



**SHAWBOST  
FREE CHURCH**



THE VISION OF THE  
FREE CHURCH OF  
SCOTLAND IS



**A Healthy  
Gospel Church  
for Every Community  
in Scotland**



**CHURCH BULLETIN**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

## 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](#).

## SUNDAY SERVICES

The services today will be taken by the Minister. We will continue our study of I Peter at the **12.00noon service**. The theme is 'The Christian's Faithfulness to Christ in a Hostile World.' This week's sermon is based on I Peter 1:3-5 under the title 'A Heavenly Perspective in a Hopeless World.'

At the **6.00pm service** we will commence a study on the life and purpose of the Church. The vision of the Free Church is to have 'A Healthy Gospel Church in every Community in Scotland.' We want to look at what the Word of God has to say about the Healthy Gospel Church and what it looks like in practice. This week we will commence our study by looking at I Timothy 3:15-15 under the title 'The Character and Purpose of the Church.'

The praise will be led by our precentor and the Psalms for this Lord's Day are as follows:

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 146:1-8	Psalter (445)	Psalms 42:1-5	Sing Psalms (53)
2	Psalms 77:6-10	Sing Psalms (100)	Psalms 68:6-11	Psalter (302)
3	Psalms 107:26-32	Sing Psalms (145)	Psalms 71:14-17	Psalter (311)
4	Psalms 33:18-22	Psalter (246)	-----	-----

## English Services

The English services in the Church at 12.00noon and 6.00pm will be live streamed on our **YouTube Channel** [here](#). An audio recording of both services will be available on Sermon Audio as soon as possible after the services end. The services can be accessed on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

## Gaelic Service

The ongoing arrangements for the availability of Gaelic sermons on the Sermon Audio Page and on YouTube is under review and any changes going forward will be announced in due course.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet as usual this Lord's Day.

## PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.00pm in the Bragar Meeting Hall. We will continue our study of Christian Maturity.

## Comfort International

Comfort International is a missionary organisation which works with their partners in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, South Sudan, and Uganda to bring lasting transformation to lives and communities. Their ministry covers a wide range of activities from providing healthcare to providing church leadership training. More information about the organisation and their work can be found on their website [here](#).

Mr Peter McLean, Church Relationship Manager, Comfort International, is visiting the Island this month and will be with us for our Prayer Meeting and Bible Study on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The meeting will be held in the Church Hall. Peter will bring a message from God's Word and then give a presentation on the work of Comfort International.

## MINISTER'S DIARY

The Minister's Diary for the coming weeks includes the following meetings:

Date	Event	Location
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Zoom
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Commission of Assembly	Zoom

Tue	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Lochcarron
Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Rosskeen

## RSHP PROJECT LEADER FUNDING

As announced in the Church Bulletin on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Kirsteen Moffat has been appointed as the RSHP Project Leader to lead the production of additional resources to support the deliverance of the Relationship, Sexual Health, and Parenthood (RSHP) in the Health and Wellbeing section of Curriculum for Excellence used in our Schools. An Appeal for funds to support the work has been initiated. The Project Appeal Letter and an Appeal Response Form are available on the Congregational Website [here](#).

### Door Collection Today

The Deacons Court agreed to appoint a Door Collection to be **taken at both services** on Lord's Day 2<sup>nd</sup> October and Lord's Day 9<sup>th</sup> October in aid of funds for the Project. Please be encouraged to support this worthwhile cause as we continue to pray for our children and their parents in their education and for our teachers in the key role they have in our children's development.

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE KENNETH STEPHEN

It was with a great sense of sadness that we learned of the passing of Kenneth B. Stephen (Kenny Leather) on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Kenny was a popular figure and character in the community, and we sense our loss as we reflect on his life. We remember his daughter Rhia and her children Lucy, Millie, Archie in our prayers. We also remember Kenny's brother Iain and his sister Jane and their respective families at this time of sadness.

The funeral service will take place next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022, in the High Church, Matheson Road, Stornoway, at 11.30am with the interment to follow in Sandwick Cemetery. There will be a gathering in The Old School Centre, Shawbost, after the interment where the family will gather and when food will be prepared. Rhia was keen to have an event in the community and she extends a warm welcome to everyone to join with them in the Centre as they reflect on Kenny's passing.

## PRESBYTERY YOUTH CAMP

A Presbytery Youth Camp for S3-S6 pupils will take place at the Scaladale Outdoor Centre from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The cost of attending the Camp will be £30. Details of the camp and how to access the application and consent form can be obtained from Congregational Youth Leaders. An application and consent form for the camp can be found at the link below - <https://forms.office.com/r/LSFWEqRCs>

## PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE

The Presbytery has arranged a Weekend Conference to be held from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October with meetings for all ages. The subject of the Conference is 'The Pursuit of God in an Age of Pornography.' The guest speaker is Rev. Joe Barnard. We live in an age where pornography is everywhere. More than that, the world is constantly teaching us to see the world, and each other, through a sexualised lens. Yet God calls us to a life of holiness. This is a great opportunity to learn something of how we can seek and live for God in such a world. There is no cost to attend any meeting but there will be an opportunity to make a donation if you wish to.

### The Meetings

Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Meeting	County Hotel, Stornoway	7.30-9.00pm
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents, Carers & Youth Workers	North Harris Free Church, Tarbert Soup & Sandwich Lunch provided	10.30am-12.30pm
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	18-30-year-olds	North Harris Free Church, Tarbert	7.00pm
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Meeting	To be arranged	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Big Youth Fellowship	Stornoway Free Church	8.00pm

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

The following are prayer points issued by the Mission Board under the Praying For One Another Scheme (PFOA) in the past week.

### Monday - Sleat and Strath

Please pray for the future of ministry arrangements in South Skye. Gordon is now working part-time for the community development trust, with reduced hours in his ministry role. Pray that this tent-making pattern will be blessed, and a healthy gospel church will, in time, emerge.

**Tuesday - Brazil**

Peter is a Jewish man who is having difficulties communicating as a result of illness. As Sergio Danon continues to share the love of Jesus with him, please pray that Peter will come to know and trust in the Messiah.

**Wednesday - Lochgilphead**

We have been encouraged by the increase in numbers attending our service. A new family has started to worship with us. Pray that they will find a spiritual home with us and find in our fellowship a place where they grow in grace and from which they can serve with us in our witness to our community.

**Thursday - Central Office**

Pray for the Mission Board which is taking place today.

**Friday - Presbyterian Free Church, India**

Pray for school in Lakhnadon, it continues to struggle in many aspects.

**Saturday - Big Free Rally**

Pray for the Big Free Rally taking place at Smithton Free Church in Inverness today. Pray that God will be working in the hearts and lives of those attending.

**Sunday - Sleat and Strath**

Please pray for close-knit community in Sleat (and Lochalsh), following the violent attacks of 10th August, which left one man dead, and others severely injured. Remember especially the families directly affected, who have 10 children between them. Pray that the church will minister God's grace tenderly and wisely.