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**CHURCH BULLETIN**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

## INTRODUCTION

We are a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland. We gather for public worship on the Lord's Day at 12.00noon and at 6.00pm. We use the ESV version of the Bible in the public worship of God. We use both the Scottish Psalter and Sing Psalms versions of the Psalms for the praise items in our public worship. More details on the Congregation and our ministry are available on our website [here](#).

## SUNDAY SERVICES

The Minister is on holiday. The services today will be taken by Rev. Roddy J. Campbell, retired. We thank Mr Campbell for his willingness to bring God's Word to us today and trust that the Lord will bless the preaching of the Gospel.

The sermon at the **12.00noon service** will be based on Mark 10 17-22. The sermon at the **6.00pm service** will be based on Isaiah 53:1.

### 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 119:33-40	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 68:18-20	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 40:1-5	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 105:1-5	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 19:7-11	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 130	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

The ongoing arrangements for the availability of Gaelic sermons on the Sermon Audio Page and on YouTube is under review and any changes going forward will be announced in due course.

## MINISTER'S DIARY

The Minister is on holiday for one week commencing on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. The Minister's Diary for the remainder of the month of August is as follows:

Date		Supply	
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup> August	Holiday	Rev. Roddy J. Campbell
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup> August	Mission Board, Edinburgh	
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup> August	Presbytery Meeting	

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School meets for the first time today following the school holidays with the timing and the arrangements following the usual pattern. We pray the Lord's blessing upon the children and teachers.

## PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. The Meeting will be led by the Elders in the Minister's absence.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the congregation on Lord's Day 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The programme of services will be as follows: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – English in the Church at 7.00pm; Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Gaelic in the Church at 12.00noon and bilingual Prayer Meeting at 6.00pm; Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – English in the Church at 11.30am and 6.00pm with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed at the 11.30am service. Further details will be available nearer the time.

## STORNOWAY FREE CHURCH

Stornoway Free Church has requested the following be intimated: In addition to English services, Stornoway Free Church will be holding Gaelic services, including a Gaelic communion service, from Friday 26th-Sunday 28th August. All the Gaelic services will be in the Seminary, Francis Street. The times are as follows: Friday, 7.30pm, Saturday 11am, Sunday 11am (communion service). English services will be in the church, Kenneth Street, on Friday, 7.30pm, Saturday 7pm, Sunday 11am (communion service) and Sunday 6.30pm. Visitors welcome.

## BRAGAR CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Bragar Cemetery Committee is seeking to raise £45,000 (towards an estimated total cost of £150,000) to protect the Cemetery from the effects of coastal erosion. The Cemetery at South Bragar is one which has been serving the villages of North Shawbost, South Bragar, North Bragar and Arnol on the west side of Lewis for centuries, with the area having been extended several times and with current plans for a further extension to serve the community for the foreseeable future. However, despite these plans the serious problem of coastal erosion is currently threatening its use unless urgent action is taken.

The Committee has set up a Just Giving Appeal with the hope that the funding gap will be overcome and enable the necessary protective measures to be carried out as soon as possible. Bragar Cemetery is a vital community resource, and you are encouraged to consider supporting this Appeal by clicking on [here](#) so that its future use is safeguarded.

## BIG FREE RALLY

The 2022 Big Free Rally is taking place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at Smithton Free Church in Inverness. The event, which is open to everyone in P5 up to S6, is a chance for young people to reunite with friends made at camp, although you don't need to have been to camp to come to the Rally. The title for the rally is Being Real. Rev. Ben Fiddian will be speaking on the theme of integrity. The hosts will be Sheona Forbes and Euan MacDonald. Games, talks, a quiz, prayer and praise will take place throughout the day.

To book go to – <https://form.jotform.com/222141783685359>

## 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 - Nairn

We've no reason to be complacent here in Nairn - the vast majority in our town have no church involvement of any kind. We continue to serve our community in various ways, and our prayer is that our humble efforts may be a blessing to many souls around us, young and old

### Tuesday - Glasgow City

Pray for guidance on the future location and ministry of the congregation. Since October 2021 we have been worshipping with Partick Free Church, in their building, following our decision to terminate the lease of the St Vincent Street church which had become increasingly unfit for purpose.

### Wednesday - Healthy Gospel Church

Give thanks to the Lord for the church plants that are taking place in communities across Scotland. Pray for the vision for 30 new churches by 2030 and the vision for a healthy gospel church for every community in that God will make the paths straight and preparations will run smoothly.

### Thursday - Glasgow City

Continue to pray for our church plant - Hope Community Church Helensburgh - giving thanks for encouraging attendances under the ministry of Rev. Duncan Murchison.

### Friday - IMJP

JAFFA: Misha Vayshengolts's Jewish contact, Bella used to be involved with occult practices. She is now seriously ill, so please pray for her healing. Please particularly pray that she will soon repent of her sins and turn to Jesus for salvation.

### Saturday - Presbyterian Free Church, India

Pray for the Hindi Translation work. We have got permission to transfer booklets of "Cultivating Biblical Godliness" series from Reformed Heritage Books/ Joel Beeke.

### **Sunday - Nairn**

We are thankful to the Lord for seeing modest growth in recent months. Virtually everyone in the congregation has been able to return to public worship, and some new folk have joined us too, some of whom have come into membership with us.

## **SPURGEON DAILY READINGS 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**

### **MORNING**

*"He that watereth shall be watered also himself." Proverbs 11:25*

*We are here taught the great lesson, that to get, we must give; that to accumulate, we must scatter; that to make ourselves happy, we must make others happy; and that in order to become spiritually vigorous, we must seek the spiritual good of others. In watering others, we are ourselves watered. How? Our efforts to be useful, bring out our powers for usefulness. We have latent talents and dormant faculties, which are brought to light by exercise. Our strength for labour is hidden even from ourselves, until we venture forth to fight the Lord's battles, or to climb the mountains of difficulty. We do not know what tender sympathies we possess until we try to dry the widow's tears, and soothe the orphan's grief. We often find in attempting to teach others, that we gain instruction for ourselves. Oh, what gracious lessons some of us have learned at sick beds! We went to teach the Scriptures, we came away blushing that we knew so little of them. In our converse with poor saints, we are taught the way of God more perfectly for ourselves and get a deeper insight into divine truth. So that watering others makes us humble. We discover how much grace there is where we had not looked for it; and how much the poor saint may outstrip us in knowledge. Our own comfort is also increased by our working for others. We endeavour to cheer them, and the consolation gladdens our own heart. Like the two men in the snow; one chafed the other's limbs to keep him from dying, and in so doing kept his own blood in circulation, and saved his own life. The poor widow of Sarepta gave from her scanty store a supply for the prophet's wants, and from that day she never again knew what want was. Give then, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and running over.*

### **EVENING**

*"I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain." Isaiah 45:19*

*We may gain much solace by considering what God has not said. What he has said is inexpressibly full of comfort and delight; what he has not said is scarcely less rich in consolation. It was one of these "said nots" which preserved the kingdom of Israel in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, for "the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven." 2 Kings 14:27. In our text we have an assurance that God will answer prayer, because he hath "not said unto the seed of Israel, Seek ye me in vain." You who write bitter things against yourselves should remember that, let your doubts and fears say what they will, if God has not cut you off from mercy, there is no room for despair: even the voice of conscience is of little weight if it be not seconded by the voice of God. What God has said, tremble at! But suffer not your vain imaginings to overwhelm you with despondency and sinful despair. Many timid persons have been vexed by the suspicion that there may be something in God's decree which shuts them out from hope, but here is a complete refutation to that troublesome fear, for no true seeker can be decreed to wrath. "I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I have not said," even in the secret of my unsearchable decree, "Seek ye me in vain." God has clearly revealed that he will hear the prayer of those who call upon him, and that declaration cannot be contravened. He has so firmly, so truthfully, so righteously spoken, that there can be no room for doubt. He does not reveal his mind in unintelligible words, but he speaks plainly and positively, "Ask, and ye shall receive." Believe, O trembler, this sure truth—that prayer must and shall be heard, and that never, even in the secrets of eternity, has the Lord said unto any living soul, "Seek ye me in vain."*