



CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 26th March 2023

INTRODUCTION

We are a congregation of the [Free Church of Scotland](#). We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. We use the [ESV version of the Bible](#) in the public worship of God. We use both the [Scottish Psalter](#) and [Sing Psalms](#) versions of the Psalms for the praise items in our public worship. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#). Our services are livestreamed and available on our [You Tube channel](#).

SUNDAY SERVICES

The 12.00noon service will be taken by the Minister and the 6pm service will be taken by Mr Gordon Macleod (Presbytery Youth and Discipleship Support Worker). At the **12.00noon service**, the reading is from Colossians 3:12-4:1 and 1 Peter 2:18-24. The sermon will focus on the 1 Peter 2 passage and the sermon is entitled *The Christian in the Workplace*. At the **6.00pm service** the readings will be from Ephesians 6:10-20 and the sermon seeks to consider this whole section.

The praise will be led by our precentor(s) and the Psalms for this Lord's Day are as follows:

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 86:12-17	Psalter	Psalms 1	Psalter
2	Psalms 94:14-17	Psalter	Psalms 13	Sing Psalms
3	Psalms 35:25-38	Sing Psalms	Psalms 34:17-22	Psalms
4	Psalms 70(i):1-5	Psalter		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children will go to their classes as normal today.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The 12pm service next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Calum Murdo Smith and the 6pm service will be taken by Mr Donald MacAulay (Carloway).

GAELIC SERVICE

The Kirk Session has agreed to resume the monthly Gaelic service in Bragar. The service will take place on the first Lord's Day of each month at 6.00pm. The first Gaelic service in the programme will take place **next Lord's Day, Sunday 2nd April**. The service will be taken on this occasion by the Minister. The English service in the Church at 6.00pm will continue as normal.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

WESTERN ISLES PRESBYTERY: HEALTHY CHURCH GATHERINGS

Join us at the Healthy Church Gathering at Stornoway Free Church

This is a free event being organised for congregations in the Western Isles Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland, as we look to encourage one another and share in the vision for A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland.

The hope is to bring together as many people in your congregations as possible for a time of input and then discussion, with a focus on us hearing the views and ideas of one another. There will be updates on how some churches have taken hold of the vision, as well as time to discuss some main topics, give feedback, ask questions and pray together.

The gathering will take place on **Friday 21st April** at Stornoway Free Church, Kenneth Street, Stornoway. There will be refreshments from **6.30pm**. The gathering will formally start at 7pm, with two main sections, and will conclude 9.30pm. We are asking people to sign up, to give us an idea of numbers attending.

To book, go to: freechurch.org/healthy-church-gatherings.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - 27th March - 2nd April 2023

Monday 27th March - Cornerstone, Edinburgh

Give thanks for the growing number of children and teens who attend Cornerstone and pray for wisdom on how best to disciple them.

Tuesday 28th March - Back, Isle of Lewis

Please pray for the people who attended two Hope Explored Courses we have run recently. Pray that hearts will be changed through what they heard, and that they will come to know Jesus as Lord and saviour.

Wednesday 29th March - Turkey

The recent earthquake in Turkey was one of the deadliest ever to have hit the country. Continue to pray for all those affected. Give thanks for all relief efforts, especially those of local churches and foreign Christian agencies. May the love shown by the Lord's people bring many to find lasting hope and healing in Christ.

Thursday 30th March - Cornerstone

Pray that we would be a church family who loves our neighbours well and who can share the message of Jesus helpfully to those around us.

Friday 31st March - Back

Give thanks that we have resumed weekly evening service in Tong which is one of the largest villages in Lewis. Pray that this will be of blessing to the community, and that many will hear the gospel through these services.

Saturday 1st April -Turkey

Presidential and parliamentary elections will be held in Turkey on the 14th May. Pray for politicians to be elected who will work for the good of the whole country, who will be humble, and who will have integrity.

Sunday 2nd April - Back

Give thanks that we recently became a training church and have Thomson Mckenzie completing a year's placement with us. Pray that this time will be of blessing to both Thomson and the congregation.