



**SHAWBOST
FREE CHURCH**



THE VISION OF THE
FREE CHURCH OF
SCOTLAND IS



**A Healthy
Gospel Church
for Every Community
in Scotland**



CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 13th November 2022

INTRODUCTION

We are a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland. We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. We use the ESV version of the Bible in the public worship of God. We use both the Scottish Psalter and Sing Psalms versions of the Psalms for the praise items in our public worship. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#).

SUNDAY SERVICES

The 12.00noon service will be taken by the Minister. We will continue our study of I Peter at the **12.00noon service**. The theme is 'The Christian's Faithfulness to Christ in a Hostile World.' This week's sermon is based on I Peter 2:4-8 under the title 'The Christian & The Nature of the Church.'

At the **6.00pm service** we will continue our study on the life and purpose of the Church. The vision of the Free Church is to have 'A Healthy Gospel Church in every Community in Scotland.' We want to look at what the Word of God has to say about the Healthy Gospel Church and what it looks like in practice. This week we will look at I Peter 2:9-10 under the title 'The Church – Its Ministry & Witness.'

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	Psalms 21:1-6	Psalter (225)	Psalms 22:22-27	Psalter (228)
2	Psalms 118:19-25	Psalter (399)	Psalms 66:8-17	Sing Psalms (83)
3	Psalms 102(1):13-16	Psalter (365)	Psalms 48:10-14	Psalter (273)
4	Psalms 25:1-6 (LM)	Sing Psalms (29)	-----	-----

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

The ongoing arrangements for the availability of Gaelic sermons on the Sermon Audio Page and on YouTube is under review and any changes going forward will be announced in due course.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet as usual this Lord's Day. We pray the Lord's blessing on our parents and children under the ministry and teaching of God's Word.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7.00pm in the Bragar Meeting Hall. The Meeting will be taken by the Elders in the Minister's absence.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Presbytery has appointed Harvest Thanksgiving to be observed on Thursday 24th November 2022 or on a date during that week that suits local arrangements. Following the practice in recent years, the Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place on the evening of the weekly prayer meeting, Wednesday 23rd November 2022, in the Church Hall. This date falls during the Minister's holiday and Mr Donald Morrison has kindly agreed to take the Thanksgiving Service in the Minister's absence.

MINISTER'S DIARY

The Minister will be on holiday for ten days from Monday 14th November and then helping with preaching supply in North Uist on Sunday 27th November. The services will be taken as follows in his Absence:

	12.00noon Service	6.00pm Service
Sun 20 th November	Mr Thomson Mackenzie, Minister in Training	Mr Donald Macleod, Paicr
Sun 27 th November	Mr Gordon Macleod, North Harris	Rev. George MacAskill

The Minister's Diary for the coming weeks includes the following meetings:

Date		Event	Location
Tue	29 th Nov	Presbytery Meeting	Stornoway
Tue	29 th Nov	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Glasgow
Thu	1 st Dec	Mission Board Meeting	Zoom

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Remembrance Sunday falls on Sunday 13th November in 2022. We will gather for the Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial in Bragar at 10.30am. The Programme is included below for your information.

Please be encouraged to come along to the Service as we seek to remember and honour the heroic efforts, achievements, and sacrifices that were made by so many in past wars and conflicts.

CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE – WEEK OF PRAYER

The Christian Institute are holding a week of prayer, starting this Lord's Day and continuing through the week until Saturday 19th November 2022. We are encouraged to join them in praying for our new King, our political leaders, and other important national matters. The Prayer Leaflet, which gives prayer points for each day, can be downloaded [here](#).

FREE CHURCH – DAY OF PRAYER

The Free Church Mission Board has organised a Free Church of Scotland Day of Prayer to be held across the Church on Wednesday 30th November.

This year, prayer points will focus on the Free Church's vision for a Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland. This vision is not something that can be achieved by a central organisation. This is about all of us working together, to see God's church become increasingly healthy right across Scotland and beyond. It is an invitation to every congregation, minister, member and adherent to recommit themselves to grow healthy in their own Christian lives and in their life together as a church. It is about asking people to think how God's church can be more effective in making and growing disciples.

The Day of Prayer gives many the opportunity to gather in the privilege of prayer across the entire nation. Prayer points will include revitalising churches, planting new churches, supporting church leaders, recruiting and training ministers among a number of other aspects. Information and resources are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

MARSALI CAMPBELL – NEWSLETTER

The October Issue of Marsali Campbell's Newsletter is available on the Congregational website [here](#). Marsali is planning a field trip to Bolivia this month and information about her trip is included in the letter. The trip is an important part of the process of becoming a missionary with Pioneers. Pioneers is a Christian missions organisation focused on church planting among unreached people groups. Pioneers has more than 3000 international missionary members, working in 324 missions' teams, in 104 countries, including Bolivia, among 202 unreached people groups, mobilised from 10 international missions' bases. More information on Pioneers can be found [here](#).

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

The following are prayer points issued by the Mission Board under the Praying For One Another Scheme (PFOA) in the past week.

Monday - Osamu and Mairi, Japan

The churches where Osamu and Mairi served for 10 years in Mie-ken are experiencing difficult times. Pray for the wisdom to be given in leadership and love among believers.

Tuesday - Tarbert, Argyll

Pray that we might experience the Lord's presence each Sunday as we gather for worship.

Wednesday - Healthy Gospel Church

Discipleship is a key part of our walk with God. We pray that we will be purposeful about discipleship to help develop a healthy church.

Thursday - Dunblane

We have had many encouragements recently with a new elder and a new deacon in the congregation. We have also had a good number of visitors recently. Give thanks for God's goodness to us and that the visitors may choose to settle with us.

Friday - Tarbert, Argyll

In our fortnightly Midweek Fellowship for Bible teaching and prayer, we are looking at what it means to grow as a Christian within a church setting and within the context of a community that has little interest in the gospel. Pray that the Spirit will use the Midweek Fellowship to increase our love for the Lord, each other and those who as yet are not Christians.


Saturday - Osamu and Mairi, Japan

Since the assignation of ex-prime minister, Abe, churches in Japan are suffering a bad reputation because people tend to associate the unitarian church to Christian church. Pray for pastors to be enabled to direct their congregation aright in these testing times.

Sunday - Dunblane

Please pray for some new families to join with us to bolster our Kirk for Kids and for the upcoming Craft for Kids which will see many children (and parents) from Dunblane enter our building to find out more about the real Christmas story. Pray for much fruit to come from this and for links to be deepened in the community.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE – ORDER OF SERVICE

<p style="text-align: center;">Carragh-cuimhne Cogaidh an Taobh Siar Westside War Memorial Service of Remembrance 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them. Nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them <i>Laurence Binyon Extract from "For the Fallen"</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Remembrance Sunday is the day traditionally put aside to remember all those Who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. On this Day people across the nation pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our Brave Service men and women</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.30am Sunday 13th November 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Order of Service</p> <p>(1-5 outside, weather permitting) (6-8 outside)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Short address2) Psalm 22: 3-5 (Gaelic)3) Short address4) Prayer5) Psalm 46: 7-10 (English)6) Two Minute Silence7) Wreaths will be laid as follows Comhairle nan Eilean Siar War Memorial Committee Cemetery Committee Hunter Family—on behalf of Soldiers and Families Graham family Shawbost fire station Shawbost School Bragar & Arnol Trust8) Benediction
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