

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 15th May 2022



SUNDAY SERVICES

We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#).

Services this Sunday

The services this Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister. At the 12.00noon service the sermon will be based on Isaiah 42:1-4. The subject of the sermon will be *'The Crisis & The Christ-centred Encouragement.'*

At the 6.00pm service, we will continue our short study on *'The Paraclete Passages John'*. The Paraclete Passages are found in the message of John Chapters 14-16 where Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples on his departure. The fourth part of the study is based on John 16:4-11. The subject of the sermon will be *'The Holy Spirit & The Success of the Gospel.'*

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 110:1-7	Psalter (390)	Psalm 19:7-13	Psalter (223)
2	Psalm 89:1-4	Psalter (344)	Psalm 35:23-28	Sing Psalms (43)
3	Psalm 9(a):7-11	Sing Psalms (9)	Psalm 72:5-9	Psalter (312)

Audio-visual Equipment

The live stream equipment is now up and running with the repaired ATEM live stream, and we hope that the recording and the live streaming will now be back to normal.

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 availability of a video recording of the Gaelic service is currently under review.

Please note that there will be no new Gaelic Service recording on Sermon Audio in the Minister's absence for the next three weeks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day with the usual arrangements in place.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY – CONGREGATION – AGM

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will be combined with the Congregational AGM in the Church on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7.00pm. After a short time of prayer and Bible address the Trustees' Report and Statement of Accounts for 2021 will be presented by the Treasurer. There will then be a time for questions on any matters arising from the Accounts or from general matters relating to the work of the Deacons Court. we look for a good attendance at the AGM as we seek to encourage one another in the work of the Gospel.

MINISTER'S ABSENCE

2022 General Assembly

The General Assembly will meet in Edinburgh on Monday 23rd May 2022 for the first in-person meeting since May 2019. Details on the programme and on the Assembly reports of the various Boards and Committees are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

Minister's Absence

The Minister will be absent on Sunday 22nd May and Sunday 29th May as part of the allocated time off in the light of Principal Clerk duties at the General Assembly. He will also take a week's holiday after the Assembly and will be off on Sunday 5th June. The services will be taken as follows in the Minister's absence.

Date	12.00noon Service	6.00pm Service
22 nd May	Rev. Kenneth Ferguson	Mr Scott Macleod
29 th May	Rev. Kenneth I. Macleod	Rev. Kenneth I. Macleod
5 th June	Rev. Thomas Davis	Mr Donald Morrison

We thank all the above guest preachers and trust and pray that God will bless the ministry of His Word.

FWO ENVELOPES

The new Free Will Offering (FWO) envelopes have now been distributed to all contributors and donors. The colour of the FWO envelopes has changed with the new batch and issue. Contributors are advised to discard all old FWO envelopes and ensure that they use only the new issue of envelopes for their contributions. Thanks to you all for your generous support of the congregation and the work of the gospel from year to year.

SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY – AUDIO RECORDING OF 2017 GAELIC NEW TESTAMENT

The Scottish Bible Society (SBS) is arranging an audio recording of the 2017 Gaelic New Testament. The Society will be recording in two different locations over an 8-week period. They will be recording in Inverness in July and recording in Lewis in August. They are very keen to connect with folk in the Gaelic speaking community on the Island who would like to be involved.

A preparatory meeting will take place on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm in the Free Church Seminary, Francis St, Stornoway. All who are interested in being involved are invited to attend, particularly those who could read a portion of the 2017 Gaelic New Testament, and for proof "listeners" who would listen every day to the recordings to check them.

The project will also require a Project Manager during the month of August to help with practicalities. The Manager would be directly involved in the recordings, so would need to be a fluent Gaelic speaker. The Manager would also help with admin such as scheduling and contacting readers, and co-ordinating hospitality (transport, food and drink, accommodation).

The Project Manager will be a paid position. Anyone interested in helping with the project but who cannot attend the meeting can contact Adrian Armstrong at the Scottish Bible Society to let him know on – 0131 347 9827, or by email to Adrian.armstrong@scottishbiblesociety.org.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

We continue to exercise care as we seek to provide a safe environment for all our Church services. We continue, therefore, to observe the one-metre physical distancing in our services.

Although regulatory requirements to wear face coverings in places of worship was removed from 4th April, the Scottish Government's guidance still strongly encourages the use of protective measures to reduce risk, including wearing of face coverings where appropriate to help keep each other safe. We therefore recommend that those who are attending our services wear a face covering while entering the Church building and then take advantage of the change in the legal requirement by removing your face covering once you are seated if you wish.

'IN A BIG COUNTRY' RURAL CONFERENCE

The Mission Board has organised a Rural Conference 'In a Big Country' to be held in Dingwall Free Church on Saturday 18th June 2022.

The day will be chaired by Rev. Jeremy Ross, Vice-chair of Mission Board. Two plenary talks will be held and there will be a host of seminars to choose from. Rev. Ivor MacDonald, of [Coatbridge](#), will speak on the topic of 'Urban/Rural: Same but different'. Rev. Neil (Lachie) MacDonald, of [Lochbroom](#), will speak on the theme of 'Rural 2022 not 1922'.

More information on the event, and on the seminars which will run during the day, are available on the Free Church website [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 9th May

Free Church Youth Camps

As preparations move into their final stages for this year's Free Church Youth Camps, pray for the leaders and volunteers who will be looking after all the young people this summer at various camps.

Tuesday 10th May

Kilmallie Free Church

Give thanks for the resumption of 'normal' services after restrictions have eased. By God's grace we now have live-streaming and video-conferencing experience which we hope will be of benefit to those who are shut-in or live some distance from the church. Please give thanks that our midweek ministries have resumed and pray that each would bear fruit.

Wednesday 11th May

Healthy Gospel Church

Prayer is at the heart of all we do. Pray for the vision, pray for the denomination, pray for individual churches, pray for the people and financial resources in the years ahead.

Thursday 12th May

Christ Church Glasgow

Praise God for the visitors we see each week and for the number of unbelievers who have been coming to our worship services over the past months. Pray that they would come to saving faith in Christ.

Friday 13th May

East Kilbride

Pray for interim moderator Rev. Douglas Cranston as he provides pastoral support for the congregation as they continue to seek to appoint a new minister.

Saturday 14th May

Christ Church Glasgow

Please pray for the plans for our Parents and Toddlers group to come together. Pray for the team as they prepare and work through how we can maximise the opportunity to reach out to the families in our local community.

Sunday 15th May

Kilmallie Free Church

Pray for the growth of the church - for people to return after the pandemic; for church-less Christians find a church family to call home; for prodigals to return; for the children of the church to confess Christ for themselves at an early age and for people in the community with no previous Christian understanding to be wonderfully won to the Lord.