



CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 8th January 2023

INTRODUCTION

We are a congregation of the <u>Free Church of Scotland</u>. We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. We use the <u>ESV version of the Bible</u> in the public worship of God. We use both the <u>Scottish Psalter</u> and <u>Sing Psalms</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The services today will be taken by the Minister. The messages for today as we regroup and journey into the New Year come from the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter was written to Christian believers who were struggling to continue in their faith. They were confronted with opposition, persecution, and false teaching. The focus of the message of the letter is the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ and the importance of faith and faithfulness in a hostile environment.

At the **12.00noon service**, the message will be from Hebrews 10:22-25. The sermon title is 'Personal Priorities & Mutual Responsibilities'.

At the **6.00pm service**, the message will be from Hebrews 13:1-9. The sermon title is 'The Contentment of Historical Faith.'

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	
I	Psalm 96:1-7	Psalter (358)	Psalm 118:1-10	Sing Psalms (115)
2	Psalm 42:1-5	Sing Psalms (53)	Psalm 109:21-31	Sing Psalms (148)
3	Psalm 101:1-6	Sing Psalms (132)	Psalm 56:8-13	Psalter (287)
4	Psalm 48:10-14	Psalter (273)		

English Services

The English services in the Church at 12.00noon and 6.00pm will be live streamed on our **YouTube Channel** <u>here</u>. 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 <u>here</u>.

Twilio Telephone Services

The availability of a sermon on the Twilio dial-up line each Lord's Day has now been discontinued. We are thankful to God for those who have been blessed through this service. We trust and pray that those who have used it up until now will get access to our services through our Sermon Audio page.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We welcome the children today as the Sunday School meets for the first time in 2023. We pray that God would bless to them the teaching of old and new things from the Bible and that He will give them new hearts to be the children of God.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.00pm in the Bragar Meeting Hall.

DEACONS COURT

The Deacons Court will meet in the Bragar Meeting Hall immediately after the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 11th January 2023.

KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

MINISTER'S DIARY

The Minister's Diary for the January 2023 includes the following meetings:

Date		Event	Location
Tue	10 th Jan	Board of Trustees - PMG	Zoom
Thu	12 th Jan	Board of Trustees - PMG	Zoom
Tue	24 th Jan	Presbytery Meeting	In person
Wed	25 th Jan	Shawbost School Assembly	In person
Thu	26 th Jan	Board of Trustees	Zoom
Sun	29 th Jan	Holiday	

MARSALI CAMPBELL – NEWSLETTER

The January 2023 edition of Marsali Campbell's Newsletter is available on the website here.

ANNUAL LDOS PRAYER MEETING

The Annual LDOS/Day One Prayer Meeting will take place at the Stornoway APC, Keith Street, Stornoway, this Lord's Day, Sunday 8th January 2023, at 8.30pm. All are warmly invited to attend.

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 - Buccleuch

Year of Prayer: As we anticipate moving back to our church building for worship and ministry, we are conscious of our need to be dependent on God in all we do. We are seeking to prioritise prayer together in a range of ways as we seek God to be at work among our congregation and community. We would be grateful for prayer for the spirit of prayer, and for many answers to prayer in 2023.

Tuesday - Lochbroom and Coigach

Pray that God will lead the congregation in 2023 in gospel work throughout Lochbroom and Coigach. Pray that God will bless and further this for His Glory

Wednesday - IMJP GLASGOW

Grace Lan's Jewish contact Rita attended church recently and was moved by a baptism service and the fellowship there. As Grace continues to share the Good News, please pray that Rita will soon begin to follow Jesus.

Thursday - Central Office

Please pray that God would provide the right person for the role of Legal and Compliance Officer.

Friday - Buccleuch

Building Renovations: It is hoped that by early Spring we will be back in Buccleuch, and we are excited for the new and renewed opportunities for worship, mission, and discipleship our building affords in our part of Edinburgh. We give thanks for the work that has taken place and we ask for prayer that Buccleuch will continue to be a city on a hill in the Southside of Edinburgh.

Saturday - IMJP LONDON

Leah is a Jewish woman whom Sarah Chan met through her door-to-door ministry. They are currently studying the Gospel of John together. Please pray that, through these studies, Leah will come to know Jesus as her Messiah.

Sunday - Lochbroom and Coigach

Pray that as the congregation gathers to worship, they will be renewed by the word of God. Pray that they will live by the instruction and guidance of the word, and that they will be encouraged by it.