#### **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 November 2025

#### **WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY**

The Service of Remembrance today will be held at West Side War Memorial at 10.45am and will be conducted by Rev Donald A MacDonald. An English service will be held shortly afterwards at 11.30am in Bragar Meeting House and will be led by Rev Donald A MacDonald. The evening English service in Shawbost at 6pm will also be led by Rev MacDonald.

At the 11.30am service in Bragar, the Scripture reading will be from Genesis 32 with a focus on verse 24. The sermon is entitled A Life Changing Experience.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be Leviticus 4.1 - 21 and the sermon will focus on Hebrews 13:11-14. The sermon is entitled *Outside the Camp*.

	II.00am Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 139(b):1-8	Sing Psalms, Pg 182	Psalm 119:129-136	Sing Psalms, Pg 165
2	Psalm 139: 9-13	Scottish Psalter, Pg 432	Psalm 38:5-9	Scottish Psalter, Pg 256
3	Psalm 102 (i):1-7	Scottish Psalter, Pg 364	Psalm 22:6-11	Sing Psalms, Pg 25
4	Psalm 139(b):17-24	Sing Psalms, Pg 183	Psalm 103:1-5	Scottish Psalter, Pg 369

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be no Sunday School today.

## **SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY**

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Calum Macdonald.

#### **PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday I 2**<sup>th</sup> **November at 7pm** in the Church Hall. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**

Those interested in participating in a Christianity Explored course should contact Kenny Smith (Elder), Kathleen Murray or one of the other Elders. The course is suitable **for anyone** looking to explore the Christian faith, who Jesus is and why he matters. To find out more about the course visit this link <u>Christianity Explored</u>. The course is usually held in the Church Hall in a relaxed and informal setting. Please be encouraged to attend – you don't have to speak unless you wish to, and you can simply listen in to the discussion.

#### **SHOEBOX APPEAL**

A total of 1101 shoeboxes and £2,658.50 of donations was collected for the 2025 Blythswood Shoebox Appeal which this year will be going to Bulgaria. Many thanks to all who contributed locally.

## **PRESBYTERY PRAISE NIGHT**

The Presbytery are holding a Praise Night on **Friday I 4th Nov at 7.30pm in Crossbost Free Church**. On the night, the programme of singing will include a number of Gaelic Psalms and there will also be a Gospel message. After the praise night refreshments will be served in the church hall. All are very welcome.

#### PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

All are warmly invited to a prayer meeting at Providence Christian School on **Monday 17th November at 7.30pm**, led by Rev John Macleod (Rtd). This will be held at PCS (Cearns community Centre, Stornoway). There will be a time of fellowship afterwards over a cup of tea. For those unable to join in person, a Teams option is available through office@providencechristian.school

## PRAYER POINTS 3RD NOVEMBER – 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

## Monday 3rd November

#### Lochs

Please pray that the Lord would, in His providence, supply a faithful minister to lead the congregation in truth and godliness.

# **Tuesday 4th November**

### Sashko, Poland

Praise God as we recently celebrated our church plant's 10th anniversary! Please give thanks for a decade of God's faithfulness, provision, and grace

# Wednesday 5th November

## Muriel Macleod, Cambodia

Please pray for the Pastor's Institute training where around 80 hilltribe church leaders will gather for this twice-a-year training: Part I will focus on Christian finances, Part 2 on how to study the Bible. Pray for these leaders to grow in their stewardship of finances and in faithfully handling God's Word.

# Thursday 6th November

## Sashko, Poland

We're seeing a growing group of students in our congregation and are praying about launching a campus ministry to reach university students in our area.

# Friday 7th November

## **UK Partnership**

Please pray for the UK Partnership which is taking place this week across the UK, particularly today in Edinburgh. Give thanks for our partnership in the gospel with many churches in the States. Pray for our church planters as they share the work they are doing in Scotland. Pray that we would continue to build a partnership of prayer and support, and that this would be of blessing to churches in Scotland and the USA.

## Saturday 8th November

#### Lochs

Pray that the witness of the church within the community may be blessed, and that many may be drawn to Christ.

# Sunday 9th November

## Muriel Macleod, Cambodia

Please pray as the new school year officially began on I November. Students have already been busy cleaning classrooms and tidying-up around the school premises in preparation for the start of term. Pray for a smooth start with new students and classes, and for building relationships.

## PREACHING SUPPLY: PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (NOV 2025)

	Date	11am Service	6pm Service	
Ī	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	TBC	Rev Colin Macleod (Back)	
	30 <sup>th</sup> November	Mr Ian M Macleod	Mr Ian M Macleod	
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A primary qualification for serving God with any amount of success, and for doing God's work well and triumphantly, is a sense of our own weakness.

C.H Spurgeon.

Missions are the chief end of the Church .... each congregation is meant to be a training class.

Andrew Murray