

High Free Church Stornoway



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Sunday 20 October 2024

We pray that you may know God's presence with us as we gather to worship in His name. We extend a warm welcome to any who are visiting with us.

Today's Services:

11.00am: **Sunday Service in Sandwick Hall – Rev Hugh Ferrier**

Sermon Title: “Joshuas Prayer For Victory”

Sermon Text: Joshua 10: 1-15

Creche will meet during the morning's service.

This Service will be live streamed on the Church's Sermon Audio Page

6.30pm: **English Service in The Seminary–Rev Hugh Ferrier**

Sermon Title: “Be Ready”

Sermon Text: Matthew 24: 36-51

This Service will be live streamed on the Church's YouTube Channel

Services for Sunday 27 October 2024 are as follows:

11.00am: English Service - Sandwick Hall – Rev Hugh Ferrier

6.30pm: English Service in the Seminary – Rev Hugh Ferrier

This Service will also be live streamed on the Church's YouTube channel.

Prayer meetings

All prayer meetings will be held in the Fàilte Centre, Bayhead at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

English Tuesday 22 Oct 24 – Failte Centre – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 24 Oct 24 – Failte Centre –

English Saturday 26 Oct 24 – Zoom meeting

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers are taking a break for the holidays and will meet again on Thursday 24th October.

Home Bible Studies

Over the winter months we'll be resuming our Home Group Bible Studies. These studies normally take place on the first Monday of each month - beginning in November. This year we're going to be studying the Book of Ruth. If you're not already in a Home Group and would like to join one please speak to Hugh.

Monthly Record

Could all who order and receive the Monthly Record magazine please put £12 in an envelope with your name on it and leave at the door.

Ladies Prayer Walk

All ladies are welcome for our 1st Ladies Prayer Walk round the town on **Saturday 26th October**. The meeting point will be Perceval Square at 10.00am. Our walk will be followed by a time to chat over coffee and cake at a local café. There is no pressure to pray so please do come along and enjoy the walk and fellowship. Any prayer points will be gratefully received. Please contact Lesley Sangster or Margaret Macleod if you're interested. We trust God will bless this outreach and we hope to see you all at the end of the month.

Sunday School

The Sunday School are now on holiday and it will resume on Sunday 27th October 2024. Could all parents of Sunday School children/teenagers please ensure that they complete the registration form prior to the children returning to Sunday School after the holidays as children **MUST** be registered in order to attend Sunday School. The QR Code has previously been printed on the intimation sheet and children have also been provided with a paper copy of the QR Code to pass to parents. If anyone requires help with the completion of the form, please contact Dawn Spark on 07890843974.

Praise Night Donations – Vote and have your say!

The Fundraising Group would like to gauge the mind of the congregation in relation to the upcoming Christmas Praise Night, to be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 14th December 2024. Entry to this event is by donation and funds which are raised at the Praise Nights have traditionally been given to local charities. The Fundraising Group acknowledge that there are many worthy charities which need the money and found it difficult to decide which charity to support. Instead they have decided to undertake a poll in the congregation. Please click on the link below which will take you to a one question questionnaire to ask you to vote for your preferred charity out of the short list of five.

<https://forms.office.com/e/uGy41ekciH>

Voting is now open and will remain so until 5:30pm on Monday 4th November 2024.

Donations from the Christmas Praise Night will go to the charity which comes top in the poll whilst donations from the Easter Praise Night will be forwarded on to the charity which comes second in the poll. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Crèche Rota

27/10/24 Karen Macleod, Natalie Ferrier, Susan Murray
3/11/24 Carla Mackay, Laura J Davies, Rachel Mackenzie
10/11/24 Cathy Macdonald, Erica Buchanan, Donna Rennie
17/11/24 Bethany Finlayson, Sheena Macritchie, Susan Murray
24/11/24 Angela Ferguson, Coleen Monrad, Joan Macleod
1/12/24 Shirley Macdonald, Natalie Ferrier, Carla Mackay
8/12/24 Agnes Maciver, Bethany Finlayson, Cathy Macdonald
15/12/24 Donna Macleod, Donna Rennie, Rachel Mackenzie
22/12/24 Joan Macleod, Susan Murray, Shirley Macdonald
29/12/24 Laura J Davies, Dawn Spark, Coleen Monrad

Schedule of Communion Services – 24th - 27th October 2024

Garrabost Free Church

Thursday 24 th October	School Road: 7.30 pm	Gaelic	Rev Paul Murray
Friday 25 th October	Main Road: 7.30 pm	English	Rev Colin Macleod
There will be a fellowship in the Manse after the service.			
Saturday 26 th October	School Road: 7.00 pm	English	Rev Mark Macleod
Lords Day 27 th October	School Road: 11.00 am	English	Rev Mark Macleod
	Main Road: 6.00 pm	English	
There will be a fellowship in the Main Rd hall after the evening service.			

Dates to note!

***Remembrance Sunday
10th November***

***Communion weekend
17th November***



Presbytery Youth Camp 2024!

SAVE THE DATE

If you are in S3-S6, come and join us at
Scaladale **22nd – 25th November 2024**

More details will follow...

Communications Committee Statement – Tesco Opening

It is with immense disappointment that we note the Stornoway branch of the British supermarket giant, Tesco, are considering opening their doors seven-days-a-week.

Since opening the store in 2008, we are extremely grateful that Tesco has respected our community and our island culture. Everyone has benefitted from Tesco's presence in our community. Many have valued their service, as well as the additional option for 'click & collect' and home delivery.

However, despite the many positives, we believe that this is a negative step, and one that would have a detrimental impact upon our unique and quiet Sunday. Conversely, the biblical view of the Christian Sabbath is not negative but positive, having many spiritual, physical, social and mental benefits. We believe that if Tesco wish to go ahead and open on Sunday it will undermine these valued benefits. Ultimately it will impact our community, and we risk losing our cherished way of life which has been a big part of our island identity. We believe that Tesco needs to take this into consideration, especially as they have a responsibility to care for their employees and their families.

Following days of communication and consultation, both in the media and on social media, there have been many people, near and far, religious and irreligious, who have spoken positively about our quiet Sunday tradition. A tradition which, although founded upon biblical teaching, is experienced and enjoyed by many across our islands. This was certainly evidenced by a healthy discussion and debate on 'The Jeremy Vine Show' on Radio 2 earlier this week.

As a Presbytery of congregations in the Western Isles, we would urge Tesco to partner with us by protecting our precious heritage and reconsider their proposal to open their store on the Lord's Day. We would also encourage everyone in our congregations to make this a matter of prayer.

Communications Committee

Western Isles Presbytery

Free Church of Scotland

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2024 - Lewis and Harris

The Appeal Centre will be at Woody's Rigs Road in Stornoway, in one of the units at the back, beside Woody's Main Building.

The Appeal Centre will be open on the following days to receive shoeboxes:

- Thursday 24th October 4pm – 6.30 pm
- Friday 25th October, 4pm - 6.30 pm
- Saturday 26th October, 10 am – 12 noon

The APPEAL will CLOSE on Saturday 26th OCTOBER at 12 noon.

Due to the busy nature of the area surrounding the Appeal Centre and in the interests of Health & Safety, we ask that you stringently adhere to the above opening times when dropping off your donations. Please do not come to the Appeal Centre before 4:00 pm.

Shoeboxes should be taken into the Appeal Centre Unit and placed on a pallet. Volunteer Staff will be available to give advice.

Shoeboxes from schools, churches, organisations, families, or individuals SHOULD NOT be handed into the Blythswood Shop on Kenneth Street. This is to safeguard against double-handling.

LEAFLETS

Blythswood Shoebox Leaflets are available for collection from the Blythswood Shop, Stornoway, Ness, and Balallan, Nicolson's Newsagents, some schools, and churches. They are also available online.

Further information can be sought from Blythswood Care on Facebook or from the Lewis and Harris Blythswood Support Group, contacts below:

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Thank you.

**HELPING OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE WITH
THE BLYTHSWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024**

First Aid Kit and Evacuation Chair

If required, a first aid kit and wheelchair are to be made available in the following locations:

Sandwick Hall: First Aid Kit - In the kitchen area inside the door nearest to the main entrance. Wheelchair - In the crèche room to the right as you enter the building.

Seminary: First Aid Kit - Kitchen area next to the exit door behind the pulpit. Wheelchair - In the storage room through the exit midway down the sanctuary on the left-hand side.

Congregation contacts

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Find us on facebook – www.facebook.com/highfreechurch

Morning Services can be found on Sermon Audio:
https://www.sermonaudio.com/source_detail.asp?sourceid=highfreechurch

Evening Services can be found on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/@highfreechurchstornoway6602>

Scottish Charity Number – SCO45431

Intimations email address

Any information for the intimations should be sent to this email address:
intimations.highfreechurch@outlook.com . Please note that any notices should be sent before 4pm on a Thursday.