



**CHURCH BULLETIN**  
**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 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

The services today will be taken by Mr Stuart King (12.00 noon) and Rev Roddy John Campbell (6pm). We thank both preachers for their willingness to take the services.

At the **12.00 noon service**, the Scripture reading will be Psalm 84 and the sermon will be based on the whole Psalm.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be taken from Mark 2:13- Mark 3:12 and the sermon will focus on Mark 3:1-6

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	Psalm 63: 1-8	Psalter	Psalm 89:13-18	Psalter
2	Psalm 27: 1-5	Psalter	Psalm 95:6-11	Psalter
3	Psalm 84: 1-6	Psalter	Psalm 37:3-6	Psalter
4	Psalm 73:23-28	Psalter		

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

## SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day are planned to be as follows:

Date	12.00noon	6.00pm
<b>29 October</b>	Rev. George MacAskill	Rev. Gordon Matheson

## PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.**

## DEACONS' COURT

There will be a meeting of the Deacons' Court on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 after the prayer meeting.

## MINISTER'S RETIREMENT COLLECTION

A collection will be taken at **both Lord's Day services today**. Donations can be placed in an envelope and marked "**Minister's Retirement**". For those unable to attend services and those within the wider community who may wish to contribute, donations can be placed in envelopes as above and passed to a friend or neighbour attending the above services, or they can be handed to office bearers no later than **24<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. Office bearer details for the various districts can be found on the congregation website on the [About Us](#) page. Please share this information with friends and neighbours as appropriate.

## MINISTER'S RETIREMENT PRESENTATION EVENING

In connection with the above, there will be a Retirement Presentation at **The Old School Centre, Shawbost**, on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 commencing at 7pm** and to which everyone is invited and most welcome to attend.

**Donations of home baking** are kindly requested in connection with the above event. All donations are gratefully received and can be dropped off any time after **11.00am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at the Old School Centre.**

## FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND DONATES £5,000 TO HELP PEOPLE IN MOROCCO & LIBYA

The Free Church of Scotland, through its Disaster and Relief Fund, is sending £3,000 to Operation Mobilisation (OM) and £2,000 to Christian Aid, to support the work being done to alleviate the suffering of those significantly impacted by the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya. You can read more about this on the Free Church Website [HERE](#).

The Mission Board want to encourage churches in Scotland to continue to pray for these countries in desperate need, and to ask for God's protection and comfort to be known by believers across the global church. Please pray for those who are affected, whether injured, traumatised or grieving. Please pray that these organisations would be guided continually by the Lord throughout these appeals and their relief efforts.

Donations from the Free Church of Scotland's Disaster and Relief Fund are dependent on donations made towards the fund. If you would like to make a donation to the fund, you can do so on the Donate and Pay section of the Free Church Website [HERE](#).

## GARRABOST FREE CHURCH COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Main Road: 7.30 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
There will be a fellowship in the manse after the service.			
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	School Road: 7.00 pm	English	Rev Malcolm Macdonald
Lords Day 29 <sup>th</sup> October	School Road: 11.30 am	English	Rev Malcolm Macdonald
	Main Road: 6.00 pm	English	Rev Malcolm Macdonald
There will be a short prayer meeting after the service followed by a fellowship in the hall.			

## THE BIG CARLOWAY PRAISE NIGHT

An evening of traditional and contemporary Christian praise followed by coffee and cakes. 7.30pm Friday 27th October in Carloway Free Church. There will be a collection for Bethesda Hospice at the door. Everyone welcome.

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER (23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023)

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

#### Sleat and Strath

Please pray for the congregation of Sleat and Strath, that the Lord would strengthen and uphold the congregation. Pray for wisdom and guidance as to the future of ministry in the south of Skye.

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

#### Richard and Barbara, a European City

We have started, what we hope will become regular visits, to a new island home to help the children with their studies. We already know the children through a community association. Pray for good relationships with the adults as well as the children, and that we would be able to establish a good routine including the Scriptures with all the family.

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

#### Helmsdale and Kinbrace

Pray for the weekly coffee morning on a Tuesday, that this will be of blessing to the community, and that those who volunteer and attend would be a witness to Christ.

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

#### Board of Trustees

Please pray for the Board of Trustees as they meet today. Pray particularly as they review the 2024 budget, that they will steward finances well to be able to serve the church and our mission.

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### ETS Annual Conference

Pray for the ETS Annual Conference taking place at St Columba's tomorrow. Pray that many will come and dig deeper into God's word, and pray for the speakers, for wisdom as they speak from God's word.

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

#### Richard and Barbara, a European City

There is a project near where Z lives reaching islanders and others. Z may be able to receive further help with literacy here. Pray for wisdom for the project leaders and for us; and that the gospel would reach islanders through this project.

**Sunday 29th October**  
**Helmsdale and Kinbrace**

Pray for the ministry in Helmsdale, that many would come to hear the gospel. Pray for friendships and connections with those who do not yet know Christ, that the Lord would bring many to him. Pray that God would be glorified through the ministry and witness in Helmsdale and Kinbrace.

**C. H. SPURGEON DEVOTIONAL**

*“You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks <sup>w</sup>overflow with abundance.”* Psalm 65:11

Many of the Lord’s tracks overflow with abundance, but a special one is the *track of prayer*. A believer, who is often in private prayer, will not need to cry, “My leanness has risen up against me.”<sup>1</sup> Starving souls live at a distance from the mercy-seat and become like the parched fields in times of drought. Consistent wrestling in prayer with God is sure to make the believer strong—if not happy. The nearest place to the gate of heaven is the throne of heavenly grace. Often alone, you will have plenty of assurance; seldom alone with Jesus, your faith will be shallow, polluted with many doubts and fears and not sparkling with the joy of the Lord. Since the soul-enriching path of prayer is open to the very weakest saint, since no high achievements are required, since you are not invited to come because you are an advanced saint but freely invited if you are a saint at all, see to it, dear reader, that you are often in the place of private devotion. Be regularly on your knees, for in this way Elijah drew the rain upon Israel’s famished fields.

There is another special track overflowing with abundance to those who walk in it. It is the secret walk of communion that affords the delights of fellowship with Jesus! Earth has no words that can convey the holy calm of a soul leaning on Jesus. Few Christians understand it; they live in the lowlands and seldom climb to the top of the mountain; they live in the outer court and fail to enter the holy place; they do not take up the privilege of priesthood. They see the sacrifice from a distance, but they do not sit down with the priest to eat the meal and enjoy the overflowing abundance.

But, reader, learn to sit under the shadow of Jesus; come up to that palm tree, and take hold of its branches. Let your Beloved be to you as the apple tree among the timber, and you shall be satisfied with goodness and abundance. Come, Lord Jesus, and visit us with Your salvation!

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***“Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to life. How a man can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a man can believe and not pray is past my comprehension too.”***

**— J.C. Ryle (1816-1900), A Call to Prayer**

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