

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> November 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 proceed into our study of *The Son of Man Discourses in Matthew*. We will look at Matthew 8:18-27 and the subject of 'The Son of Man & The Demands of Discipleship'.

At the 6.00pm service we will continue our study of *The Warning Passages in Hebrews*. We will look at Hebrews 3:12-14 and the subject of 'Faith & The Danger of Finishing Badly.'

#### 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 27:7-11	Psalter (236)	Psalm 95:6-11	Psalter (357)
2	Psalm 89:6-9	Psalter (344)	Psalm 28:6-9	Psalter (238)
3	Psalm 34:15-22	Sing Psalms (41)		

#### 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 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

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day with young people joining the Service as usual at 12.00noon and moving to the Church Hall for the Sunday School at 12.15pm.

### WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Bragar Meeting House at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. We will continue our study of the *Letter of James*. 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.

### DEACONS COURT

The Deacons Court will meet on Tuesday evening, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021, at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

### MINISTER'S DIARY

The Minister will be on holiday for a week commencing Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The services on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November will be taken by Mr Donald Macleod, Park (Gravir). The Minister will attend the Mission Board

meeting in Edinburgh on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and will, therefore, not be available for the midweek Prayer Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

## CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE

The [Weekly Bulletin](#) is available under the News item on the Main Menu bar of the Website. The Lord's Day services can also be accessed on the Website. A Donations & Givings option has been added to the Main Menu to give contributors and donors options and facilities for supporting the work of the Congregation.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Church's Mission Board has appointed the National Day of Prayer to take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The General Assembly instructed the Mission Board to arrange for a National Day of Prayer annually.

The Kirk Session has agreed that there will be an hour of prayer in the Church on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 12.00noon until 1.00pm. We recommend that time be devoted to a period of private prayer during the day with time allocated at the beginning of the day for this purpose. More information on the Day of Prayer, including resources with helpful prayer points, is available on the Free Church website [here](#).

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Presbytery has appointed Harvest Thanksgiving for the midweek meetings around Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Following our practice in recent years, the Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Church. We encourage a good attendance at the service as we reflect on the goodness of God even during a pandemic crisis.

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER LETTER

The first issue of the Presbytery's Youth Discipleship Prayer Letter is now available. The Prayer Letter can be accessed on the Congregational Website [here](#).

## MISSIONARY SLOT – BARNABAS FUND

The Barnabas Fund is an organisation which works to provide hope and aid for the persecuted Church. Barnabas stands alongside our Christian brothers and sisters where they suffer discrimination and persecution by providing aid through our partners on the ground encouraging prayer, telling their untold story and speaking out on their behalf.

The aim of Barnabas Fund is to meet both practical and spiritual needs, and to encourage, strengthen, and enable the existing local Church and Christian communities so that they can maintain their presence and witness rather than setting up our own structures or sending out missionaries.

They work by acting on behalf of the persecuted Church, to be their voice. They aim to tackle persecution at its root by making known the aspects of other religions and ideologies that result in injustice and oppression of Christians and others.

We pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Lord and for Barnabas Fund and the important work in which they are engaged. More information on the work of Barnabas Fund and how to support the work is available on their website [here](#).

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

### Plockton & Kyle

**Minister: Rev. Roddie Rankin**

**Interim Moderator: Rev. Marcos Florit**

The villages of Plockton and Kyle are situated in the northwest Highlands, the gateway to the Isle of Skye and the Outer Hebrides. The church is well established in the community and the congregation has been built up in recent months by the arrival of new faces following the end of lockdown.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that our people would be bright witnesses for Christ as they go about their daily lives; that young and old would respond to hearing the Gospel message and come to faith.
2. Give thanks to God that our pastor and his wife are recovering well after major surgery. Pray that as brothers and sisters in Christ we would encourage one another through acts of love and service.

## **Dunblane**

**Minister: Rev. Allan J. Shearer**

Dunblane Free Church sits on the high street in historic Dunblane. While small, the congregation is active in the worship of God and in sharing the good news of Jesus in the wider community. Our desire is to see people won for Christ.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for the children in the congregation, that they would be an integral part of the church family, learn of God's love for them, and come to know Jesus personally. Pray for the leaders of Kirk4Kids as they work with the children.
2. Pray for our community here in Dunblane; those who live, work, or visit, that they may come to know the love of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.