

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 6th February 2022



SUNDAY SERVICES

We gather for public worship this Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. Both the services will be conducted in English and taken by the Minister. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#).

Services this Sunday

At the 12.00noon service we will return to our study of the *Son of Man Passages in the Gospel of Matthew*. This Lord's Day we will look at Matthew 13:36-43 and the subject of 'The Mixed Character of God's Kingdom.'

At the 6.00pm service, we will continue with our study of *The Life of Samson*. This Lord's Day we will look at Judges 14:1-9 and the subject of 'Samson – Providence & Patterns of Behaviour.'

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 102:13-22 (LM)	Psalter (368)	Psalm 25:8-14 (SM)	Psalter (231)
2	Psalm 92:12-15	Psalter (353)	Psalm 44:4-9	Sing Psalms (85)
3	Psalm 22:28-31	Psalter (229)		

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

A pre-recorded video service conducted in Gaelic from the same passage as the 12.00noon English service 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 on the Twilio service, accessed by dialling 0131 510 2471.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

We continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing in our services to help allay people's anxieties in public gatherings in the light of the ongoing presence of the COVID-19. We will discontinue the practice of taking a register of all those attending our services with immediate effect. We thank you all for your cooperation in this matter and trust and pray we will be kept safe from the presence of the coronavirus in our communities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day as usual and will follow the normal pattern. We pray for our children and for the teachers as they continue to learn and teach the Word of God.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Bragar Meeting Hall at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 9th February 2022. We will continue with our study of the Epistle of James with a focus on James 4:1-12 and 'The Warning Against Worldliness.' In line with the revised practice for the Lord's Day services, we continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing but will no longer take a register of those attending the meeting.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Kirk Session appointed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be observed and dispensed at the 12.00noon service on Sunday 27th February 2022. There will be a preparatory service on Friday 25th February at 7.00pm and a thanksgiving service on Sunday evening at 6.00pm. All the services will be in the Church, will be conducted in English, and will be taken by the Minister. More details on arrangements for the Sacrament will be made available

nearer the time. We are thankful to the Lord for this opportunity in His providence to restore the Sacrament to the life of the congregation with all its associated benefits and we look to the Lord to make it a blessing.

DEACONS COURT

The Deacons Court will meet this Tuesday, 8th February 2022, at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

CONDOLENCES

We give our condolences to Catriona Morrison (Neenie), 45 South Bragar, and her sister Joan Mackay, on the loss of their sister Annie MacMillan in the past week. We also extend our condolences to Annie's daughters Chrisma, Catriona, Alison, and their respective families, on the loss of their dear mother. We pray God's comfort and blessing for them all at this time.

GAELIC SERVICE – PAIRC

There will be a Gaelic Service at Pairc Free Church (Gravir) on Friday 11th February at 7.30pm. This will be taken by Rev Kenneth Ferguson (Retired), and all are warmly welcome to attend.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

The Free Church delighted to announce that Sarah Robinson has started in her role as the Church's new Communications Manager. Sarah was previously heading up communications for Keswick Ministries. Before working for Keswick, Sarah was a journalist for ten years and brings a range of skills and experience that will help us with telling the story of what God is doing among us in the Free Church.

Please pray for Sarah as she settles in to her post, and please continue to pray for the health of our denomination and for good communication.

LONDON CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The congregation of London City Presbyterian Church (LCPC) is delighted to welcome its new minister, Rev. Andy Longwe, his wife Marina and their children Theo and Ellie. The induction will take place at LCPC, St Botolph-without-Aldersgate, Aldersgate Street, London, EC1A 4EU at 2pm on Saturday 5th of February 2022. The induction will be followed by a time of informal fellowship and light refreshments.

We pray for Andy, with his wife Marina and their children Theo and Ellie, as they begin this new chapter of ministry and service in Christ's Kingdom. We also pray for the LCPC congregation as they continue the ministry and witness of the gospel in the city of London. More details on the induction and on the congregation are available [here](#).

PFOA – PRAYER POINTS

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

Free Church Youth Camps (FCYC)

Monday 31st January was Allocation Day for Camps! Give praise for those already registered and pray that the Lord would prepare the hearts of those who will attend FCYC to speak to them this summer.

Grace Church Montrose

Please pray that God is preparing someone to come to Montrose to lead us forward with our outreach into the Montrose community.

Mission Board - Generation Church Planting

Please pray that God will call many more leaders to plant churches in Scotland under the Mission Board and Generation Church Planting.

Dumisani Theological Institute, South Africa

Give thanks to the Lord for the donors who have provided Globals Study Bibles for Term One at Dumisani Theological Institute to allow for a common text to be used for all courses.

Something for Romania

Please give thanks that God in His mercy, and in answer to prayer, blessed Tunde the Nurse Coordinator at Diakonia and her family with dry warm weather while they were having the roof of their village home replaced. No scaffolding and waterproof sheets to prevent their home contents (and themselves) from being ruined by torrential rain as they can have in Romania. What a merciful God we have wherever He has His people, and who does answer prayer.

THE VISION OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The vision of the Free Church of Scotland is to have “A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland”. The Church’s Communications Group is pleased to announce the release of the Healthy Gospel Church publicity material.

A promotional video on the Healthy Church Vision is available YouTube by clicking [here](#). There is also a Healthy Gospel Church booklet for congregations. Copies of this booklet are available at the Church door today. You can also read the booklet online at the Free Church Website by clicking [here](#).