

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 12.00noon service will be taken by Mr Gordon Macleod (North Harris). The sermon will be taken from Acts 16

The 6.00pm service will be taken by Mr Donald Morrison (Elder). The sermon will be based on Luke 23:32-56 with a focus on verses 38-43.

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 1	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 40:1-5	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalms 25(i): 4-10	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 113:5-9	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalms 119:33-40	Scottish Psalter	Psalms 67 (i)	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalms 51:9-15	Scottish Psalter	-----	-----

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

There will be no Sunday School today due to the school holiday.

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING

The mid-week prayer meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th November at 7pm in Bragar Meeting House (DV). The Free Church Mission Board has organised a Free Church of Scotland Day of Prayer to be held across the Church on Wednesday 30th November. Therefore, in line with our practice in the past there will be an hour of prayer in the Church Hall at 12.00noon, as well as the usual prayer meeting time of 7.00pm. More information is provided below.

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister.

FREE CHURCH – DAY OF PRAYER

The Free Church Mission Board has organised a Free Church of Scotland Day of Prayer to be held across the Church on Wednesday 30th November. This year, prayer points will focus on the Free Church's vision for a Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland. This vision is not something that can be achieved by a central organisation. This is about all of us working together, to see God's church become increasingly healthy right across Scotland and beyond. It is an invitation to every congregation, minister, member and adherent to recommit themselves to grow healthy in their own Christian lives and in their life together as a church. It is about asking people to think how God's church can be more effective in making and growing disciples.

The Day of Prayer gives many the opportunity to gather in the privilege of prayer across the entire nation. Prayer points will include revitalising churches, planting new churches, supporting church leaders, recruiting and training ministers among a number of other aspects. Information and resources are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

MISSION APPEAL | GLASGOW CITY MISSION

In aid of The Glasgow City Mission Christmas Appeal for the Homeless in Glasgow, coordinated locally by Stornoway High Free Church.

Requested this year by the Glasgow City Mission: finance donations and vouchers for stores such as Boots, Superdrug, Coop, Tesco, Argos, Costa Coffee, TK Maxx and Primark. These can be acquired from shops in Stornoway.

The drop off point is the Stornoway library community room (across from Roddy Smiths paper shop) at the following times:

FRIDAY 2nd December 2:00-4:00pm

SATURDAY 3rd December 11:00-3:30pm

(Please use the hand sanitizer available).

For further information contact Ian Smith, Ian McLeman 07985223078, Norman Maciver 07741007617, Charlie Nicolson 07717816476, Craig Parkes 07578168900 (Grateful thanks to Macleod & Buchanan, CNES Libray Staff and AM Training LTD). Thank you.

BETHESDA SOUP AND PUDDING LUNCH

There will be soup and pudding lunch, in aid of Bethesda, at the MA Hall, Kenneth Street, on Saturday 3rd December, 12noon-2pm. Please note that donations of baking would be gratefully accepted at the hall from 10am onwards.

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 21st November

Wick

Please pray that the Lord would send a worker, or workers, who will encourage and build up His people, and promote the work of His Kingdom in the Wick

Tuesday 22nd November

Turkey

A Turkish pastor has recently shared that he is feeling overwhelmed by his many responsibilities. He is looking for an assistant or colleague. Pray that the right man would come forward, and that the Lord would uphold this pastor and his family in the meantime.

Wednesday 23rd November

Healthy Gospel Church: Day of Prayer

Revitalisation: Pray for the 28 churches which have been engaged with the Church Development Track. Give thanks for good ideas generated and for friendships formed.

Thursday 24th November

Wick

Pray that the believers there, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how high and wide and long and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – so that they may be filled to all the fullness of God.

Friday 25th November
Healthy Gospel Church: Day of Prayer

Church Planting: Give thanks to the Lord for the church plants that are taking place in communities across Scotland. Pray for the vision for 30 new churches by 2030 and the vision for "A healthy gospel church for every community" in that God will make the paths straight and preparations will run smoothly.

Saturday 26th November
Turkey

The Timothy Project is launching an e-magazine for Turkish Christian writers, to help them develop their skills. Pray for all involved, and also that God would make it a blessing to the wider Turkish church.

Sunday 27th November
Healthy Gospel Church: Day of Prayer

Supporting Church Leaders: Pray for all ministers in the denomination. That they will always have a passion to know Christ more intimately and minister humbly and in God's spirit. Pray for the protection of their families.

SPURGEON DAILY READING – 27TH NOVEMBER

"The forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."
Ephesians 1:7

Could there be a sweeter word in any language than that word "forgiveness," when it sounds in a guilty sinner's ear, like the silver notes of jubilee to the captive Israelite? Blessed, forever blessed be that dear star of pardon which shines into the condemned cell, and gives the perishing a gleam of hope amid the midnight of despair! Can it be possible that sin, such sin as mine, can be forgiven, forgiven altogether, and forever? Hell is my portion as a sinner--there is no possibility of my escaping from it while sin remains upon me--can the load of guilt be uplifted, the crimson stain removed? Can the adamantine stones of my prison-house ever be loosed from their mortices, or the doors be lifted from their hinges? Jesus tells me that I may yet be clear. Forever blessed be the revelation of atoning love which not only tells me that pardon is possible, but that it is secured to all who rest in Jesus. I have believed in the appointed propitiation, even Jesus crucified, and therefore my sins are at this moment, and forever, forgiven by virtue of his substitutionary pains and death. What joy is this! What bliss to be a perfectly pardoned soul! My soul dedicates all her powers to him who of his own unpurchased love became my surety and wrought out for me redemption through his blood. What riches of grace does free forgiveness exhibit! To forgive at all, to forgive fully, to forgive freely, to forgive forever! Here is a constellation of wonders; and when I think of how great my sins were, how dear were the precious drops which cleansed me from them, and how gracious was the method by which pardon was sealed home to me, I am in a maze of wondering worshipping affection. I bow before the throne which absolves me, I clasp the cross which delivers me, I serve henceforth all my days the Incarnate God, through whom I am this night a pardoned soul.