

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> June 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 Song of Solomon 2:14-17. The subject of the sermon will be 'The Rekindling of Love for Jesus.'

At the 6.00pm service, we will complete 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 fifth and final part of the study is based on John 16:12-15. The subject of the sermon will be 'The Holy Spirit & The Substance of the Gospel.'

#### 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 80:14-19	Psalter (334)	Psalm 25:1-9	Sing Psalms (29)
2	Psalm 142:1-5	Sing Psalms (186)	Psalm 143(a):6-12	Psalter (438)
3	Psalm 31:21-24	Psalter (243)	Psalm 43:3-5	Psalter (264)

#### 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 and unless there is a specific demand it will be discontinued.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

#### Sunday School Outing

The Sunday School Outing will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the Shawbost School. This will be a Congregational Outing and all are invited to join with the children, their parents, and the teachers, to share in an informal time of fun, food and fellowship.

#### Mr Matty Guy

Mr Matty Guy will commence his six-week ministry placement in the congregation on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The Outing will provide an opportunity to meet Matty, his wife Jody, and their new baby boy, Billy.

#### Sunday School Prize-giving

The Sunday School Prizegiving will take place at the close of the Sunday 12.00noon service on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 following our recent practice. All parents and children are encouraged to attend the service and the prizegiving.

### PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church. We will conclude our study of the *Letter of James* by considering the 'Summons to Action' in the closing words of the letter in Chapter 5:19-20.

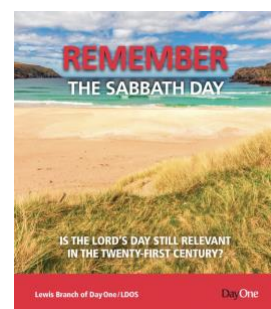
### KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in the Church immediately after the Prayer Meeting.

## REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY

The Lewis Branch of Day One (LDOS) has commissioned the publication of a new book on the Lord's Day. The book is entitled '*Remember the Sabbath Day – Is the Lord's Day still relevant in the twenty-first century?*' There are seven chapters in the book contributed by seven different ministers from across the Island Church community.

The observance of the Christian Sabbath is in decline and the importance of it to the Christian community and the wider world cannot be over emphasised. The observance of the Lord's Day as the Christian Sabbath is key to the general health and wellbeing of humankind and to the spiritual wellbeing of the children of God. This Book helps to remind us of the basic truths underlying the Sabbath day and is a great source of information to help us rediscover what the Bible says about the Lord's Day.



The Book is priced at £6.00. A limited number of copies are available at the door today at the reduced price of £5.00 each. If you wish to buy a copy, please put your name on the sheet provided and bring payment for the book in an envelope marked with your name and the title of the book – Remember the Sabbath Day. If we run out of copies today, you can still leave your name and address. More copies are readily available and can be picked up next Lord's Day.

## CORNERSTONE CHARITY

Cornerstone is an Independent Fostering and Post Adoption Support Agency operating from Leicester up to Newcastle. They specialise in offering 'permanent' homes to children in the care of Local Authorities. They are the only Christian Fostering Agency in the UK. Cornerstone has facilitated the transition to adoption for around 80 per cent of the children it has placed, even though this cuts off the funding which it receives for the foster placement. Read more about us [here](#).

Representatives of Cornerstone are on the Island for ten days to raise awareness of the work and to explore the possibility of bringing their work to the Islands.

There is a public meeting in the County Hotel on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to which all are invited and at which information about the work will be shared.

There is also a joint meeting of the Free Church and the Church of Scotland in the Barvas Church of Scotland on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 which is open to all on the west side of the Island.



## CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE & RSHP

The post of Project Worker to lead the production of additional resources to support the deliverance of the Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) in the Health and Wellbeing section of Curriculum for Excellence used in our Schools is advertised on the Christian Values in Education (Scotland) website. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The teaching of some aspects of this area of the Curriculum is a matter of great concern for parents, from a Christian point of view, and from the perspective of the health and wellbeing of their children. We share this concern with them, and we pray for good communication and consultation between schools and parents in seeking solutions which satisfy the concerns without compromising biblical convictions or the requirements of the Curriculum for Excellence, which can be met without the use of inappropriate resources.

Please continue to pray that a suitable applicant or applicants will come forward for this post. Details of the post and the project plan are available on the CVE(S) website here - <https://cve-scotland.org.uk/rshp-project-leader/>

## 18-30 DISCIPLESHIP

Following a survey carried out earlier this year within the Presbytery amongst 18–30-year-olds, it was identified that there was an interest among a number of people in the 18-30 age group, to have the opportunity to meet together for fellowship but importantly to support one another to grow in their discipleship in Christ.

The Free Church of Scotland has a vision for A Healthy Gospel Church for Every Community in Scotland, and part of this recognises that healthy churches 'promote discipleship and are characterised by loving relationships.'

As such the first in-person meeting of this new group will be held at 6.30pm on Friday 24th June 2022, in the upper hall of the Rev. M. A. Macleod Memorial Hall, Kenneth Street, Stornoway. All members and adherents in the 18-30 age group are warmly invited to come along for some food, fellowship, and discussion on what opportunities there are to support one another to grow as disciples of Christ.

Anyone wishing to find out more can contact Gordon Macleod, the Presbytery Youth & Discipleship Support Worker – [youth-and-discipleshipWIFC@outlook.com](mailto:youth-and-discipleshipWIFC@outlook.com)

## **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 6th June***

#### **General Assembly**

Pray for the work of our various Boards and Committees as they begin to implement the decisions of the 2022 General Assembly. Ask God to give them wisdom and ask for His continued blessing on their work.

### ***Tuesday 7th June***

#### **Turkey**

The economic crisis in Turkey is becoming ever more severe. Even official statistics put the annual inflation rate at 70%, and unofficial figures are much higher. Pray for all those affected, and that the churches would be given wisdom to know how best to help people.

### ***Wednesday 8th June***

#### **Dowanvale**

Pray that our community engagement would continue to bear fruit and that we would have new opportunities to bring the hope of the gospel to the people of Partick and beyond. Pray that recent encouragements of new people attending services would result in lives being transformed by the gospel.

### ***Thursday 9th June***

#### **Dumisani Theological Institute**

Pray for June Winter School at Dumisani Theological Institute, in the Eastern Cape, South Africa and the visiting lecturer Dr David Galletta of MT3. May this be an engaging opportunity for students as they study the book of Revelation with Dr Galletta who has taught before at Dumisani and has a good relationship with many now established there.

### ***Friday 10th June***

#### **Free Church Youth Camps**

With only a few weeks left until our Youth Camps begin, we pray for the staff and volunteers as they make their final preparations. Ask God to give them strength, perseverance and the knowledge that their work will impact our young people for years to come.

### ***Saturday 11th June***

#### **Dowanvale**

Pray that we would experience the unity as a congregation that Jesus prayed for in John 17 as we seek to disciple one another and bear one another's burdens and that this would be a powerful witness to the world around us.

### ***Sunday 12th June***

#### **Winchburgh**

We are building towards launch. We are currently having monthly worship service in our house but give thanks for the provision of a space to meet in the Autumn as we move towards weekly services. In addition, there are many practical details that need sorting. Pray that we would be wise and know the Lord's guidance.