



High Free Church Stornoway

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Sunday 3 November 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: "Elijah's Prayer For Death"

Sermon Text: 1 Kings 19: 1-18

Sunday School and 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: "Commendation And Condemnation"

Sermon Text: Matthew 25: 14-30

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

Services for Sunday 10 November 2024 are as follows:

10.55am: English Service - Sandwick Hall – Rev Hugh Ferrier

**6.30pm: English Service in the Seminary – Rev Donald M Macleod
North Tolsta**

Rev Ferrier will be preaching in North Tolsta Free Church

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 5 Nov 24 – Failte Centre – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 7 Nov 24 – Joint meeting in The Seminary

English Saturday 9 Nov 24 – Zoom meeting

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers meets again on Thursday 7 November from 10am–11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, dads, carers, babies, and preschool children are most welcome to come along.

Remembrance Service - Sunday 10th November

The congregation will observe a minute's silence at 11am on Sunday 10th November. In order to ensure this, we will begin our morning's service at the slightly earlier time of 10.55am.

Youth Fellowship - Sunday 10th November

The Youth Fellowship will meet in the Manse after the evening service on Sunday 10th November. We look forward to having Diane Morrison speaking about her life and what Jesus means to her. All those in Primary 7 and up are warmly invited to come along!

After Church Fellowship

We look forward to hearing Stuart King from North Harris Free Church sharing his testimony at a time of fellowship next Lord's Day evening. We've been blessed by Stuart's visits to preach for us on a number of occasions so please take the opportunity to stay for this time together. Any donations of baking would be greatly appreciated.

Bereaved

Sadly again this week we have a number in the congregation who have lost loved ones. We extend prayers and sympathy to Roddy Ferguson (Tong) in the passing of his mother in Seaforth House. We also remember Cathy Macdonald (Gress) and Margaret Macdougall (Cearn Taransay) in the very sudden death of their brother Norman last Sunday evening. We pray that these families will be very aware of the Lord's peace and closeness in their sorrow and grief.

Ladies Visitation Group

We are meeting at The Failte Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7th November for our safeguarding training. New volunteers who would like to help with visiting the elderly and housebound are very welcome to come and join us

Home Group Bible Studies

Our Home Group Bible Studies start up this Monday (1st November) at 7.30pm. We look forward to a seven-part study series the book of Ruth. There are three groups, and the group coordinators are Hugh, Calum Campbell, Robert France and Lesley Sangster.

Hugh's Group (Meeting in the Manse) - Hugh Ferrier, Natalie Ferrier, Donnie Rankin, Kirsteen Maclean, Laura-Jayne Davis, Mairi Macleod, Christine Murray, Erica Buchanan, Iain Smith, Carol Mackinnon, Donna Rennie, Alison Ferguson and Murdo Fraser.

Calum's Group (Meeting at Calum's House - 12 Aird, Point) - Calum Campbell, Krissie Campbell, Spangy Murray, Susan Murray, Ewen Finlayson, Isobel Coutts, Pauline Ahmed, Janice Macleod, Mairi Murray, Etta Breslin, Pat Morrison and Hilda Bell.

Robert & Lesley's Group (Meeting at Chris Martin's House, Rosehall, 3 Holm Road) – Robert France, Lesley Sangster, Chris Martin, David Morrison, Katie Morrison, Lexie Sangster, Anne Murray, Anne (Keg) Macleod, Carla Mackay, Duncan Macintyre, Millie Macleod, Diane Morrison, Lisa Scott, Donnie Morrison, Katie Morrison, Cathy Macdonald and Irene Campbell.

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

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 – 1st to 3rd November 2024

South Uist and Benbecula Free Church

Saturday 2nd November	7.00 pm	English	An Caladh	Rev David Macleod, N Harris
Lord's Day 3rd November	1030 am	English	Lochboisdale	Rev David Macleod, N Harris
	5.00 pm	English	An Caladh	

Dates to remember

Remembrance Sunday 10 Nov @ 11.50am

Communion Weekend 17 Nov



Presbytery Youth Camp 2024!

If you are in S3-S6, come and join us at Scaladale 22nd – 25th November, for fun, with some activities thrown in.

Cost £50 per person

To find out more and book a place, click the link , or scan the QR code and complete the booking form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/H4Ex8HB7VV>

Western Isles Presbytery Scaladale
Youth Camp - 22nd to 25th
November 2024



Prayer news: November 2024

Thank you for joining with us in prayer for men, women and families affected by homelessness, poverty and addiction.

City Centre

- Please pray for Linda, our wonderful Women's Recovery Worker, who will go on maternity leave on Friday 1st November. We pray for the good health of herself, her child and her family.
- Pray for Yvonne, who will be leading our Women's group while Linda is off. Pray that she feels welcomed into our Mission, and that she starts to develop positive relationships with the women she is supporting.
- Pray for the new women's groups coming to fruition this year. Please pray that our female guests experience the support and compassion they are looking for in these groups.
- Pray for David Harper, who will be leaving us soon for his new role as a Pastor at the Auldhouse Community Church. We pray for David, his wife Amanda and their three children as they embark on this exciting journey together.

Child and Family Centre, Govan

- Please pray for our seasonal parties this week as we promote the theme of light to the children and family who come to our Centre.
- Please pray for new volunteers to join our team and help us to run our groups.
- Pray for the messy Science sessions that Sam leads, and pray for the message of these groups to resonate with our families.

Winter Project

- Pray for those who are currently experiencing homelessness. Pray for those who are sleeping rough, especially as the weather gets colder. Pray for those currently sofasurfing or stuck in temporary accommodation to move into long-term stable housing.
- Pray for wisdom among our local and national leaders to tackle the housing crisis and to understand how best to serve those whose lives have been changed by it.
- Pray for our new Winter Project team. We have now offered roles to new staff who will be joining our upcoming team. Pray that they bring their enthusiasm, compassion and knowledge to serve our guests in the best way they can.
- Pray for wisdom among those of us who are planning the new project to meet our community's needs with the resources available to us.

GAELIC SERVICE

REV. JAMES MACIVER

Clan MacQuarrie
Community Centre

Borve

Friday 8th November
7.30pm

All welcome



Collection taken
on the night for
Bethesda



Interdenominational Gaelic Service

*Everyone is warmly invited to
an Interdenominational Gaelic Service being held on
Friday 8th November at 7.30pm in the Clan MacQuarrie
Community Centre, Borve. The service will be conducted
by Rev. James Maciver.*

Tea/Coffee will be served after the service.

All donations will go towards Bethesda.

First Aid Kit and Evacuation Chair

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

Sandwich 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.

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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