



**CHURCH BULLETIN**  
**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May 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](#). Our services are livestreamed and available on our [You Tube channel](#).

## LORD'S DAY SERVICES

Both 12.00 noon service and the 6pm service will be taken by Rev Kenneth I Macleod.

At the **12.00noon service**, the scripture reading will be from John 12:12-36 and the sermon will focus verses 21-26

At the **6.00pm service** the scripture reading will be from Psalm 16 with a focus on verses 8-11.

The praise will be led by our precentor(s) and the Psalms for this Lord's Day are as follows:

	12.00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalms 34v1-10	Sing Psalms	Psalms 61v1-6	Sing Psalms
2	Psalms 63v1-6	Psalter	Psalms 84v1-6	Psalter
3	Psalms 36v5-10	Sing Psalms	Psalms 73v23-end	Psalter
4	Psalms 26v4-8	Psalter	Psalms 16v8- end	Sing Psalms

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time today.

## SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The Minister will be away today and next Lord's Day due to duties and responsibilities at the 2023 General Assembly. The services next week will be taken by Mr Scott Macleod (Minister in Training).

## PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 7.00pm in Church Hall.

## DEACONS' COURT

The Deacons' Court meeting that was due to take place last week has been rearranged for **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The congregational AGM will take place on **31st May 2023 at 7pm**. An overview of the audited Congregational Accounts for 2022 will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

This year's General Assembly will take place from Monday 22nd –Thursday 25th May 2023. The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body in the Free Church of Scotland and meets for a week in Edinburgh every May to discuss church business and set policy. Normally there are around 80 commissioners, made up of Free Church ministers and elders from different Presbyteries and congregations across Scotland, as well as missionaries from overseas.

Rev. Bob Akroyd, Systematic Theology Lecturer at Edinburgh Theological Seminary, will serve as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland in 2023-24. Our own Minister, Rev Callum Macleod, is Principal Clerk.

Please pray that the Lord will grant wisdom and guidance to the Moderator, Principal Clerk, Assistant Clerks and commissioners, and through all decisions made, the Lord will be glorified. Pray that decisions made will continue to lead the church towards the vision of a healthy gospel church for every community.

## GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE (FORMERLY GIDEONS UK)

The annual rally for the local branch of Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons), will take place on **Friday 2nd June at 7.30pm, APC Church**, Keith Street, Stornoway. The main speaker this year will be Rev Kenneth Stewart, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Stornoway. All are welcome to attend.