

Weekly Church Bulletin

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

Sunday 26th September 2021



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 at 6.00pm. Both the services will be conducted in English and taken by the Minister.

Services this Sunday

At the 12.00noon service we will continue our short study of *Lessons from the Return from Exile* in the Old Testament. The focus of the service this Lord's Day will be on Nehemiah 4:15-20 and Ephesians 6:10-12 and the title of the sermon is *God's Strategy for Kingdom Building*. At the 6.00pm service we will consider events at Pentecost in Acts 2:29-41 and the title of the sermon is *'Reversals & Rewards of Kingdom Life.'*

Psalm Singing

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	Psalm 91:1-4	Psalter (351)	Psalm 2:6-12	Sing Psalms (2)
2	Psalm 68:18	Psalter (303)	Psalm 16:8-11	Psalter (216)
3	Psalm 18:30-35	Psalter (221)		

English Services

The English services in the Church at 12.00noon and 6.00pm 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 services will be available on Sermon Audio at 2.00pm for the 12.00noon service and at 8.00pm for the 6.00pm service. The services can be accessed on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

Gaelic Service

A pre-recorded video service conducted in Gaelic from the same passage as the 12.00noon English 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. 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**.

COVID Restrictions

There is now no legal requirement for physical distancing in church services. However, we will continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing in our services in the meantime to help allay people's anxieties in public gatherings in the light of the ongoing presence of the COVID-19. We will also continue the practice of taking a register of all those attending our services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet in person in the Hall again this Lord's Day. According to the normal practice, the young people will be in the Church service from 12.00noon until leaving the service for the Sunday School at approximately 12.15pm. The teachers will ensure that all relevant COVID-19 guidance is observed.

WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Church at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 29th September 2021. The meeting will incorporate the congregational AGM (see below). A register of those attending the meeting will be taken at the door.

CONGREGATIONAL AGM & DEACONS COURT

The Congregational AGM, at which the Trustees Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented by the Treasurer, will take place on Wednesday evening, 29th September 2021, in the Church at 7.00pm. Copies of the Trustees Report and Statement of Accounts will be available at the meeting. The AGM will be followed immediately afterwards by a meeting of the Deacons Court.

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.

VACANCY – CAMPS COORDINATOR

The Church runs an extensive and popular programme of short-term residential camps for children and young people every summer (Free Church Youth Camps). The Church is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic person to join our team of committed staff in the Church Offices to help in the efficient planning and administration of the camps' programme. More details on the post and on the application process are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

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Sleat & Strath

Minister: Rev. Gordon Matheson

Sleat & Strath are the two districts that make up everything south of the Cuillin Hills on the Isle of Skye. Our community is mostly made up of scattered "post-crofting" villages, with a hub in Broadford.

Prayer Points:

1. Please pray for deepening discipleship and commitment. The congregation's core has been strengthened through the pandemic, but as we move back to in-person services and events we are struggling to reconnect with people outside that group. We need to be disciple-making more than ever, and we need new disciples to rapidly step up their commitment to the whole life of the church.
2. Please pray for our community, and our love for it. There are great social and economic needs, common to areas of relative rural deprivation, which we have tried to help address, but find challenging to continue with an aging congregation. But there is a profound spiritual need - and we need to find ways to faithfully bring the Good News into this darkness.

Lochgilphead

Minister: Vacant

Interim Moderator: Rev. Rodger Crooks

Lochgilphead Free Church is a small congregation in mid-Argyll, which has had no minister for several years. At the start of May 2021, Rodger Crooks came to be part-time Resident Supply.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that we will develop a church culture along the lines of Acts 2:41-47 that enables us to be a healthy gospel church for our community.
2. The church building has been out of use for several years. We have plans to bring it back into use in order to have space for worship and outreach. Pray that the Lord would "make us glad ... for as many years as we have seen trouble" (Psalm 90:15) and that "the favour of the Lord would rest upon us to establish the work of our hands" (Psalm 90:17), providing us with the good architectural advice, the required finances, and the skilled builders we need to forward our plans.

Raasay

Minister: Vacant

Interim Moderator: Rev. Marcos Florit

Raasay is a small island close to Skye. There is a population of about 145. There are two main churches here, Free Presbyterian and Free Church.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for the leadership of the congregation as they serve the church and make future plans.
2. Pray that the congregation would continue to be a good witness to the surrounding community and that people on the island would come to know Jesus as their Saviour.