

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021



### SUNDAY SERVICES

We gather for public worship this Lord's Day 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 commence a study of *The Son of Man Discourses in Matthew*. We will introduce this study by looking at Matthew 3:1-12 and *Setting the Scene of the Kingdom*.

At the 6.00pm service we will commence a study of *The Warning Passages in Hebrews*. We will introduce this study by looking at Hebrews 1:5-12 and *The Supremacy of Christ over the Angels*.

#### 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 93:1-5	Psalter (354)	Psalm 89:24-29	Psalter (346)
2	Psalm 145:9-14 (LM)	Psalter (350)	Psalm 103:19-22	Psalter (370)
3	Psalm 50:3-5 (SM)	Psalter (276)		

#### 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 on the Twilio service, accessed by dialling 0131 510 2471.

#### COVID Restrictions

We 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 this Lord's Day with young people joining the Service as usual at 12.00noon and moving to the Church Hall from the Sunday School at 12.15pm.

### WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Bragar Meeting House at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021. We will observe the same one-metre physical distancing and take a register of those attending the meeting in line with our practice for Sunday services.

### 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.

## **Donations & Givings**

A facility has been set up on our Congregational Website for One-off Donations, arrangements for regular givings using the Standing Order system, and for the completion of a Gift Aid Form if you are a taxpayer. These facilities are all available under the [Donations](#) menu option on the website.

## **INDUCTION AT BACK**

The induction of Rev. Colin Macleod to the pastoral charge of Back Free Church of Scotland will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Representatives of the Presbytery will meet at 7.00pm in the Church Hall and the induction service in the main church will commence at 7.30pm. Rev. Calum M. Smith, Moderator of the Presbytery, is expected to preach and preside.

The service will be available live on YouTube (Channel name - *Back Free Church*). The link can also be easily accessed on the Back Free Church website - [www.backfreechurch.org](http://www.backfreechurch.org)

Please pray for Mr Macleod, his wife Aileen and their family, Lauren, Michael, and Jennifer as they adjust to this new phase in their experience. Pray also that the new ministry in Back will be richly blessed by God to the whole congregation and to the wider community in the days ahead.

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE**

The 2021 Remembrance Sunday Service will take place at the War Memorial in Bragar on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Service will commence at 10.30am and will be conducted outside. The usual order of service will be followed and will include a short address, the singing of a Psalm in Gaelic, Prayer, the laying of wreaths by different groups, and the singing of a Psalm in English. A collection will be taken at the Service in aid of funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the War Memorial.

## **TESTIMONY BOOKLETS**

The Free Church of Scotland Church Plant at Govan is distributing testimony booklets for congregations to use and share as desired. The Booklet shares something of Alison MacKay's testimony and were produced after someone heard her story at a Church fellowship meeting. Alison is married to Rev. Norman MacKay, Minister of the Church Plant at Govan. Twenty copies of the Booklet are available at the Church Door today and more can be requested if we run out of them.

## **MISSIONARY SLOT**

In our missionary slot this weekend we focus on the UN Climate Change Conference UK 2021 to be held in Glasgow this coming week. The negative impact of climate change on our world and on God's creation is undeniable and aspects of this negative impact are highlighted in the various media daily to increase awareness of it. Perhaps the impact is greater in parts of the world where much of the Church's missionary endeavour takes place and where poverty, famine and disease can be so prevalent.

Rev. Martin Patterson, involved in global mission and the Church's Global Mission Advisor, has written an article on where he explains why Christians should care about environmental issues. Martin says – 'in the coming weeks world leaders will gather in Glasgow for COP26 to discuss the global climate emergency. Though there are questions surrounding the events economic efficiency and environmental impact, discussions about the Earth's climate are necessary. A brief glance back to the flash flooding in China and Europe, or videos of the Blade Runner-like cityscapes of California remind us why. For disciples of Christ in Scotland there is a question we need to ask about these talks. With the world looking at the city of Glasgow, how should we engage with COP26?'

In the article he suggests five ways that we can engage with COP26 which will help build bridges with friends and family at the school gate or the coffee shop. The article can be found on the Free Church website [here](#).

## **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

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### **Kiltearn**

**Minister: Rev. Gavino Fioretti**

Our congregation has seen encouragements and like everyone else found lockdown difficult yet can say there was opportunity for new contacts. Though we were restricted God was not. Praying that He will do above and beyond what we ask for.

Prayer Points:

1. We ask you to pray for us for grace and wisdom in starting our outreach work among the young post-lockdown. Our Friday Club pre-lockdown had encouraging signs, but 18 months have passed, and the young people have grown in that time, some have moved into secondary school. Pray that God would work in the hearts and lives of the young people of Evanton.
2. As a congregation, we've been encouraged in different aspects, through challenging days, and a spirit of harmony exists. Please pray that we would be on our guard and would give no opportunity to the evil one who would seek to divide us.

### **Esk Valley**

**Minister: Rev. Tom Muir**

We were planted out of St Columba's in Edinburgh 5 years ago. We started with a small number and have grown by God's grace to around 80 folk now. We have a high proportion of young families, meaning our creche and kids' classes are busy (for which we give thanks). This year is our 5-year anniversary since we launched, and so we're spotlighting mission again, asking what our mission and vision looks like post-pandemic.

Prayer Points:

1. That our 2 mission-focus evenings would both engage and equip our people to see how they can participate in the work of the gospel.
2. That a few non-Christian friends of members who are 'interested' would be welcomed into the church family and come to know Jesus as Lord.

### **Hope Church Coatbridge**

**Minister: Rev. Ivor MacDonald**

Hope Church Coatbridge reaches out to a densely populated area of North Lanarkshire with great opportunities for spreading the gospel. We have recently been joined by Neil Longwe as a minister-in-training along with his wife Jillian and children Naomi and Israel.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for plans to provide fellowship for two groups of people in our church- teenagers and young adults.
2. Pray for the impact of our use in the autumn of Passion for Life's training resources in personal evangelism.