

## 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 June 2025



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Elijah Brook (Minister in Training). We welcome Elijah, his wife Jessie and their two boys to Shawbost. Our 11.00am service is livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the 11.00am service, the Scripture readings will be from Mark 15:42-16:8.

At the 6.00pm service the Scripture reading will be from Psalm 29.

	11.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 100(i)	Scottish Psalter	Ps 29	Scottish Psalter
2	Ps 119:105-112	Sing Psalms	Ps 130	Sing Psalms
3	Ps 139:1-8a	Sing Psalms	Ps 1b	Sing Psalms
4	Ps 16:5-11	Sing Psalms	Ps 72:11-19	Sing Psalms

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev James Maciver.

### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

There will be a congregational fellowship immediately following the evening service tonight. Mr Elijah Brook will be the speaker.

### PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on Wednesday 11th May at 7pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### COFFEE MORNING

The Ladies fellowship group are holding a coffee morning, in aid of Bethesda, on **Saturday 14th June between 11am and 1pm** in the Church Hall. Any donations of baking will be gratefully received.

### LCEA PUBLIC LECTURE & AGM

The Lewis Christian Education Association, who run Providence Christian School, will be holding a public lecture in **the Croft Room, Caladh Inn, on Friday 13th June at 7.30pm**. The speaker for the evening will be Niel Deepnarain from Unite for Education and his lecture is entitled **'Responding to a Challenging Culture: Why Christian Education is Important.'** The LCEA's AGM will be held at 6.30pm. All welcome.

### ANNUAL RALLY – GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE (FORMERLY GIDEONS UK)

The Annual Rally of Good News for Everyone will take place in the **APC Church, Keith St, Stormoway on Friday 13th June at 7.30pm**. The main speaker is Rev Jonathan Baxter, minister of the Stormoway APC Church. All welcome.

### LEWIS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

The Lewis Christian Conference is being held in St Columba's Church, Lewis St, Stormoway from **Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st June 2025**. The speaker is Pastor Bill Bygroves and in addition to his work at Bridge Chapel, he serves as the club chaplain for Liverpool Football Club, providing spiritual and emotional support to players and staff. For more information on the conference programme click [HERE](#).

### WESTERN ISLES TEACHER MEET-UP

To all Christian Teachers and School Workers in the Western Isles, you're warmly invited to join Christian Values in Education Scotland Chair, Megan Patterson, for an informal evening of fellowship and encouragement on **Tuesday, 24 June 2025, at 7:30 pm**, MA Memorial Upper Hall, Kenneth Street, Stormoway. As you approach the well-deserved summer holidays, let's celebrate this milestone together with some light refreshments and uplifting conversation. CVE Scotland Trustee (and local Primary HT) Kirsteen Maclean will also be present, eager to connect at this event during the last week of the school term. This is a chance to unwind, reflect on the school year, and find encouragement as you live out our faith in education. Whether you're a teacher, support staff, or school worker, come and be refreshed in a supportive community. We would also love to hear from you about how CVE Scotland can better support Christian school workers. Tickets are FREE! You can book here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/85640>

### YOUTH EVENT – LEWIS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

At **9pm on Friday 20th June at the County Hotel Stormoway**, there will be a Youth event taking place as part of the upcoming Lewis Christian Conference. The speaker is Pastor Bill Bygroves who serves as the Club Chaplain for Liverpool Football Club.

### PRAYER POINTS 9th June – 16th June

#### Monday 9th June - Broughty Ferry

Pray for the work among the young coordinated by our youth worker

#### Tuesday 10th June - Sashko, Poland

New Worship Space: Our church faces a transformative opportunity to rent a worship space above our current ministry center. As a congregation, we lack the financial resources to complete this project alone. Please pray that God would provide the external support and partnerships needed to make this vision a reality.

#### Wednesday 11th June - Turkey

A Turkish minister with links to the Free Church has been in intensive care for the past few weeks after a serious heart operation. Pray for a full recovery, and also for strength and grace for his family

#### Thursday 12th June - Broughty Ferry

Pray for the whole congregation as we reached another milestone with the purchase of our place of worship and ministry. We are finalising the process to buy the Baptist Church building where we have been running services since late 2021. Once it is done, the building will need thorough refurbishment. Pray for provision, stamina and that we will remain focused on our mission here.

#### Friday 13th June - Turkey

A congregation in Istanbul has yet again had their application for official recognition as a place of worship turned down by the local authorities. They are planning to appeal, although this will be expensive. Pray for a change of heart by those in power, and for blessing on the life and ministry of the congregation.

#### Saturday 14th June - 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.

#### Sunday 15th June - Duirinish

Give thanks for the ministry happening in the North of Skye, and ask that the Lord would bless it, and continue to raise up workers for the harvest.

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"Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done in Christ will last" (CT Studd, 19th century missionary to China)