

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 29th August 2021



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 at 6.00pm. Both the services will be conducted by the Minister.

The Services

At the 12.00noon service we will commence a short study of *Lesson from the Return from Exile* as we resume normal service on the Lord's Day and resume in-person meetings of the Sunday School. The focus of the service this Lord's Day will be on Ezra 3:13 and *The Restoration of Biblical Worship*.

The focus of the service at 6.00pm will be on Psalm 80:1-13 and *A Prayer for a Return to Normal*.

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

The pre-recorded video of the 12.00noon service in Gaelic 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 as usual on the **Twilio service**, which can be **accessed from landline / home telephone** by dialling the number **0131 510 2471**.

COVID Restrictions

There is now no legal requirement for physical distancing in church services. However, we will 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. People attending church services are still required to wear face coverings except for children under the age of 12. Registration for attendance at services is not required at this present time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are thankful that the Sunday School will resume with in-person meetings this Lord's Day. The Sunday School will meet in the Hall as was the case before COVID-19 lockdown. The young people will be in the Church service from 12.00noon until leaving the service for the Sunday School at approximately 12.15pm. The teachers will ensure that all relevant COVID-19 guidance is observed. We pray for the young people as they return to Sunday School. We also pray for Neil, Dan and Kathleen as they resume their teaching duties. We are thankful to our families for their ongoing support of the Sunday School.

WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Church at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 1st September 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.

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.

WOMEN FOR MISSION CONFERENCE

The Women for Mission (WfM) Conference will take place on Saturday 18th September 2021. The topic of the Conference is *Salt & Light: Distinctive Christian Living in a Hostile World*. The guest speaker is Ann Allen. The Conference is live streamed and will be freely available to watch online via the YouTube link on our website -

womenformission.org/salt-and-light-conference. There is no cost, but we would be delighted if those attending would consider making a donation to support this year's projects. Please pray for the Conference that it will be stimulating, challenging and an encouragement to all those who attend.

SATURDAY PART-TIME COURSES 2021-2022

The new session of the Saturday Part-time Courses at ETS begins on Saturday 18 September 2021. It is hoped that as many as possible will sign up for this new set of lectures, details of which can be found on the ETS Website - www.ets.ac.uk. The **Online Registration Form** is available on the ETS website – www.ets.ac.uk.

The Lectures for 2021-22 are:

- God's King and Kingdom: Studies in 1 & 2 Samuel (Robin Sydserrff)
- When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Colin Dow)
- Equipping Our Children for Today and Tomorrow (Megan Patterson)

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

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Kiltarlity, Beaully & Kirkhill

Minister: Rev. Stephen Allison

Kiltarlity Free Church is rural congregation 20 minutes outside of Inverness. Kiltarlity, Kirkhill and Beaully are growing as commuter villages for Inverness with a lot of young families moving into the area. The congregation has a mixture of ages reflecting the wider area.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that as a congregation we would be committed to prayer. Pray for the church to maintain new connections made over lockdown and pray for the church leaders.
2. Give thanks for the Holiday Club which was run in the church earlier in the month and for the connections which were made with the community through this event. Pray that the children who attended the club, and their families, would continue to be impacted by the gospel which they heard throughout that week.

Haddington

Minister: Rev. Ali Sewell

Haddington Community Church was planted from St Columba's Free Church in 2018. Haddington is a rapidly growing town in the centre of East Lothian of 10,000+ people, with a large number of new houses being built, . With a foundation of the centrality of the bible and a dependence upon prayer, we're seeking to build a welcoming, growing, serving, and joyful community overflowing from the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayer Points:

1. Please pray for a venue. As a new congregation we don't have our own building, and this has been especially challenging over lockdown and as things restrictions ease but many buildings (esp. those owned by the council which we were using) remain closed. Please pray that a larger venue would open so we can move from 2 smaller services to all worshipping together and being able to run creche and Kids' Church classes as well. Please also pray that when the time is right God would provide us with a longer term home which we could use for ministry throughout the week as well as on Sundays.
2. Please pray that as a church and as individuals we would make good connections with the local community and have opportunities to share the gospel with them. As restrictions do ease please pray for wisdom to know where to direct energy and resources to serve our community and communicate the good news of Jesus with them. And that in all this God would through his Spirit open the eyes of many to see their need of Jesus as their saviour.