

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 26th December 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. Our [Church Bulletin](#) is available under the News item on the Main Menu bar of our [Website](#).

Services this Sunday

At both services this Lord's Day we will focus on the account of *The Birth Narratives* in the Gospel of Luke. At the 12.00noon service we will look at Luke 2:22-25 and the subject of '*The Dedication & Destiny of Jesus.*' At the 6.00pm service we will look at Luke 2:41-52 and the subject of '*The Son & Servant of the Covenant.*'

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 27:4-7	Psalter (236)	Psalm 138:1-6	Psalter (431)
2	Psalm 22:19-23	Psalter (228)	Psalm 26:8-12	Psalter (235)
3	Psalm 70:1-5 (SM)	Psalter (309)		

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

A pre-recorded video service conducted in Gaelic from the same passage as the 12.00noon English 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. The audio-only recording of the Gaelic Service will also be available on the Twilio service, accessed by dialling 0131 510 2471.

New Year's Day Service

There will be a New Year's Day service in the Church on Saturday 1st January 2020 at 12.00noon. The service will be conducted in English, and all are warmly invited to attend.

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

The Scottish Government COVID-19 Restrictions Guidance for Places of Worship was updated on 9th December and 16th December with no substantial changes but with general advice for good practice. We continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing in our services in line with the advice from the Scottish Government and 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. We must be vigilant in observing all the public health guidelines as our communities continue to suffer from COVID-19 and the current omicron variant.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School during the School Holidays. We thank children and parents for their support of the Sunday School during 2021 in what has been a challenging time. We trust and pray that God will bless our homes and families at this special time of year.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in Bragar Meeting House at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 29th December 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Kirk Session met on Wednesday 22nd December 2021 and considered the importance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the life of the congregation. The Session agreed that the Sacrament should be re-introduced into the congregation's calendar as soon as possible. However, the Session is concerned about the current COVID-19 situation and the projected situation in January 2022. It was, therefore, agreed to appoint the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be observed and administered on the regular weekend in February which in 2022 will be Sunday 27th February.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE

The Deacons Court requests that all contributors and donors to congregational funds should submit envelopes and donations for 2021 to the Church this Sunday, 26th December 2021, at the latest. This is to enable all monies to be counted and banked before the end of the financial year.

The Deacons Court also requests that all those who have received a copy of The Record in 2021 should hand in their payment for the magazine at the Church door this Sunday, 26th December 2021, at the latest. The cost of the magazine is £2.00 per issue with the months of June and July combined in one issue. The total cost for the year is £22 but because of COVID-19 restrictions, and difficulties in distributing the magazine, you may not have received all eleven issues. Please submit your subscription according to the number of issues received.

FREE CHURCH YOUTH CAMPS 2022

The new Free Church Youth Camps' Coordinator, Mairi Beaton, is pleased to announce that registration for the Free Church Youth Camps 2022 is now OPEN. The programme offers eleven camps in four different locations across the country. The camps are a great opportunity to make new friends, take part in various activities, games and challenges, as well as learning more about the Bible and its relevance to our lives. The registration deadline is Monday 31st January 2022. More information on the FCYC Programme and how to register is available on the Free Church Youth Camps website [here](#).

TRIBUTE TO CLIVE BAILEY

The Church was saddened and shocked to hear the news of the sudden passing of Clive Bailey on 21st December. Originally from Leicester, Clive studied English at Aberdeen University. It was there, as a student that, upon being invited to Dee St Free Church, he heard the gospel for the first time, and came to faith under the ministry of Rev. Douglas Macmillan. It was there also that he met Ruth Wilson whom he married in 1973.

Clive served the Church at the Colegio San Andres in Lima, Peru, for two periods, the first for three years in 1977, and the second for five years in 2008. After returning to Scotland in 2013, Clive and Ruth settled in the central belt where he became an Elder in the newly planted Stirling Free Church.

Clive will be missed terribly by the large number of people who knew him, his church, but most of all his family. We extend our deepest sympathies to Ruth and their children: Judy, Rachel, Vickie and Catriona, together with grandchildren, sons in law and wider family. A full tribute is available on the Free Church website [here](#).

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

26th December 2021

St Columba's

Ministers: Rev. Derek Lamont

Assistant Minister: Rev. Cory Brock

We are a city centre church with a vision to build a strong gospel community, disciple our people well, train a new generation of leaders and plant new churches in and around Edinburgh, because we love the people of the city and want them to hear and respond positively to the good news of the Gospel.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for Rev Cory Brock and his wife and family (Heather, Ethan, Juliette, Ames and Lewis) as they moved over to Scotland from Jackson, Mississippi to become the Assistant Minister in St C's at the start of the month. Please pray for a smooth transition to life in Scotland, and for their families at home in the States (especially grandparents) who are feeling sad at the thought of being so far away from them.
2. Give thanks for events which took place leading up to Christmas: Sparkle Sisters (a charity that has arisen from St C's born out of the desire to enhance the lives of vulnerable women; a place where women are the

priority) ran an event. Please pray for the developing contacts and for conversions to Christ. Our Carol Service took place in person once again; give thanks for this opportunity to present the Gospel and please pray that the Holy Spirit will bring spiritual life to the lost who attended.

North Tolsta

Minister: Vacant

Interim Moderator: Rev. Iain Thomson

North Tolsta congregation as the name suggests is situated in the North of the island of Lewis. The congregation is predominantly elderly with a few young families. The congregation became vacant at the end of July after the retiral of Rev Roddy John Campbell who had served them faithfully for 22 years.

Prayer Points:

1. That The Lord would give wisdom and guidance in leading the congregation to unite in choosing the man of God's choice to be their under shepherd.
2. That the congregation would be blessed with a spirit of prayer for the conversion of souls.