

## 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.

5<sup>th</sup> January 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Thomas Davies. Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be from John 2:12-25. The sermon will focus on verse 17 and is entitled *The Climax of the Temple*.

At the **6.00pm service in the Church Hall**, the Scripture reading will be from John 4:1-42. The sermon will focus on verses 34-35 and is entitled *Mission: Method and Mindset*.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 122	Scottish Psalter	Ps 34:1-9	Sing Psalms
2	Ps 48a:9-14	Sing Psalms	Ps 22:27-31	Scottish Psalter
3	Ps 25(i):4-9	Scottish Psalter	Ps 119:33-40	Sing Psalms
4	Ps 16:7-11	Sing Psalms	Ps 126	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School this week due to the school holiday.

### GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic service in Bragar **tonight at 6pm**, will be taken by Mr Murdo Martin (Elder, Kenneth Street).

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The Services next Lord's Day (12<sup>th</sup> January 2025) will be taken by Rev George MacAskill (11.00am) and Mr Tam MacLennan (6.00pm).

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 8th January at 7pm in Bragar** Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Kirk Session has agreed to run a Christianity Explored course starting in the **second week of February**. To book a place or for more information, please speak to one of the Elders. 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](#). Please remember this item in prayer.

### PREACHING SUPPLY SCHEDULE

The Interim Moderator has made provisional arrangements for preaching supply for the period January – June 2025. The schedule, which is subject to change, can viewed on the congregation website in the [NEWS](#) section. For those not able to go online, some hard copies can be collected at the main door.

*“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30).*

### PRAYER POINTS 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024 – 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December - St. Columbas

Give thanks for many outreach events which took place in December. Pray that from these, people may come to church and know God through His word.

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December - Matt and Maria, Athens

It is our prayer that His glory would be all the more known and all the more manifested in all of our lives this next year.

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January - New Years Day

Praise God for how He was at work in His Church and people in 2024. Pray that in 2025, 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.

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Dumisani

Pray for student registrations to be completed in January for Term One at Dumisani Theological Institute. Pray that local churches and leaders encourage students to study at Dumisani.

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - St. Columbas

Give thanks for a recent members Sunday in December where new members were welcomed into the congregation. Give thanks to God for how He is growing His church.

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Matt and Maria, Athens

Give thanks to God that this year personally we get to celebrate our first Christmas together with our wonderful little girl as an incredible gift from the giver, sustainer, and saviour of life.

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Dumisani

Continue to pray that the textbooks needed for theology classes at Dumisani will arrive in time for Term One.

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - London City

Please give thanks for recent baptisms and new members welcomed, pray that the Lord would strengthen and uphold these individuals.

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Grace Church Leith

Our Conversation Café runs every Wednesday from 7.00pm - 8.00pm at Grace Church Leith during university term. Please pray for those who will come during this upcoming term, particularly that they will attend the optional Bible study following the conversation cafe and that they would come to know Christ through His word.

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Healthy Gospel Church

Pray that in 2025, the Lord would continue to equip His church to bring the gospel to our neighbours and nation. Pray that as a denomination we would continue to have unity and fellowship in the Gospel.

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Sashko, Poland

Give praise for the first deacon-in-training and for the two ministry candidates that will be ordained next year

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January - Grace Church Leith

Please pray for our youth who gather together on Sunday evenings. Please pray that they would grow in love and knowledge of the Lord, and that those whose trust is not yet in Christ would come to know Him as their personal saviour. Pray that the Church would be strengthened as they disciple our young people.

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January - London City

Pray in 2025 the Lord would give us a renewed spirit to serve His church and bring the Gospel to those around us.

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January - Sashko, Poland

Please pray for more local men to be raised up for church leadership.