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




CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 4th December 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 service today will be taken by the Minister. This Lord's Day we will commence a series of sermons on some of the promises of the coming of the Son of God into the world and how these promises unfold in the New Testament. At the 12.00noon services we will focus on some Old Testament promises and at the 6.00pm services we will look at how these promises are fulfilled in the birth, life and work of the Lord Jesus in the New Testament. The title of the series is *The Unfolding of God's Promises in the Life of Jesus*.

At the **12.00noon service today** we will study Genesis 3:14-15 and the first gospel promise in the Bible spoken by God in the aftermath of Adam's first sin. The sermon title is *The Seed – Crisis, Conflict & Conquest*.

At the **6.00pm service today** we will study John 12:20-33 and look at one of the ways in which the Lord Jesus saw the first promise being fulfilled in his own life. The title of the sermon is *The Seed & The Power of the Cross*.

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 8:1-9	Sing Psalms (7)	Psalm 110:1-7	Psalter (390)
2	Psalm 18-31-38	Sing Psalms (21)	Psalm 92(a):5-15	Sing Psalms (122)
3	Psalm 18:46-50	Psalter (222)	Psalm 87:1-7	Sing Psalms (115)
4	Psalm 22:28-31	Psalter (229)	-----	-----

We will resume our study of The First Epistle of Peter and our study of the Healthy Gospel Church in the New Year.

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. We pray the Lord's blessing on our parents and children under the ministry and teaching of God's Word.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. We will resume our study of matters relating to *Christian Maturity*. This week's study will be focused on *Fighting the Enemy*.

MINISTER'S DIARY

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

Date	Event	Location
Mon 5 th Dec	Presbytery Finance Committee	Zoom
Tue 6 th Dec	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Zoom
Thu 8 th Dec	Board of Trustees	Zoom
Wed 21 st Dec	Shawbost School Assembly	In person

YOUNG ISLANDERS NETWORK

There will be a Young Islanders Network event in the Grinneabhat Centre, Bragar, on Wednesday 7th December – 4.30pm to 6.30pm. This event is for anyone aged between 12 and 25 living in the area from Barvas to Shawbost and is supported by Youth Scotland and Comunn na Gàidhlig. We are thankful for the support of Youth Scotland and Comunn na Gàidhlig for this event. The Event is an evening of games, challenges, fun and food, which we hope will be followed by regular meetings and events for young people in the area. The Event is an open event and not restricted to Gaelic-speaking children. All young people in the age group are encouraged to come along.

INDUCTION OF REV. ANGUS LAMONT

Rev. Angus Lamont was inducted to the congregation of Stirling on Saturday 19th November 2022. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr Rodger Crooks, Part-time Resident Supply Minister at Lochgilphead and Tarbert. Rev. Iain R. Morrison, Oban, preached an appropriate sermon on Acts 1:9-11 – the concern of the disciples following the ascension of our Lord. The congregation had become vacant earlier in the year with the departure of Rev Iain MacAskill to the Northern Presbytery. Angus, on returning earlier in the year with his wife, Anita, from service in Peru, had provided resident supply to the Stirling congregation for several months. More details on the Induction are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

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 – Training

Pray for all current ministry candidates and for their families. Pray for Edinburgh Theological Seminary (ETS) and the Board of Ministry as they partner together in the provision of training.

Tuesday – Evangelism

Pray that each one of us becomes more intentional in sharing the Gospel. We pray for boldness, an assurance of our beliefs and opportunities to share the good news with our loved ones, colleagues, neighbours and in our communities.

Wednesday – Vision

Pray for the vision, pray for the denomination, pray for individual churches, pray for the people and financial resources in the years ahead.

Thursday - Central Office

Pray for the Mission Board which is taking place today. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they seek to make decisions, and vision to see God glorified throughout Scotland and the world.

Friday - Badenoch

Give thanks for increased congregations, and an encouraging communion recently with a shared lunch following. There is a real desire to reach out with the gospel through events that contact the community. Pray for the older folk who have faithfully supported the work for many years, but some of whom are now more frail.

Saturday - Osamu and Mairi, Japan

Thank you very much for praying for the Harp concert on 18th Nov. The Lord brought 20 non-Christian local people to the concert!! It was amazing to see so many. Distributing a leaflet is an old method and none would be interested to come, so we thought. One lady wrote she would like to study Bible. Pray that the Lord would continue to speak to the hearts of those who attended.

Sunday - Richard and Barbara, a European City

There are several island families that we are unable to visit regularly. We hope to visit them soon with scripture calendars for 2023. Pray for good conversation in these visits and that God's word would be read and produce fruit.