

Weekly Church Bulletin

We are a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland. We gather together each Lord's Day to praise and worship the only true and living God.

Sunday 11th July 2021



ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY SERVICES

We are thankful to gather in the Church this Lord's Day for the public worship of God. We meet at 12.00noon and the Service will be conducted in English.

Capacity Limit

The Western Isles is already in Level 0 of Scottish Government COVID-19 restrictions. Congregational singing is now permitted. A capacity limit, determined by the size of the building and the observance of the 2-metre physical distancing rules, still applies regarding attendance at Church services. The physical distancing rules are under review and there are indications that they may be reduced to 1 metre on 19th July 2021, and that they might be lifted completely on 9th August 2021, depending on circumstances prior to these dates.

Registration for Services

The Deacons Court agreed to discontinue the requirement to pre-register your intention to attend the Sunday services until such time as we come close to the capacity of the Church Building. The register will be taken on entrance to the service by the Office-bearers on door duty on the day. The Data Consent Form must be completed and submitted on the first day of attendance only. The Form, along with the Guidance Document giving general information on the arrangements for the services, is available on the on the Congregational Website [here](#).

Any questions regarding attendance at the services can be directed to Mr Dan MacPhail, Deacon, on 710328 or dan.macphail@icloud.com. Alternatively, you may contact the Minister on 710216 or cmacleod@freechurch.org.

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.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES – 11th JULY 2021

This Lord's Day we continue with our study of *The Christian's Experience of Grace* as a follow up on our study of *How we become Christians in the Gospel of John* earlier in the year. The study for this Lord's Day is from Philippians 3:12-14 and focussing on *The Journey to the Family Home*.

English Service

The English service in the Church at 12.00noon 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 service will be available on Sermon Audio at 2.00pm and can be accessed on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

Gaelic Service

The pre-recorded video of the Gaelic 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** by clicking [here](#).

The audio-only recording of the Gaelic Service will also be available as usual on the Twilio service, which can be **accessed from landline / home telephone** by dialling the number **0131 510 2471**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School now until after the school holidays.

WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Bragar Meeting Hall this Wednesday, 14th July 2021. Those who wish to attend are reminded that Bibles and Psalms Books will not be available at the door during the current COVID-19 restrictions and that attendees should bring their own Bibles and Books.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered at the 12.00noon service on Sunday 25th July 2021. The Sacrament has been granted to Mr Dan MacPhail for their daughter Caitlin Erin, and to Mr Malcolm Macleod for their son Neil. We remember Dan and Erica, with Caitlin Erin, Jessica and Ewen, and Malcolm and Rebecca, with Neil and John Angus, in our prayers as they prepare for the Baptism.

PASTORAL VISITATION

Pastoral visitation in homes is now possible as we continue in Protection Level 0 of the Scottish Government's COVID-19 restrictions. Pastoral visits will be carried out by the Minister and the Elders at their own discretion and subject to family and household arrangements as required. Please keep the Minister, and the Elders, informed of new situations where pastoral support is required.

CONTRIBUTORS & FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

We continue to give thanks to the Lord for the faithfulness and commitment of our people in their financial support of the Church. Following the practice during COVID-19 restrictions, the Church Hall will be open on Saturday 17th July from 10.00am to 11.00am to give contributors and donors an opportunity to hand in their weekly offerings' envelopes. This arrangement will be reviewed now that the Church is open for Sunday services.

MONTHLY RECORD

The July 2021 edition of The Record is available for uplift at the Church door this Lord's Day.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

11th July 2021

Govanhill

Minister: Rev. Kenny Boyd

Govanhill is situated on the southside of Glasgow. It is a densely populated area with c.15,000 people within its square mile. Around 50 + languages are believed to be in daily use. The Free Church congregation has been located here for nearly 120 years and has witnessed many changes in that time. However, the pace of change has accelerated markedly in the last 20 years. The congregation has seen periods of remarkable growth followed by periods of decline. At present we are in a period of decline, and yet there is always much to be thankful for.

Prayer Points:

1. As the expected recovery from the pandemic begins, please pray for wisdom in the use of our building. In the past our congregation has run a variety of activities, often in partnership with local organisations and churches. Recently however we have tried to be more flexible since all kinds of groups face huge challenges in finding premises as they start their recovery. However, we want to maintain a distinctive Christian witness wherever possible, including in the use of our building. This is no less true for our worship services which in the past have been conducted in 3 or more languages. There are huge challenges in trying to return to, or better still, improve on these days.
2. Govanhill is an area that has seen at least 5 quite distinct phases in its history. At present it is entering another new one. It is becoming a beacon for alternative lifestyles and ways of 'doing justice'. The Lord has helped us respond to varying challenges in the past. Please pray he will help us rise to this one too.

Fortrose

Minister: Rev. Rory Stott

Fortrose Free Church is on the Black Isle, just outside Inverness and the congregation come from various parts of the Black Isle including Fortrose, Rosemarkie and Avoch.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for wisdom to teach the young people in the congregation a Biblical worldview and to develop opportunities for our young people to learn more about Jesus and meet in a safe and fun environment.
2. The hire of our new church building will increasingly be a matter that needs time and recourse. Please pray for our administrator who handles the bookings and wisdom for the leadership in this regard.