

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.
2nd August 2026



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by **Rev Donald A MacDonald**.

11.00am Service - Bragar Rev Donald A MacDonald		6.00pm Service - Bragar Rev Donald A MacDonald	
Scripture reading: Luke 15.11 – 32 Sermon Text: Luke 15.22 Sermon Title: The Best Robe		Scripture reading: Ezekiel 34.11 – 31 Sermon Text: Ps 23 .1 Sermon Title: The Divine Shepherd	
Psalm 51:1-5	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 100	Sing Psalms
Psalm 51:7-10	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 78:52-55	Scottish Psalter
Psalm 45a: 13-17	Sing Psalms	Psalm 95:6-10	Scottish Psalter
Psalm 116:12-19	Sing Psalms	Psalm 23	Sing Psalms

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today due to the school holiday.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services for **next Lord's Day** will be taken by **Rev Calum MacDonald** and will be at the usual times of 11.00am and 6.00pm **in Bragar**.

TEA & COFFEE

Tea and coffee (with juice available for the children) will be served after the morning service today in Bragar. All are very welcome.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 5th August at 7pm** in Bragar. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

FOODBANK

The boxes are located at the back pew of the Meeting House. This month, the Manager suggested that we donate tinned fruit, cereals and pot noodles. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

JOB OPPURTUNITY – PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Providence Christian School is an independent, non-denominational, reformed Christian Primary School on the Isle of Lewis (Scotland). They are currently seeking applications for a Headteacher at the school. Closing date August 14th, 2026. Salary £30,000 Per Annum (pro rata for part time). For more information and to request an application form, please get in touch by email at office@providencechristian.school.

FUNDRAISER IN AID OF PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Former pupil, and keen supporter of the school, Joanna MacBain, is journeying 115 miles on foot in aid of Providence Christian School. She hopes to walk over 6 days, beginning in Eriskay on Monday 10th August and finish at the school (Stornoway) on Friday 14th. Every donation, however big or small will be a huge help and is greatly appreciated. If you would like to sponsor Joanna; you can do so online on her Just Giving page (link below) or using one of the sponsorship forms which can be found at the Stornoway Christian Bookshop. These details can all be found on the PCS website and social media pages. We look forward to receiving updates from Joanna as she completes her challenge, God bless willing, in August.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/providencechristianschool-lewis/prhwoz/s2s/fDHVaHye/SE893/whatsapp/4>

PRAYER POINTS 27th July – 2nd August

Monday 27th July

Carloway

Please pray for continued unity with our brothers and sisters in the Church of Scotland congregation next door to us in Carloway. We work side by side and have many joint services together. Please pray that this would continue and that we would be able to increase our partnership, and in doing so that this would be a beacon of light and hope to the community.

Tuesday 28th July

Tearfund: Venezuela

Please pray for those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela, asking God to bring comfort and hope to those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods.

Wednesday 29th July

World Vision: Ebola Outbreak

Join us in praying for all those threatened by Ebola outbreaks and the spread of other diseases and infections. Pray for individuals and communities affected by the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, asking God to protect the vulnerable and bring an end to the spread of the disease.

Thursday 30th July

Carloway

We have had some new folk coming along to church recently. Please pray for them, that they would be strengthened in their faith and that we would disciple and support them well.

Friday 31st July

Tearfund: Venezuela

Please pray for Tearfund's local church partners and emergency responders, that God would grant them wisdom, and the resources needed to care for those in greatest need.

Saturday 1st August

Free Church Youth Camps

As the final FCYC Camp travels home today, please give thanks to God for His faithfulness throughout the camps this summer, for the dedication of the Camps Team and all the volunteers, and pray that the young people who attended would continue to grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday 2nd August

World Vision: Ebola Outbreak

Please pray for us as we try to build relationships with the community around us. In particular pray that many will come to our summer fun day on the 15th August, and follow up from that. Pray also that 'Mainly Music' (a parent toddler music group), which recently started, will help us to reach families in the area.

"Those who know themselves best fear themselves most" (Donald Cargill, Scottish Covenanter, 1610 - 1681)

"Neglect of one duty often renders us unfit for another" (Ichabod Spencer)

"We became Christians by faith in Jesus, we stay Christians by faith in Jesus, and we grow as Christians by faith in Jesus" (J.C. Ryle)

"According to the state of the pulpit will always be the state of a congregation and of a Church" (J.C. Ryle)

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