

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**



### SUNDAY SERVICES

We gather for public worship this Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#).

#### Services this Sunday

The services today will be taken by the Minister.

At the 12.00noon service we will conclude our study of 'The Son of Man Passages in the Gospel of Matthew.' The sermon will be based on Matthew 26:59-68 where we find the last of the Son of Man sayings. The subject of the sermon will be 'The Trial and Testimony of Jesus.'

At the 6.00pm service, we will continue our study on *The Life of Samson*. The Sermon will be based on Judges 16:15-22. The subject of the sermon will be 'Samson – Falling to the Lion of Temptation.'

#### 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 2:1-8	Psalter (200)	Psalm 25:10-20	Sing Psalms (30)
2	Psalm 69:mid6-11	Psalter (306)	Psalm 51:8-13	Psalter (281)
3	Psalm 110:1-2; 5-6	Sing Psalms (149)	Psalm 119:35-40	Psalter (402)

#### Audio-visual Equipment

We are still running with our interim arrangements for live streaming as we await the repair of our ATEM live stream switch. The switch is now with the manufacturer and we await an update on the repair.

#### 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

A pre-recorded 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. The video recording of the Gaelic service will not be available until our equipment is repaired and back in place.

### COVID RESTRICTIONS

The First Minister announced that, as from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, the legal requirement to wear a face covering in places of worship will be removed. This includes marriage ceremonies, funeral services, and commemorative events, such as a memorial service. It also includes those ceremonies that take place in venues other than places of worship.

We continue to be affected by COVID-19 in our communities and the First Minister stressed that face coverings remain an important part of stopping the spread of coronavirus. Although regulatory requirements to wear face coverings in places of worship will be removed from 4<sup>th</sup> April, the Scottish Government's guidance still strongly encourages the use of protective measures to reduce risk, including wearing of face coverings where appropriate to help keep each other safe.

We encourage our people to take all necessary precautions at this time. We continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing in our services. We can take further precautions by wearing a face covering while entering the Church building and take advantage of the change in the legal requirement by removing your face covering once you are seated if you wish.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School this Lord's Day due to the School holidays. We pray that parents and children will be kept safe and blessed during this holiday season.

### **PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will be in Church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.00pm. We will return to our study of the Letter of James by looking at James 4:13-17 and '*Planning & The Providence of God.*'

### **CHURCH ENVELOPES**

The congregational envelopes for this year have been distributed by the Office-bearers to contributors. These include the Blue Envelopes for Weekly Donations, Yellow Envelopes for Weekly Donations (Gift Aid), and Green Envelopes for Property Repair and Development Fund. Contributors are encouraged to complete a Gift Aid Form if they pay income tax on regular income.

Anyone belonging to the community, wishing to support the work of the congregation and that of the gospel, and who aren't currently registered as regular contributors/donors, should contact the Treasurer, Mr Neil Macleod, who will offer guidance. Information on donations, etc., is available on the Congregational Website [here](#).

### **STORNOWAY STREET PASTORS**

Stornoway Street Pastors will be taking on new Street Pastors this year. If you are interested in becoming a Street Pastor or would like more information then please email the Coordinator, Janis Brand, in order to obtain an application form: [stornoway@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:stornoway@streetpastors.org.uk). All application forms must be submitted by 1 May 2022. Training will begin later in the year.

### **CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE – WEEK OF PRAYER**

The Christian Institute is asking folk to join their Week of Prayer – Spring 2022 from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April. The Week of Prayer Booklet can be downloaded from the Christian Institute website [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.

#### **Charleston**

Pray for a replacement for Craig Anderson. Craig has been training with us here in Charleston for four years and helping with the work we have been doing and now he and his family are moving to plant a church in Galashiels. We're delighted that is where they are going but it does leave a big gap here in Charleston. Pray we can find someone who can come and train here as a replacement for Craig.

Pray for new converts. We have a couple new Christians that we're discipling. Pray for one lady who's come to know Jesus but battling through addiction issues. Pray for others who have complex mental health issues. Pray we would have wisdom in how best to help people.

#### **Dumisani Theological Institute, South Africa**

Pray for Mrs Sharon Vera the Registrar at Dumisani Institute who is also teaching the Computer Course for Term Two. May she find doing the registrar's work and teaching computer a good way of engaging with students to strengthen relationships.

#### **Osamu and Mairi, Japan**

On 17th April, we are holding an Easter event. Please pray that those who were invited to come to the true knowledge of living Christ. Pray for the special Easter events that take place in many churches in Japan.

#### **Brora**

Thank God for the new families that have come in since the last children's mission. Pray for the preparation of a 1-day Children's Easter Mission.

#### **T, Middle East**

After a break caused by the Pandemic, the Timothy Bible Study ministry is ready to move ahead with its plans to support T believers in writing Christian books to meet the needs of the Church in the country. Pray for wisdom during this process, and that God would supply all their needs.