





THE VISION OF THE
FREE CHURCH OF
SCOTLAND IS

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



CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 16th October 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 services today will be taken by the Minister. We will continue our study of 1 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 1 Peter 1:10-12 under the title 'Assurance & A Biblical Perspective of Salvation.'

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 Ephesians 3:14-19 under the title 'A Prayer for a Healthy Gospel Church.'

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 93:1-5	Sing Psalms (123)	Psalms 16:1-7	Psalter (215)
2	Psalms 119:1-6	Psalter (399)	Psalms 1(a):1-6	Sing Psalms (1)
3	Psalms 22:24-27 (LM)	Sing Psalms (27)	Psalms 69:32-36	Psalter (308)
4	Psalms 103:19-22	Psalter (370)	-----	-----

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

There will be no Sunday School during the School holidays. We pray for families as they travel to different places for the holidays and look forward to welcoming them back on their return.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 7.00pm in the Bragar Meeting Hall. We will resume our study of Christian Maturity.

COMFORT INTERNATIONAL - SUPPORT

We were blessed to have had Peter McLean, Church Relationship Manager of Comfort International, speak at our Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 12th October. Comfort International is a Scottish-based missionary organisation which was established in 1999 and focusses on 'rebuilding lives devastated by poverty, genocide and conflict in Central Africa.' They work with their partners in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, South Sudan, and Uganda to bring lasting transformation to lives and communities. Their ministry covers a wide range of activities from providing healthcare, ministering to deprived children, and training church leadership. More information about the organisation and their work can be found on their website [here](#).

Door Collection

This is a ministry that is worthy of our support and, following our normal practice when we have visiting missionary speakers, there will be a **Door Collection** taken for Comfort International at both services on **Sunday 30th October 2022**. Please bear this prayerfully in mind and consider supporting this fundraising effort.

SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION

The latest issue of the Slavic Gospel Association newsletter, Frontlines, is available at the door today. Please uplift a copy if you do not already receive the newsletter online. We continue to pray for the work of the Slavic Gospel Association as they serve the Church among the Slavic nations of the world by assisting it to become fully equipped to fulfil the great commission of Jesus Christ, particularly among its own peoples. More information is available on the SGA website [here](#).

PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE

The Presbytery has arranged a Weekend Conference to be held from Friday 28th October to Sunday 30th October with meetings for all ages. The subject of the Conference is 'The Pursuit of God in an Age of Pornography.' The guest speaker is Rev. Joe Barnard. Ali Macdonald, Pastoral Worker at Smithton Free Church, will speak at the Women's Meeting. We live in an age where pornography is everywhere. More than that, the world is constantly teaching us to see the world, and each other, through a sexualised lens. Yet God calls us to a life of holiness. This is a great opportunity to learn something of how we can seek and live for God in such a world. There is no cost to attend any meeting but there will be an opportunity to make a donation if you wish to.

The Meetings

Fri 28 th	Men's Meeting	County Hotel, Stornoway	7.30-9.00pm
	Women's Meeting	Rev. M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall	7.30-9.00pm
Sat 29 th	Parents, Carers & Youth Workers	North Harris Free Church, Tarbert Soup & Sandwich Lunch provided	10.30am-12.30pm
Sat 29 th	18-30-year-olds	North Harris Free Church, Tarbert	7.00pm
Sat 29 th	Women's Meeting	To be arranged	
Sun 30 th	Big Youth Fellowship	Stornoway Free Church	8.00pm

PRESBYTERY YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Presbytery Youth Committee would like to thank all who prayerfully and financially support the Youth Work in our Presbytery. We have been greatly encouraged by the work of our Youth and Discipleship Support Worker, Gordon Macleod, during his time in post. We trust that everyone has received Gordon's recent prayer letter, which was sent to all congregations, outlining some of the ongoing work.

To ensure continuity of the role, and to fund other aspects of our youth work (such as Big YF's and October camps), the Presbytery Youth Committee is looking to increase our monthly donation income stream. Those who are willing and able to give to this work can do so by setting up a standing order payment to the following bank account.

Bank of Scotland

Account name – Western Isles Free Church Presbytery

Sort code – 80-09-73

Account number – 06006485

Reference – 'Youth Work'

For us to claim gift aid on any donations it would be helpful if you can contact our Presbytery Treasurer, Andy Cumming, for more details. Andy can be contacted as follows: andrew_n_cumming@hotmail.com - 0776 493 9767 - 16 Upper Garrabost, Point, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0PN.

MINISTER'S DIARY

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

Date	Event	Location
Tue 25 th Oct	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Lochcarron
Thu 27 th Oct	Board of Trustees	Zoom
Thu 3 rd Nov	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Rosskeen
Tue 15 th Nov	I Week's Holiday	

TRINITY DIGITAL – PRODUCTION OF NEW FILM

Trinity Digital is producing a new film entitled 'Morningstar' – The Life and Legacy of John Wycliffe. The Film will be launched in An Lanntair at 6.00pm on Tuesday 1st November 2022. There will be a second showing at 8.00pm if over 120 tickets are sold. The Film will be launched with a premier screening tour in different towns and cities across the UK from the end of October to mid-December. Tickets for the launch at An Lanntair on 1st November 2022 can be purchased on the following link - <https://lanntair.com/events/event/morningstar/>

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 - Presbyterian Free Church, India

Pray for staff of the school in Chhapara. They are working hard to increase the numbers of students.

Tuesday - Dumfries

Pray for an increased burden for the Lord's blessing; we are thankful for excellent regular ministry by visiting preachers, morning and evening on the Lord's Day, and the Wednesday midweek prayer meeting led by one of the men of the congregation.

Wednesday - Healthy Gospel Church

Pray that God will spur on prospective leaders into Christian ministry. The Free Church is looking to recruit and train 70 new ministers in the next 10 years. Pray that God will raise up leaders for these roles.

Thursday - Dumfries

Pray for growth in the First Steps toddler group on Thursdays, and blessing on conversations with those who come to the weekly Wednesday noon Drop-in.

Friday - IMJP

GLASGOW: Grace Lan is in touch with Shirley, a secular Jewish woman who has recently retired from work. Please pray that Shirley will be open to reading the Bible with Grace and that she will be transformed by God's Word.

Saturday - Central Office

Please pray that God would provide the right person for the role of Legal Compliance Officer.

Sunday - IMJP

TEL AVIV: Igal Vender has met with Yoram, a homeless Jewish addict who was recently admitted to the rehabilitation centre run by Igal's church. Please pray for a work of grace in Yoram's heart and that he will soon turn to Jesus in repentance and faith.