

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 26th 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](#).

Welcome

We welcome Mr Matty Guy, his wife Jody, and their baby boy, Billy, to our midst today. As was announced last week, Matty will be working in the congregation for six weeks under the ETS Students' Placement Scheme and supervised by the Minister. He has just completed the third year of his four-year course at ETS, and this is his second and final placement in preparation for the ministry.

Under the arrangements for the Placement, under which the Minister is released from normal duties to undertake work for the General Assembly, Matty will take the services each Lord's Day and will also lead the weekly Prayer and Bible Study meetings for the next six weeks. We assure Matty of our prayers and our support as he serves the Lord in this way and trust that he and his family will be truly blessed in their time with us.

Services this Sunday

The sermon at the 12.00noon service will be based on Philippians 1:1-11.

The sermon at the 6.00pm service will be based on Psalm 12:1-8.

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 100:1-5 (LM)	Psalter (362)	Psalm 12:1-8	Psalter (213)
2	Psalm 121	Psalter (274)	Psalm 2:1-6 (LM)	Sing Psalms (2)
3	Psalm 23:1-6	Psalter (229)	Psalm 130:1-8	Sing Psalms (173)
4	Psalm 25:4-5 (SM)	Psalter (223)	-----	-----

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

There will be no new Gaelic sermons available on the Shawbost Free Church Sermon Audio Page during the six weeks of Matty Guy's Placement.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will meet this Lord's Day with the usual arrangements in place. This is the final day of the regular term-time Sunday School. We extend our sincere thanks to all the children and to all their parents for their support and for their commitment to the Sunday School during the year. We also thank our teachers for their diligence. We trust and pray that all will be blessed and protected by our God during the summer holidays.

Sunday School Outing

Thanks to all who helped to make the Sunday School Outing yesterday a great day of fun, food and fellowship. It was great to have friends who are new to the community joining with us and sharing in the day. Special thanks to the team who prepared the food and gave us all such a delicious spread.

Sunday School Prize-giving

The Sunday School Prizegiving will take place at the close of the 12.00noon service this Lord's Day. The children will return to the Church from Sunday School during the singing of the Psalm at the end of the Sermon. The prizes will be presented by the Minister before closing the service with the singing of a Psalm.

Summer Sunday School

There will be a Summer Sunday School during the School Summer holidays with the timing and the arrangements following the pattern of the regular Sunday School. The purpose of the Summer Sunday School is to provide continuity in our worship and activities on the Lord's Day and in the teaching of our children. The resources produced by the Scottish Bible Society on the story of Joseph and the Triumph of Grace will form part of the programme of teaching during the summer. Parents and children are encouraged to support the Summer Sunday School when they are at home.

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet briefly after the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 29th June.

STORNOWAY INDUCTION

The induction of Rev. Calum Murdo Smith as Assistant Minister of the Stornoway congregation will be held in the Free Church, Kenneth Street, Stornoway, on Friday 1st July at 7.00pm and [live on YouTube](#) (Channel name - *Stornoway Free Church*). Rev. Malcolm Macleod, Shawbost, will preach and preside.

After the service, everyone present is invited to meet in the Rev. M. A. Macleod Memorial Hall for the less formal part of the evening. Light refreshments will be served, and it will also be an opportunity to meet and welcome the Smith family. Please remember to pray for Calum Murdo, his wife Johan and their children, Joni, Marissa and Danny as they settle into their new environment. Pray also that the new ministry will be abundantly blessed by God to the whole congregation and the wider community in the days ahead.

A HEALTHY GOSPEL CHURCH

The Church has been running a series of articles on the Free Church Website focussing on the Church's vision of 'A Healthy Gospel Church in every Community in Scotland.' The latest article is written by the Minister under the title 'A Healthy Gospel Church is a New Testament Church.' In highlighting some of the key characteristics of the New Testament Church, the article focusses on the *composition* of the Church, and the Church as *committed, conformed, connected, compelled*, and realising that gospel prosperity is *conditional* on the Spirit of God. The article can be accessed on the Free Church Website [here](#).

SPONSOR A CAMP

We continue to pray for the 2022 Free Church Youth Camps (FCYC) programme and for the eleven camps which will take place during the Summer. We especially pray for the Renfrew Junior Camp, which runs for a week from Saturday 16th July, and which we have agreed to support as part of the FCYC 'adopt a camp' scheme. We pray for wisdom and grace for the leaders and God's blessing on the gospel messages shared at all the Camps. We also pray for protection for all involved both when travelling and when taking part in all the activities.

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

St Andrews

Give thanks for all who heard the gospel at our recent 'Passion for Life' events in the run-up to Easter and pray for much fruit as church members follow up with family and friends who attended

Tuesday

UFM Worldwide

Please pray for the summer team I am scheduled to lead from 6th-13th August in Hungary, near Budapest. We are providing the teaching at a non-residential English language camp for kids, working alongside a UFM missionary in Hungary. Please pray that the kids would enjoy their time, also pray for safety, but above all that gospel seed would be sown in their hearts (many will have no church connection) and that they would respond to the gospel.

Wednesday

Lybster

Give thanks for the encouragement of having a brother, who has recently moved into the area, join the congregation for the recent monthly service.

Thursday

Dumisani Theological Institute

Pray for the accreditation application which has now been submitted for Dumisani Theological Institute. Much work has gone into this and may it be met with favour, DV.

Friday

St Andrews

Give thanks for God's provision of three new Elders and pray that he would use them and the whole Kirk Session to build up his people and grow his kingdom

Saturday

Lybster

Ask the Lord for wisdom for Presbytery as they consider the congregation's future.

Sunday

Blythswood

Pray for the continued work of Blythswood as they transform lives through education and community action.