



Announcements For Week Commencing Sunday 3rd August

WEEK AHEAD:

Sun 3rd Aug: Sunday Morning Service: 11:00am. Pastor Robert will be with us as he continues the series based on the book of Job 'Faith Under Fire' with a message titled When Friends Fail You from Job 22:1-24:25

Wed 6th Aug: Early Morning Prayer Meeting: **There will be no prayer meeting this Wed morning will resume next week**

Thurs 7th Aug: Praise practice at 7:30pm

Fri 8th Aug: Community Food Larder: Continues from 10:30am -12 Noon.

Sun 10th Aug: Sunday Morning Service: 11:00am. Pastor Robert will be with us as he continues the series based on the book of Job 'Faith Under Fire' with a message titled 'The God Who Speaks' from Job 38:1-40:2

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor On Leave : Robert will be on leave from after this morning service until Fri 8th of Aug. Anyone requiring pastoral assistance during this time is asked to contact the Deacons in the first instance.

Church's Monthly Financial Target: For **JUNE** our income was **£5,000** with expenditure of **£4,000**. The revised Monthly Income target going forward is **£6,200**. Financial contributions: If you'd like to start contributing to Alness Baptist via envelopes/bank transfer (Gift Aiding - adding 25% to your donation through tax refund to church) please let us know by contacting our Treasurer, Angus Macleod, or email treasurer@alnessbc.org.uk.

Community Food Larder: We are looking for volunteers to help in the manning of the larder and provide some tea & coffee. If able to help sign up sheet for the month of **AUGUST** at back of church.

Baptist Union Of Scotland : Prayer Calendar - this week please pray for the following; Broxburn Baptist Church, Buckhaven Baptist Church, Buckie Baptist Church Burra Baptist Church. More information available at www.scottishbaptist.com/prayer

Tech Desk : if anyone is interested in helping with the Tech Desk - Sound, presentation or livestreaming then please express your interest by signing up on the sheet at the back of the church. Training Sessions are in the process of being arranged - still time for those who are interested to sign up

Dates for your Diary - ABC Community Fun Day - Sat 16th August
Big Summer Hymn Sing Sunday 17th August

Community Fun Day: We're excited to host our Church Community Fun Day, and we need your help to make it a great success! Can you lend a hand on the day? Are you able to provide some traybakes Whether it's helping with setup, games, or refreshments—or bringing along some delicious traybakes—we'd love for you to get involved! Sign-up sheet at back of Church

Scottish Northern Convention 2025: Will take place at Dingwall & Strathpeffer Free Church Fri 22nd - Sun 24th Aug This years theme is 'In Christ Alone' from Romans 6 . This year the convention speaker will be Rev. Andy Longwe from London City Presbyterian Church

Highland Theological College are holding a Conference titled "Going Forward" on the 25/26th August looking to address some of the realities which face Christian churches in these days, and to indicate ways ahead. See next page for details

Lunch Club: Takes place on Tues 26th Aug at 12:30pm, join us for a great time of fellowship

Monday 25th August

- 11.00 - 12.45: Arrivals & Signing In
- 13.00: Start of Conference
- 13.15: Elaine Duncan, 'But these are written'
- 14.15: Jim Stewart, 'God's mission in our context'
- 15.40: Ali MacDonald, 'Mission Impossible?? God flips our Story'
- 19.30: Hector Morrison, 'Occupy Your Lookout Post'
(This keynote event is freely open to the public)

Tuesday 26th August

- 10.00: Tommy MacNeil, 'Your future is out there!'
- 11.30: John Merson, '7 Peas before Lunch!'
- 12.30: Luncheon provided
- 14.00: David Meredith, 'Going Forward: the good, the bad and the ugly'
- 15.15: Kenny Ross, 'Carnage and Peace'

HTC invites all who are passionate about the future of the Gospel and the Church to join us for this empowering event.

HTC seeks to encourage, strengthen, and aid the Church in challenging times.

HTC reaffirms the critical relevance of the Gospel for today's generation and believes this conference will be instrumental in enabling the Church to move forward with renewed purpose and strength.

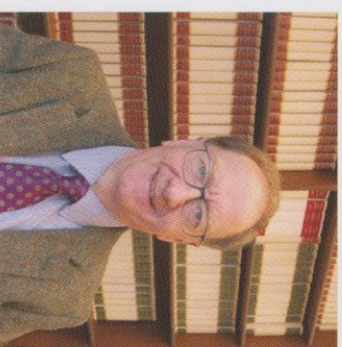
This conference is designed to address the critical challenges facing the Church in today's rapidly changing society, and to equip leaders and members with renewed confidence and practical insights for effective ministry.

Sometimes conferences can leave us feeling discouraged by not relating to the difficulties faced in ministry and in bringing folk to a living faith in Christ.

With over 30 years experience of training men and women for Christian work in today's world, HTC is anxious to assist in every way possible.

"Going Forward" will be '**Reality Aware, Future Orientated and Experience Driven**'. It will focus on experience-driven insights from seasoned Christian workers including:

- **Elaine Duncan** (Scottish Bible Society)
- **Tommy McNeil** (Church of Scotland, Stornoway)
- **David Meredith** (Free Church Mission Director)
- **John Merson** (Outreach Pastor, Deeside Christian Fellowship)
- **Kenny Ross** (Culloden Balloch Baptist Church)
- **Jim Stewart** (Church of Scotland, Letham St. Marks, Perth)
- **Hector Morrison** (Principal of HTC)
- **Ali MacDonald** (Women's Ministry, Smithton Free Church)



Hector Morrison: "We are aware of the profound changes impacting the Church, and we offer a conference that is both realistic and forward-looking ... This event is designed to reinvigorate and strengthen attendees, fostering a renewed confidence in Christ and equipping them to navigate the complexities of contemporary ministry."