

## 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.

5th May 2024



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Donald A MacDonald (Retired). Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland> At the **12:00 noon service** the Scripture readings will be from Numbers 10.11-36 with a focus on verse 29, At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from Luke 9.18 – 36 with a focus on verses 28 and 29.

|   | 12.00 Noon Service |                  | 6.00pm Service |                  |
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| 1 | Psalm 107:4-9      | Sing Psalms      | Psalm 45a:1-5  | Sing Psalms      |
| 2 | Psalm 105:4-7      | Scottish Psalter | Psalm 24:7-10  | Scottish Psalter |
| 3 | Psalm 34:7-11      | Sing Psalms      | Psalm 89:25-29 | Scottish Psalter |
| 4 | Psalm 84:4-9       | Scottish Psalter | Psalm 149:1-5  | Scottish Psalter |

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will be at the usual time today during the service and the children will go to their classes in the Hall during the second item of praise.

### GAELIC SERVICE

Rev James MacDonald will be taking the Gaelic service **in Bragar, tonight at 6pm.**

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Andrew Coghill (Scalpay).

### WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The weekly prayer meeting and Bible study on **Wednesday 8th May at 7pm** will take place **in the Church Hall.** Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th May** after the weekly prayer meeting in the Church Hall for the purpose of appointing Property Trustees on behalf of the congregation. The proposal is to appoint the members of the Deacon's Court and their successors in office.

### SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

All are warmly welcome to an informal prayer meeting **in the Manse on Saturday evenings at 7pm.** Please access the Manse via the rear door.

### LADIES GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Ladies Group will take place on **Thursday 16th May at 7pm at Shawbost Manse.** All welcome.

### COFFEE MORNING

On **Saturday 18th May, (11.00am to 12.30pm)** there will be a coffee morning in the **Church Hall** in aid of Bethesda. Donations of baking most welcome and can be dropped off at the Church Hall from 10.00am on the day.

### PRAYER POINT: SHAWBOST AND BREASCLETE SCHOOL TRIP

Please remember to pray for the pupils and staff at Shawbost and Breasclate Primary Schools as they depart on Monday for their school trip to Fairburn Activity Centre.

### MINISTERING TO THE NEXT GENERATION – TRAINING

Please note at the link below details of the Next Gen Training that is being delivered free of charge on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th May 2024 at Carloway Free Church. The training will be delivered by Eric

Larsen and Robbie Sweet, both work with the organisation Mission to the World. Eric will be travelling from the States to deliver this training. Robbie is based in Glasgow with his family (although originally from the States), he has been involved in organising the Free Church Teen Conference and delivering training for Camp Leaders and Ministers. Please consider attending even one of the sessions if you can, you are also welcome to share the details of this training with anyone within your congregation, that would benefit from attending. Also if you have Christian friends/work colleagues who do not worship within the Free Church, but are involved in ministering to young people through their church or even in their own family please invite them along. The link below will take you to further information regarding the training and a short booking form: <https://forms.office.com/r/n2PaQn3v5h>

### A WEEKEND WITH REV PHILIP & CATHERINE CAMPBELL – ST COLUMBA'S (OLD PARISH) CHURCH, LEWIS STREET, STORNOWAY

Rev Philip Campbell is recently retired from Coleraine Congregational Church, Co. Londonderry and former evangelist with The Evangelization Society UK. Catherine Campbell was born in Belfast. Catherine trusted Christ as her Saviour in her teens: walking with Him has been her life's delight. Her early working life started during N. Ireland's 'Troubles' as a student nurse in Belfast's famous Royal Victoria Hospital. In 2005 Catherine hung up her nursing uniform for the last time to devote more time to a developing ministry in writing and speaking. Her family situation was the catalyst for her writing, which started by crafting articles for a number of magazines including The Nursing Standard and Woman Alive. Then in 2008 she took the giant leap from writing articles to having her first book published. Under the Rainbow tells the story of Catherine's walk with God while caring for her daughters, and the difficult times after their deaths. Other titles include: Broken Works Best, God Knows Your Name, God Isn't Finished With You Yet, Rainbows For Rainy Days and her recently published book 'CONSIDER HIM'

Friday 17th May: 7.30pm Praise Night with testimony from Catherine Campbell (Author)

Saturday 18th May: 8.30am Women's Breakfast St Columba's Church Hall  
10.30am Fellowship Meeting with Catherine Campbell 'Broken Works Best'  
9.00am Men's Breakfast County Hotel

Sunday 19th May: 11.00am Morning Service Preacher Rev Philip Campbell  
6.30pm Praise Night with testimony from Rev Philip Campbell

It would be helpful if anyone wishing to attend either of the breakfasts could contact Maggie on 01851 705407 / 07771860119 to book a place. Refreshments served after meetings in Church Hall. There will be a book stall. ALL WELCOME

### PRAYER POINTS 6th May - 12th May 2024

**Monday 6th May – Rogart** - Please pray for the week-to-week ministry in Rogart. Pray that the congregation would find encouragement through God's word.

**Tuesday 7th May - Asian Outreach** - From the beginning of Ramadan, I have been sending daily Bible verses to many Muslim friends in both Scotland and Pakistan via social media personal messaging (see above for yesterday's). These have been well received with several people responding. One friend texted with questions about the trinity, and I hope to meet up with him when he is available to discuss the matters. Please pray that God's word would have a deep impact.

**Wednesday 8th May - Matt and Maria, Greece** - Please pray for M in these early stages of her walk with The Lord, and that He would increase her love, patience, wisdom, hope, and faith as time goes on.

**Thursday 9th May - Asian Outreach** - An opportunity has presented to rekindle a Muslim-Christian dialogue event. In the past, these dialogues provided a great opportunity to present the Good News of Jesus the Messiah. Please pray that the meeting would go ahead, for a good atmosphere, and wisdom in sharing God's word.

**Friday 10th May - Global Mission Partners** - Give thanks for four global partners who are hoping to join us for the 2024 General Assembly. Please pray that all visas would be approved and that travel plans would go smoothly. Give thanks to God for these partnerships with brothers and sisters globally.

**Saturday 11th May - Matt and Maria, Greece** - Pray that there would be opportunity in individuals lives and in the work of the church for one-to-one evangelism in the community. Pray that individuals would have boldness and faith to share the gospel with those in their life who do not know the Lord.

**Sunday 12th May - Rogart**

Pray for individuals to have opportunities to share the gospel in their community. Pray that God would be glorified through the church and that many in the area would come to know Christ.