

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 20th February 2022



SUNDAY SERVICES (DV)

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 Rev Roddy John Campbell. We are thankful to Mr Campbell for agreeing to take the services and pray that the Lord will bless him in his ongoing ministry in his retirement.

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

Services this Sunday

At the 12.00noon service the Scripture reading will be Mark 1:14-45 and the sermon text will be Mark 1:40-45

At the 6.00pm service the Scripture reading will be Matthew 8 and the sermon text will be Matthew 8:28-34.

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 103:1-4	Psalter Pg 369	Psalm 138:6-8	Psalter Pg 432
2	Psalm 38:5-9	Psalter Pg 256	Psalm 116:1-6	Psalter Pg 395
3	Psalm 130	Sing Psalms Pg 173	Psalm 147:3-7	Sing Psalms Pg 192

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 this week due to the Minister being on holiday.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

We 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 coronavirus in our communities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is no Sunday School today due to the school holiday.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will take place in Bragar at 7.00pm this Wednesday, 23rd February 2022 (DV). 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 (DV). 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. 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. More details on arrangements for the Sacrament are provided below:

The Preliminaries

The Kirk Session will meet on Friday evening after the 7.00pm English service. The Session will be pleased to meet with anyone who desires to profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and sit at the Lord's Table for the first time. The

Session will also receive transference certificates from anyone who wishes to join us from another congregation.

The Kirk Session will appoint one person to cut the bread and one person to fill the wine cups. The persons appointed will wear latex gloves and a face-covering while preparing the bread and filling the wine cups.

Arrangements for the Sacrament

Due to the current COVID-19 Scottish Government restrictions, and the ongoing transmissibility of the virus, the arrangement for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be as follows:

Communion Tokens

It is customary to distribute Communion Tokens to intending communicants. Tokens will not be used or distributed on this occasion. The front section on both sides of the Church will be reserved for the Lord's Table. Intending communicants will be ushered to their seats on entrance to the service.

Individual, Disposable Cups

We will also depart from the usual custom as far as dispensing the Sacrament, and distributing the elements, is concerned. The Common Cup will be placed on the table from which the Sacrament is dispensed. We will use individual, disposable cups for the elements. Each Communion Tray will have two sets of disposable cups – one with the broken (pre-cut piece) bread and one with the wine. --- We will use one Communion Tray with disposable cups containing the bread and another Communion Tray with disposable cups containing the wine.

Dispensing the Sacrament

We will keep a clear row (pew) between intending Communicants. The Elders will use this row to bring the bread and the wine to communicants – there will be no passing of the communion tray between persons in the pew. Communicants are encouraged to hold on to the disposable cups or place them on the empty seat in front of them until the Elders return with the Trays to collect them.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Castletown & Community

Please pray that we 'may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that we may be filled to all the fulness of God.'

Lakhnadon Christian Hospital

Give thanks that Lakhnadon Christian Hospital has restarted clinical services after a break of a few years. The new surgeon and new psychiatrist are committed to serve the Lord there and they have gained the necessary registration for the hospital under the new Government regulations. Inpatient services have been delayed because one staff member tested positive for Covid-19, but outpatient and casualty services are ongoing. Give thanks that no staff were seriously injured in a recent serious road accident. Pray for a quick recovery and the repair of the vehicle.

Dingwall

Pray for God's blessing on us as a congregation and for his grace to be experienced in all our activities, and that we would discover how rich his grace is. We are currently without a minister. Pray that the Lord would guide the congregation as they look for the man of his choice.

Castletown & Community

Please pray that the Lord will provide elders for the congregation.

Dumisani Theological Institute

Pray for Principal Wilbert Chipenyu as he works on accreditation applications this month for Dumisani Theological Institute & Bible School. May the Lord's will be done.