

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 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.

#### Capacity Limit

The whole of Scotland is now in Level 0 of Scottish Government COVID-19 restrictions. The physical distancing rules has been relaxed from 2 metres to 1 metre from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. This increases the capacity of all Church buildings, and the change is welcomed as we continue to move towards the new norm for services and Church life. Congregational singing is now permitted. Face-covering must be worn. The Scottish Government will keep the COVID-19 restrictions under review and a further announcement is expected on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

#### Registration for Services

There is now no need to pre-register your intention to attend the Sunday services. The register will be taken on entrance to the service by the Office-bearers on door duty on the day. The Data Consent Form must be completed and submitted on the first day of attendance only. The Form, along with the Guidance Document giving general information on the arrangements for the services, is available on the on the Congregational Website [here](#).

Any questions regarding attendance at the services can be directed to Mr Dan MacPhail, Deacon, on 710328 or [dan.macphail@icloud.com](mailto:dan.macphail@icloud.com). Alternatively, you may contact the Minister on 710216 or [cmacleod@freechurch.org](mailto:cmacleod@freechurch.org).

### 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 – 25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

This Lord's Day we will take a break from our study of the Christians Experience of the Grace. The message will be based on Genesis 22:1-14 and the sermon title is 'The Graduation of Faith.'

#### The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered at the 12.00noon service. Cailin Erin MacPhail, daughter of Dan and Erica MacPhail, 41 South Bragar, and Neil Macleod, son of Malcolm and Rebekah Macleod, 16A New Shawbost, will be baptised. We pray for Dan and Erica, with Caitlin Erin, Jessica and Ewen, and Malcolm and Rebecca, with Neil and John Angus, and their respective families, as we gather on this special occasion.

#### Creche

Creche facilities will be available in the Church Hall for the benefit of families with children under school age.

#### 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. The audio-only recording of the Gaelic service will be available at 12.00noon on Sunday 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**.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School until after the school holidays.

## WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Bragar Meeting Hall at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Those who wish to attend are reminded that Bibles and Psalms Books will not be available at the door during the current COVID-19 restrictions and that attendees should bring their own Bibles and Books. The register of those who attend will be taken at the door according to the Scottish Government COVID-19 guidelines.

## MOLDOVA BOOK CAVE

The Moldova Book Cave is situated in Engebret's Lorry Park, Stornoway, beside the petrol station shop. The Book Cave will be open on Saturdays from 10.30am – 1.30pm, July to October 2021 and from March to October 2022. Donations of second hand Christian hard-back books, Christian CD's & tapes, Gaelic Bibles, Cookbooks and Gardening Books in good condition are very welcome. For donations of books, you can hand your donation to the Book Cave when it is open or contact your local representative. Our local contact person is Kathleen Murray whom you can contact on 07919407373.

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Dumbarton**

**Minister: Vacant**

**Interim Moderator: Rev. Andy Longwe**

We are a small congregation of around 30, normally meeting in our own church building near the centre of Dumbarton. We serve a wide catchment area for several miles all around us. We have taken many steps recently to advance our work, and Rev. Colin Buchanan, who has ministered to us faithfully for years now, is part of the Revitalisation Track.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for unity as the congregation returns to meet in person, and for leaders in the church as they organise this.
2. Pray for those who responded to online services during lockdown, that they would continue to engage with the church.

**Prince Edward Island (Central Charge)**

**Minister: Rev. Peter Aiken**

Our congregation is a revitalisation work in the city of Charlottetown.

Prayer Points:

1. Please pray for the church as we seek to find godly men to serve as Elders.
2. Please pray for the summer youth camp that will be taking place in August that young people would hear the gospel and be disciplined in the Word of God.

**Barvas**

**Minister: Rev. Murdo Campbell**

Barvas Free Church is located on the west coast of the Isle of Lewis, just over 10 miles from Stornoway. The parish covers a number of rural villages along the west side of the island. Barvas is often remembered for the revivals which took place during the late 1930's and 40's. However, like every village, town and city in our nation today, we need the Spirit of the Lord to revive us again!

Prayer Points:

1. Along with all our congregations, pray that as we continue living and looking beyond lockdown, we will be encouraged and enthusiastic about reaching out into our community with the gospel and invite people to come to church.
2. Pray for our friend and brother, Rev. Dougie Wolf, ministering next door to us in the Church of Scotland. Dougie had been off work since the beginning of the year, but he is thankfully now on a phased return. Pray that the Lord will restore Dougie to health and strength again, that he may resume his pastoral duties in his congregation and the community.

