

## Weekly Church Bulletin

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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**



### ATTENDANCE AT 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 the Service will be conducted in English.

#### Coronavirus Protection Level 0

The Western Isles is now in Level 0 of Scottish Government COVID-19 restrictions. Congregational singing is now permitted. A capacity limit, determined by the size of the building and the observance of the 2-metre physical distancing rules, still applies regarding attendance at Church services. The physical distancing rules are under review and there are indications that they may be reduced to 1 metre on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and that they might be lifted completely on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021, depending on circumstances prior to these dates.

#### Ongoing Registration

Registration for attendance at services in the Church on the Lord's Day is necessary under Scottish Government COVID-19 guidelines. The arrangements for registering your intention to attend the services, and to complete the relevant documentation, have been set up on the Congregational Website [here](#). The deadline for submission of the names of those who wish to attend the service will be 12.00noon on Friday.

Mr Donald MacPhail, Deacon, is the Seating Coordinator for the Church services and enquiries regarding attendance should, in the first place, be directed to him on 710328 or [dan.macphail@icloud.com](mailto:dan.macphail@icloud.com). Alternatively, you may contact the Minister on 710216 or [cmacleod@freechurch.org](mailto:cmacleod@freechurch.org). If you are unable to use the online registration process, please contact Mr MacPhail or the Minister to register your intention to attend the service.

### 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.

### LORD'S DAY SERVICES – 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021

This Lord's Day we continue with our study of *The Christian's Experience of Grace* as a follow up on our study of *How we become Christians in the Gospel of John* earlier in the year. The study for this Lord's Day is from 1 John 2:28-3:3 and focussing on *The Evidence of Family Membership*.

#### English Service

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

#### Gaelic Service

The pre-recorded video of the Gaelic Service will be available on our YouTube Channel at 10.30am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The audio-only recording of the Gaelic service will be available at 12.00noon on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

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**. (Note – there is a delay of approximately 35 seconds from the time at which the call is answered until the service commences)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School now until after the school holidays. Once again, we give thanks to the young people and their parents for the commitment to the Zoom Sunday School in a year of COVID-19 restrictions. We also give thanks to the teachers for their work and commitment to this important gospel ministry. We pray that the Lord will greatly bless everyone and that families will be kept safe during the summer holidays.

### WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study (PBS) Group will meet Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, at 7.00pm, using Zoom audio-visual technology. We will conclude our study of the book entitled '*Gentle and Lowly – The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*' by Dane Ortlund by looking at the last Chapter entitled '*Buried in His Heart Forever*' based on Ephesians 2:7.

The Zoom Meeting ID is - 811 1884 3263. The ongoing Meeting Password is issued separately by contacting the Minister or any member of the group.

### **Resumption of In-person Meetings**

The Weekly Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will resume in-person meetings on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in the Church Hall. The Meeting will be at 7.00pm and we will operate the usual rota system of alternating between the Church Hall and the Bragar Meeting Hall. The Meetings will be held observing public health guidelines and COVID-19 restrictions for public worship.

### **PASTORAL VISITATION**

Pastoral visitation in homes is now possible as we continue in Protection Level 0 of the Scottish Government's COVID-19 restrictions. Pastoral visits will be carried out by the Minister and the Elders at their own discretion and subject to family and household arrangements as required. Please keep the Minister, and the Elders, informed of new situations where pastoral support is required.

### **KIRK SESSION & DEACONS COURT**

The **Kirk Session** will meet on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. The **Deacons Court** will meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

### **2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY – MODERATOR'S MESSAGE**

The address of the Moderator, Rev. Neil MacMillan, to the 2021 General Assembly is now available on the Free Church Website [here](#).

### **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

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#### **Knockbain**

**Minister: Rev. Farquhar Renwick**

Knockbain Free Church serves the communities of North Kessock and Munloch in the Black Isle area of Ross-shire. It has strong links with the community and works alongside three schools in the surrounding area. Extensive community work, schoolwork, and youth work form part of its usual activity.

Prayer Points:

1. Please pray for our ongoing outreach among the community. Please pray that the congregation will be able to build up relationships with the community in order to share the good news of Jesus.
2. Pray for the ministries to the congregation's young people, that they would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

#### **Govan G51**

**Minister: Rev. Norman MacKay**

The vision to plant a church in this area of multiple deprivation was approved by the General Assembly in 2013. From a starting point of zero the work has taken root within the Govan community and presently has a flourishing and growing indigenous congregation. The church has initiated 7 ministries in the area, ranging from Christ-centred addiction recovery programmes to outreach cafes, trauma counselling and small group Bible studies. We have acquired our own building, plus a hub office in the centre of Govan. Many of those converted to Christ have spent long years in prison, struggled with substance addiction and are from long established families in Govan.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that the Lord would richly bless the 5 principles of the church plant: new believers, making disciples, creating community, cultural sensitivity, and mission focus.
2. Give thanks for the growth of the church plant in Govan and pray that the Lord would continue to raise up leaders in the church and provide the resources to continue this valuable ministry.