

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 24th 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

The Minister is taking the services in the vacant congregation of Back this Lord's Day. We pray for the congregation of Back as they await the induction of Rev. Colin F. Macleod on Friday 5th November 2021 and the commencement of a new ministry.

The services in the Church here this Lord's Day will be taken by Rev. Roddy J. Campbell and Rev. Kenny I. Macleod, now both retired from the pastoral ministry. We thank them for their willingness to help with the services and trust and pray that God will bless His Word preached. We also wish them both well in their retirement and give thanks to the Lord for years of faithful ministry.

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	Psalter (354)	Psalm 34:5-10	Psalter (247)
2	Psalm 90:11-14	Psalter (350)	Psalm 16:5-8	Psalter (216)
3	Psalm 96:11-13	Psalter (359)	Psalm 73:23-26	Psalter (316)

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

There will be no Gaelic service available on the YouTube Channel or on Sermon Audio this Lord's Day in the Minister's absence. This provision will resume for Sunday 31st October 2021. A historical Gaelic Service will 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 resume this Lord's Day with young people joining the Service at 12.00noon and moving to the Church Hall from the Sunday School at 12.15pm. We pray for the young people, for the teachers, and for the parents as the Sunday School resumes for this term.

WEEKLY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Church at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 27th October 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.

THANKS

The family of the late Donnie Scott (formerly of Bragar and more recently of Barvas) wish to put on record their thanks for the use of the Church for the funeral service on Monday and to the Office-bearers on duty at the time. They wish to thank the community who supported them and prayed for them at the time of their tragic loss and for the generous donations received for the work of Hebrides Alpha and The Shed Project. They also wish to thank the Grinneabhat Centre who hosted them after the interment at Bragar. We continue to pray for Donnie's dad Alastair, for his brother David, and for his sisters, Catherine and Mairi, and the wider family as they continue to grieve over the loss of Donnie.

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.

FREE CHURCH VACANCIES

Camps' Coordinator

The Church is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic person to join our team of committed staff in the Church Offices as Camps' Coordinator to help in the efficient planning and administration of the camps' programme. More details on the post, and on the application process, are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

Finance Assistant

The Free Church of Scotland is looking to appoint a capable Finance Assistant to join our team of committed staff in the Church Offices to help with the efficient finance administration for the denomination. The successful applicant will be part of a small Finance Team, and will have regular contact with other staff, Ministers, Treasurers, and suppliers. More details on the post, and on the application process, are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

MISSIONARY SLOT

Myanmar, also known as Burma, is in **Southeast Asia**. It neighbours Thailand, Laos, Bangladesh, China, and India. It has a population of about 54 million, most of whom are Burmese speakers, although other languages are also spoken. Nearly 4.4 million of Myanmar's population are Christian. The majority religion is Buddhism.

Buddhist nationalism is especially strong in Myanmar and drives much of the persecution of Christians. Converts to the Christian faith face persecution from their families and communities for leaving, or 'betraying', the system of belief they grew up in. Communities who aim to stay 'Buddhist only' make life for Christian families impossible by not allowing them to use community resources such as water. Non-traditional church groups experience opposition too, especially those located in rural areas and/or are known for evangelistic activity.

Myanmar is also the scene of the longest civil war in the world, which began in 1948. It affects, among others, the predominantly Christian states of Kachin, Karen and Shan. Believers are vulnerable to persecution by insurgent groups and the army. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought added challenges since many Christians are deliberately overlooked in the distribution of government aid.

On 1st February 2021, the military seized power of Myanmar, claiming Aung San Suu Kyi's National League of Democracy (NLD) landslide election victory in November 2020 was fraudulent. The coup threatens to undo the promising steps made towards democratic rule made in the past decade.

The political upheaval has magnified the vulnerabilities of Christians in Myanmar, and there is deep concern that the military's renewed hold on the country could exacerbate these further. Already churches have been caught in the crossfire between the military, ethnic armed groups, and citizens resisting the military coup, having been subjected to attacks, raids, and occupation by the military. The coup has also aggravated the spread of Covid-19, whilst a scarcity of commodities and soaring inflation are adding to peoples' struggles.

Please pray for the situation in Myanmar and the needs of the Church and the indigenous people as they struggle economically, spiritually, and politically. More information on the situation in Myanmar can be found on the Open Doors UK website [here](#).

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

24th October 2021

Tarbert

Minister: Vacant

Interim Moderator: Rev. Rodger Crooks

Tarbert Free Church is a small congregation in mid-Argyll, which has had no minister for several years. At the start of May 2021, Rodger Crooks came to be part-time Resident Supply.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that we will develop a church culture along the lines of Acts 2:41-47 that enables us to be a healthy gospel church for our community.
2. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will provide workers and resources to enable the gospel to prosper in mid-Argyll.

Knox Church, Perth

Minister: Rev. Paul Gibson

Knox Church Perth exists to glorify God by worshipping Him, serving His Kingdom, and making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our congregation is made up of around 70 members, some of whom are recent converts and others have been walking with Christ for many years. We have two services on a Sunday, a prayer meeting on Wednesday, drop-in/outreach cafe on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, a Mums and Toddler group on Fridays and an after-school children's club once a week. We are very thankful to God for the way that He has sustained and blessed us over this difficult past 18 months.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for those who are relatively new to our congregation, that they would be blessed to us and us to them and that together we would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
2. Pray that each one of us would seek first the Kingdom of God, honour Christ and be faithful witnesses in our families, workplaces and throughout our daily lives - that others would see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven.