

## 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.

8th September 2024



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Mark Macleod (South Harris). Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12.00 noon service**, the Scripture reading will be from Luke 9:1-27 and the sermon will focus on verses 23-37.

At the **6.30pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from James 1 and the sermon will focus on verses 19-27.

	12:00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 97:1-9	Sing Psalms	Psalm 25:4-10	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 103:1-4	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 119:105-110	Sing Psalms
3	Psalm 103:8-14	Sing Psalms	Psalm 1	Sing Psalms
4	Psalm 121	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 119:33-37	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time during the 12noon service. The children will go to their classes in the Hall during the second item of praise. Please remember the children and teachers in prayer.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The preacher details for the services next Lord's Day at 12.00noon and 6pm are TBC.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 12th September at 7pm in Bragar**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Free Church has identified the following dates and times for Safeguarding Training Sessions: **Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm; Thursday 31st October at 7.30pm; Monday 2nd December at 6.00pm**. All training is online and these sessions are advertised on the web <https://freechurch.org/safeguarding-training/>

The September date is indicated as being of specific relevance to **Office Bearers** and the December one of specific relevance to **Safeguarding Coordinators**.

Please bear in mind that, as before, sign-up will become unavailable 7 days before actual event. We have also been reminded of the requirement set out by the Free Church Trustees that office bearers, youth workers, Sunday school teachers/helpers etc should have undertaken training within the last 3 years. Anyone who is due to take part in the three yearly refresher course is encouraged to do so. If you have any questions, Maletta MacPhail and Catherine Macleod will do their best to address these.

### THE LARGER CATECHISM

**Q. 13. What hath God especially decreed concerning angels and men?**

A. God, by an eternal and immutable decree, out of his mere love, for the praise of his glorious grace, to be manifested in due time, hath elected some angels to glory; and in Christ hath chosen some men to eternal life, and the means thereof: and also according to his sovereign power, and the unsearchable counsel of his own will, (whereby he extendeth or withholdeth favor as he pleaseth), hath passed by, and fore-ordained the rest to dishonor and wrath, to be for their sin inflicted, to the praise of the glory of his justice.

[1 Tim. 5:21](#); [Eph. 1:4-6](#); [2 Thess. 2:13-14](#); [Rom. 9:17-18, 21-22](#); [Matt. 11:25-26](#); [2 Tim. 2:20](#); [Jude 1:4](#); [1 Pet. 2:8](#).

### PRAYER POINTS 9th- 15th September 2024

#### Monday 9th September - Fortrose

Pray for closer ties between the church and the community with more opportunities for God's people to witness to God's goodness.

#### Tuesday 10th September - Govanhill

Please pray for all midweek activities are underway again after the school holidays. Remember those who meet for English classes, community drop-in, parents and toddlers group, prayer meeting and Bible studies throughout each week until the end of the year. Pray we would share the gospel for the building up of believers and as an invitation and challenge to unbelievers through all of these activities

#### Wednesday 11th September - Board of Ministry

Ministers in Training: The new term is starting for our Ministers in Training. Please pray for them as they start into their studies. We are blessed to have such promising young men who are committed to studying the word of God as they prepare for Free Church Ministry.

#### Thursday 12th September - Fortrose

Pray for more opportunities to support and pray for teachers and pupils at Fortrose Academy.

#### Friday 13th September - Govanhill

Pray for the Lord's blessing on Sunday services this autumn and winter. Especially bilingual services in the evenings and when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Pray for greater unity across a diversity of cultures and language groups, as well as giving thanks for the measure of unity which clearly does exist.

#### Saturday 14th September - Big Free Rally

Pray that the children and young people attending the Big Free Rally would be blessed by their time together, and that friendships and relationships would greatly deepen. Please pray for the word of God as it is preached, that the young people would grow in knowledge of the Lord.

#### Sunday 15th September - Hope for the Hebrides 2024

Give thanks for the recent mission team from OM who engaged in outreach work in Carloway. Please pray for all those who attended events, connections were made with, that the gospel would reach into their hearts.

### SCALPAY COMMUNION SERVICES (Thursday 12th – Lord's Day 15th September)

Thursday 12th September	7.00pm	English	Rev Paul Murray
Friday 13th September	12.00 noon	Gaelic	Rev Paul Murray
	7.00pm	English	Rev Ewen Matheson
Saturday 14th September	8.30am	Prayer Meeting	Elder led
	12.00 noon	English	Rev Ewen Matheson
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Bi-lingual – Elder led
Lord's Day 15th September	8.30am	Prayer Meeting	Elder led
	12 noon	English	Rev Ewen Matheson
	6.00pm	English	Rev Paul Murray
There will be a short prayer meeting after the Sabbath evening service.			

### BARVAS COMMUNION SERVICES (Friday 13th – Lord's Day 15th September)

Friday 13th September	7.30pm	English	Prof John A Macleod
Saturday 14th September	6.00pm	English	Prof John A Macleod
Lord's Day 15th September	11.00am	English	Prof John A Macleod
	6.00pm	English	Prof John A Macleod
There will be a fellowship meeting in the hall after the Sabbath evening service.			

*Believe God's love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your rock is Christ, and it is not the rock that ebbs and flows but the sea.*

- Samuel Rutherford