



CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 14th May 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](#).

LORD'S DAY SERVICES

Both 12.00 noon service and the 6pm service will be taken by the Minister.

At the **12.00noon service**, the scripture reading will be Revelation 14:1-13 with a focus on verses 12-13. The sermon title is *The Christian's Everlasting Rest*

At the **6.00pm service** the scripture readings will be from 1 Samuel 21:10-22:5 and Psalm 56:1-8. The title of the sermon, based on the 1 Samuel 21:10-22:5 passage, is *David's Failure & God's Faithfulness*

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 116:1-8	Psalter	Psalms 28:1-6	Psalter
2	Psalms 18:16-24	Sing Psalms	Psalms 119:89-96	Psalter
3	Psalms 62:1-8	Sing Psalms	Psalms 34:15-22	Sing Psalms
4	Psalms 107:27-31	Psalter		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time today.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The Minister will be away for the next two Sundays due to duties and responsibilities at the 2023 General Assembly. The services in his absence will be taken as follows: Sunday 21st May – Rev. Kenny I. Macleod; Sunday 28th May – Mr Scott Macleod.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7.00pm in Bragar.

CONDOLENCES

It was with a great deal of sadness that we heard of the passing of Donald Macleod last Sunday afternoon. We give thanks to God for his life and for his unstinting service in the cause of Christ and in the congregation over many years. We continue to pray God's comfort and strength for Cathy, and for their daughters Mary, Marjorie and Kay, with their families, as they grieve over his loss. We also remember Donald's sister, Effie, in Inverness, and trust that she also will know God's comfort.

DEACONS' COURT

The Deacons' Court will meet on **Wednesday 17th May 2023** immediately after the Prayer Meeting to approve the 2022 Congregational Accounts.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The congregational AGM will take place on **31st May 2023 at 7pm**. An overview of the audited Congregational Accounts for 2022 will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PRAISE NIGHT

We are thankful for the success of the Praise Night in The Old School Centre on Friday evening. Thanks to all who attended and all who helped serve tea, coffee, and a mouth-watering selection of home baking. Special thanks to Gary and Elsa with their team for leading us through such a rich variety of Christian songs. The sum of £315 was raised at the door in aid of the Barvas Food Bank.

SOUP AND PUDDING LUNCH

There will be soup and pudding lunch in the MA Memorial Hall, Kenneth Street, Stornoway, on **Saturday 20th May 12.00pm-2.00pm**. The lunch is in aid of Ronald McDonald House, Glasgow and Glasgow Children's Hospital. Many from the islands who have used Ronald McDonald House, all speak very highly of the facility and how it makes such an appreciable difference for families during what is often a very difficult and stressful time.

BIG YF EVENT

8:00pm, Sunday 4th June 2023 @ North Harris Free Church

Robbie Sweet from Next Ministries will speak to the young folks. Robbie will be across on the Island for the weekend delivering Training on Ministering to the Next Generation, some of you may have heard Robbie previously at previous training events when he shared something of his work and a recent trip to Ukraine to deliver training to church leaders.

You are welcome to come and worship with the North Harris Congregation at 6pm for the evening service, prior to the BigYF meeting.

In order to prepare and cater for those attending the event, please let Gordon Macleod, (Youth & Discipleship Support Worker), know by 31st May 2023 if you will be attending and how many young folk you will be taking along. Gordon can be contacted by email on youth-and-discipleshipWIFC@outlook.com

MINISTERING TO THE NEXT GENERATION - FREE TRAINING 2ND & 3RD JUNE 2023

Please find below details of the Next Gen Training that is being delivered free of charge on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd June 2023.

The training will be delivered by Eric Larsen and Robbie Sweet (Robbie is currently attached to Christ Church Anniesland Free Church).

You are invited to the following training - 'An introduction to the **NEXT** (<https://www.nextconnect.org/what>) framework for developing theologically grounded and contextually engaged models of ministry to the emerging generation.'

The training covers;

1. Theology of Ministry to Emerging Generations
2. Culture, Development and Discipleship of Emerging Generations
3. Models and Methods of Ministry to Emerging Generations

You can attend one or all of the sessions.

Friday (evening) 2nd & Saturday (morning & afternoon) 3rd. June 2023 @ Carloway Free Church

For further details or to book a place follow [this link](#).

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

Booking is now open for a Biblical Theology workshop for women with well-known author and Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie in Inverness on Saturday 2nd September. It takes place at the Free North church and runs from 10am to 4pm. The early bird rate is £17 and lasts until 30th June. Find out more and book your place for this fun, interactive bible teaching session <https://signupforms.com/registrations/32459>

The Free North will also be open on Friday evening, 1st September, for attendees to meet over a cuppa and share a time of prayer and praise together. We hope this helps women from the islands to plan their trip over to Inverness. If you'd like more information, feel free to contact Mairianne Campbell, stornowayfreechurch@outlook.com or Ann Macrae at the Free North Church.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER – 15th-21st May 2023

Monday 15th May
Christ Church Edinburgh

Please pray for the deepening of faith and an increased desire to share the gospel with family and friends

Tuesday 16th May**General Assembly**

Please pray ahead of the general assembly commencing next Tuesday, that the Lord will grant wisdom and guidance to the commissioners, and through all decisions made, the Lord will be glorified. Pray that decisions made will continue to lead the church towards the vision of a healthy gospel church for every community.

Wednesday 17th May**Cross Free Church**

Please pray for the Presbytery Oversight Visit on the 17th of May, that it would be a helpful and an encouraging exercise for the congregation.

Thursday 18th May**Christ Church Edinburgh**

Please pray for gospel comfort for those recently bereaved as well as those facing ongoing health issues.

Friday 19th May**Global Mission**

Please pray that God would continue to bless the work of His people serving Him across the globe. Please pray for the global mission sub-committee as they seek to develop partnerships with our mission partners, and strengthen global relationships throughout the denomination through local churches.

Saturday 20th May**Cross Free Church**

Please pray for the election of new Officer Bearers and Deacons in the congregation: for wisdom in the election and that those who would serve as Deacons and Elders would be enabled to make a positive contribution to the life of the congregation and community.

Sunday 21st May**Christ Church Edinburgh**

Please pray for the development of the building and provision of a manse.