

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 March 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.' The sermon will be based on Matthew 24:29-31. The subject of the sermon will be 'The Son of Man & The Encouragement of Hope.'

The sermon for the 6.00pm service will be based on Romans 8:18-21. The subject of the sermon will be 'The Encouragement of Final Freedom.'

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 107:1-9	Psalter (382)	Psalm 65:1-8	Sing Psalms (82)
2	Psalm 17:5-7	Psalter (217)	Psalm 6:1-6 (CM)	Psalter (205)
3	Psalm 50:3-5 (SM)	Psalter (278)	Psalm 17:13-15	Psalter (218)

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 has a 3-year repair warranty, and it has been returned to the supplier. 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

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 note the revision of the Scottish Government guidelines due to come into effect on Monday 21st March 2022. Information and any necessary revised guidance will be issued subsequent to that date as required.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day as usual. We continue to pray for our children and our families under the teaching of the Word of God and at home and in school life.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will in the Church on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.00pm. We will resume the study of the letter of James by focussing on James 4:13-17 and 'The Test of Wealth.'

BLYTHSWOOD CARE – UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Congregations and individuals in the Free Church of Scotland are being encouraged to give towards the Ukraine Emergency Appeal through Blythswood Care.

Free Church Moderator, Neil MacMillan, said: “We want to do all we can to help the people in Ukraine and those who are refugees; hundreds of thousands of them across Europe. We are partnering with Blythswood Care, so if you want to give financially to help in Ukraine, please send money individually or as a congregation to Blythswood who want to raise £100,000 to help with the refugee crisis.” He added: “Blythswood have a long track record of working in Eastern and Central Europe and have many trusted partners there who are already working with many refugees in Romania, Moldova, and Hungary. So please, give as much as you can, give generously, give now and let’s do all we can to help the people of Ukraine.”

Donations to Blythswood’s Ukraine Crisis Appeal can be made by calling 01349 830777 or at any time online at www.blythswood.org/donate-to-ukraine-appeal

Further news, updates on the ongoing situation in Ukraine, and options for making donations are available on the following links - <https://blythswood.org/donate-to-ukraine-appeal/>; <https://www.sga.org.uk/ukraine-crisis/>; www.moldovagroup.org; <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/ukraine-crisis>

SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY – BIBLES FOR UKRAINE

The Scottish Bible Society (SBS) have received an urgent request for Bibles from their partners in Ukraine. General Secretary of the Bible Society of Ukraine, Oleksandr Babychuk said: “I am writing to you today with a special request for solidarity to help our Bible Society meet the spiritual need in our nation by providing access to the Bible at this time of fear and uncertainty.

Rostyslav Stasyuk describes the efforts of the Bible Society in Southern Ukraine. "Colleagues of the Southern branch in Kherson, which is currently surrounded by the enemy forces and experiences food and fuel shortages, visited local bomb shelters with Scriptures and humanitarian aid to bring encouragement to people staying there."

“Please continue praying for peace in our country, for the governments on both sides that their hearts are influenced by the Holy Spirit, pray for our soldiers who are sacrificing their lives to protect their homeland.”

The SBS is working with their brothers and sisters in the Bible Society of Ukraine as they look to provide Bibles to a nation overwhelmed by fear. You can read more on this appeal and information on how you can help by clicking [here](#).

GAELIC LESSONS IN GOVAN

Julie McAddock, a member of Govan Free Church, has taken up Gaelic lessons from fellow church member Catriona MacDonald to learn the language and to provide a practical help for mums whose children attend the nearby Govan Gaelic school.

“Some of these mums are showing a genuine interest in Christianity as well as wanting to learn the Gaelic language,” Julie said. “It is often more difficult for the mums to get to language classes as they are on in the evenings on Zoom, usually when they are trying to get the kids to bed. “Combining my relationship building, with Catriona’s excellent teaching skills and knowledge of the Gaelic language, the hope is to set up a class which is accessible to these mums,” she added.

This venture is a great outreach as well as fulfilling a need in the community. It’s a practical outworking of a vision recently launched by the Free Church of Scotland to see “A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland”. The aim is to see healthy, growing, gospel churches across the whole of Scotland and across denominations; and ultimately to see people come to faith and be transformed by God’s saving grace.

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.

Falkirk

These have been encouraging times in Falkirk. Post-lockdown times have seen a significant increase in the congregation, with 5 new members by profession of faith in December, and another 4 transferring their membership to us in January. Current attendances at Sunday services have been good, with an increasing number of young people attending.

We also saw the ordination and admission of a new elder and a new deacon in February - pray that these men would be warmly welcomed into the courts of the church and be well supported within the congregation.

Dumisani Theological Institute, South Africa

Thanks be to the Lord for the provisions of books from donors to be provided to each graduate at Dumisani Institute, SA during the month of March. Pray that these commentaries, children's Sunday School books, and ministry books will be of real value to further Biblical pastoral work.

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Pray for all the community-facing events that have resumed, and will resume, as restrictions are lifted.