

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 8th May 2022



SUNDAY SERVICES

We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#).

Services this Sunday

The services this Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister. At the 12.00noon service the sermon will be based on Isaiah 41:8-10. The subject of the sermon will be *'The Crisis & A Word of Encouragement.'*

At the 6.00pm service, we will continue our short study on *'The Paraclete Passages John'*. The Paraclete Passages are found in the message of John Chapters 14-16 where Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples on his departure. The third part of the study is based on John 15:26-27. The subject of the sermon will be *'The Holy Spirit & The Gospel Witness.'*

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 86:12-17	Psalter (341)	Psalm 69:1-6	Psalter (305)
2	Psalm 63:3-8	Psalter (296)	Psalm 40:7-10	Psalter (260)
3	Psalm 89:15-18	Psalter (345)	Psalm 78:4-6	Psalter (324)

Audio-visual Equipment

The live stream equipment with the repaired ATEM live stream is still causing problems and we have reverted to the use of the standby equipment. We continue to address the problem and hope our own system will be restored soon.

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. The availability of a video recording of the Gaelic service is currently under review.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will resume this Lord's Day with the usual arrangements in place.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will be in the Church on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.00pm. This week we will resume our study of the Epistle of James by looking at James 5:13-16 and the subject of *'Faith & The Prayer for Healing.'*

CONGREGATION – AGM

The Deacons Court has approved the Trustees' Report and Statement of Accounts for 2021 after the audit carried out by the accountant. The Court has appointed the Annual General Meeting, at which the Accounts will be presented to the congregation, to take place on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church. We are thankful to the Lord for the loyal support of our people as that is reflected in the Accounts and we trust and pray that the Lord will bless all cheerful givers.

SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION

We continue to pray for the Slavic Gospel Association (SGA) and its ministry. There was a bookstall at the end of the service last Lord's Day. If you took books from the bookstall, and now due to pay for the books, please put your money in an envelope marked SGA Books and showing the amount.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

We continue to exercise care as we seek to provide a safe environment for all our Church services. We continue, therefore, to observe the one-metre physical distancing in our services.

Although regulatory requirements to wear face coverings in places of worship was removed from 4th April, the Scottish Government's guidance still strongly encourages the use of protective measures to reduce risk, including wearing of face coverings where appropriate to help keep each other safe. We therefore recommend that those who are attending our services wear a face covering while entering the Church building and then take advantage of the change in the legal requirement by removing your face covering once you are seated if you wish.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

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

Monday

Central Office

Pray for the new members of staff who will be joining the central office this week. Pray for all the staff in the office as they go about their various jobs.

Tuesday

Glen Urquhart and Fort Augustus

Please pray for our group in Fort Augustus, that God would help us be salt and light in the community and have the confidence in Jesus to invite others to our Sunday afternoon gathering. Between ill health and various commitments, a number of our Glen church family have been unable to attend on Sundays recently. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would sustain their faith while they're absent, and that God would open the door for them to return to us as soon as possible.

Wednesday

Broughty Ferry

Pray for God's guidance regarding the future as we make plans and set up strategies to continue to reach out to our community. As we emerge from the last two year's restrictions, pray for a renewed sense of fellowship among the church.

Thursday

International Mission to Jewish People

Aviel Sela is organising a course on the Old Testament for members of his Hebrew class. As Aviel shares the biblical truth about God with them, please pray that many of these Jewish people will come to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah.

Friday

General Assembly

The General Assembly meets on Monday 23rd May 2022 in Edinburgh. Pray for the Moderator, the Clerks, and staff and volunteers who are currently preparing for the Assembly.

Saturday

Edinburgh Theological Seminary

As the seminary moves into exam season pray for all the students as they begin to revise. Also pray for those being presented awards for their studies at the ETS Awards Ceremony on Friday 13th May 2022. Give thanks to God for all He has done, and will do, through them.

Sunday

Denomination

As the Church gathers to worship and hear from God's Word, pray that His name will be glorified, and people will be encouraged in their faith.

'IN A BIG COUNTRY' RURAL CONFERENCE

The Mission Board is organising a Rural Conference 'In a Big Country' to be held in Dingwall Free Church on Saturday 18th June 2022. This is the second of the 'In a Big Country' conferences and provides an opportunity for congregations to study God's Word, to hear what He is doing in and around rural Scotland and to encourage each other.

For updates about the event, keep an eye on the Free Church website: www.freechurch.org

