

## 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

6th July 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

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

At the **11.00am service**, the Scripture reading will be from Hebrews 10 with a focus on verse 5.

At the **6.00pm service** the Scripture readings will be from Luke 24:36-53 and Acts 1:1-11 with a focus on Luke 24:48-53.

The Gaelic Service in Bragar at 6pm will be taken by Mr Murdo Martin (Elder, Stornoway).

	11.00am Service (English)		6.00pm Service (English)	
1	Psalms 22:15-22	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 96:8-13	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalms 16:7-11	Sing Psalms	Psalms 68:16-18	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalms 40:5-8	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 89:3-6	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalms 90:14-17	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 24:7-10	Sing Psalms

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School due to the school holiday.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Mr Ian Murdo Macleod (Elder, Stornoway).

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The congregational AGM will take place on **Wednesday 9th July** at 7pm in the Church Hall. An overview of the audited Congregational Accounts for 2024 will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### KIRK SESSION MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Kirk Session immediately following the AGM.

### CHURCH CAR PARK

The rear section of the car-park is available for use again but with restrictions. Please approach the car-park with caution and be vigilant of the cordoned off areas to the rear and around the main entrance door.

### GOD'S BAG AND BOTTLE (Taken from Thomas Brooks, "Paradise Opened" 1675)

"My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and You sew up my iniquity." Job 14:17

"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in Your book." Psalm 56:8

God counted all those weary steps which David took in passing through those great forests, when he fled from Saul. While David was hunted up and down like a partridge, and chased out of every bush, and was driven from one country to another—God was all this while, a-noting down and a-numbering of all his sorrows, and a-bottling up all his tears, and a-booking down all his sighs!

Not a single tear of mine is ever lost but kept safe in God's bottle—as so much sweet water. God is said in Scripture to have a bag and a bottle: a bag for our sins, and a bottle for our tears. And oh that we would all labor to fill His bottle with our tears of repentance, as we have filled His bag with our sins!

## PRAYER POINTS 7TH JULY - 13TH JULY 2025

### Monday 7th July

#### South Uist and Benbecula

We give thanks for the possibility that we may soon have a part-time minister in place, and also for the encouraging attendance and level of engagement at our midweek bible studies

### Tuesday 8th July

#### St Peter's, Dundee

Please pray for our recently established Church Planting Committee as they prayerfully consider areas of potential outreach in and around Dundee.

### Wednesday 9th July

#### Sashko, Poland

The demand for Ukrainian Christian literature is unprecedented, and we're positioned uniquely to help meet this need from our base in Poland. We are currently working on 20 more books in the Ukrainian language to continue serving this vital need. Please pray for God's help and wisdom.

### Thursday 10th July

#### South Uist and Benbecula

Our congregation is scattered over a large geographical area and we ask that folk might consider relocating here, even for a while, to assist us with the work of the gospel.

### Friday 11th July

#### Sashko, Poland

Publishing Ministry: We give thanks for continued progress in our publishing ministry, especially with several significant projects underway in both Polish and Ukrainian. Please pray specifically for our team working on the translation of the Reformation Study Bible, that God would grant them clarity, theological precision, and perseverance to complete this important resource for the Church.

### Saturday 12th July

#### Free Church Youth Camps

Please pray for Oswestry Juniors. Arbroath Juniors, Oswestry Seniors 2 and Renfrew Girls camps which are all taking place over the upcoming week. Pray for safe travels, strong bonds between campers and leaders, and God's word to take deep roots. Pray that Godly friendships would grow over the week.

### Sunday 13th July

#### St Peter's, Dundee

Please also remember the Connections Group tasked with exploring evangelistic opportunities in the area immediately around the church building in the West End of Dundee.

Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as humility  
(Jonathan Edwards)

A scared world needs a fearless church  
(AW Tozer)

"Oh, how precious is time, and how it pains me to see it slide away, while I do so little to any good purpose"  
(David Brainerd)