



**CHURCH BULLETIN**  
**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

## 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 services today will be taken by the Minister. At the **12.00noon service**, we will resume our study of First Peter this Lord's Day. The theme of the study is '*The Christian's Faithfulness in a Hostile World.*' The message for today will be based on 1 Peter 2:13-17. The sermon title is '*The Christian & The Public Authorities.*'

At the **6.00pm service**, we will resume our study of 'A Healthy Gospel Church' by looking at events in Acts Chapters 1 and 2. The message this Lord's Day will be based on Acts 1:1-11. The sermon title is '*Mission of God & The Church in Waiting.*'

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 107:1-8	Psalter (382)	Psalms 110:1-7	Sing Psalms (149)
2	Psalms 37:3-7	Psalter (252)	Psalms 68:16-20	Psalter (303)
3	Psalms 62:5-10	Sing Psalms (80)	Psalms 22:27-31	Sing Psalms (27)
4	Psalms 26:8-12	Psalter (235)	-----	-----

## 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](#).

## Twilio Telephone Services

The availability of a sermon on the Twilio dial-up line each Lord's Day has now been discontinued. We are thankful to God for those who have been blessed through this service. We trust and pray that those who have used it up until now will get access to our services through our Sermon Audio page.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet as usual this Lord's Day. We continue to seek God's blessing on this aspect of our gospel ministry.

## KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

## PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

## MINISTER'S DIARY

The Minister's Diary for the January 2023 includes the following meetings:

Date	Event	Location
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Presbytery Meeting	In person
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Shawbost School Assembly	In person
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Board of Trustees	Zoom
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Holiday from 26 <sup>th</sup> January	

## NAVIGATING CHRISTIAN PARENTHOOD

Being a parent is hard, but a joyous responsibility given by God. Rev. Peter Turnbull shares some thoughts on navigating through various aspects of parenthood. Read the article [here](#).

## LAUNCH OF TORNAGRAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

A Church Plant is being launched in the new community of Tornagrain, near Inverness. The Church Plant has been established as an outreach from Smithton Free Church as the parent congregation. Read the news [here](#).

## PRAYERS FOR LIFE PRAYER CONFERENCE

Barvas Church of Scotland is pleased to announce that they will be holding 'Lord, teach us to pray' – A teaching conference on prayer from the Psalms. The Speaker is Dr Jamie Grant (HTC, Dingwall) Co-author of Psalms, Volume 2 (The NIV Application Commentary) and many more books. The Conference will take place in Barvas Church of Scotland on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Details on the Conference and how to book a place are available on the Prayers for Life Conference website [here](#). There is a limited number of Leaflets available at the door today.

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

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

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January - New City Church, Dunfermline**

Our mission is to love God, love his people and love our community - pray that as a loved community of believers we would respond to that love in worship, in loving each other deeply and in loving our neighbours as ourselves. Less than 1000 people out of nearly 60000 people in Dunfermline attend gospel churches. Pray that all the evangelical churches in and around Dunfermline would grow with people coming to faith.

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Turkey**

As Turkey prepares for important elections, which are due to be held by early summer, pray for political leaders in the country: that they would have wisdom and integrity, and that the Lord would reveal Himself clearly to them as Saviour.

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Grace Church Montrose**

We regularly say at the beginning of our services, "Grace is our name and grace is our message". Most importantly then, please pray that the people of our town and surrounding communities would encounter the grace of God through the gospel (including a number of seekers coming to church). And that we as a congregation would be transformed by that same grace.

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January - New City Church, Dunfermline**

Our biggest struggle is that we are still in rented premises. They are great, but we'd love our own base to reach out into the community from. Pray New City Church would find a home in the city.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Turkey**

Give thanks for successful Christmas outreach events in Turkey. Hundreds of people participated, with many hearing the Gospel for the first time. Ask God to open their hearts to the truth of Christ and bring them to know Him.

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Grace Church Montrose**

Brechin is the closest town to us. There are a few Christians there (including a number who come to Grace) but no healthy gospel church. Would you join us as we pray for a gospel witness in that town to be started and established?

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - New City Church, Dunfermline**

We're starting a Hope Explored course on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Pray that seekers and new believers would come and it would be blessed to them.