

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.

4th February 2024



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Both today's services will be taken by Mr Scott Macleod (Minister in Training). Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12.00 noon service** the Scripture readings will be from Isaiah 43: 1-7 and Psalm 71: 1-24. The sermon will focus on Psalm 71, verses 12-16 and is entitled *The Faithful Hope*. At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from Isaiah 46: 1-13 and Psalm 71: 12-24. The sermon will focus on Psalm 71, verses 17-24 and is entitled *The Faithful Life*.

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	Psalm 16: 7-11	Sing Psalms (p17)	Psalm 34: 11-18	Sing Psalms (p40)
2	Psalm 13: 1-6	Sing Psalms (p14)	Psalm 92a: 7-15	Sing Psalms (p122)
3	Psalm 71: 11-16	Scottish Psalter (p311)	Psalm 148: 7-14	Scottish Psalter (p448)
4			Psalm 71: 21-24	Scottish Psalter (p312)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Farquhar Macleod, Elder, North Harris Free Church.

GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service in **Bragar tonight at 6pm** will be taken by Rev Kenneth Ferguson.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The weekly prayer meeting and Bible study on **Wednesday 6th February at 7pm** will take place in Bragar. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

RESPOND TO THE SCOTTISH GOVT'S 'CONVERSION PRACTICES' CONSULTATION

On 9th January the Scottish Government published its extreme proposals for a new law to ban so-called conversion practices. Groups like Stonewall and the Humanist Society are encouraging their supporters to respond to the public consultation on the proposals. They want a 'conversion practices' law that would force Christians to endorse LGBT ideology. So, it's absolutely crucial that the Scottish Government hears from Christians. Please [respond to the consultation](#). To help you respond, The Christian Institute has produced an [overview of the proposals](#) and a [guide for using the online response form](#). The guide identifies the key consultation questions and gives ideas how to respond. It is important to use your own words. Multiple responses using identical wording are likely to be dismissed. The consultation closes at **midnight on 2 April**. We'd like to ask you to do three things:

1. Pray that the proposals would be widely recognised as unworkable and that the Scottish Government would be forced to abandon its plans altogether.
2. Respond to the consultation.
3. Take the time to explain to your church and Christian friends why it's so important that they respond to the consultation. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The last of the current series of online training sessions is scheduled for **Thursday 22nd February at 7.30 pm**. Please note that sign-up will become unavailable one week before the training event. Register at <https://freechurch.org/safeguarding-training/>

STORNOWAY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Stornoway High Free

Thursday 15 th February 2024	
Service	Preacher
Gaelic service at 7.30pm Failte Centre, Bayhead	Rev James Maciver (Stornoway)
Saturday 17 th February 2024	
Service	Preacher
English service at 7.30pm Sandwick Hall	Rev Calum Iain Macleod (Ferintosh & Resolis)
Lords Day 18 th February 2024	
Services	Preacher
English Communion service at 11.00am Sandwick Hall	Rev Calum Iain Macleod (Ferintosh & Resolis)
English service at 6.30pm Sandwick Hall	Rev Calum Iain Macleod (Ferintosh & Resolis)
There will be a fellowship in Sandwick Hall following the Lord's Day evening service where Rev Calum Iain Macleod will give his testimony.	

Stornoway Free Church

Friday 16 th February 2024		
8.00am	Kenneth Street Session room	Prayer Meeting
Services		Preacher
English service at 7.30pm in the Kenneth St Church and live on YouTube (Channel name - Stornoway Free Church).		Rev Angus Macrae
Gaelic service at 7.30pm in the Seminary and live on YouTube (Channel name - Free Church Seminary Stornoway).		Rev Calum Macdonald
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English service at 6.30pm in the Kenneth St Church and live on YouTube (Channel name - Stornoway Free Church).		Rev Angus Macrae
There will be a fellowship in the M. A. Hall following the Lord's Day evening service at which the two visiting ministers will be interviewed.		