to Clann an Latha an Dè, and all those who gave of their time, in connection with the Minister's retirement presentation evening. As was mentioned during the evening itself, a 'sumptuous feast' had been provided and the careful planning in relation to food and table preparations, as well as those who made speeches, made for a very enjoyable evening. Our grateful thanks also to Rev Calum MacDonald who presided over the evening's proceedings.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH CAMP 2023

If you are in S3-S6, come and join us at Scaladale 24th – 27th November, for fun, with some activities thrown in. Cost £40 per person. To find out more and book a place, [CLICK THIS LINK](#) or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/YrGhs36mvM>.

THE SOLDIERS' & AIRMEN'S SCRIPTURE READERS ASSOCIATION (SASRA)

SASRA will once again be providing resources to help your church remember our military during the season of Remembrance. Watch their Remembrance Video at <https://vimeo.com/872957460/d6bda60b4b>

Stories of Remembrance: The theme of the latest edition of Ready is Stories of Remembrance. As we are not producing a Remembrance devotional like in previous recent years, it is our hope that these stories will be

an interesting and stimulating read during this season of Remembrance, and that they will help you in sharing the work of SASRA with your friends and family who may not yet support us. You can read it by clicking on the following link: [Ready is Stories of Remembrance](#).

Virtual Prayer Meetings - Remembrance Special: In the lead-up to Remembrance, remember those who serve our nation today and SASRA Scripture Readers who draw alongside them. Pray purposefully for military personnel and our Readers at our 11 days Virtual Prayer Meetings on 2 November, 14:00 and 19:30 and on 11 November, 10:55 for 11:00. You can request a link to the zoom meeting by emailing zoom@sasra.org.uk

11 days of Remembrance - Running 1-11 November, we want to mobilise our supporters to reach out to their friends and family who maybe haven't heard of us before. Last year, our Development Officer Gareth Bartlett raised over £450 by doing a 'read-a-thon': reading eleven chapters of the Bible each day, for eleven days! Could you encourage anyone in your church to do a SASRA fundraiser? Visit <https://sasra.org.uk/11days-of-remembrance/> for more information.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (30th October – 5th NOVEMBER 2023)

Monday 30th October

Kiltarlity

Please pray for the congregation as they look to recruit a full time Community and Families worker. Please pray that God would provide the right person for the role, and that God would bless the work of the role in the community and congregation.

Tuesday 31st October

Dumisani

Please join together in giving heartfelt thanks to the Lord for sufficient donations which have been received for Dumisani Theological Institute, Eastern Cape to proceed and replace all the roof and select rafters etc on the Second Lecture Hall Complex. Work has begun on this project and will be soon completed DV.

Wednesday 1st November

Generation Vision Day

Pray for the Vision Day taking place on the 11th of November. Please pray that volunteers for on the day would be found, and that logistics would run smoothly. Please pray that the conference would encourage and engage many in their own personal evangelism, and in the work of Church Planting across the denomination.

Thursday 2nd November

Smithton

Please pray for the Community Food nights taking place on a Thursday evening to raise funds for the Blythwood Ukraine Appeal. Pray that many from the community would come along and engage.

Friday 3rd November

ETS Saturday Course

Pray for the ETS Saturday course which runs once a month. Pray for those attending both in person and online, that God would speak through His word and help those attending to know and love Him more through the study of His word.

Saturday 4th November

Dumisani

We thank the Lord for visiting lecturer Dr David Galletta back with us at Dumisani Theological Institute. Students and staff are delighted to have him with us once again and may his work be a blessing.

Sunday 5th November

Smithton

Pray for Marsali Campbell as she is now in Bolivia serving following her commissioning service from Smithton last month. Please pray that as a sending congregation Smithton would be supporting and praying for her work.