

## Weekly Church Bulletin

We are a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland. We gather together each Lord's Day to praise and worship the only true and living God.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021



### ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY SERVICES

We are thankful to gather in the Church this Lord's Day for the public worship of God. We meet at 12.00noon and the Service will be conducted in English.

#### Coronavirus Protection Level 0

The Western Isles is now in Level 0 of Scottish Government COVID-19 restrictions. Congregational singing is now permitted. A capacity limit, determined by the size of the building and the observance of the 2-metre physical distancing rules, still applies regarding attendance at Church services. The physical distancing rules are under review and there are indications that they may be reduced to 1 metre on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and that they might be lifted completely on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021, depending on circumstances prior to these dates.

#### Ongoing Registration

The arrangements for registering your intention to attend the services, and to complete the relevant documentation, have been set up on the Congregational Website [here](#). The deadline for submission of the names of those who wish to attend the service will be 12.00noon on Friday.

Mr Donald MacPhail, Deacon, is the Seating Coordinator for the Church services and enquiries regarding attendance should, in the first place, be directed to him on 710328 or [dan.macphail@icloud.com](mailto:dan.macphail@icloud.com). Alternatively, you may contact the Minister on 710216 or [cmacleod@freechurch.org](mailto:cmacleod@freechurch.org). If you are unable to use the online registration process, please contact Mr MacPhail or the Minister to register your intention to attend the service.

### CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE

The [Weekly Bulletin](#) is available under the News item on the Main Menu bar of the Website. The Lord's Day services are available on the [Listen to the Latest Sermon](#) and the [Watch the Latest Sermon](#) buttons on the Home Page.

### LORD'S DAY SERVICES – 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

This Lord's Day we continue with our study of *The Christian's Experience of Grace* as a follow up on our study of *How we become Christians in the Gospel of John* earlier in the year. The study for this Lord's Day is from 1 Peter 1:13-21 and focussing on *The Development of Family Likeness*.

#### English Service

The English service in the Church at 12.00noon will be live streamed and will be available on the Shawbost Free Church of Scotland **YouTube Channel** by clicking [here](#). An audio-only recording of the English service will be available on Sermon Audio at 2.00pm and can be accessed on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

#### Gaelic Service

The pre-recorded video of the Gaelic Service will be available on our YouTube Channel at 10.30am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The audio-only recording of the Gaelic service will be available at 12.00noon on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

The audio-only recording of the Gaelic Service will also be available as usual on the Twilio service, which can be **accessed from landline / home telephone** by dialling the number **0131 510 2471**. (Note – there is a delay of approximately 35 seconds from the time at which the call is answered until the service commences)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School now until after the school holidays.

### WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Church Hall this Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021, for our first in-person meeting since March 2020. We are thankful that COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed

sufficiently to allow us to meet in this way. Registration for attendance at the Meeting will be taken at the door at the time of entrance. Please be encouraged to come along and join us for prayer and Bible study.

We give thanks for all those who have supported the Zoom Prayer and Bible Study meeting since the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020. We give thanks to the Lord for the blessings and encouragements received at the meetings where various topics and books were studied.

### **KIRK SESSION & DEACONS COURT**

The **Deacons Court** will meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. The **Kirk Session** will meet on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in the Church Hall immediately after the Prayer Meeting.

### **PASTORAL VISITATION**

Pastoral visitation in homes is now possible as we continue in Protection Level 0 of the Scottish Government's COVID-19 restrictions. Pastoral visits will be carried out by the Minister and the Elders at their own discretion and subject to family and household arrangements as required. Please keep the Minister, and the Elders, informed of new situations where pastoral support is required.

### **MONTHLY RECORD**

The July 2021 edition of The Record is available for uplift at the Church door this Lord's Day.

### **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

#### **Leith Elder Memorial, Edinburgh**

**Minister: Rev. Colin F. Macleod**

The highest local population density in Edinburgh (and Scotland) is the Leith Walk area, with a peak of nearly 26,000 people residing within an 800-metre radius (12,900 persons per sq.km!). Affluence and poverty exist beside each other. This vast population is as diverse as anywhere in the UK. The needs are many the workers are few.

Prayer Points:

1. For 2 families to join our fellowship and contribute to our work and witness.
2. For grace and courage to be effective ambassadors for Christ in Leith.

#### **Bonar Bridge & Lairg**

**Minister: Rev. Ben Fiddian**

While many of our congregations in the North of the Highlands are on the coast, Bonar Bridge and Lairg serves a large geographic area right in the centre. After a two-and-a-half-year vacancy, a new ministry has just commenced there with the induction of Rev. Ben Fiddian at the end of June.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for Ben, his wife Hannah and their three children as they adjust to life in the Highlands. Pray that the children will settle quickly and make new friends, and that Ben & Hannah will be equipped by the Lord to serve the congregation.
2. Pray that the congregation will be encouraged by this new ministry and that together they will serve the Lord in their community.