



**CHURCH BULLETIN**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> October 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 services today will be taken by the Minister. We will continue our study of 1 Peter at the **12.00noon service**. The theme is 'The Christian's Faithfulness to Christ in a Hostile World.' This week's sermon is based on 1 Peter 1:13-17 under the title 'The Christian – Defining Marks & Influences.'

At the **6.00pm service** we will continue our study on the life and purpose of the Church. The vision of the Free Church is to have 'A Healthy Gospel Church in every Community in Scotland.' We want to look at what the Word of God has to say about the Healthy Gospel Church and what it looks like in practice. This week we will look at Romans 12:1-2 under the title 'A Life of Total Dedication to God.'

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 66:1-7	Psalter (299)	Psalm 40:1-8	Sing Psalms (50)
2	Psalm 36:1-5	Sing Psalms (44)	Psalm 119:33-40	Psalter (402)
3	Psalm 86:1-5	Psalter (340)	Psalm 143(2):8-12	Psalter (440)
4	Psalm 130:1-8	Sing Psalms (173)	-----	-----

## 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.

## Services Next Lord's Day

The service at 6.00pm next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev. Iain MacRitchie, Park (Gravir). The Minister will be taking the service in Park at the same time. We pray for Iain in his ministry and evangelistic endeavours in Park.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School during the School holidays. We pray for families as they travel to different places for the holidays and look forward to welcoming them back on their return. The Sunday School will return as normal next Lord's Day.

## PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

The Prayer and Bible Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. We will resume our study of Christian Maturity.

## MINISTER'S DIARY

The Minister's Diary for the coming weeks includes the following meetings:

Date	Event	Location
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Lochcarron
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Board of Trustees	Zoom
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	RSHP Project – Management Committee	Zoom
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Board of Trustees – Project Management	Rosskeen

Tue	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 Week's Holiday	
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Preaching Supply – North Uist	

## COMFORT INTERNATIONAL - SUPPORT

We were blessed to have had Peter McLean, Church Relationship Manager of Comfort International, speak at our Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Comfort International is a Scottish-based missionary organisation which was established in 1999 and focusses on 'rebuilding lives devastated by poverty, genocide and conflict in Central Africa.' They work with their partners in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, South Sudan, and Uganda to bring lasting transformation to lives and communities. Their ministry covers a wide range of activities from providing healthcare, ministering to deprived children, and training church leadership. More information about the organisation and their work can be found on their website [here](#).

### Door Collection

This is a ministry that is worthy of our support and, following our normal practice when we have visiting missionary speakers, there will be a **Door Collection** taken for Comfort International at both services next Lord's Day, **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. Please bear this prayerfully in mind and consider supporting this fundraising effort.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP - THANK YOU

The Minister received a letter from the Renfrew Juniors Camp Team to say thanks for our support of the 2022 Camp both prayerfully and financially. The support was greatly appreciated by all! We continue to pray for the ongoing work of the Free Church Youth Camps. Information and updates from the Camps are available [here](#).

## PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE

The Presbytery has arranged a Weekend Conference to be held from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October with meetings for all ages. The subject of the Conference is '*The Pursuit of God in an Age of Pornography*.' The guest speaker is Rev. Joe Barnard. Ali Macdonald, Pastoral Worker at Smithton Free Church, will speak at the Women's Meeting. There is no cost to attend any meeting but there will be an opportunity to make a donation if you wish to.

### The Meetings

Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Meeting	County Hotel, Stornoway	7.30-9.00pm
	Women's Meeting	Rev. M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall	7.30-9.00pm
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents, Carers & Youth Workers	North Harris Free Church, Tarbert	10.30am-12.30pm
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	18-30-year-olds	North Harris Free Church, Tarbert	7.00pm
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Meeting	To be arranged	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Big Youth Fellowship	Stornoway Free Church	8.00pm

## SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER - BIG YF

All young people are invited to the Big YF on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Rev MA Macleod Memorial Hall, Kenneth St, Stornoway. This meeting is part of 'The Pursuit of God – In an Age of Pornography' conference, organised by the Western Isles Presbytery. While open to all young people, the target audience will be young people in S1-S6, from across the Western Isles.

Rev. Joe Barnard and Ms Ali Macdonald are our speakers, and they will deal sensitively with a difficult but important topic. Young people will be split into two groups according to age for the talk. Please contact Gordon Macleod, Youth and Discipleship Support Worker for more information on [youth-and-discipleshipWIFC@outlook.com](mailto:youth-and-discipleshipWIFC@outlook.com)

## TRINITY DIGITAL – PRODUCTION OF NEW FILM

Trinity Digital is producing a new film entitled 'Morningstar' – The Life and Legacy of John Wycliffe. The Film will be launched in An Lanntair at 6.00pm on Tuesday 1st November 2022. There will be a second showing at 8.00pm if over 120 tickets are sold. The Film will be launched with a premier screening tour in different towns and cities across the UK from the end of October to mid-December. Tickets for the launch at An Lanntair on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 can be purchased on the following link - <https://lanntair.com/events/event/morningstar/>

## **NEW FINANCE MANAGER APPOINTED**

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully appointed a new Finance Manager to the central office team. Jill Steer will be joining the team in January. She previously worked at the Jesmond Trust in Newcastle where she was the Finance Manager for three large Anglican churches and their parent charity. For the last four years she has been back in the business world. She is a chartered accountant and has experience of training finance staff. She also has a strong desire to serve God's Kingdom and to use her finance skills to that end. Jill is currently using these skills in her local church, Holy Trinity Gateshead, where she is the treasurer. More information on Jill's appointment and other news items are available on the Free Church website [here](#).

## **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 - Partick**

A number in the congregation are elderly and have had health struggles in recent times. Please pray for improving health and an awareness of the Lord's presence in the hardest of times.

### **Tuesday - Turkey**

Give thanks for a recent successful Christian youth conference in Turkey, and pray for much blessing to come of it.

### **Wednesday - Greyfriars**

Pray for the congregation's witness in the community through both its regular and its occasional activities

### **Thursday - Dumisani Theological Institute**

Pray for Sharon Vera the Registrar at Dumisani Theological Institute & Bible School as she continues to work on student records and forms and meet with students reviewing their programmes of study.

### **Friday - Richard and Barbara, a European City**

As classes have restarted, we will be helping children in the families we visit with their studies again. May the Lord give these young friends success in their studies, guard them from the many temptations all around them and open their minds and hearts to the truth as it is in Jesus.

### **Saturday - Partick**

The congregation continues to share their building and services with Glasgow City Free Church. While there will always be challenges in such an arrangement, give thanks that in the main things have gone very well and further cooperation in the future is envisaged

### **Sunday - Greyfriars**

Pray for ongoing growth numerically and in discipleship