

## 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.

18<sup>th</sup> August 2024



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Farquhar Macleod (North Harris) and Mr Donald MacAulay (Carloway). Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12:00 noon service**, the Scripture reading will be from Ruth, Chapter 1.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from Habakkuk, Chapter 3.

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 146:5-10	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 34:16-22	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 25:4-9	Sing Psalms	Psalm 35:9-15	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 61:1-5	Sing Psalms	Psalm 119:57-64	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 91:1-4	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 40:8-11	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume today and will be at the usual time during the 12noon service. The children will go to their classes in the Hall during the second item of praise. Please remember the children and the teachers in prayer.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Colin Macleod (Back).

### VACANCY COMMITTEE & CONGRGATIONAL MEETING

The Kirk Session has agreed to call a congregational meeting on **Wednesday 21st August 2024** (7pm, Church Hall), with a view to calling a minister to fill the pastoral vacancy. A strong turnout of members and adherents is hoped for. Also, there will be a short vacancy committee meeting prior to the congregational meeting, commencing at 6.45pm.

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the congregation on **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September (DV)**. The communion services schedule is as follows:

**Thursday 29th August:** Gaelic Service, **Bragar, 7.00pm**, Rev. M. Macdonald, Callanish

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August:** English Service, **Church, 7.00pm**, Rev A. Coghill Scalpay

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August:** English Service, **Church, 12.00noon**, Rev A. Coghill, Scalpay

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August:** Bi - Lingual Prayer Meeting, **Church Hall, 6pm**. Led by Elders.

**Lord's Day 1<sup>st</sup> September:** English, **Church, 11.30am**, Rev A. Coghill, (Sacrament of Lord's Supper will be dispensed at this service).

**Lord's Day 1<sup>st</sup> September:** English, **Church 6.30pm** English Rev A. Coghill Congregational Fellowship to follow. All welcome.

### PRECEPT SCOTLAND INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY TRAINING

Nigel Watts, national Director for Precept Scotland (<https://www.preceptscotland.org/>) will be returning to the island to deliver further inductive bible study training on the **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September**. So often we can go through the motions with our quiet times, these sessions provide tools which anyone can use which facilitate a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's word leading you to know God deeply and live differently. There are two sessions, one is for Adults and Older Teens (Saturday morning) and there are two sessions for teens which will be the Friday and Saturday night, details are provided on the congregation website. <https://shawbostfreechurch.org/precept-scotland-inductive-bible-study-training/>

### REFLECTIONS - WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A women's conference is taking place on **Saturday 21st September 10am - 3pm in Back Free Church**. More details can be found on the congregation website. <https://shawbostfreechurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/MfW-Brochure.pdf>

### PRAYER POINTS

**Monday 12th August - Rasaay** - Please pray that on a small island, the Lord would be encouraging His people and growing His church through the faithful witness of His people.

**Tuesday 13th August - ETS** - On Saturday 7 September, ETS will hold its annual day conference on the theme, 'We Believe': Why the Creed Matters Today. Please pray for the speakers, that the Lord would give them wisdom, and this day conference would encourage and engage the church in what it means to receive and confess this creed, as the church, in today's secular society.

**Wednesday 14th August - Murray River (PEI Eastern Charge)** - Give thanks to God for the believers who meet at Murray River, Prince Edward Island, and for their faithfulness to the Word of God. Please pray that as the congregation gathers for weekly worship, the Lord would be at work by His spirit in each of our lives.

**Thursday 15th August - Rasaay** - Please pray for Christian's on the Island to be encouraged by God's word, that He would be with Him by His spirit, bringing them joy and peace in Him. Please pray that they would know deep fellowship with Him.

**Friday 16th August - Murray River (PEI Eastern Charge)** - Pray for the Church to be salt and light on Prince Edward Island, and that through the gathering of the Lord's people, He would be revealed by the preaching of His word to those who do not yet know Him.

**Saturday 17th August - ETS** - Please pray for the ETS open day on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. Please pray that the Lord would be at work in the hearts of those considering studying at ETS to come along and hear more about studying at ETS. Please pray that the Lord would also be raising up leaders who consider training at ETS and that the Lord would be building and strengthening his Church through this training.

**Sunday 18th August - Dumisani** - Continue to pray that a way forward may be found to provide more male dormitory space at Dumisani Theological Institute in the Eastern Cape as this matter will greatly impact growth and intake.

### STORNOWAY FREE CHURCH AND HIGH FREE CHURCH

The Schedule of Communion Services for the above congregations for the period **Wednesday 21st August to Lord's Day 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**, is on the congregation website. <https://shawbostfreechurch.org/stornoway-free-church-and-high-free-church-communion-schedule/>

### THE LARGER CATECHISM

**Q. 10. What are the personal properties of the three persons in the Godhead?**

A. It is proper to the Father to beget the Son, and to the Son to be begotten of the Father, and to the Holy Ghost to proceed from the Father and the Son from all eternity.

**Heb. 1:5-6, 8; John 1:14, 18; John 15:26; Gal. 4:6.**

### PRAYER (John Bunyan)

*Prayer is a sincere, affectionate pouring out of the soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Spirit, for such things as God has promised in His Word.*

*Prayer opens the heart to God, and it is the means by which the soul, though empty, is filled with God's grace. The truths that I know best, I have learned on my knees.*

*I never know a thing well, until it is burned into my heart by prayer.*

*Sincere prayer is . . .*

*a shield to the soul,*

*a scourge to Satan, and*

*a fragrant and pleasing sacrifice to God.*

*Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.*

*When you pray, rather let your heart be without words-than your words be without heart.*