

Weekly 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 5th September 2021



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 at 6.00pm. Both the services will be conducted in English and taken by the Minister.

Services this Sunday

At the 12.00noon service we will continue in a short study of *Lessons from the Return from Exile* in the Old Testament. The focus of the service this Lord's Day will be on Ezra 9:1-15 under the title *New Beginnings and Old Habits*. The focus of the service at 6.00pm will be on Jeremiah 31:15-26 under the title *Love and Hope in Hard Times*.

English Services

The English services in the Church at 12.00noon and 6.00pm 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 services will be available on Sermon Audio at 2.00pm for the 12.00noon service and at 8.00pm for the 6.00pm service. The services can be accessed on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

Gaelic Service

The pre-recorded video of the 12.00noon service in Gaelic will be available on our YouTube Channel at 10.30am on Sunday. The audio-only recording of the Gaelic service will be available at 12.00noon on Sunday on the Shawbost Free Church Sermon Audio Page. 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**.

COVID Restrictions

There is now no legal requirement for physical distancing in church services. However, we will continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing in our services in the meantime to help allay people's anxieties in public gatherings in the light of the ongoing presence of the COVID-19. People attending church services are still required to wear face coverings except for children under the age of 12. In accordance with the revised guidance and recommendations issued on Friday 27th August 2021, we will resume the practice of taking a register of all those attending our services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet in person in the Hall again this Lord's Day. According to the normal practice, the young people will be in the Church service from 12.00noon until leaving the service for the Sunday School at approximately 12.15pm. The teachers will ensure that all relevant COVID-19 guidance is observed. We want to reassure parents and young people that we are providing a safe environment for the meeting of the Sunday School.

WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Bragar Meeting House 7.00pm this Wednesday, 8th September 2021. Those who wish to attend are reminded that Bibles and Psalms Books will not be available at the door during the current COVID-19 restrictions. A register of those attending the meeting will be taken at the door.

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.

LOCAL BEREAVEMENTS

We note with sadness the loss of two senior members of our community in the last week. Mary (Meàrag) MacAulay, 2 Fibhig, passed away in Glasgow at the beginning of the week. The funeral service and interment took

place in the Bragar cemetery on Friday 3rd September. Malcolm Macleod (Calum Dhòmhnall Màiri), 36 North Shawbost, passed away in Bethesda Care Home on Thursday 2nd September. The funeral service took place in Shawbost followed by the interment at Dalmore cemetery. We remember both families in our prayers as they mourn over the loss of loved ones who will always be in their hearts.

BIG FREE RALLY 2021 – Online Saturday 25th September

The Big Free Rally (BFR) is one of the highlights of Free Church Youth Camp's (FCYC) calendar with hundreds of young people gathering for games, activities, Bible talks and worship. This year, like last year, events will move online with a particular focus on Hebrews 12:1 – "running with perseverance the race marked out for us." FCYC Camps Coordinator Kirsten Macdonald said, "On Saturday evening we'll be releasing a video for P5-P7 at 6 PM, and another video for S1-S6 at 7 PM. Each video will last around an hour, and will contain a mixture of talks, testimonies, messages from missionaries and a look at next year's camps, along with a few surprises!" More details of the online event and suggested activities are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

SATURDAY PART-TIME COURSES 2021-2022

The new session of the Saturday Part-time Courses at ETS begins on Saturday 18 September 2021. It is hoped that as many as possible will sign up for this new set of lectures, details of which can be found on the ETS Website - www.ets.ac.uk. The **Online Registration Form** is available on the ETS website – www.ets.ac.uk.

The Lectures for 2021-22 are:

- God's King and Kingdom: Studies in 1 & 2 Samuel (Robin Sydserrf)
- When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Colin Dow)
- Equipping Our Children for Today and Tomorrow (Megan Patterson)

NEW MINISTER FOR BACK

We are delighted that the congregation of Back will soon have a new minister. Rev. Colin F. Macleod, Minister at Leith Elder Memorial Church, Edinburgh, accepted the call from Back at the meeting of the Edinburgh Presbytery on Tuesday 31st August 2021. Arrangements for the induction will be made by the Western Isles Presbytery and will be announced in due course. We pray for Mr Macleod, his wife Aileen, and the family as they prepare for this new chapter of ministry.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

29th August 2021

North Harris

Minister: Rev. David Macleod

North Harris is a congregation of between 100 and 150 people of all ages which meets in Tarbert on the Isle of Harris.

Prayer Points:

1. Give thanks for the recent successful holiday club which saw over 50 children of younger and older age groups hear the gospel in an outreach setting. Pray for lasting fruit for the contacts made with unchurched families.
2. Pray for the forthcoming launch of "Rooted" a youth club for secondary kids on Friday evenings, building on the success of JaM and Connect clubs for the younger children on Friday afternoons.

Dunoon & Strachur

Minister: Vacant

Interim Moderator: Rev. Alasdair MacDonald

Dunoon and Strachur is part of the Glasgow and Argyll Presbytery. The Dunoon church building is located on the main shopping street in the town of Dunoon.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that the congregation would continue to be a faithful witness to the surrounding community.
2. Pray for the leadership of the congregation as they serve the people of the church and plan for the future.