



CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 7th May 2023

INTRODUCTION

We are a congregation of the [Free Church of Scotland](#). We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. We use the [ESV version of the Bible](#) in the public worship of God. We use both the [Scottish Psalter](#) and [Sing Psalms](#) versions of the Psalms for the praise items in our public worship. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#). Our services are livestreamed and available on our [You Tube channel](#).

LORD'S DAY SERVICES

The 12.00noon service will be taken by the Minister. The 6.00pm service will be taken by Rev Calum M Smith.

At the **12.00noon service**, the reading will be from Revelation 5:1-14 and the sermon title is *The Confidence of Faith in Christ's Coronation*

At the **6.00pm service** the reading will be from Isaiah 58:1-14 and the sermon title is *Do We Want God with Us?*

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	Psalms 24:1-6	Psalter	Psalms 42:1-5	Psalter
2	Psalms 77:6-12	Sing Psalms	Psalms 98:1-6	Psalter
3	Psalms 40:1-5	Sing Psalms	Psalms 18:21-28	Sing Psalms
4	Psalms 24:7-10	Psalter		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time today.

GAELIC SERVICE

There will be a Gaelic Service in Bragar **tonight commencing at 6pm.** The service will be taken by Mr Murdo Martin, Stornoway.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The Minister's phased return to work comes to an end on 14th May. He will take both services next Lord's Day.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 9th May 2023.**

DEACONS' COURT

The Deacons' Court will meet on **Wednesday 10th May 2023** immediately after the Prayer Meeting to approve the 2022 Congregational Accounts.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The congregational AGM will take place on **17th May 2023 at 7pm.** An overview of the audited Congregational Accounts for 2022 will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRAYER MEETING: FRIDAY 12TH MAY

A non-denominational prayer meeting will be held in the APC church, Keith Street, Stornoway, on Friday 12th May at 7.30pm. The meeting will be taken by Rev Jonathan Baxter. All are encouraged to attend.

PRAISE NIGHT

The Kirk Session has agreed to hold a Praise Night in conjunction with Gary Lister and Elsa McTaggart. The Praise Night will be held in The Old School Centre, Shawbost, **on Friday 12th May 2023 at 7pm**. The Praise will include well-known worship songs, hymns and Psalms in Gaelic and English. Tea, coffee, etc and light snacks will be served afterward. Anyone who can help provide food/baking should contact Lynn Hebditch on 07557123808. The collection at the door will be for the Barvas Foodbank.

BIG YF EVENT

8:00pm, Sunday 4th June 2023 @ North Harris Free Church

Robbie Sweet from Next Ministries will speak to the young folks. Robbie will be across on the Island for the weekend delivering Training on Ministering to the Next Generation, some of you may have heard Robbie previously at previous training events when he shared something of his work and a recent trip to Ukraine to deliver training to church leaders.

You are welcome to come and worship with the North Harris Congregation at 6pm for the evening service, prior to the BigYF meeting.

In order to prepare and cater for those attending the event, please let Gordon Macleod, (Youth & Discipleship Support Worker), know by 31st May 2023 if you will be attending and how many young folk you will be taking along. Gordon can be contacted by email on youth-and-discipleshipWIFC@outlook.com

MINISTERING TO THE NEXT GENERATION - FREE TRAINING 2ND & 3RD JUNE 2023

Please find below details of the Next Gen Training that is being delivered free of charge on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd June 2023.

The training will be delivered by Eric Larsen and Robbie Sweet (Robbie is currently attached to Christ Church Anniesland Free Church).

You are invited to the following training - 'An introduction to the [NEXT](https://www.nextconnect.org/what) (<https://www.nextconnect.org/what>) framework for developing theologically grounded and contextually engaged models of ministry to the emerging generation.'

The training covers;

1. Theology of Ministry to Emerging Generations
2. Culture, Development and Discipleship of Emerging Generations
3. Models and Methods of Ministry to Emerging Generations

You can attend one or all of the sessions.

Friday (evening) 2nd & Saturday (morning & afternoon) 3rd. June 2023 @ Carloway Free Church

For further details or to book a place follow [this link](#).

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

Booking is now open for a Biblical Theology workshop for women with well-known author and Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie in Inverness on Saturday 2nd September. It takes place at the Free North church and runs from 10am to 4pm. The early bird rate is £17 and lasts until 30th June. Find out more and book your place for this fun, interactive bible teaching session <https://signupforms.com/registrations/32459>

The Free North will also be open on Friday evening, 1st September, for attendees to meet over a cuppa and share a time of prayer and praise together. We hope this helps women from the islands to plan their trip over to Inverness. If you'd like more information, feel free to contact Mairianne Campbell, stornowayfreechurch@outlook.com or Ann Macrae at the Free North Church.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER – 9th-14th May 2023

**Monday 8th May
Elgin Free Church**

Give thanks for the ministry of Colin and Christine Morison – Colin recently retired after 24 years of service at Elgin Free Church. Pray that the Lord would bless and use them as they move into a new phase of life. Give thanks for the members of Elgin Free Church. Pray that the Lord would encourage and build us up as we move into a new phase in the life of our congregation.

Tuesday 9th May**Matt and Maria, Athens**

Please pray we would be able to effectively share Christ's love and the message of his Good News with the various new people we are meeting in both the poverty and refugee ministries.

Wednesday 10th May**Loch Ness Free Church**

Thank God for the strength of unity among the Christian brothers and sisters in the Glen, and pray that the Spirit would help us love each other and build one another up.

Thursday 11th May**Elgin Free Church**

Elgin Free Church has now been linked with the Burghead congregation. As part of the linkage 5 folk from Burghead have moved to Elgin, along with the arrival of Brian and Sheryl Roby (missionary workers from the Presbyterian Church in America). Pray that the Lord would use these folks as an encouragement and support to the gospel work in Elgin.

Friday 12th May**Loch Ness Free Church**

Please pray that God would continue to bless the kids who come along to our Sunday Youth Night, and that they will accept Jesus' welcome into his kingdom and become his disciples.

Saturday 13th May**Healthy Gospel Church Gathering**

Please pray for the HGC gathering in the Inverness, Lochaber and Ross presbytery taking place today. Pray that many believers in the denomination will attend and grow in love for the gospel, and will be encouraged by the HGC vision and what this looks like in our churches.

Sunday 14th May**Elgin Free Church**

Pray for our new vision to become a reality in Elgin – that we would 'grow to become a vibrant, all-age church of 100 disciples'. Pray for the city of Elgin, that, as Elgin Free Church is built up by the Word of Christ and reaches out with the gospel of Christ, there might be a harvest of those turning to him as Saviour and Lord.