

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 13th February 2022



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. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#).

Services this Sunday

At the 12.00noon service we will return to our study of the *Son of Man Passages in the Gospel of Matthew*. This Lord's Day we will look at Matthew 16:13-20 and the subject of 'Kingdom Faith & Kingdom Formation.'

At the 6.00pm service, we will continue with our study of *The Life of Samson*. This Lord's Day we will look at Judges 14:10-20 and the subject of 'Samson – The Fatal Flaw Exposed.'

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 51:14-19	Psalter (281)	Psalm 66:5-12	Psalter (299)
2	Psalm 127:1-5	Sing Psalms (171)	Psalm 139:19-24	Psalter (434)
3	Psalm 118:19-25	Psalter (399)		

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 on the Twilio service, accessed by dialling 0131 510 2471.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

We continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing in our services to help allay people's anxieties in public gatherings in the light of the ongoing presence of the COVID-19. We will discontinue the practice of taking a register of all those attending our services with immediate effect. We thank you all for your cooperation in this matter and trust and pray we will be kept safe from the presence of the coronavirus in our communities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day as usual and will follow the normal pattern. We pray for our children and for the teachers as they continue to learn and teach the Word of God.

MINISTER ON HOLIDAY - SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The Minister will be on holiday for one week commencing Tuesday 15th February 2022 to attend and conduct a family wedding in Inverness. The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev. Roddy J. Campbell, retired. We are thankful to Mr Campbell for agreeing to take the services and pray that the Lord will bless him in his ongoing ministry in his retirement.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Church at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 16th February 2022. The Meeting will be led by the Elders in the Minister's absence. In line with the revised practice for the Lord's Day services, we continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing but will no longer take a register of those attending the meeting.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Kirk Session appointed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be observed and dispensed at the 12.00noon service on Sunday 27th February 2022. There will be a preparatory service on Friday 25th February at 7.00pm and a thanksgiving service on Sunday evening at 6.00pm. All the services will be in the Church, will be conducted in English, and will be taken by the Minister. More details on arrangements for the Sacrament will be made available nearer the time. We are thankful to the Lord for this opportunity in His providence to restore the Sacrament to the life of the congregation with all its associated benefits and we look to the Lord to make it a blessing.

CHURCH MAGAZINES

The Deacons Court met on Tuesday, 8th February 2022, and considered the surplus of Church Magazines at the Church door – *The Record* & *The Bulwark* – in its review of monthly and annual expenditure. The following course of action was agreed.

The Record

It was agreed to update the list of those who wish to subscribe to *The Record* on a monthly basis. The List will be available at the Church door today and in the coming weeks. If you wish to receive *The Record* every month, please add your name to the List. If you know of friends who wish to continue receiving *The Record*, but who aren't able to attend Church, please add their names to the List also. The current cost of *The Record* is £2.00 per issue.

The Bulwark

The Bulwark is the quarterly magazine of the Scottish Reformation Society. The annual subscription for The Bulwark is due by Friday 11th March 2022. The subscription is £15 for the year. Should you wish to subscribe to this worthwhile and informative magazine, you may do so by contacting the Scottish Reformation Society as follows. For contact using the telephone – contact the Editor, Rev. Douglas Somerset, on 01224 645250. For subscription via email, contact the Treasurer, Mr Hugh Morrison, on treasurer@scottishreformationsociety.com Further details on the Scottish Reformation Society are available on their website [here](#).

SUDANESE REFORMED CHURCH

The 2021 Annual Report of the Sudanese Reformed Church is now available. You can read it online on our congregational website [here](#). We continue to pray for Rev. Patrick Jok and the church in Sudan. Like everywhere else in the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the country socially, economically, as well as public health. We pray Rev. Patrick Jok, his family, and his church, that they will be kept safe and blessed by the Lord.

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.

Maryburgh & Killearnan

Pray for the residents of 16 new homes in the village of Maryburgh who will receive a welcome card from the church. The card contains a welcome, information about services and a short testimony from the minister. Pray the Lord will bless this and open doors as we meet the new people with these cards. Pray for the Lord to provide more people who can help with leading the praise (precentors and musicians) and for operating technology (Livestream/Screens/Sound system etc.)

Hope Church – Blackwood & Kirkmuirhill (Glasgow Presbytery)

On 6th March we celebrate our 8th year as a congregation with the completion of the renovations to our building. Over lockdown we have added two halls, a café area and finally a well-equipped kitchen. Our intention is that our building will be a welcoming place for the local community where they will meet not just with Christians but with the Lord Jesus. 50 of us have begun going through the "A Passion for Life" material, to help us share our faith more intentionally. Pray that we will put into practice what we are learning.

Something for Romania

Please give thanks that Dr Arthur has survived Covid-19 and is back in his surgery. However, the palliative care team are looking for a new leader to head up the work with a view to ensuring that the service will grow and continue into the future. This is the only team which provides free palliation in Cluj and the surrounding area and are highly regarded for all they do for the Lord. Praise His Holy Name.