

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 5th 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 12.00noon service will be taken by Rev Thomas Davies and the Scripture Reading is from Mark 5:1-20 with a focus on verses 1 and 2. The sermon is entitled *A Man, a Mess and a Mission*.

The service at 6pm will be taken by Mr Donald Morrison (Elder). The Scripture Reading will be from 2 Corinthians 5 with a focus on verse 1. The sermon is entitled *The Believer's Journey from Grave to Glory*.

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 | |
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| 1 | Psalm 100 - All | Scottish Psalter | Psalm 118:15-23 | Scottish Psalter |
| 2 | Psalm 89:13-18 | Scottish Psalter | Psalm 45(ii):13-17 | Scottish Psalter |
| 3 | Psalm 130 - All | Sing Psalms | Psalm 16: 8-11 | 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.

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 8th June at 7pm at Bragar Meeting House, (DV).

SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The service next Lord's Day will be taken by the Minister.

ANNUAL LDOS/DAYONE RALLY

The Lewis Branch of the Lord's Day Observance Society (DayOne) will hold its annual Rally in the Stornoway Town Hall on Friday 10th June at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Rev Iain Smith, formerly the minister of the Harris congregation of the Free Church (Continuing). This meeting will also be used to launch a new book produced by the Branch called *Remember the Sabbath Day*. All are encouraged to attend and to continue to support the work of promoting the Lord's Day in our islands.

SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION (SGA)

The latest SGA update leaflet is available at the door for collection.

DISRUPTION 1843: TALKS AT MUSEUM & TASGLANN NAN EILEAN

The following upcoming talks may be of interest to the congregation. The first one, Free at Last, will set the scene of the Disruption and its impact on Scotland's social history and will be delivered by Rev. Nigel Anderson of Edinburgh Theological Seminary. The talk can be booked using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/344652634307>

The second talk, The Very Life of It, will look at how the Disruption contributed to Scotland becoming a world pioneer in the development of photography. This talk will be presented by Blake Milteer, Curator of the Mackinnon Collection at the National Galleries of Scotland. Places on this talk can be booked using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/344673045357>

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 MA 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)

RELATIONSHIPS, SEXUAL HEALTH, AND PARENTHOOD (RSHP) / CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

The Presbytery and the wider Church community continues to be concerned about the inappropriateness of some of the resources provided by Education Scotland to support the deliverance of Relationships, Sexual Health, and Parenthood (RSHP), in the Health and Wellbeing section of Curriculum for Excellence used in our Schools. The 2022 General Assembly approved a partnership with Christian Values in Education (Scotland) with a Project Plan to employ a worker on a full-time basis for a twelve-month period to look at the production of additional resources to support the deliverance of RSHP in our schools from the perspective of a Christian worldview. The Church's Board of Trustees has made a significant financial commitment to support funding for this worker and the production of additional resources. Further funding will be sought from other potential funding sources which are sympathetic with the work of CVE(S) in general. Details of the post and the project plan are available on the CVE(S) website here - <https://cve-scotland.org.uk/rshp-project-leader/>

Please pray that the Lord will lay it in someone's heart to take on this important post and role as we seek to support our parents in the education of their children and support our teachers in delivering education from a Christian perspective to equip them to live in our world today.

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.

30th May

St Peter's Free Church

Give gratitude to God for the recent professions of faith within the congregation. Give thanks to God for the General Assembly's approval of a new Assistant Minister (Rev. Will Lind) to the congregation.

31st May

Matt and Maria

Two new families attended the local park outreach activities throughout last week, please pray God would soften their hearts to truly understand His good news.

1st June

Richard and Barbara, A European City

By God's grace real friendships have developed with the island families we visit. A couple of them want us to join them on their visits to the islands later this year and in 2023. Pray for wisdom and especially that the gospel seeds sown would germinate and bear fruit.

2nd June

International Mission to the Jewish People

Philip Amos discussed the Messianic prophecies with Joseph, a Jewish man who responded by quoting rabbinical law. Please pray that the gospel message Philip is sharing will lead Joseph to a saving knowledge of the true Messiah.

3rd June

Matt and Maria

We had a productive meeting last week regarding which direction to take the refugee meetings in regarding how best to make Christ known and give these young men and women basic life skills and support. Please pray for wisdom in how we can best do this and new topics we can broach in the meetings.

4th June

Dumisani Theological Institute

Continue to pray for the ongoing growth of the Christian Counselling short-courses into the community around Dumisani Theological Institute. Also pray now for preparation for Dr Mark and Nancy Kreitzer coming to Dumisani for terms Three and Four.

5th June

Winchburgh

Pray the community in Winchburgh. It is a rapidly expanding area and has a mixture of new people moving in and people native to the area. Pray for opportunities and courage to share faith so that many would come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Pray also that the Lord would send labourers for the harvest in order to grow our team with locally committed believers.