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CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 28th August 2022

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

Both services this Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister. The sermon at the **12.00noon service** will be based on I John 1:5-10 and the title of the sermon is 'Communion & The Holiness of God.' The sermon at the **6.00pm service** will be based on I John 4:7-12 and the title of the sermon is 'Communion & The Love of God.'

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 27:1-4	Psalter (236)	Psalm 102:16-25 (LM)	Psalter (368)
2	Psalm 76:7-12	Sing Psalms (99)	Psalm 85:4-13	Sing Psalms (113)
3	Psalm 36:5-9	Psalter (251)	Psalm 133:1-3	Psalter (424)
4	Psalm 97:9-12	Psalter (360)	-----	-----

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. We pray for the children, their parents, and the teachers as we continue into another Session of Bible teaching for our young people.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 31st August 2022 at 7.00pm in the Bragar Meeting Hall.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the congregation next Lord's Day, Sunday 4th September 2022. The programme of services will be as follows:

Day	Date	Service	Preacher
Friday	2 nd Sep	English Service in the Church at 7.00pm	Rev. Thomas Davis
Saturday	3 rd Sep	Gaelic Service in the Church at 12.00noon	Rev. John Macleod
		Bilingual Prayer Meeting at 6.00pm	-----
Sunday	4 th Sep	English Service & Sacrament at 12.00noon	Rev. Thomas Davis
		English Service in the Church at 6.00pm	Rev. Thomas Davis
		Congregational Fellowship – Church Hall	Rev. Thomas Davis

MINISTER'S DIARY

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

Date		Supply
Tue	30 th August	Presbytery Meeting
Mon	5 th September	RSHP Project Worker Induction

		RSHP Assembly Remit Meeting	
Thu	7 th September	Board of Trustees Meeting, Edinburgh	
Thu	29 th September	Mission Board Meeting	

BAPTISM

The baptism of Billy, son of Matty and Jody Guy, will take place in St Andrews Free Church this Lord's Day, 28th August 2022. The service will commence at 10.30am and will be livestreamed on the following link – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RueglOpsqc> A recording of the service will be available on the St Andrews Free Church website.

We pray for Matty, Jody and Billy on this special occasion and look to the Lord to bless Billy with the grace of God in his heart.

ORDINATION OF NEW CHURCH PLANTER

On Friday 12th August St Peter's Free Church, Dundee was the setting for a historic ordination service. Rev. Craig Anderson was set apart by the presbytery of Edinburgh and Perth through the solemn laying on of hands to be a minister of the gospel, he was also inducted to the new church plant of Galashiels Free Church. It was an unusual event in that Craig was inducted into a congregation which does not yet exist! Craig, along with his wife Amy will move to Galashiels to establish a new church plant in that significant Borders town.

The service was conducted by Rev. Andy Pearson, Moderator of Presbytery, who by a happy co-incidence is senior minister of St Peter's, the mother church of Charleston Community Church where Craig had been serving as an elder. The sermon was preached by Rev. Andy Robertson, minister at Charleston. The evening was another link in a wonderful chain where the revitalised St Peter's gave birth to the daughter church at Charleston who are now sending one of their most gifted members to Galashiels. The role of mother church to Galashiels will now be taken over by Buccleuch Free Church, Edinburgh.

Galashiels is the latest in the [Free Church plan](#) to establish 30 new churches in Scotland by 2030. If you want more information, then please contact [Craig](#).

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 - Thurso

We are currently in a period of vacancy. Please pray that the congregation would continue to be united and encouraged through this season and that God would in His timing provide a minister to lead us.

Tuesday - Hope Church, Coatbridge

Give thanks with us for the holiday club that we held during the evenings of the last week of the school holidays. Led by Valerie Sim, our Lanarkshire Scripture Union worker, we were encouraged to see young people from the congregation step up to play leadership roles. It seemed not so long ago since they were first enrolled in our holiday clubs! Most of the children in our club came from the scheme in which the church building is situated. Three of these children and their parents came to our first-morning service after the club with another two expected. Pray that they continue and that the Holy Spirit will draw these families to faith in Jesus.

Wednesday - Thurso

Please pray for the Spirit to be at work as we seek to reach out to those in the community who aren't yet believers. Caithness is a difficult place to minister, but we trust in a God that is able to turn people towards him.

Thursday - Richard and Barbara, a European City

Pray for Sammy, 14 years old, as he spends the summer months on the islands. He has spent some time with the aunt with whom he spent much of his childhood and is now with his parents with whom he has spent little of his life. He will return to Marseille in mid-September after classes have resumed. Such changes have proved very difficult for him in the past. Pray that these things will cause him to remember what he has heard in the past and turn to the Lord.

Friday - Thurso

Pray for the renovations in the church, that we would be able to make progress and that the changes would be of benefit to the congregation and to the community in various ministry opportunities.

Saturday - Dumisani Theological Institute

Continue to pray for the work crew continuing to replace the roof on the main Dumisani Office building. May this help prepare Dumisani's physical structures for the future.

Sunday - Hope Church, Coatbridge

We are grateful to Almighty God that the funding for the extension to our building is 90% in place and we hope to begin work in September. Pray that the building work will go smoothly with minimum disruption to the worship and witness of the congregation and that on completion it will enable us to reach out more effectively to the surrounding area.