

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 23rd January 2022



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. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website our [here](#).

Services this Sunday

At the 12.00noon service we will return to our study of the *Son of Man Passages in the Gospel of Matthew*. This Lord's Day we will look at Matthew 12:1-8 and the subject of 'The Son of Man & The Sabbath.'

At the 6.00pm service, we will commence a study of *The Life of Samson*. This Lord's Day we will look at Judges 13:1-25 and 'Samson – A Life in its Context.'

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 40:5-9	Psalter (259)	Psalm 89:26-34	Psalter (347)
2	Psalm 51:14-17	Psalter (281)	Psalm 108:9-13	Psalter (386)
3	Psalm 37:29-34	Psalter (255)		

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.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

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 remain vigilant in observing all the public health guidelines as the COVID-19 continues to affect our communities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day as usual and will follow the normal pattern. We pray our children and for the teachers as they continue to learn and teach the Word of God.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in the Bragar Meeting House at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 12th January 2022. We will return to our study of the Epistle of James with a focus on James 3:1-12 and 'The Taming of the Tongue.' We continue to observe the same one-metre physical distancing and take a register of those attending the meeting in line with our practice for Sunday services.

KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet immediately after the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 26th January 2022.

LDOS ANNUAL PRAYER MEETING

A non-denominational prayer meeting, under the auspices of the local Lord's Day Observance Society (Day One), will be held next Lord's Day (30th January 2022) at 9.00pm in the APC Church, Keith Street, Stornoway. The meeting will be led by the outgoing Chairman, Rev. Stephen McCollum. Everyone is warmly encouraged to come along and take part in this meeting in a day when we need much prayer for the blessing of the Lord upon the Church and upon our wider society.

BINDING BROKENNESS

'Binding Brokenness' is the local expression of a Bible-based trauma healing ministry using a small group resource produced by the Trauma Healing Institute and the Scottish Bible Society. Mairianne Campbell (Stornoway Free Church) and Joanna George (St Peter's Episcopal Church) work together as facilitators of this material, which is simply a resource for churches to help those who have been hurt by difficulties in life.

The material combines the best practice mental health principles with Bible-based discussion and activities to allow participants to explore how to begin to heal from trauma. The group is confidential, and participants only share what they are comfortable sharing of their own experience. **The course begins with an introductory welcome lesson on Thursday 3rd February and runs weekly each Thursday evening until 17th March, God willing.**

If you have experienced suffering and loss, you may find this group helpful. Please get in touch if you are at all interested. To book or find out more, please contact the group facilitators:

Joanna George, traumahealingStPeters@gmail.com, 07771534048;

Mairianne Campbell, stornowayfreechurch@outlook.com, 07876202073

THE WAY FORWARD READING GROUP

A 10-week reading group on discipleship for men will begin on Tuesday 1st February 2022. The group will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings from 8.00pm – 9.00pm on Zoom. Each week the group will read and discuss a chapter from The Way Forward, by Joe Barnard. The group is open to men of any age, experience or location and all are welcome.

To sign up, or for more information, please contact: Andy Cumming: andrew_n_cumming@hotmail.com or Thomas Davis: tdavis.freechurch@outlook.com

THE VISION OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The vision of the Free Church of Scotland is to have "A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland". The Church's Communications Group is pleased to announce the release of the Healthy Gospel Church publicity material.

A promotional video on the Healthy Church Vision is available YouTube by clicking [here](#). There is also a Healthy Gospel Church booklet for congregations. Copies of this booklet are available at the Church door today. Additional copies will be made available as required. The purpose of the promotional material is to start conversations among Ministers, Elders, members and adherents at local and Presbytery level. You are, therefore, encouraged to access the promotional material and so familiarise yourself with what the Church is saying regarding its vision.

Throughout 2022, the Communications Group will be promoting the vision more, and encouraging conversations about how we might grow in health. Seminars and presentations on the vision will become available during the year when an opportunity will be given to share information and discuss how individuals and congregations have a role in realising the vision.

The health and growth of the Church is a matter that is of key importance to us all, and we need to think and pray about how we might grow, not only as individuals, but as congregations.



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