

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.

Sunday 3rd July 2022



SUNDAY SERVICES

We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#).

Services this Sunday

The services today will be taken by Mr Matty Guy who is on placement in the congregation for six weeks.

The sermon at the **12.00noon service** will be based on Philippians 1:12-26. The sermon at the **6.00pm service** will be based on Haggai 1:1-15.

Psalm Singing

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	Psalm 30:1-4	Psalter (239)	Psalm 122:1-9	Psalter (416)
2	Psalm 121	Psalter (274)	Psalm 19:7-10, 14	Psalter (223)
3	Psalm 67:1-7	Sing Psalms (84)	Psalm 127:1-5	Sing Psalms (171)
4	Psalm 63:1-8	Sing Psalms (80)	-----	-----

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

There will be no new Gaelic sermons available on the Shawbost Free Church Sermon Audio Page during the six weeks of Matty Guy's Placement.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Summer Sunday School will run during the school Summer holidays with the timing and the arrangements following the pattern of the regular Sunday School. The purpose of the Summer Sunday School is to provide continuity in our worship and activities on the Lord's Day and in the teaching of our children. Parents and children are encouraged to support the Summer Sunday School when they are at home.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7.00pm in the Bragar Meeting Hall.

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Mr Donnie Maclean, Fairway, North Shawbost, on Monday 27th June 2022. We extend our condolences to his brother Murdo with his wife Jennifer, and to his sister Annetta, as they grieve over Donnie's passing. We pray comfort, strength and grace for them at this sad time.

STORNOWAY INDUCTION

The induction of Rev. Calum Murdo Smith as Assistant Minister of the Stornoway congregation took place in the Free Church, Kenneth Street, Stornoway, on Friday 1st July at 7.00pm. The service was taken by Rev. Malcolm Macleod, Shawbost, who preached from 2 Corinthians 6:1-3.

Rev. Calum Macdonald, Callanish, addressed the newly inducted Assistant Minister, Calum Murdo, after which Rev. James Maciver addressed the congregation. Presentations were given to Calum Murdo by Rev. James Maciver, to Johan by Mrs Donna Maciver, and to Joni, Marisa and Danny by Mrs Fiona Macleod. Rev. David Macleod, North Harris, then spoke warmly of the Smith family after which Calum Murdo responded with thanks.

We pray for Calum Murdo as he begins this new chapter of ministry and for the family as they settle into a new life in Stornoway. The Induction Service can be viewed on the Stornoway Free Church YouTube Channel [here](#).

SPONSOR A CAMP

We continue to pray for the 2022 Free Church Youth Camps (FCYC) programme and for the eleven camps which will take place during the Summer. We especially pray for the Renfrew Junior Camp, which runs for a week from Saturday 16th July, and which we have agreed to support as part of the FCYC 'adopt a camp' scheme.

The following are recommended prayer points for this Camp:

1. Praise the Lord for the 22 campers who have registered for Renfrew Juniors. 50% of campers will be attending a camp for the first time following the pandemic restrictions over the last two years. This may result in homesickness and some struggles in being in a social setting with so many of their peers for a week!
2. Give thanks for the leaders God has brought together since Easter - none of the leaders know the whole of the rest of the team but God knows us well and has given us unique talents and experiences to use for His Glory.
3. Most leaders will be able to meet this Saturday (18th) in Perth - both in person and some online - for a planning meeting. We would value prayer for safe travels and for guidance as we prepare talks, devotions and praise.
4. Minibuses and transport for all camps are proving to be a great challenge this year - following the pandemic some options for transport companies that have been reliable and used in the past by Free Church Camps are no longer available. Please pray for provision. If you know of any options or can offer to help, please get in touch with Mairi Beaton.

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

Knockbain

Pray for the parents and toddlers' group that will start up again in August. Pray for all those involved and for the smooth running of the group.

Tuesday

IMJP

Paris: Aurel Vidal met with Bruce, a disillusioned Orthodox Jewish man who told his Christian wife he sensed genuine love in Aurel and wants to see him again. As Aurel shares the gospel, please pray that Bruce will see his need of Jesus.

Wednesday

Govan

Following the retirement of Rev. Norman Mackay, the work goes on in Govan. Please pray for the congregation, that we remain united, for Rev. Jonathan De Groot, our Interim Moderator, and for workers that many in Govan will come to know the Lord Jesus.

Thursday

Dumisani Theological Institute

Pray for the SA permit renewal process for Principal Chipenyu of Dumisani Theological Institute. May things be handled well and in due time.

Friday

Govan

Pray for the food bag distribution every Friday, that we build up relationships with the folks who come.

Saturday

Knockbain

The minister, Rev Farquhar Renwick, is Chaplain to three schools in the area. Around 350-400 pupils in total attend these schools. Pray for him in his role which will resume after the summer break.

Sunday

Govan

Please pray for the folks struggling with addiction issues who come to church, that they may experience release and "find Grace to help in their time of need".

