

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.
9th August 2026



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Today's services in will be taken by **Rev. Calum MacDonald**

11.00am Service - Bragar Rev. Calum MacDonald		6.00pm Service - Bragar Rev. Calum MacDonald	
Scripture reading: Genesis 25: 19-34 Sermon Text: 34 Sermon Title: Esau Despises his Birthright		Scripture reading: Luke 18: 1-14 Sermon Text: 9-14 Sermon Title: The parable of the Pharisee & The Tax Collector	
Psalm 40: 11-15	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 36: 6-12	Sing Psalms
Psalm 78: 1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 51: 1-7	Scottish Psalter
Psalm 34: 12-22	Sing Psalms	Psalm 51: 8-15	Scottish Psalter
Psalm 73: 25-28	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 51: 16-19	Scottish Psalter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today due to the school holiday.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services for **next Lord's Day** is yet to be confirmed. The services will be at the usual times of **11.00am and 6.00pm in Bragar.**

TEA & COFFEE

Tea and coffee (with juice available for the children) will be served after the morning service today in Bragar. All are very welcome.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL GAELIC SERVICE

Everyone is warmly invited to an Interdenominational Gaelic Service being held on **Friday 14th August at 7.30pm** in the **Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre, Borve**. The service will be conducted by **Rev. John MacLeod**. Tea/Coffee will be served after the service. **All donations will go towards Bethesda.**

TRINITARIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Trinitarian Bible Society will be holding two public meetings entitled **'The Famine of the World' – The Global Urgency of Translation & Distribution**. The Speaker will be **Craig Dennison** and the focus of the meetings will be the serious shortage of Holy Scripture available to many people throughout the world. We trust that these gatherings will encourage the Lord's people to pray for the furtherance of the Gospel of our Saviour among the many unreached people groups of the world.

Stornoway – Nicolson Institute – **Friday 21st August – 7.30pm**

Leverburgh – Leverburgh Community Hub – **Monday 24th August – 7.30pm**

REFLECTIONS AFTERNOON TEA

"Courteous Courage" is the title of this year's **Reflections Afternoon Tea**. It is being held on **Saturday 5th September, 2-4pm** at **Back Free Church**. All ladies are warmly invited to join for an afternoon of fellowship, refreshments and encouragement as they hear video messages on "Courageous Courage" from **Kate Forbes**, former Deputy First Minister of Scotland. **Booking is Essential** – Please email ministryforwomenbroadbay@gmail.com to reserve a place.

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNION SERVICES

South Harris Free Church			
Friday 21 st August	Gaelic	12 noon	Rev Iain Thomson
	English	7.00 pm	
Saturday 22 nd August	Gaelic/English	12 noon	Prayer Meeting
	English	6.00 pm	Rev Paul Murray
Lords Day 23 rd August	English	12 noon	
	English	6.00 pm	
There will be a fellowship in the hall after the evening service			

NORTH HARRIS FREE CHURCH - BIG YF

The next YF meeting is on the Saturday the 22nd of August, 2.30pm – 5.30pm in Sir E Scott Sport's Centre. An afternoon of Sport, Food, Testimony & Mission Work. All very Welcome.

ETS STUDY OPPORTUNITY – FRIDAY MORNING SYSTEMATICS

ETS offers the opportunity for in-depth study of Systematic Theology every Friday morning throughout the academic year. This offers a wonderful opportunity to grow in knowledge of what the Bible teaches, to grow in confidence for wrestling with big questions, and to grow in love for the God who has done so much for us through his Son. The classes begin on Friday 4th September, are open to all, and can be accessed online between 9am and 1pm on Fridays. Find out more and register at ets.ac.uk/courses/psp-friday-systematics.

PRAYER POINTS 7TH August – 9th August

Friday 7th August

Portree

Please pray that God would continue to use the congregation as a faithful and visible witness in our community, and that God would open opportunities to share the gospel with those who do not yet know Him.

Saturday 8th August

Matt and Maria, Greece

Pray for ongoing wisdom and support for those we know and are working with in our ministries, and have been praying for, that their faith would continue to grow, they would remain steadfast in the Lord, and that God would sustain and strengthen them in the challenges they face

Sunday 9th August

Charleston

Pray that we would continue to build meaningful relationships within our area, and that God would strengthen the congregation. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel clearly and for people to come to faith in Christ.

"The Gospel invitation is free, but the Gospel requirement is strict: there is a change of heart demanded, as well as a change of external conduct"
(Thomas Chalmers)

"God frequently permits His people to come into difficulty that they may experience His deliverance"
(George Müller, 1805–1898)

"Backsliding begins with dusty Bibles"
(C.H. Spurgeon)