



CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 9th October 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 services today will be taken by the Minister. We will continue our study of 1 Peter at the **12.00noon service**. The theme is '*The Christian's Faithfulness to Christ in a Hostile World.*' This week's sermon is based on 1 Peter 1:6-9 under the title '*Christian Joy in the Crucible of Faith.*'

At the **6.00pm service** we will continue our study on the life and purpose of the Church. The vision of the Free Church is to have '*A Healthy Gospel Church in every Community in Scotland.*' We want to look at what the Word of God has to say about the Healthy Gospel Church and what it looks like in practice. This week we will look at Ephesians 4:15-16 under the title '*The Church – The Healthy Body of Christ.*'

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	Psalms 105:1-7	Psalter (374)	Psalms 8:1-9	Psalter (207)
2	Psalms 12:3-8	Psalter (213)	Psalms 68:17-20	Psalter (303)
3	Psalms 66:8-13	Sing Psalms (83)	Psalms 133:1-3	Psalter (424)
4	Psalms 34:15-22	Sing Psalms (41)	-----	-----

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.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

Comfort International

Comfort International is a missionary organisation which works with their partners in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, South Sudan, and Uganda to bring lasting transformation to lives and communities. Their ministry covers a wide range of activities from providing healthcare to providing church leadership training. More information about the organisation and their work can be found on their website [here](#).

Mr Peter McLean, Church Relationship Manager, Comfort International, is visiting the Island this month and will be with us for our Prayer Meeting and Bible Study on Wednesday 12th October 2022. Peter will bring a message from God's Word and then give a presentation on the work of Comfort International.

MINISTER'S DIARY

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

Date	Event	Location
Tue 25 th Oct	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Lochcarron
Thu 27 th Oct	Board of Trustees	Zoom

Thu	3 rd Nov	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Rosskeen
Tue	15 th Nov	1 Week's Holiday	

RSHP PROJECT LEADER FUNDING – DOOR COLLECTION

This Lord's Day there will a **Door Collection** at both services to give people a final opportunity to contribute to funds in support of the Project Leader appointed to produce additional resources to support the deliverance of the Relationship, Sexual Health, and Parenthood (RSHP) in the Health and Wellbeing section of Curriculum for Excellence used in our Schools. The Project Appeal Letter and an Appeal Response Form are available on the Congregational Website [here](#).

We continue to pray for the work of the Project Leader, Kirsty Moffat. We also pray for parents, children and teachers who are involved in the everyday education of our young people and affected by some of the resources supporting the deliverance of the Relationship, Sexual Health, and Parenthood area of Curriculum for Excellence in our schools.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH CAMP

A Presbytery Youth Camp for S3-S6 pupils will take place at the Scaladale Outdoor Centre from Friday 21st to Sunday 24th October 2022. The cost of attending the Camp will be £30. Details of the camp and how to access the application and consent form can be obtained from Congregational Youth Leaders. An application and consent form for the camp can be found at the link below - <https://forms.office.com/r/LSFWeyqRCs>

PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE

The Presbytery has arranged a Weekend Conference to be held from Friday 28th October to Sunday 30th October with meetings for all ages. The subject of the Conference is 'The Pursuit of God in an Age of Pornography.' The guest speaker is Rev. Joe Barnard. We live in an age where pornography is everywhere. More than that, the world is constantly teaching us to see the world, and each other, through a sexualised lens. Yet God calls us to a life of holiness. This is a great opportunity to learn something of how we can seek and live for God in such a world. There is no cost to attend any meeting but there will be an opportunity to make a donation if you wish to.

The Meetings

Fri 28 th	Men's Meeting	County Hotel, Stornoway	7.30-9.00pm
Sat 29 th	Parents, Carers & Youth Workers	North Harris Free Church, Tarbert Soup & Sandwich Lunch provided	10.30am-12.30pm
Sat 29 th	18-30-year-olds	North Harris Free Church, Tarbert	7.00pm
Sat 29 th	Women's Meeting	To be arranged	
Sun 30 th	Big Youth Fellowship	Stornoway Free Church	8.00pm

PRESBYTERY YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Presbytery Youth Committee would like to thank all who prayerfully and financially support the Youth Work in our Presbytery. We have been greatly encouraged by the work of our Youth and Discipleship Support Worker, Gordon Macleod, during his time in post. We trust that everyone has received Gordon's recent prayer letter, which was sent to all congregations, outlining some of the ongoing work.

To ensure continuity of the role, and to fund other aspects of our youth work (such as Big YF's and October camps), the Presbytery Youth Committee is looking to increase our monthly donation income stream. Those who are willing and able to give to this work can do so by setting up a standing order payment to the following bank account.

Bank – Bank of Scotland

Account name – Western Isles Free Church Presbytery

Sort code – 80-09-73

Account number – 06006485

Reference – 'Youth Work'

For us to claim gift aid on any donations it would be helpful if you can contact our Presbytery Treasurer, Andy Cumming, for more details. Andy can be contacted as follows:

andrew_n_cumming@hotmail.com - 0776 493 9767 - 16 Upper Garrabost, Point, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0PN.

Also, if there are individuals or groups willing to be major sponsors of this work then please contact Andy. Your donations will be a great help in allowing us to continue our ministry to the youth in our Presbytery.

Proverbs 22:6 - *Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.*

TRINITY DIGITAL – PRODUCTION OF NEW FILM

Trinity Digital is producing a new film entitled 'Morningstar' – The Life and Legacy of John Wycliffe. The Film will be launched in An Lanntair at 6.00pm on Tuesday 1st November 2022. There will be a second showing at 8.00pm if over 120 tickets are sold. The Film will be launched with a premier screening tour in different towns and cities across the UK from the end of October to mid-December. Tickets for the launch at An Lanntair on 1st November 2022 can be purchased on the following link - <https://lanntair.com/events/event/morningstar/>

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 - Presbyterian Free Church, India

Pray for staff of the school in Chhapara. They are working hard to increase the numbers of students.

Wednesday - Lochgilphead

There has not been a Sunday School in Lochgilphead for many years. Pray that our plans to restart a Sunday School might become a reality. Pray that our revitalised Sunday School might be an encouragement to new families to join us in worship.

Friday - Dumisani Theological Institute

Pray for Principal Wilbert Chipenyu as he applies to renew his resident permit for South Africa by May 2023. May the Lord give him discernment as he goes through this process of renewal.

Saturday - Central Office

Please pray that God would provide the right person for the role of Finance Manager.

Sunday - Richard and Barbara, a European City

Please pray for Nadine, her daughter and four boys, that we would be able to re-establish regular fruitful contact with them. They moved away a few years ago but have now come back. Helen, the daughter, used to listen very well to the bible stories.