

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 1st August 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.

Capacity Limit

The whole of Scotland is now in Level 0 of Scottish Government COVID-19 restrictions. The physical distancing rules is now fixed at 1 metre, and this has increased the number we can accommodate at our Church services. Congregational singing is now permitted. Face-covering must be worn. We await an update on the restrictions from the Scottish Government this week with any changes to be effective from 9th August 2021.

Sunday Evening Service

The Kirk Session has agreed that we would resume the 6.00pm Sunday service in the Church on Sunday 15th August. This will be the first Sunday after the expected Scottish Government update on COVID-19 restrictions. The resumption of this service is subject to there being no tightening of restrictions on Monday 9th August.

Registration for Services

There is now no need to pre-register your intention to attend the Sunday services. The register will be taken on entrance to the service by the Office-bearers on door duty on the day. The Data Consent Form must be completed and submitted on the first day of attendance only. The Form, along with the Guidance Document giving general information on the arrangements for the services, is available on the on the Congregational Website [here](#). Any questions regarding attendance at the services can be directed to Mr Dan MacPhail, Deacon, on 710328 or dan.macphail@icloud.com or the Minister on 710216 or cmacleod@freechurch.org.

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 – 1st AUGUST 2021

This Lord's Day we will conclude our study of The Christian's Experience of Grace. The message will be based on Psalm 92:10-15, and the sermon title is 'The Triumph and Testimony of Faith.'

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. The audio-only recording of the Gaelic service will be available at 12.00noon on Sunday 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**.

Please note that there will be no Gaelic services available when the Minister is on holiday (see below).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School until after the school holidays.

WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Church at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 28th July 2021. Those who wish to attend are reminded that Bibles and Psalms Books will not be available at the door

during the current COVID-19 restrictions. The register of those who attend will be taken at the door according to the Scottish Government COVID-19 guidelines.

MINISTER'S HOLIDAY

The Minister will be on holiday for three weeks and will be absent for the next three Sundays. The services on these Sundays will be taken as follows: Sunday 8th August – Rev. Donald Morrison (retired); Sunday 15th August – Mr Scott Macleod, Stornoway, will take both services; Sunday 22nd August – Mr Donald Macleod, Park, will take both services. We are thankful for their willingness to help and pray for them as they prepare to bring God's Word to us.

Rev. Thomas Davis, Carloway, will support the Elders to cover any pastoral emergencies during the Minister's absence should any such situations arise. We are thankful to Thomas for agreeing to help in this way.

LEWIS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

This year's Lewis Christian Conference will, God willing, take place from Thursday 12th August through to Saturday 14th August. The conference will be hosted by Garrabost Free Church in Point and the services will be held in the Main Road Building in Garrabost. The speaker will be the Rev. David Johnston, retired minister of Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church in Bangor, Northern Ireland. Rev. Johnston will also preach at both services at Garrabost Free Church on the Lord's Day 15th August. Online Booking will be available before the event and Covid regulations will be observed throughout the conference weekend. The theme of this year's conference will be "Trusting God in Troubled Times" with three messages on Habakkuk: **Thursday 12th August**, 7.30 pm - How long, O Lord; **Friday 13th August**, 7.30 pm - The righteous will live by faith; **Saturday 14th August**, 7.30 pm - I will rejoice in the Lord.

Links to the online booking forms will be available on both the Garrabost Free Church and Lewis Christian Conference websites.

MOLDOVA BOOK CAVE

The Moldova Book Cave is situated in Engebret's Lorry Park, Stornoway, beside the petrol station shop. The Book Cave will be open on Saturdays from 10.30am – 1.30pm, July to October 2021 and from March to October 2022. Donations of second hand Christian hard-back books, Christian CD's & tapes, Gaelic Bibles, Cookbooks and Gardening Books in good condition are very welcome. For donations of books, you can hand your donation to the Book Cave when it is open or contact your local representative. Our local contact person is Kathleen Murray whom you can contact on 07919407373.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

1st August

Livingston & Coulter

Minister: Rev. Nigel Anderson

Livingston is a fast-growing urban conglomeration of a population of over 57000 people. The congregation serves the town plus neighbouring towns and villages of West Lothian including Whitburn, Bathgate and Fauldhouse. The congregation consists of a mixture of Lowland, Highland, Island, Northern Irish, Welsh and English members and adherents, sharing the desire to serve the Saviour in an increasingly secularised environment.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for effective witness in the local vicinity and online.
2. Give thanks for new attendees at in-person services.

Burghead

Minister: Rev. Peter Turnbull

We are a small but growing/revitalising congregation in Burghead, a fishing village on the Moray coast.

Prayer Points:

1. Praise God for the way he has grown out congregation throughout the pandemic. Pray for those still reluctant to regather after lockdown, that they would prioritise the gathering of the Lord's people. Pray also for our many new contacts (during the Pandemic) to grow into new conversions!
2. Pray for Davi and Emma De Paula who will join us in Burghead next month as Davi becomes our first minister-in-training.

