

Weekly Church Bulletin

We are a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland. We gather together each Lord's Day to praise and worship the only true and living God.

Sunday 20th June 2021



ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY SERVICES

We are thankful to gather in the Church this Lord's Day for the public worship of God. We meet at 12.00noon and the Service will be conducted in English. We encourage all our people to join with us in the worship of God each Lord's Day.

Coronavirus Protection Level 0

The Western Isles is now in Level 0 of Scottish Government COVID-19 restrictions. There is no change at this time to arrangements for public worship and Church gatherings apart from the freedom to resume congregational singing, effective from 31st May 2021. The capacity limit, determined by the size of the building and the observance of the 2-metre physical distancing rules, still applies regarding attendance at Church services. We are now able to use the balcony in the Church and the capacity of the building has increased accordingly.

Ongoing Registration

Registration for attendance at services in the Church on the Lord's Day is necessary under Scottish Government COVID-19 guidelines. The arrangements for registering your intention to attend the services, and to complete the relevant documentation, have been set up on the Congregational Website [here](#). The deadline for submission of the names of those who wish to attend the service will be 12.00noon on Friday.

Mr Donald MacPhail, Deacon, is the Seating Coordinator for the Church services and enquiries regarding attendance should, in the first place, be directed to him on 710328 or dan.macphail@icloud.com. Alternatively, you may contact the Minister on 710216 or cmacleod@freechurch.org. If you are unable to use the online registration process, please contact Mr MacPhail or the Minister to register your intention to attend the service.

CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE

The [Weekly Bulletin](#) is available under the News item on the Main Menu bar of the Website. The Lord's Day services are available on the [Listen to the Latest Sermon](#) and the [Watch the Latest Sermon](#) buttons on the Home Page.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES – 20th JUNE 2021

This Lord's Day we continue with our study of *The Christian's Experience of Grace* as a follow up on our study of *How we become Christians in the Gospel of John* earlier in the year. The study for this Lord's Day is from 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and focussing on *The Paradox of Power in Weakness*.

English Service

The English service in the Church at 12.00noon 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 service will be available on Sermon Audio at 2.00pm and can be accessed on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

Gaelic Service

The pre-recorded video of the Gaelic Service will be available on our YouTube Channel at 10.30am on Sunday 20th June 2021. The audio-only recording of the Gaelic service will be available at 12.00noon on Sunday 20th June 2021 on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

The audio-only recording of the Gaelic Service will also be available as usual on the Twilio service, which can be **accessed from landline / home telephone** by dialling the number **0131 510 2471**. (Note – there is a delay of approximately 35 seconds from the time at which the call is answered until the service commences)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day, Sunday 20th June, at 11.00am, and will continue in the meantime using the Zoom audio-visual technology. This is the last meeting of the Sunday School for this School Session. We give thanks to the young people for the commitment to the Zoom Sunday School in a year of COVID-19 restrictions. We give thanks to parents for their support of the Sunday School during the year and to the teachers

for their work and commitment to this important gospel ministry. We pray that the Lord will greatly bless everyone and that families will be kept safe during the summer holidays.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Fellowship will meet this evening, Sunday 20th June 2021, at 8.00pm. The meeting will be held over Zoom and details will be sent to parents and young people in due course. Young people are encouraged to come along to what will be the final YF meeting of this School Session. Information and Zoom details are available from Lynn Hebditch on Mobile 07557 123808.

WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The Minister will be attending the meeting of Presbytery appointed to sign a call from the Back congregation to Rev. Colin Macleod, Minister at Leith, Edinburgh. There will be no formally appointed meeting of the Group this Wednesday. The Group will meet over Zoom for the last time on Wednesday 30th June 2021 with the commencement of in-person Prayer Meetings on 7th July 2021.

Resumption of In-person Meetings

The Kirk Session met on Tuesday 8th June and agreed that the Weekly Prayer and Bible Study Meeting would resume in-person meetings on the first Wednesday in July, Wednesday 7th July 2021. Please note that there was an error in the date intimated in last week's Bulletin – the Wednesday was shown as 1st July, a date which falls on the Thursday. The Meeting will be at 7.00pm and will operate the usual rota system of alternating between the Church Hall and the Bragar Meeting Hall. The Meeting on 7th July will be held in the Church Hall under the COVID-19 restrictions and requirements for public worship.

PASTORAL VISITATION

The movement in the Western Isles into Protection Level 0 of the Scottish Government's COVID-19 restrictions has brought about welcome changes in the rules regarding socialising and mixing with family and friends.

Pastoral visitation in homes is now possible. Pastoral visits will be carried out by the Minister and the Elders at their own discretion and subject to family and household arrangements as required. Please keep the Minister, and the Elders, informed of new situations where pastoral support is required. The Minister can be contacted on 710216 or via email at cmacleod@freechurch.org

INDUCTION AT CARLOWAY

Rev. Thomas Davis will be inducted to the congregation of Carloway on Friday 25th June. The Presbytery will be meeting in Carloway and on Zoom. The service will commence at 7.00pm and will be led by Rev. David Macleod, Minister at North Harris. We welcome Mr Davis and his family on their return to Carloway and pray that God will bless them, and the congregation, with His peace as they prepare for the induction.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

20th June 2021

St Andrews

Minister: Rev. Paul Clarke

Assistant Minister: Rev. Hamish Sneddon

We are a church family of young and old, locals and students, from a range of walks of life and nationalities. We're passionate about reaching out to those around us, building people up in the gospel, and sending out workers into the harvest field of Scotland and the world, praying that all would use their gifts to glorify God. We have a particular desire to see the Lord raise up full-time gospel workers from among us who can serve wherever He leads them.

Prayer Points:

1. Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest would raise up workers from among us for the harvest field of Scotland and the wider world (Luke 10:2). We are blessed to have the opportunity to train men and women for gospel work, and we long to see them go out to Scotland and the wider world. We especially long to see men being raised up for the leadership of local churches, so please pray for those who are currently in training with us while studying at ETS.
2. Please pray for unity among all the age groups represented in our congregation as they minister to one another in love.

Lybster, Bruan, Latheron & Berridale

Minister: Vacant

Interim Moderator: Rev. Howard Stone

Following the retiral of Mr Jim Morrison, after more than 30 years service, and the sale of the congregation's property, the fellowship is very small. During the lockdown, some members have joined with other Caithness congregations for on-line meetings. Now they are able to join with the local Church of Scotland for their morning service, while still joining on Zoom for other meetings.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give his people in Lybster the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that the eyes of their hearts might be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which he has called them, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.
2. Pray that the seed of God's truth that has been sown over many years may grow and bear much fruit, and ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest.