

## 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 February 2026



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Kenneth I Macleod.

At the **11.00am** service, the Scripture reading will be Matthew Chapter 27v1-26 with a focus on verse 22. The sermon is entitled *What Shall I do with Jesus?*

At the **6.00pm** service, the Scripture reading is from Hebrews Chapter 11v1-28 with a focus on verses 24-26. The sermon is entitled *The Good Choice Moses Made*.

11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 1a	Sing Psalms	Psalm 27v7-end
2	Psalm 37v10-16	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 71v14-19
3	Psalm 22v12-18	Sing Psalms	Psalm 45a v10-15
4	Psalm 57v1-3	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 16v8-end

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time today and the children will go through to the hall during the second item of praise. Please remember both the pupils and teachers in prayer.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Donald A MacDonald (11am) and Mr Tam MacLennan (6.00pm).

### PRESBYTERY EDICT

'In name and by appointment of the Free Presbytery of Western Isles I hereby intimate that, in consequence of an application from this congregation, the Presbytery agreed to meet within this Church on Wednesday 11th February 2026 for the purpose of moderating in a Call to Rev. Paul Murray for filling the vacancy in this Congregation, the Rev. Dr Thomas Davis, Moderator, to preach and preside (Andrew W.F. Coghill, Presbytery Clerk). The meeting will commence at 7pm.

### SAFEGUARDING

Office-bearers whose training is now due for renewal are welcome to attend an update session on **Tuesday 24th February in the Church Hall**. The course is scheduled to start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.00pm. This may also be done privately on the same date, provided that individual registration has been submitted via the Free Church website at least 7 days in advance of the training date. Maletta and Catherine are happy to help with questions regarding training and individual responsibilities.

### PRESBYTERY SCALADALE KIDS CAMP

This camp is for children on P6 – P7 and will take place on 27th – 30th March. Cost: £50. Booking Form goes live **8am Monday 9th February** <https://forms.office.com/r/DnkHmTcdn1>

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

During the vacancy period, the Deacons' Court has been progressing an agreed programme of works at both the manse and the church. The 'Court is keen to substantially complete these this year, God willing. If you are able to assist with various jobs at the manse initially (works in the church are planned for later in the year) please add your name and contact details to the sheet at the main door. No special skills or technical knowledge required, (just a good sense of humour!). Please speak to a member of the property committee (Kenny, Matthew, Alex, Norman and Dan) if you have any questions.

When God is about to do a great work, He sets His people praying  
Jonathan Edwards

### PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – PRAYER MEETING

You are warmly invited to our Prayer Meeting at Providence Christian School (Cearns Community Centre) on **Monday 9 February at 7:30pm** led by Rev. Donald MacDonald (retired). We hope to have a time of fellowship over a cup of tea after the meeting. For those unable to attend, there is a teams meeting option. Details for this available from: [office@providencechristian.school](mailto:office@providencechristian.school)

### STORNOWAY COMMUNION SEASON

The communion services schedule for both Stornoway Free Church and the High Free Church can be found on the congregation website, or at this link: [Stornoway-Communion-Schedule-February-2026.pdf](https://stornoway-communion-schedule-february-2026.pdf)

### ENGAGE 2026

The Free Church of Scotland is inviting you to be part of Engage 2026 — a national prayer initiative calling every believer to commit to praying for those who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. The vision is simple. If 10,000 Christians across our congregations each commit to praying regularly for ten individuals: family, friends, colleagues, neighbours, even people we struggle with, that will see 100,000 people brought before God in prayer. Eternity is real. For those with faith it is a hope; for those without Christ it is urgent. For more information visit <https://freechurch.org/engage2026/>. Pick up a bookmark at the main door of the church and write the names of 10 people; family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, even those you find difficult. Then pray for them throughout 2026 and beyond.

### PRAYER POINTS 2nd February – 8th FEBRUARY 2026

#### Monday 2nd February - Dumisani

Pray for all the admin team and lecturers at Dumisani Institute, Eastern Cape as they welcome new students starting classes on February 9th for Term One.

#### Tuesday 3rd - Sleat and Strath

Pray that the Sleat and Strath congregation would be encouraged and strengthened knowing God's presence and faithful provision in their gathering.

#### Wednesday 4th February - Rebecca Tait, OM

Give thanks for the opportunity to have some time of rest and go on adventures with friends from the ship. Being able to have Mondays to reset a bit has been really important for me.

#### Thursday 5th February - Dumisani

Give thanks to the Lord for the provision of Bible commentaries by a publisher for all graduating students at Dumisani Theological Institute next month. Pray that these commentaries will be invaluable to ministry and for personal life.

#### Friday 6th February - Rebecca Tait, OM

Please pray for school and the provision of long-term teachers. Pray for the children on board that they won't be too impacted by the regular transitions in the team and pray for the team who are staying as our timetables are constantly changing right now because we are so short staffed.

#### Saturday 7th February - Dumisani

Pray for the registrar Sharon Vera at Dumisani Theological Institute, Eastern Cape who is preparing the transcripts and certificates now for next month's graduation exercises on March 7th

#### Sunday 8th February - Sleat and Strath

Pray that the congregation would be faithful, visible witnesses in their communities, witnessing to Christ in all they do.

*It is possible to be surrounded by divine truth and yet never truly see Christ until God opens the eyes of the soul*  
Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see*  
John 9:25

*Where God is present, there will be a sense of the holy. Where he is absent, religion becomes a performance.*  
A.W. Tozer