

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 30th 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 [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 12:22-32 and the subject of 'The Son of Man & The Unforgivable Sin.'

At the 6.00pm service, we will continue with our study of *The Life of Samson*. This Lord's Day we will look at Judges 14:1-9 and the subject of 'Samson – Providence & Patterns of Behaviour.'

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 95:6-11	Psalter (357)	Psalm 25:8-14 (SM)	Psalter (231)
2	Psalm 103:8-14	Sing Psalms (135)	Psalm 44:4-9	Sing Psalms (85)
3	Psalm 101:1-4	Psalter (363)		

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 note the relaxations on COVID-19 restrictions announced by the Scottish Government, but we will continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing in our services to help allay people's anxieties in public gatherings in the light of the ongoing presence of the COVID-19. We will discontinue the practice of taking a register of all those attending our services with immediate effect. We thank you all for your cooperation in this matter and trust and pray we will be kept safe from the presence of the COVID-19 around us in our communities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day as usual and will follow the normal pattern. We pray for 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 Church at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 2nd February 2022. We will continue with our study of the Epistle of James with a focus on James 3:13-18 and 'The Wisdom that is from Above.' In line with the revised practice for the Lord's Day services, we continue to observe the one-metre physical distancing but will no longer take a register of those attending the meeting.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Kirk Session appointed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be observed and dispensed at the 12.00noon service on Sunday 27th February 2022. There will be a preparatory service on Friday 25th February at 7.00pm and a thanksgiving service on Sunday evening at 6.00pm. All the services will be in the Church, will be conducted in English, and will be taken by the Minister. More details on arrangements for the Sacrament will be made available

nearer the time. We are thankful to the Lord for this opportunity in His providence to restore the Sacrament to the life of the congregation with all its associated benefits and we look to the Lord to make it a blessing.

DEACONS COURT

The Deacons Court will meet on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

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 this 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.

SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION

The latest edition of the Slavic Gospel Association Newsletter is available at the door today. More details on the work of SGA can be found at their website [here](#).

PFOA – PRAYER POINTS

The following are prayer points issued by the Mission Board under the Praying For One Another Scheme (PFOA) in the past week.

Free North, Inverness

1. Ask God to strengthen our shared and individual gospel witness in the heart of the City of Inverness.
2. Pray for humble and united leadership from our elders, our ministers Rev. Angus MacRae and Rev. Chris Davidson, and our Women's Worker, Carrie Marlow, as we focus on worship, mission and growing mature disciples.

Dumisani Theological Institute, South Africa

Pray for the classes at Dumisani Theological Institute, Eastern Cape, which started on Monday January 24th for Term One.

Isle of Arran

Pray for spiritual renewal on the island and for the congregation as it witnesses to the community in 2022.

Soldiers & Airmen Scripture Readers Association (SASRA)

The military will be incredibly busy as always, this year. Pray for safety for them around the world as they serve us.

Colegio San Andrés

1. Pray for enrolment time.
2. Pray for new students adding to the School as well as for former students to come back.

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. You can also read the booklet online at the Free Church Website by clicking [here](#).

You are encouraged to familiarise yourself with the Healthy Church Vision by viewing the video and reading the booklet. The health and growth of the Church is a matter of key importance to us all, and we need to think and pray about how we might grow and be healthy, not only as individuals, but as a congregation.



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