

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 18th July 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 Western Isles is already 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 being relaxed from 2 metres to 1 metre from Monday 19th July 2021. This increases the capacity of all Church buildings, and the change is welcomed as we continue to move towards the new norm for services and Church life. The Scottish Government will keep the COVID-19 restrictions under review and a further announcement is expected on 9th August 2021.

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. Alternatively, you may contact 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 – 18th JULY 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 Ruth 1:6-18 and focussing on *The Instinctive Family Devotion*.

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**.

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 Hall this Wednesday, 21st 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 and that attendees should bring their own Bibles and Books. The register of those who attend will be taken at the door according to the Scottish Government COVID-19 guidelines.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered at the 12.00noon service next Lord's Day, Sunday 25th July 2021. The Sacrament has been granted to Mr Dan MacPhail for their daughter Caitlin Erin, and to Mr Malcolm Macleod for their son Neil. We continue to pray for Dan and Erica, with Caitlin Erin, Jessica and Ewen, and Malcolm and Rebecca, with Neil and John Angus, in our prayers as they prepare for the Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Kirk Session considered the importance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the life of the congregation when it met on Wednesday 7th July 2021. It was agreed to make provisional arrangements for the Sacrament to be observed and dispensed at the 12.00noon service on 26th September 2021, the last Sunday of the month. It was also agreed that this would be an in-house Communion with services on Friday evening and on the Lord's Day. The arrangements are subject to COVID-19 circumstances and restrictions at the time and more information will be made available in due course.

MONTHLY RECORD

The July 2021 edition of The Record is available for uplift at the Church door this Lord's Day.

THE BULWARK MAGAZINE

The latest issue of the Scottish Reformation Society's magazine, The Bulwark, is available at the door today for those who have indicated that they wish to receive a copy. If you wish to take up membership of the Society, you may do so [here](#).

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

18th July 2021

Kinloch

Minister: Rev. Paul Murray

We are a congregation in the Lochs area of Isle of Lewis covering around 10 villages of varying sizes.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that the Lord's people in Kinloch would be strengthened and encouraged in their faith.
2. Pray that unbelievers in the district, many of whom are covenant children, would be converted.

Gardenstown New Church

Minister: Rev. Robin Gray

Gardenstown is a small fishing village on the North Aberdeenshire coast, near Banff. The congregation joined the Free Church in 2016, having previously left the Church of Scotland. The Covid pandemic has brought both challenges and fresh opportunities to share the gospel with our community, and it is our prayer that people who have been reached in one way or another during this time will find a home with us in the days ahead.

Prayer Points:

1. Please pray for new converts. Our great desire is to see people come to faith and be added to our number. To that end, please pray that all efforts to reach our community with the gospel would be blessed by God and used to bring people to a saving knowledge of Christ.
2. Please pray for unity in the congregation as we emerge from lockdown restrictions and seek to renew and deepen the bonds of fellowship in Christ. Pray that the community would know we are disciples of Christ because we love one another.