



# High Free Church Stornoway

*Showing the greatness of Jesus Christ  
within our community and beyond*

*Sunday 16 March 2025*

***Welcome to our services today. 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 visitors and pray  
God's blessing for all.***

## **This week's Services**

**11.00am English Service in Sandwick Hall – Rev Hugh Ferrier**

**Sermon Title: “A Community Celebration”**

**Sermon Text: Luke 1: 57-66**

*Sunday School and Creche will meet during the morning's service.*

*The sacrament of Baptism will be administered at this morning's service to Joel Macleod, Cody Macleod and Calum Mackenzie.*

*Brunch will be served after this morning's service. All are very welcome to stay behind and enjoy a time of fellowship together*

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

**Sermon Title: “The Righteous Shall Live By Faith”**

**Sermon Text: Habakuk 1: 12—2:5**

*There will be fellowship after this evening's service where our sister and friend Jean Ann Fraser will be sharing a word of Testimony. All are very welcome to stay behind and enjoy this time together. Any donations of baking would be greatly appreciated.*

***Both services will 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. Please contact us for Zoom details if you are unable to attend in person.*

**English Tuesday 18 March 25 – Rev Hugh Ferrier**

**Gaelic Thursday 20 March 25 –**

**Saturday 22 March 25 – Zoom meeting**

**Services for Sunday 23 March 2025 are as follows:**

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

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

### **HFC Toddlers**

*Toddlers will meet on Thursday 20 March from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.*

### **Envelopes**

*Weekly Free will offering Envelopes will be delivered in next few weeks, anyone who wishes to start using Envelopes and would like to request a set, please ask any of the duty office bearers on door or email*

*[Chriscmart3@gmail.com](mailto:Chriscmart3@gmail.com).*

### **Presbytery Junior Scaladale Camp**

*The Presbytery is delighted to be able to offer a Junior camp for children in the p7-S2 age bracket at the Scaladale Centre on the weekend of 2nd-5th May.*

*The weekend will be a great opportunity to get together, for some fun and adventure, to make new friends and importantly learn more about living and walking with Jesus. Use the link below to book. 20 spaces available. Cost £50.*

*[Presbytery Youth Camp Booking Link](#)*

### **Ladies conference**

*The ladies of the High Free Church congregation will be hosting a conference especially for the women of our congregation and community in June and would ask that you save the date.*

*Priseil Ladies Conference will take place on the evening of **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June and all day Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (10am – 4pm) in the Rev M.A. MAcleod Memorial Hall on Kenneth Street.***

*The speaker will be Rosie Morgan who will be joining us from Seaford in East Sussex. The theme for the weekend will be **“More Precious than Rubies”** and over the course of the conference, Rosie will be speaking on three beautiful women found in the Gospel accounts.*

*We hope that this will be a date you will mark on your calendars and attend, but we would ask that you also soak this event in prayer as we prepare for it.*

### **Easter Praise Night**

*The Easter Praise Night will be held on Saturday 19th April 2025 in Stornoway Town Hall at 7:30pm. Please save this date on your calendar. The High Free Church Praise Band will be leading the worship and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. The Fundraising Group would be pleased if any in the congregation would be willing to donate some savouries or baking for that night. If you are willing to do so, please do let Maggie Heriot, Angela MacLennan, Kirsteen J Maclean or Murdo Fraser know. Further details about when to drop donations off at the Town Hall will be given nearer the time.*

*The Fundraising Group held a poll in November to determine which charities would benefit from their activities. At that time it was announced that the Failte Centre would receive donations following the Christmas Praise Night as it came first in the poll. It was also announced that Eilean Siar Foodbank would receive donations from the Easter Praise Night as they came second in the poll. As the proceeds from the Christmas Carol Service in Sandwick were then given to Eilean Siar Foodbank, it has been decided to donate the proceeds from the Easter Praise Night to Action for Children who came third in the November poll. We hope that the congregation will support the Praise Night and in doing so support this charity in the work it does locally for our island children.*

### **Save the Date**

**Ladies Praise Night – 26<sup>th</sup> March - Newton Hall**

**Easter Praise Night – 19<sup>th</sup> April – Town Hall**

**Praise Evening – 6<sup>th</sup> June – Back Free Church Hall**

**Ladies Conference – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June**

## **BIBLE APPEAL – VULCANESTI CHURCH, MOLDOVA**



*Could you please help us with a project we are organising for the Church in Vulcanesti Moldova.*

*Over the last few months, a lot of women and men from Vulcanesti have given their lives to Jesus.*

*This was through doing Bible studies and preaching online with 40-60 people from Vulcanesti and having further Bible studies in the Church led by Pastor Pedro and Olsea and Elders and others from the church.*

*The issue Pastor Pedro has at present is the lack of Bibles for some of those that have given their lives to Christ.*

*In Moldova, the cheapest bible in their language is about £12.*

*So, I am asking if you could give a donation please, to even buy one bible to help our sisters and brothers.*

*If you feel God is putting this in your heart to help with the Vulcanesti Bible Appeal, then please put your donation in a marked envelope “Vulcanesti Bible Appeal “ and put in the box at the front doors on Sundays or give the donation to Sam or Charlie*

*Thanking You ..*

**“ Helping the Lords Work In Moldova **

**Brunch Rota - 16 March**

*Kitchen – Dylan, Sheena, Dooley, Donna Macleod*

*Hall – Alison, Coleen, Murdo, Shirley*

**High Free Ladies Praise Night**

*We will be having a praise evening on Wednesday 26th March at 7:30pm in the Newton Centre on Seaforth Road. Tea, Coffee and refreshments served.*

*For more information, please speak to Margaret Macleod or Natalie.*



# High Free Church Ladies praise night

Wednesday 26th March  
Newton Centre Seaforth Road  
7:30pm

Tea, coffee and refreshments served  
All ladies welcome to come along & bring a friend



## **Job Vacancy**

### **Youth and Congregational Worker**

The High Free Church in Stornoway is a growing and vibrant congregation of the Free Church of Scotland.

We are seeking to appoint an energetic and enthusiastic individual to be our Youth and Congregational Worker.

Applicants should ...

- have previous experience in youth/pastoral work.
- be self-motivated and be able to work on their own initiative.
- be sensitive in approach and be able to build trusting relationships.
- possess excellent organisational, IT and communication skills.
- be sympathetic to the mission and ethos of the Free Church of Scotland.
- be a practicing Christian with a vibrant and active Christian faith.

**Salary:** £22,064 pro-rata

**Working Hours:** 17.5 hours a week

**Contract:** 1 year, with possibility of annual renewal

**Location:** Stornoway

For a full job description and application details, please email Christopher Martin at [chriscmart3@gmail.com](mailto:chriscmart3@gmail.com)

**Closing date: Monday 31 March 2025, 4pm**

Schedules of Communion Services: 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

**Lochs Free Church**

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm	English	Pre Communion Prayer Meeting
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Gaelic	Rev Calum Macdonald rtd
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	7.00 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier- High Free, Stornoway
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.00 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier- High Free, Stornoway
Lord's Day 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	11.00 am	English	Rev Calum M Smith - Stornoway
	6.00 pm	English	

**Back Free Church**

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Gaelic	Rev James Maciver
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	7.30 pm	English	Rev Mark Macleod
There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service			
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	6.30 pm	English	Rev Calum Iain Macleod - Ferintosh
Lord's Day 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	11.00 am	English	Rev Calum Iain Macleod - Ferintosh
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a Fellowship in the Hall after the Evening Service.			

**Harris Free Church Women's Conference**

We are hosting a Women's Conference at North Harris Free Church in Tarbert on Saturday 22nd March from 10.00am till 3.00pm. Cost is £10 including lunch. Bookings can be made by emailing [nhfcwomen25@gmail.com](mailto:nhfcwomen25@gmail.com)



## **Prayer news: March 2025**

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

### **City Centre**

- *Pray for our guests who continue to struggle to heat their homes, choosing between heating and cooking. This is still a big issue for many of our guests.*
- *Pray for the mental health of our guests who have been trapped in temporary accommodation. Staying in this accommodation is a very hard existence.*
- *Pray for the following guests: M - that his new supported accommodation will provide stability and a sense of belonging; W - sadly lost in addiction and possibly losing his tenancy shortly; D - continued health issues and declining memory; R - Jesus is tugging at his heart pray R receives him; and pray that G will meet with Jesus.*

### **Child and Family Centre, Govan**

- *Pray for the Scripture Union residential weekend trip to Gowanbank this May. We will have to select 12 children from the Superheroes group, pray that those who miss out are not disappointed.*
- *Please pray for our guest whose story will feature in the upcoming Spring Appeal as she testifies to how God has changed her life with the help of the Child and Family Centre over the years. Pray that it will produce a great harvest in many ways.*
- *Pray for an Albanian single parent of two children who has recently started working with us on a one-to-one basis.*
- *We have had the privilege of having two new lovely volunteers start to help us out at our groups, please pray for them as they settle in with us.*

### **Winter Project**

- *Give thanks that the Winter Project is being extending for two months after we received a significant donation. Pray we steward this time well.*
- *Continue to pray for our guests stuck in unsuitable temporary accommodation. It is extremely lonely and frustrating.*
- *Pray for a breakthrough in the housing crisis. Pray for wisdom for the leaders of our nation.*

***Pray for grace for those working in the homeless sector. Pray we do not become disheartened, and instead become beacons of hope within our city.***

## **ARGYLL CONVENTION 2025 – “Your truth, my truth, versus THE TRUTH”**

*We are delighted to warmly invite you to attend this year's Argyll Convention. It is one of many Conventions held across the UK, mainly in the summer months. We are now in our 12th year.*

***The dates are Tuesday 5th August to Thursday 7th August inclusive and the venue is again the Corran Halls in Oban.*** As usual, there is no charge (donations welcome) or registration, and you can turn up without booking to as many sessions as you like. You will be made very welcome.

*This is a unique local opportunity to meet Christians or to find out more about Christianity. It is not a theological conference or a gathering for clergy but aimed at the Christian-in-the-pew or non-Christian 'enquirer' and does not assume any particular level of knowledge of the Bible!*

*This year Joe Barnard and Andy Robertson are coming to give the main talks with morning sessions and posters (10am to 12 noon) and evening sessions (7.30pm to 9pm)*

*Joe Barnard is the pastor of Holyrood Evangelical Church in Edinburgh and the executive director of Cross Training Ministries, a discipleship ministry focused on training men in spiritual fitness. Originally, he is from New Orleans, but most of his pastoral ministry has been in Scotland. Joe has authored various books including *The Way Forward: A Road Map of Spiritual Growth for Men in the 21st Century*. He is married to Anna. They have four children.*

*Rev Andy Robertson leads the Charleston Community Church, Dundee (a member of the wider Free Church of Scotland), a church plant of St Peter's Free Church. Andy and his elders share the gospel to a community of 4,500 people. This is part of a 20 schemes church plant initiative focusing on the most impoverished communities in Scotland. Andy is a graduate in animation and computer arts and has a Theology Degree. Andy is married to Caireen, and they have three children.*

*We will have lunchtime workshops in the café. We will have Mission Speakers from Open Doors, The Scottish Bible Society, and Samaritan's Purse. The Good Book Company will provide a bookstall and give Christian books updates. There will be a Praise band to lead our worship. A Prayer Room will be provided. A full programme will be provided in future mailshots and will appear on our website, [www.argyllconvention.org](http://www.argyllconvention.org) Flyers and posters for sharing the event more widely, will be sent in due course in follow on emails*

*We hope you will save the dates and come along. If you need further information, you can always write to us at our email address. We attach 'Friends of Argyll Convention' Pack. Please consider becoming a Friend so that you may partner with the aims of the Convention*

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*Any items for the bulletin should be forwarded to our email address before 4.00pm on Thursdays. Thank you.*

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### **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.

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**<https://www.youtube.com/@highfreechurchstornoway6602> Scottish Charity**

**Number – SCO12925**

