

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 6th March 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.' The sermon will be based on Matthew 20:20-28. The subject of the sermon will be 'The Son of Man & The Heartbeat of kingdom Life.'

The sermon for the 6.00pm service will be based on John 8:31-46. The subject of the sermon will be 'Jesus & Fatherhood, Faith & Freedom.'

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 93:1-5	Psalter (354)	Psalm 44:1-8	Sing Psalms (54)
2	Psalm 49:5-9	Psalter (274)	Psalm 132:11-17	Psalter (423)
3	Psalm 22:28-31	Psalter (229)	Psalm 146:7-10	Psalter (446)

Audio-visual Equipment

We are still experiencing problems with the audio-visual equipment in the Church. The ATEM switch for the live stream is faulty and will be returned to the suppliers for repair. We have a limited live stream facility setup until such time as the faulty switch is repaired. We expect that we will run with this temporary setup for at least three weeks. We are indebted to Tom Davis (Carlaway Manse) for his help in setting up this temporary system for us.

English Services

The English services in the Church at 12.00noon and 6.00pm will be live streamed on our **YouTube Channel** [here](#). An audio recording of both services will be available on Sermon Audio as soon as possible after the services end. The services can be accessed on the Shawbost Free Church **Sermon Audio Page** by clicking [here](#).

Gaelic Service

A pre-recorded 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 to help allay people's anxieties in public gatherings in the light of the ongoing presence of the COVID-19. We note the revision of the Scottish Government guidelines due to come into effect on Monday 21st March 2022.

We note especially the announcement that 'current legal requirements on the use of face coverings, the collection of customer details for contact tracing purposes, and for businesses, service providers and places of worship to have regard to guidance on Covid and to take reasonably practicable measures set out in the guidance are expected to be lifted on 21 March, subject to the state of the pandemic'. We await a further statement on this change in due course.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day as usual. We continue to pray for our children and our families under the teaching of the Word of God and at home and in school life.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Minister will be in Inverness for meetings of the Board of Trustees from Wednesday to Friday of this coming week. The weekly Prayer and Bible Study meeting will in Bragar Meeting House on Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7.00pm will be led by the Elders.

SCOTTISH REFORMATION SOCIETY

The Scottish Reformation Society will hold a public Zoom meeting on Friday 11th March at 7.30pm. The speaker is Rev John Keddie, retired minister of the Free Church (Continuing), and his talk is entitled 'John Davidson of Prestonpans.' A warm welcome is extended to all. The Zoom connection details are – Meeting ID - 872 2889 2506; Passcode – 1550.

BLYTHSWOOD CARE – UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Congregations and individuals in the Free Church of Scotland are being encouraged to give towards the Ukraine Emergency Appeal through Blythswood Care.

Free Church Moderator, Neil MacMillan, said: “We want to do all we can to help the people in Ukraine and those who are refugees; hundreds of thousands of them across Europe. We are partnering with Blythswood Care, so if you want to give financially to help in Ukraine, please send money individually or as a congregation to Blythswood who want to raise £100,000 to help with the refugee crisis.” He added: “Blythswood have a long track record of working in Eastern and Central Europe and have many trusted partners there who are already working with many refugees in Romania, Moldova, and Hungary. So please, give as much as you can, give generously, give now and let’s do all we can to help the people of Ukraine.”

Donations to Blythswood’s Ukraine Crisis Appeal can be made by calling 01349 830777 or at any time online at www.blythswood.org/donate-to-ukraine-appeal

SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION

The Slavic Gospel Association (SGA) have been regular visitors to the Island for many years. Over the years there has been a prayer group meeting on a regular basis to pray for the ongoing SGA ministry. SGA are keen to establish a broader prayer base within the Islands. The Prayer Group at present meets on the first Saturday of each month at 8.30pm.

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the Prayer Group meets via Zoom, but they hope that sometime in the not-too-distant future they will be able to resume meeting in person. Anyone who has an interest in the ongoing work and has a desire to pray for SGA, is warmly invited to join the meetings. Zoom connect details are available to anyone interested by contacting Mr Robert France, Local SGA Volunteer Representative on 01851 820424.

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.

Glenelg & Inverinate

We give thanks to God for the faithful ministry and service of Ken MacDonald our Pastoral Worker who continues to serve this congregation. We also give thanks to God for the Interim Moderators who have faithfully led and continue to lead us in the vacancy.

Please pray for our search for a new Minister. That God would raise up the right person to come and lead us in worship, revitalisation, discipleship, pastoring and outreach.

Dumisani Theological Institute, South Africa

Pray for Rev. Ikho Magodla as he lectures at Dumisani in Term One and as he pastors his congregations in the Free Church in Southern Africa. Pray for Rev. Sam Cotten of MT3 who is lecturing at Dumisani once again for Term One. May the Lord bless his travels to the Eastern Cape.

Portree & Bracadale

Please pray for the Rev. Donnie G. Macdonald, Minister at Portree, as continues to undergo treatment for cancer.

Osamu and Mairi, Japan

Give thanks for the Tohoku Keswick convention which was held online via YouTube in February. A Japanese and American speaker took 3 meetings. Give thanks for the Christians that tuned in to listen to the messages and pray that they will continue to be challenged by what they heard. May God's name have been uplifted in Tohoku.