

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

30th November 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Ian Murdo Macleod (Elder, Stornoway).

At the **11.00am** service, the Scripture reading will be Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 40. The sermon will focus on verses 29-31 and is entitled *God's Unique Character*.

At the **6.00pm** service, the Scripture readings will be Hebrews 9: 11–28 and Ephesians 2: 11–22. The sermon will focus on Ephesians 2 verse 13 and is entitled *The Significance of the Blood*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 89:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 51:1-12	Sing Psalms
2	Psalm 96(a):1-9	Sing Psalms	Psalm 118:23-29	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 107:1-9	Sing Psalms	Psalm 85:6-13	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 89:15-18	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 89:15-18	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today due to the school mid term break.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Geoff Townend, Faith Mission (11.00am) and Rev. Kenneth Ferguson (6.00pm).

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service next week **in Bragar at 6.00pm** will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald.

BEREAVEMENT

It is with sadness we note the passing of Annetta Maclean, Fairway, North Shawbost. We remember her brother Murdo and the extended family at this time. The funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed.

LADIES GROUP - COFFEE MORNING

The Ladies Group are arranging a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 13th December between 11am and 1pm in the Church Hall**. Donations will be taken at the door for a fundraising account set up by Andrew and Peigi Morrison, parents of Lydia Morrison. The family are so grateful for the offers of support received to date and it is their desire for any monies raised to be put into a fundraising account that will in due course support the various charities and organisations that have helped not just the Morrison family, but other families in similar situations. Please be encouraged, and encourage others, to come along and support this event.

PSALM TUNE PRACTICE

With a view to increasing the range of psalm tunes used during services of worship and also with a view to improving the quality of the precenting and congregational singing generally, the Precentors are keen to trial some new tunes or tunes that haven't been used for a while. There are many tunes in the Scottish Psalter alone that fall into this category. As it stands, the congregation are familiar with around 70 to 80 tunes in the Scottish Psalter and around 15 to 20 tunes in the Sing Psalms. However, there are many more that could be learned, and the Precentors are mindful of the risk of staying within a narrow selection of tunes. It is intended therefore, for those who are able, to stay behind at the close of the weekly prayer meeting and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. It is not a formal psalmody class that is being suggested, more an opportunity for everyone to spend a short time, perhaps around ten to fifteen minutes or so, to allow one of the Precentors to practice a tune with the benefit of having the congregation there to join in with the singing. It might not happen every week - perhaps on an occasional basis – but this is more appropriate than attempting tunes for the first time during the regular times of worship. Above all, it's another opportunity for singing, learning and praising God together as a congregation.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Christianity Explored course will begin on **Thursday 4th December in the Church Hall at 7.30pm**. The course is suitable **for anyone** looking to explore the Christian faith, who Jesus is and why he matters. To find out more about the course visit this link [Christianity Explored](#). The course is usually held in the Church Hall in a relaxed and informal setting. Please be encouraged to attend – you don't have to speak unless you wish to, and you can simply listen in to the discussion.

CHRISTMAS PRAISE NIGHT

There will be a Christmas Praise Night on Saturday **13th December 2025 at 7.30pm**, (doors open at 7.00pm). Come along for a time of praise and worship, led by the High Free Church Praise Band. Donations at the door to be taken to support the work of Crossroads Western Isles. Refreshments served. All most welcome to attend.

PRAYER POINTS 24TH NOVEMBER - 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 24th November

Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray for continued opportunities for us to have Jesus-centred conversations in all aspects of our work and life in Greece.

Tuesday 25th November

Callanish

Please pray for the congregation during this time of vacancy, that God would grant wisdom and discernment in the calling of a minister.

Wednesday 26th November

National Day of Prayer

Today is a day set aside to pray for our nation and the work of our denomination in sharing the gospel. Please pray that the Lord would hear the prayers of his people and move mightily across the nation.

Thursday 27th November

Mission Board

Please pray as the Mission Board meets today, that the Lord would give them wisdom in all decisions, and that they would continually focus on the gospel vision for the years ahead in their decisions and planning.

Friday 28th November

Matt and Maria, Greece

Please remember N in your prayers for his continued spiritual growth.

Saturday 29th November

Callanish

Please pray for the elders and office-bearers, as they lead the congregation, that they would be strengthened in wisdom and gospel unity. Pray that the congregation would be a witness to Christ in all they do.

Sunday 30th November

Open Doors - Afghanistan

Christians are among a wave of Afghans deported back to their homeland by the authorities in Tajikistan, putting them in danger of imprisonment and even execution. Pray for protection and resilience.

The great work of the church is to praise God and to invite the world to join in
G Campbell Morgan

Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive
CS Lewis