

## 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

4<sup>th</sup> January 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Roddy John Campbell.

At the **11.00am** service, the Scripture reading will be Jeremiah 8, and the sermon will focus on verse 20.

At the **6.00pm** service, the Scripture reading is Galatians 4, and the sermon will focus on verse 4.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 37:1-7	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 106:1-5	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 90:14-17	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 98:1-3	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 27:4-9	Sing Psalms	Psalm 89:5-8	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 62:5-8	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 118:24-29	Scottish Psalter

### GAELIC SERVICE

The 6pm Gaelic service in Bragar tonight will be taken by Rev James Maciver.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Gordon Matheson (11.00am) and Rev Calum M Smith (6.00pm).

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm** in the Church Hall. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### RETIRING COLLECTION – THE FAITH MISSION

There will be a retiring collection at both services next Lord's Day (11<sup>th</sup> January) in aid of The Faith Mission.

### VACANCY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee met on Tuesday 30th December. Following a time of discussion there was a clear desire to move forward with a view to meeting with the congregation. It was agreed to arrange a congregational meeting for as soon as reasonably practicable and more details about this will be provided in next week's bulletin. (Rev Calum M Smith, Interim Moderator).

### ANNUAL LDOS PRAYER MEETING

The annual LDOS prayer meeting is due to take place **at 8.30pm on Lord's Day 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026** in the APC building on Keith Street. All are encouraged to attend.

### BIG YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The next big YF (for those in school years S1-S6) will take place on **23rd January** at the Coll Centre. If any young people in the congregation would like to attend and requires a lift, please contact either Matthew Hebditch or Dan MacPhail.

*A zeal for tradition without a zeal for souls is a sign of spiritual decay*

J.C. Ryle

*The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety*

Geroge Muller

### PSALM TUNE PRACTICE

The tunes practiced so far have been [St Lawrence](#) and [Paisley, St. Magnus](#) and [Warwick](#). Click on the hyperlinks to listen to the tunes being sung to the correct musical notation. If there are any tunes from the Scottish Psalter Psalmody book that you would like to hear practiced, please make these known to one of the Precentors.

### PRAYER POINTS 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December

##### Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray for all from the churches local neighbourhood who came to the Christmas gathering.

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December

##### Dumisani

Pray for the new lecturer, Robert Matthews of AIM, who will be teaching for Term One at Dumisani Theological Institute, Eastern Cape, SA. Give thanks to the Lord for Rev. Matthews coming to Dumisani.

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December

##### Matt and Maria, Greece

Please pray for all the children who heard the significance of Jesus' birth in the schools.

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January

##### New Years Day

Praise God for how He was at work in His Church and people in 2025. Pray that in 2026, as a denomination we would continue to look to Christ and that the Lord would be building His Church through the witness of His people.

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

##### Esk Valley

Give thanks to God for all who came along to our Carols and Worship on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, and that we were able to hear of God's Good News to us. Pray for those who heard for the first time, or do not yet believe, that this good news would be something they would consider and come to know Christ.

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

##### Matt and Maria, Greece

Thank God for all His continued mercies and workings and the many prayers He has answered so faithfully.

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

##### Dumisani

Pray for the admin staff at Dumisani Institute who will re-open the college on January 12<sup>th</sup> and make preparations for Term One. Pray for their health, safely in travel, and wisdom with many decisions and helping process final applications

### PREACHING SUPPLY: PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (JAN 2025 - FEB 2026)

	11.00am	6.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Mr Stuart King	Mr Gordon Macleod
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Rev. Callum Macleod	Mr Ian Macrae
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Rev. R.J Campbell	Rev. R.J Campbell
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev. Kenny I Macleod	Rev. Kenny I Macleod
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev. Calum Macdonald	Mr Tam Macleannan
22 <sup>nd</sup> February *	Rev. Matty Guy	Rev. Matty Guy

\*Communion

*Let the year be given to God in its every moment!*

G. Campbell Morgan