



CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 30th April 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 Minister is on holiday this week. The 12.00noon service will be taken by Mr Phil Pickett. The 6.00pm service will be taken by Mr Joe MacPhee. We thank Phil and Joe for their willingness to take the services.

At the **12.00noon service**, the reading will be from Revelation 4.

At the **6.00pm service** the reading will be from Psalm 2.

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 | |
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| 1 | Psalm 103:1-4, 8-14 | Sing Psalms | Psalm 145(ii):1-8 | Psalter |
| 2 | Psalm 40:1-5 | Psalter | Psalm 93:1-5 | Psalter |
| 3 | Psalm 99:1-5 | Psalter | Psalm 110:1-2, 5-7 | Psalter |
| 4 | Psalm 145:1-6, 8-9 | Sing Psalms | | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School today due to the holiday weekend.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The Minister will take the 12.00noon service next Lord's Day. The 6.00pm service in the Church will be taken by Rev. Calum M. Smith. The Minister's phased return to work comes to an end on 14th May. He will take both services on Sunday 14th May.

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service in **Bragar on 7th May 2023 (6pm)** will be taken by Mr Murdo Martin, Stornoway.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.00pm in Bragar.

KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 9th May 2023.**

DEACONS' COURT

The Deacons' Court will meet on **Wednesday 10th May 2023** immediately after the Prayer Meeting to approve the 2022 Congregational Accounts.

SAFE FAMILIES

On **Sunday 30th April**, Catherine Macdonald from Safe Families will be speaking at an evening fellowship at Carloway Free Church. The fellowship will begin at **7.45pm** and a warm invitation is extended to anyone would like to come and learn more about the work of Safe Families in our communities.

PRAISE NIGHT

The Kirk Session has agreed to hold a Praise Night in conjunction with Gary Lister and Elsa McTaggart. The Praise Night will be held in The Old School Centre, Shawbost, **on Friday 12th May 2023 at 7pm**. The Praise will include well-known worship songs, hymns and Psalms in Gaelic and English. Tea, coffee, etc and light snacks will be served afterward. Anyone who can help provide food/baking should contact Lynn Hebditch on 07557123808. The collection at the door will be for the Barvas Foodbank.

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

Booking is now open for a Biblical Theology workshop for women with well-known author and Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie in Inverness on Saturday 2nd September. It takes place at the Free North church and runs from 10am to 4pm. The early bird rate is £17 and lasts until 30th June. Find out more and book you place for this fun, interactive bible teaching session <https://signupforms.com/registrations/32459>

The Free North will also be open on Friday evening, 1st September, for attendees to meet over a cuppa and share a time of prayer and praise together. We hope this helps women from the islands to plan their trip over to Inverness. If you'd like more information, feel free to contact Mairianne Campbell, stornowayfreechurch@outlook.com or Ann Macrae at the Free North Church.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER – 1-7th May 2023

Monday 1st May

Tain and Fearn

Please pray for our New Church Project in Tain. Costs are rising all the time making decision making very challenging. We are so thankful for the incredibly skilled individuals the Lord has given our congregation, over the past few years; from fundraisers to architects. Please pray for the Project team especially, and that in God's timing we would be able to make progress.

Tuesday 2nd May

Shawbost

Pray for those who might be struggling in their faith, that they might be uplifted and for those who are seeking the Lord, that they will come to assurance of faith in Him. Pray that new contacts made with families in the community would bear fruit and that they will become integrated into congregational life.

Wednesday 3rd May

Dumisani

Pray for the special goal this year for Project Roof to raise funds for a new roof on the Second Lecture Hall Complex at Dumisani Theological Institute that the Lord willing this may be able to be done by the Lord's enablement in 2023.

Thursday 4th May

Central Office

Please pray as the staff team gathers this afternoon for training. Pray this time will be of blessing to the team.

Friday 5th May

Shawbost

Pray that the resumption of the monthly Gaelic service will be blessed to the Gaelic-speaking community.

Saturday 6th May

Tain and Fern

Please pray for our ministers, Alasdair and Andrew who are currently getting access to seven schools throughout our area, every week. Also, with a team of helpers we have run Christmas Unwrapped and Easter Cracked to one of our largest Primary schools. Every pupil and many members of staff heard the Christmas and Easter stories. Pray that the seed of the gospel would be planted into their hearts.

Sunday 7th May

Shawbost

Pray that the Minister will be blessed with a return to good health after his recent illness.