

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

5th October 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 1 Samuel 7, and the sermon will focus on verse 12.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be Psalm 23 and John 10:1-21 and the sermon will focus on verse 6 of Psalm 23.

The **Gaelic service in Bragar at 6pm** will be taken by Mr Murdo Martin (Stornoway).

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 145(j):1-8	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 40:1-5	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 36:5-9	Sing Psalms	Psalm 73:23-26	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 130	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 89:1-6	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 61:1-4	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 23	Sing Psalms

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet in the Hall as usual and the children will go to their classes during the second item of praise. Please remember the teachers and children in prayer.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Ian Murdo Macleod (11am) and Rev James Maciver (6pm).

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

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

BEREAVEMENT

It was with sadness we learnt of the passing of John (Iain) Mackay, formerly of 43 South Bragar. Please continue to remember in prayer his brother Calum, and extended family and friends. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 8th October at the Church with the service commencing at 11.00am.

SAFEGUARDING

The Free Church has a robust Safeguarding policy, requiring all its workers to be members of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG) and it currently requires them to refresh their training within 3 years. All training is done online and the Church has published the following upcoming dates as opportunities to refresh training: Thursday 23 October at 7.30pm (office-bearers only); Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm; Monday 8 December at 6.00pm (Safeguarding coordinators only). Booking for these courses is now available on the Free Church website (in Resources section) and closes 7 days prior to each training date. If anyone has questions with regard to individual status, please have a word with Maletta (MacPhail) or Catherine (Macleod). Your cooperation is vital in order for us to function according to the legal requirements as well as for the well-being of our congregational community.

CROSS COMMUNION SERVICES

Please note the Cross Communion services which normally take place at the same time as Callanish, have been postponed in light of ongoing renovation works in the Church.

This life was not intended to be the place of our perfection, but the preparation for it.
(Richard Baxter)

Chris is the meeting place between God and man. Without Him, there can be no peace.
(JC Ryle)

ANNUAL BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Leaflets are available at the door for this worthy cause. Anyone willing to participate may take their filled shoebox to the church or if you are unable to fill one, individual items can be donated and will be added. Monetary donations are most welcome and can be put in the envelope provided on the leaflet. At the appointed time the shoeboxes will be collected for delivery to the central collection point.

The 2025 Appeal Centre - God willing - will be situated in the Lewis Builders Yard. Rigs Road, Stornoway (opposite Woody's Headquarters). The Appeal Centre opening times are as follows:

Thurs 30th October - 4pm - 6.30 pm

Friday 31st October - 4 pm - 6.30 pm

Saturday 1st November - 10am-12 noon

The Appeal will close on Saturday 1st November at 12 Noon.

For more information please refer to the [shoebox appeal poster](#) on the congregation website.

PRAYER POINTS 29th SEPTEMBER – 5th OCTOBER 2025

Monday 29th September - Haddington

Give thanks to God for His provision in the recent purchase of a church building in Haddington. Pray for continued unity among the congregation and for wisdom as they move forward in continuing to establish a faithful gospel witness in the community. Praise God for his faithfulness over the last 7 years as the church has grown.

Tuesday 30th September - Turkey

Pray for congregational retreats taking place in Turkey this month. Ask the Lord to use them to build up relationships, to encourage and strengthen these congregations, and to make them even more effective in their outreach to their communities.

Wednesday 1st October - Ayr and Kilwinning

A new weekly Bible study for the ladies is due start on Wednesday morning at 10 am in the church hall where we will be looking at the book of Esther. Please pray for this new venture that it will be beneficial to all those who attend.

Thursday 2nd October - Mission Board

Pray for the Mission Board as they meet today, asking for the Lord's guidance, wisdom, and clarity in their discussions and decisions, and pray that all they do would serve the advance of the gospel across the nations.

Friday 3rd October - Turkey

The main staff member of an important Christian publishing company in Turkey has been battling ongoing health issues. Pray for full healing for him, and for continued blessing on the work of Christian publishing in the country.

Saturday 4th October - Haddington

Over the summer, we read Side by Side by Ed Welch as a congregation. Pray that in light of this, the church family would grow in walking with one another in humility and love, learning to live side by side—encouraging, supporting, and pointing each other to Christ in everyday life.

Sunday 5th October - Ayr and Kilwinning

Give thanks for the good attendance at the Ayr prayer meeting taken by Larry Piedt. Larry spoke on GRACE – God's Riches At Christ's Expense. This was a meeting that involved participation and some training in evangelising as well as a time of prayer. Pray that this time would bear great fruit as the congregation witnesses to their community.

CALLANISH COMMUNION SCHEDULE: 9TH – 12TH OCTOBER 2025

Thursday 9 th October	7.30 pm.	Gaelic	Rev Paul Murray
Friday 10 th October	7.30 pm.	English	Rev Calum M Smith - Stornoway
Saturday 11 th October	12.00 pm.	English	Rev Colin Macleod (Lochcarron)
	6.00 pm.	Bi-Lingual Prayer Meeting – Elders	
Lord's Day 12 th October	11.00 am.	English	Rev Colin Macleod (Lochcarron)
	6.30 pm.	English	
There will be a Fellowship after the Evening Service, all warmly invited.			