

## 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.

**3rd November 2024**



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald (Retired). Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12.00 noon service**, the Scripture reading will be from Matthew 5:1-20 with a focus on verse 20. The sermon is entitled *Whose Righteousness??*

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from the book of Psalms, chapter 17 and with a focus on verse 15. The sermon is entitled *The Sight That Awaits The Sleeping Saint*.

	12:00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Ps 65:1-4	Scottish Psalter	Ps 24	Sing Psalms
2	Ps 48:8-14	Sing Psalms	Ps 16:6-11	Scottish Psalter
3	Ps 119:137-144	Sing Psalms	Ps 27:10-14	Scottish Psalter
4	Ps 145(ii):13-18	Scottish Psalter	Ps 17:13-15	Sing Psalms

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time today. Children will leave for their classes during the second item of praise.

### GAELIC SERVICE

Rev Kenneth Ferguson will take the Gaelic service **tonight in Bragar at 6pm**.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The **Service of Remembrance** next Lord's Day (Sunday 10th November) will be held at West Side War Memorial at **10.45am** and will be conducted by Rev Calum MacDonald (Retired). An English service will be held shortly afterwards at **11.30am in Bragar Meeting House** and will be taken by Rev Calum MacDonald (Retired). The evening English service in **Shawbost at 6pm** will be conducted by Mr Donald MacAulay (Carlaway).

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 6th November at 7pm in Bragar**. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF PRAYER

The Lewis branch of the LDOS has organised a special prayer meeting to take place, God willing, **tonight (3rd November at 9.00pm)** in the **Stornoway APC building** on Keith Street. This is in response to the recent controversial decision taken by the management of Tesco to open its Stornoway store for business on the Lord's Day – a flagrant breach of the Fourth Commandment. Let us as the people of God unite in prayer to seek His arm of power to move in mercy and deliver us from what will undoubtedly prove to be a scourge upon our island communities.

### VACANCY COMMITTEE MEETING & KIRK SESSION MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Vacancy Committee on **Monday 4th November at 7pm** in the Church Hall. A meeting of the Kirk Session will take place immediately following the Vacancy Committee meeting.

### SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

All are welcome to an informal prayer meeting in the Manse at **7pm on Saturday evenings**.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT COLLECTION

The Deacons' Court recently agreed that a collection be taken **at all congregational prayer meetings** from now on in aid of local/international missionary causes and disaster relief funds.

### RETIRING COLLECTION - BENEVOLENT FUND

In order to build up the congregational benevolent fund, the Deacons' Court recently agreed to arrange a retiring collection at **both services on Sunday 17th November 2024**.

### PUBLIC MEETING

The LDOS is facilitating a public meeting due to be held on **Friday 8th November in Stornoway Town Hall at 7.30pm**. The purpose of this meeting is to facilitate discussion around the above issue and to give the public the opportunity to express their views, which many may feel has not yet been afforded them. Various community leaders and public officials have been invited, as well as representatives from the management of Tesco. We would encourage as many as possible to attend if they can.

### INTERDENOMINATIONAL GAELIC SERVICE

Everyone is warmly invited to an Interdenominational Gaelic Service being held on **Friday 8th November at 7.30pm in the Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre, Borve**. The service will be conducted by Rev. James Maciver. Tea/Coffee will be served after the service. All donations will go towards Bethesda.

### PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - SOUP AND PUDDING LUNCH

There will be a soup and pudding lunch and baking/craft stall at the M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall in **Stornoway on Saturday 9th November from 12-2pm** in aid of Providence Christian School. All are welcome and encouraged to come along.

### PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - 4th November - 10th of November 2024

**Monday 4th November – Haddington:** Give thanks to God for how He has grown the congregation over the past years. Pray that He will continue to strengthen the congregation and bring many to know Him through the witness of the church in Haddington.

**Tuesday 5th November – Tearfund:** Please join us as we lift up the Middle East to God in urgent prayer – interceding for people affected by violence and suffering and praying for peace to reign in the region.

**Wednesday 6th November - National Day of Prayer:** Our annual day of prayer is happening on Wednesday the 27th of November. Please pray that the Lord would unite us in prayer, and that as a church we would gather to pray for our nation, our church and our world.

**Thursday 7th November – Haddington:** Please pray for our families and children in the congregation. Please pray that as a church we would be discipling the children well and raising them to know Christ as Lord, and that we would be supporting families as they disciple their children.

**Friday 8th November – Tearfund:** We are grateful to have had Safa Hijazeen, Tearfund's Regional Director covering the Middle East, visit Scotland and many Scottish churches as we pray for peace in the region. Please pray for Safa in his role, that the Lord would protect and uphold him, and that the Lord would grant peace in the Middle East.

**Saturday 9th November - Generation Vision Conference:** Please pray for the Generation Vision Conference happening today in Edinburgh. Please pray for all who attend, that the Lord would be building up His church and equipping them for evangelism locally.

**Sunday 10th November – Haddington:** Please pray for our Carol Service and Christmas Holiday Club coming up in December. Please pray that these will be opportunities to connect with those in our community, and that they will be impacted by the truth of the gospel.

### ASLEEP IN JESUS – C.H. SPURGEON

The saints in Jesus, when their bodies sleep in the peace of death, have perpetual fellowship with Him-- yes, far better fellowship than we on earth can enjoy.

We have but a transitory glimpse of His face; they gaze upon it every moment.

We see Him through a glass darkly; they behold Him face to face.

We sip of the brook by the way; they plunge into the very ocean of unbounded love.

We sometimes get drops of comfort; but they get the honeycomb itself.

They that sleep in Jesus are full of peace, and full of joy forever.