

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.

3rd December 2023



SUNDAY SERVICES

Both services today will be taken by Mr Joe MacPhee (Stornoway). Our services are livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12.00noon service** the Scripture reading will be taken from Galatians Chapter 2 and the sermon will focus on verses 19-20.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture reading will be 2 Kings Chapter 6.

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	Psalms 85:1-9	Sing Psalms	Psalms 27:1-5	Sing Psalms
2	Psalms 103:1-5	Psalter	Psalms 68:11-27	Psalter
3	Psalms 30:1-5	Sing Psalms	Psalms 34:1-7	Psalter
4	Psalms tbc			

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time and children will go to their classes during the second item of praise.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald. There will be a congregational fellowship in the hall after the evening service at which Rev MacDonald will share his testimony. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service in **Bragar tonight at 6pm** will be taken by Rev Donald A Macdonald.

SUDANSE REFORMED CHURCH - RETIRING COLLECTION

The Deacons' Court had previously agreed making a regular donation to the Sudanese Reformed Church following the visit of Pastor Patrick Jok. There will therefore be a collection taken at both Lord's Day services next week (10th December 2023).

VACANCY - HOSPITALITY ROTA

It has been agreed to compile a rota for providing hospitality for visiting preachers during the vacancy period. Anyone in the congregation who would like their name to be added to the rota should contact Morris Macleod or Dan MacPhail.

HARMONY CLASS

The final Harmony class of 2023 will be held in the Tong Mission House on **Mon 4th Dec at 7.30pm**. All are very welcome to join in learning the four-part harmony and sing praise to God. Calum Martin will lead the evening as usual. We will be resuming the group after New Year.

RELATIONSHIPS SEXUAL HEALTH & PARENTHOOD: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

A leaflet in connection with the above has been produced by Free Church Mission Board's Christian Education Resources Group, You can find it on the congregation website or by clicking [HERE](#).

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Nicolson Institute welcomes you to Nine Lessons and Carols, Christmas Singing Community Event at **The Nicolson Institute Assembly Hall on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm**. The faculty of the Music and RME warmly invite you start the Christmas season with an evening of Christmas sing-along carols and Christmas reading read by pupils from The Nicolson Institute,

BINDING BROKENNESS: A SMALL GROUP FOR BIBLE-BASED TRAUMA HEALING

Our small group will help you to deal with hurt, loss, grief and trauma, and begin the journey towards healing. We use the time-tested model of the Trauma Healing Institute, which is endorsed by the Scottish Bible Society. The introductory lesson takes place on **Tuesday 12th December 2023, 7.00-9.00pm** in a Stornoway venue. The course continues in 2024 - **weekly on Tuesdays, 7.00-9.00pm from 9th January to 13th February 2024**. Booking is essential. To book or find out more contact the group facilitators Mairianne Campbell: 07876202073 or Joanna George: bindingbrokenness@proton.me or simply fill in your details online: <https://forms.office.com/r/fDrmMuM4Zx>

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (4th December – 10th December 2023)

Monday 4th December - Mull and Coll

We pray for growth and strength within the congregation, and we pray for opportunities to reach more people from the community.

Tuesday 5th December - Plockton and Kyle

Pray that the Lord would grant vision in how best to reach the lost in our communities with the good news of Jesus and the hope of the gospel.

Wednesday 6th December - Healthy Gospel Church

Pray that each one of us becomes more intentional in sharing the Gospel. We pray for boldness, an assurance of our beliefs and opportunities to share the good news with our loved ones, colleagues, neighbours and in our communities.

Thursday 7th December - Osamu and Mairi, Japan

Osamu will share God's words at pre-Christmas concert at Shiogama Bible Baptist Church. All the churches nearby areas are invited to come. Pray that Osamu will preach encouraging word for non-Christians to trust Jesus and for Christians to bring their non-Christian friends and family to Christmas events of their church next month.

Friday 8th December - Matt and Maria Lingard, Greece

Thank God for all the things he is doing and has done already these last months, he has answered a great many prayers across outreach and health.

Saturday 9th December - Plockton and Kyle

Pray that as a congregation, there would be a spirit of prayerful unity as a congregation who seek to know the Lord and make him known.

Sunday 10th December - Matt and Maria Lingard, Greece

Please pray for the Greek government/leaders, for the economic situation, and for the corruption that still exists at many layers of the society.

"Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to life. How a man can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a man can believe and not pray is past my comprehension too."

— J.C. Ryle (1816-1900), A Call to Prayer