

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.

29th September 2024



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Roddy John Campbell (12.00 noon) and Mr Calum Maclean, Back, (6pm). Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the 12.00 noon service, the Scripture reading will be from Luke 15 and the sermon will focus on verses 25-32.

At the 6.00pm service, the Scripture reading will be from Ruth 1.

	12:00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 32:1-5	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 107:1-8	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalms 65:4-5	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 40:1-4	Sing Psalms
3	Psalms 89:5-8	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 34:15-22	Sing Psalms
4	Psalms 91:14-16	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 146:5-8	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time during the 12noon service. The children will go to their classes in the Hall during the second item of praise. Please remember the children and teachers in prayer.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

Both services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Donald MacAulay (Carloway).

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service next Lord's Day evening (6th October) will take place in Bragar at 6pm and the preacher will be Rev Roddy John Campbell.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

DEACONS' COURT

There will be a meeting of the Deacons' Court immediately following the prayer meeting on Wednesday 2nd October.

PREACHING DAY CONFERENCE: FAITHFUL MEN, ABLE TO TEACH

The Free Church Mission Board, in partnership with the Western Isles Presbytery, has organised a preacher's day conference to be held on Thursday 3rd October from 10am to 3.30pm at the **MA Macleod Memorial Hall, Kenneth Street**. The main speaker will be Dr David Strain, minister of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Mississippi, along with input from Rev James Maciver and a time of panel discussion, Q, and A. The main focus of the day will be on evangelistic preaching, along with providing the opportunity for sharing good practice, learning from one another, and joining in fellowship together. An invitation is extended to all ministers, elders, lay-preachers, trainees, or anyone else who wishes to learn more about preaching. If possible, please sign up using this short form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/dYX3mVYkww> (Please note that you are welcome to attend for part of the day and you can still come even if you don't manage to sign up.) Lunch will be provided.

CHURCH BULLETIN – DISTRIBUTION LIST

The weekly bulletin sheet is uploaded to the congregation website on Saturdays and can also be emailed to individuals in advance of Lord's Day services. If you would like to be included in the church bulletin distribution list, then please advise Dan Macphail or email dan.macphail@icloud.com.

BACK & NORTH HARRIS COMMUNION SERVICES (3rd-6th October 2024)

Back Free Church

Thursday 3rd October	7.00 pm	Gaelic	Rev Kenneth Ferguson
Friday 4th October	7.30 pm	English	Rev Ewen Matheson
There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service			
Saturday 5th October	6.30 pm	English	Rev David Court
Lord's Day 6th October	11.00 am	English	Rev David Court
	6.00 pm	English	Rev David Court
There will be a Fellowship in the Hall after the Evening Service.			

North Harris Free Church

Friday 4th October	12.00	Gaelic	Rev Thomas Davis
	7.00pm	English	Rev David Strain
There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service			
Saturday 5th October	7.000 pm	English	Rev David Strain
There will be a Fellowship in the Church after the Evening Service.			
Lord's Day 6th October	11.00 am	English	Rev David Strain
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a Fellowship in the Church after the Evening Service.			

THE LARGER CATECHISM

Q. 16. How did God create angels?

A. God created all the angels spirits, immortal, holy, excelling in knowledge, mighty in power, to execute his commandments, and to praise his name, yet subject to change.

[Col. 1:16](#); [Ps. 104:4](#); [Matt. 22:30](#); [Matt. 25:31](#); [2 Sam. 14:17](#); [Matt. 24:36](#); [2 Thess. 1:7](#); [Ps. 103:20-21](#); [2 Pet. 2:4](#).

We don't come to church, to be a church. We come to Christ, and then we are built up as a church. If we come to church just to be with one another, one another is all we'll get. And it isn't enough. Inevitably, our hearts will grow empty, and then angry. If we put community first, we will destroy community. But if we come to Christ first and submit ourselves to Him and draw life from Him, community gets traction.

C.S.LEWIS

Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But, while joined by many bonds, which one precedes and brings forth the other is not easy to discern... the knowledge of ourselves not only arouses us to seek God, but also, as it were, leads us by the hand to find Him... [But] it is certain that man never achieves a clear knowledge of himself unless he has first looked upon God's face, and then descends from contemplating him to scrutinize himself.

John Calvin, Institutes, I.i.1-2.

Of whom shall I be afraid? One with God is a majority.

Martin Luther