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CHURCH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 25th September

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 commence a study of 1 Peter at the **12.00noon service**. The theme is 'The Christian's Faithfulness to Christ in a Hostile World.' The introduction to the study will be based on 1 Peter 1:1-2 under the title 'The Christian – Providence, Plan and Purpose' The sermon at the **6.00pm service** will be based on Isaiah 6:1-7 under the title 'The Promised Dawn of a New Era.'

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 111:1-6	Psalter (391)	Psalms 24:1-10	Sing Psalms (28)
2	Psalms 137:1-6	Psalter (430)	Psalms 11:1-7	Psalter (212)
3	Psalms 65:1-5	Sing Psalms (82)	Psalms 130:1-8	Sing Psalms (173)
4	Psalms 122:6-9	Psalter (416)	-----	-----

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

The Sunday School will meet as usual this Lord's Day.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7.00pm in the Bragar Meeting Hall. We will continue our study of Christian Maturity.

MINISTER'S DIARY

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

Date	Event	Location
Tue 27 th Sep	Presbytery Meeting	
Thu 29 th Sep	Mission Board Meeting	Zoom
Thu 29 th Sep	Board of Trustees Project Management	Zoom
Tue 4 th Oct	Commission of Assembly	Zoom

RSHP PROJECT LEADER FUNDING

As announced in the Church Bulletin on 4th September 2022, Kirsteen Moffat has been appointed as the RSHP Project Leader to lead the production of additional resources to support the deliverance of the Relationship, Sexual Health, and Parenthood (RSHP) in the Health and Wellbeing section of Curriculum for Excellence used in our Schools.

The Project Management Team, made up of representatives of the Free Church and Christian Values in Education (Scotland), are looking to raise additional funding to support the post and to cover the significant costs of producing high quality CfE resources, based on a Christian worldview, to cover the areas of concern. This is a matter that is of great concern to our parents and to many of our teachers. It is also a matter that is close to

the hearts of the whole of the Christian community, and we have a responsibility to make every effort to ensure that our children grow up with a Christian worldview and understand God's Word in its relevance to everyday life.

The Deacons Court met on Wednesday 21st September and, recognising the importance of supporting the fundraising for this worthwhile cause, agreed to hold a door collection on Lord's Day 2nd October and Lord's Day 9th October so that everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the fundraising. There is a covering Fundraising Letter available at the door today which gives more information on the need for funds and how to be kept informed about the work. The Project Appeal Letter and an Appeal Response Form are available on the Congregational Website [here](#).

DISASTER AND RELIEF FUND

The Free Church recently sent donations to Pakistan, East Africa, and Ukraine Emergency Appeals. The Church, through its Disaster and Relief Fund, is sending £6,000 to Tearfund for their appeal in Pakistan, £5,000 to Tearfund towards their work in alleviating suffering due to the food crisis in East Africa, and £4,000 to facilitate the work of UFM partners within Ukraine and Ukrainian Refugees. The Deacons Court agreed to contribute £500 to the Church's Disaster and Relief Fund in support the above appeals.

WESTERN ISLES YOUTH TRAINING

Western Isles youth workers recently gathered in the North Harris Free Church building for training, discussion, and teaching for their first in-person meeting since the beginning of the pandemic. They were part of a group which had been meeting monthly on Zoom in a training programme run by Gordon Macleod, the Youth & Discipleship Support Worker of the Western Isles Presbytery. The programme provided stimulating and challenging Biblical teaching and discussion of real-world issues facing young people.

A report of the event and a photograph of those who attended are 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 - Smithton

Do pray for Tornagrain church plant from Smithton Church. Tornagrain is a new town being built between Inverness and Nairn. Pray for the team involved in this work that they would know the Lord's leading, protection and experience many prayers being answered for souls to be saved in Tornagrain.

Tuesday - Central Office

Pray for the Board of Ministry which is taking place today.

Wednesday - North Uist

Please pray that the congregation would continue to be united, encouraged, and faithful during this time of vacancy. Pray that God in his perfect timing would send a servant of His choosing to fill the vacancy.

Thursday - Smithton

Pray for the online ministry at Smithton Church. It has been greatly used before, during and since Covid. Remember the team who have developed this livestream facility and all who log on from near and far.

Friday - Richard and Barbara, a European city

Pray for the family we visit each Wednesday. Alistair listens well and now has an understanding of the gospel. Rachel asks interesting questions about Jesus and about the faith. Andy is moving on to further education in another town; pray that he will remember what he has heard. Mandy, who has learning difficulties, will be moving up a class in her high school next year. Sally, Rachel's 19-year-old niece, who joined the family a couple of years ago will move up a class too. Pray for these two girls who have a growing understanding of who Jesus is.

Saturday - North Uist

Pray that the Holy Spirit would move with power in our islands, as He has done in the past, and that He would put a desire in people's hearts to come to Church to worship the Lord and come under the sound of the Gospel.

Sunday - Dumisani Theological Institute

Praise the Lord that student enrolment at Dumisani Theological Institute has returned to 60 students for Term Four. Let us give thanks to the Lord for this return to pre-Covid numbers and may all students truly be taught the Word of God.