

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021



### 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.

#### Services this Sunday

At the 12.00noon service we will conclude our short study of *Lessons from the Return from Exile* in the Old Testament. The focus of the service will be on Nehemiah 8:1-12 and the title of the sermon is *A Desire for Spiritual Renewal*. At the 6.00pm service we will consider 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and the title of the sermon is *The Final Testimony of Faith*.

#### 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 32:1-5	Psalter (243)	Psalm 107:23-30	Psalter (384)
2	Psalm 27:4	Sing Psalms (32)	Psalm 73:23-26	Psalter (316)
3	Psalm 30:9-12	Sing Psalms (35)		

#### 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 as usual on the **Twilio service**, accessed by dialling **0131 510 2471**.

Please note that there will be no Gaelic service available when the Minister is on holiday.

#### COVID Restrictions

We 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. We will also continue the practice of taking a register of all those attending our services.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School during the School holidays. The Sunday School will resume on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October with the usual arrangements.

### WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Church Meeting House at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We will observe the same one-metre physical distancing and take a register of those attending the meeting in line with our practice for Sunday services.

### MINISTER'S DIARY

The Minister will be absent from the Lord's Day services for the next two Sundays. He will be on holiday for ten days from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. He will take both the services in the vacant congregation of Back on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

The services in the Church here on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October will be taken by Rev. George MacAskill. The 12.00noon service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October will be taken by Rev. Roddy J. Campbell and the 6.00pm service will be taken by Rev. Kenny I. Macleod.

The Elders will take the Weekly Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## 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.

### Donations & Givings

A facility has been set up on our Congregational Website for One-off Donations, arrangements for regular givings using the Standing Order system, and for the completion of a Gift Aid Form if you are a taxpayer. These facilities are all available under the [Donations](#) menu option on the website.

## FREE CHURCH VACANCIES

### Camps' Coordinator

The Church runs an extensive and popular programme of short-term residential camps for children and young people every summer (Free Church Youth Camps). The Church is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic person to join our team of committed staff in the Church Offices to help in the efficient planning and administration of the camps' programme. More details on the post and on the application process are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

### Finance Assistant

The Free Church of Scotland is looking to appoint a capable Finance Assistant to join our team of committed staff in the Church Offices to help with the efficient finance administration for the denomination. Our current Finance Assistant is moving to take up a finance and admin role in a local church at the beginning of November. The successful applicant will be part of a small Finance Team, and will have regular contact with other staff, Ministers, Treasurers and suppliers. The post holder will be highly organised and self-motivated and have a desire to manage Church finances well. More details on the post and on the application process are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

### 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### Lochcarron & Applecross

##### Minister: Rev. Marcos Florit

Lochcarron and Applecross is a joint congregation located in beautiful Wester Ross.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that the congregation would engage with the local community and that the Lord would bring new families into the congregation.
2. Pray for wisdom for the leadership of the congregation and for office bearers in the congregation.

#### Dumfries

##### Minister: Vacant

##### Interim Moderator: Rev. Kenny Macleod

Dumfries is a small congregation, meeting in the town centre; there is a population of around 33,000, and it is by far the largest town in Dumfries and Galloway which has a total population of just fewer than 150,000. We have been vacant since June 2020.

Prayer Points:

1. Give thanks for the ordination of three elders in May and the anticipated baptism of two young children in late September. Pray for the future ministry, as the Strategy Committee of the Presbytery considers the Development Plan and options for ministry suggested by the congregation.
2. Following closure in the lockdown, pray for the planning for the re-opening in October of First Steps (parents and toddlers) and the Drop-in which is run with the help of a supervisor from Bethany Christian Trust. Having held a Carol Service in 2018 and 2019, we are considering a repeat on 18th December this year.