

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 12.00noon service will be taken by Rev Kenneth Ferguson (Retired) and the Scripture Reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 119, verses 33 – 64.

The service at 6pm will be taken by Mr Scott Macleod (Student). The Scripture Reading will be Isaiah 33 and the sermon entitled "*Strength and Stability to Stand*" will focus on verse 6 of the chapter.

#### 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 63:1-8	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 89:13-18	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 103:13-18	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 119:137-144	Scottish Psalter
3			Psalm 102(i):13-16	Scottish Psalter

#### 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.

Please note that there will be no new Gaelic Service recording on Sermon Audio in the Minister's absence for the next three weeks.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th May at 7pm at Bragar Meeting House, (DV).

### SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY – AUDIO RECORDING OF 2017 GAELIC NEW TESTAMENT

The Scottish Bible Society (SBS) is arranging an audio recording of the 2017 Gaelic New Testament. The Society will be recording in two different locations over an 8-week period. They will be recording in Inverness in July and recording in Lewis in August. They are very keen to connect with folk in the Gaelic speaking community on the Island who would like to be involved.

A preparatory meeting will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Free Church Seminary, Francis St, Stornoway. All who are interested in being involved are invited to attend, particularly those who could read a portion of the 2017 Gaelic New Testament, and for proof "listeners" who would listen every day to the recordings to check them.

The project will also require a Project Manager during the month of August to help with practicalities. The Manager would be directly involved in the recordings, so would need to be a fluent Gaelic speaker. The Manager would also help with admin such as scheduling and contacting readers, and co-ordinating hospitality (transport, food and drink, accommodation).

The Project Manager will be a paid position. Anyone interested in helping with the project but who cannot attend the meeting can contact Adrian Armstrong at the Scottish Bible Society to let him know on – 0131 347 9827, or by email to [Adrian.armstrong@scottishbiblesociety.org](mailto:Adrian.armstrong@scottishbiblesociety.org).

## MINISTER'S ABSENCE

### 2022 General Assembly

The General Assembly will meet in Edinburgh on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 for the first in-person meeting since May 2019. Details on the programme and on the Assembly reports of the various Boards and Committees are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

### Minister's Absence

The Minister will be absent on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May as part of the allocated time off in the light of Principal Clerk duties at the General Assembly. He will also take a week's holiday after the Assembly and will be off on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The services will be taken as follows in the Minister's absence.

Date	12.00noon Service	6.00pm Service
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev. Kenneth I. Macleod	Rev. Kenneth I. Macleod
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev. Thomas Davis	Mr Donald Morrison

We thank all the above guest preachers and trust and pray that God will bless the ministry of His Word.

## 2021 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Copies of the 2021 annual accounts are available at the door. The Deacons' Court are thankful for the congregation's continued commitment and generous support in the work of the gospel from year to year.

## 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.

### 16th May - Garrabost Free Church

Thank God for His goodness to us over the last two years, for good numbers attending the service and for being able to resume regular church activities.

### 17th May - International Mission to the Jewish People

Eva is a Jewish woman who attends Grace Lan's Old Testament study group. As she reads the Scriptures with Grace, please pray that Eva will experience God's grace and salvation in Jesus.

### 18th May - Ferintosh Free Church

Give thanks for vibrant Bible Study groups and youth discussion group. Pray for growth in grace and for sanctified imagination in seeking to connect the people around us, young and old, to the gospel message.

### 19th May - Garrabost Free Church

Pray that the leadership will be given wisdom and grace for the way forward as restrictions are lifted.

### 20th May - General Assembly

Give thanks to God for the service over the past year of current Moderator Rev. Neil MacMillan and pray for Moderator Designate Rev. Principal Iver Martin as he prepares to address the General Assembly and moderate proceedings.

### 21st May - Ferintosh Free Church

Give thanks for recent additions to the congregation and pray they would integrate effectively into the ongoing mission of the church to the North Black Isle and beyond.

### 22nd May - Women For Mission

Every year WfM organises a fundraising project that everyone can get involved in. This year they are hoping to help Lakhnadan Christian Hospital, Safe Families Scotland and Community House Damaris. Pray that their fundraising efforts go well and people give generously.