



High Free Church  
Stornoway

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

*Sunday 7 December 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**

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

**Sermon Title: “Responses to Jesus’ Preaching”**

**Sermon Text: John 6:60-71**

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

*Soup and sandwiches will be served after this morning’s service. All are welcome to stay behind and enjoy some time together.*

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

**Sermon Title: “Robbing God”**

**Sermon Text: Malachi 3:6-12**

***Both services will be livestreamed 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 9 Dec 25 – Rev Hugh Ferrier**

**Gaelic Thursday 11 Dec 25 – Failte Centre – Rev Hugh Ferrier**

**English – Sat 13 Dec 25 – Praise Night in The Town Hall**

### **Services for Sunday 14 December 2025 are as follows:**

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

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

### **HFC Toddlers**

*The toddlers Christmas party will be on Thursday 11 December from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies, and all pre-school children are welcome to come along. Toddlers will then be on holiday until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.*

### **CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH**

*An invitation is extended to anyone who is on their own at Christmas to come to LUNCH at the Failte centre on Christmas day at 1pm. If you would like to go, please let the Failte centre know, or speak to or message Christopher Martin so your name can be given to the Centre.*

### **MISSION FUND**

*We continue to give thanks to God for the generosity of the congregation to the Missionary Fund with collections at the Tuesday/ Thursday/ Saturday prayer meetings. All this money is distributed to many various groups and organisations at the end of each year.*

*If you are unable to be at meetings but would like to contribute, please place donations in the collection box or pay directly into Mission account details 80.22.60. Acc. 14141765 over the next few weeks. Thanks again for your willingness to be part of this work.*

### **FOOD BANK – EILEAN SIAR**

*As in previous years, we have planned a collection from the congregation of any food, toiletries etc to help with the large demands on the Food Bank. If you can contribute any items, please leave them at church door over the coming 2 Sundays. Alternatively, you can drop off in to the manse garage at any time. Thanks again for your continued generosity in so many ways.*

### **GLASGOW CITY MISSION**

*Can all those on the rota that are involved in the Glasgow City Mission Christmas Appeal on Tuesday 23rd December please meet upstairs for 10 minutes after this morning's service. Thank you*

### **Congregational Meeting**

*The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th December 2025. A summary of the 2024-2025 accounts will be presented at this meeting.*

### **Passion For Life**

*The Kirk Session have agreed that the congregation will take part in the "Life 26" nationwide gospel mission next year. More information about this will be made available in the new year. In the meantime you can find out about it on the Passion for Life website - <https://www.apassionforlife.org.uk/>*

### **Evangelism/Outreach Sub-Committee**

*The Kirk Session have agreed to set up a sub-committee for outreach and evangelism in an effort to encourage the gospel witness of the congregation. Donnie Maclean will be the coordinator of this committee and again further information about the personnel and work of this committee will be forthcoming.*

### **Men's Fellowship Group**

*The Kirk Session are looking into setting up a Men's Fellowship Group where the men of the congregation will have the opportunity to meet up for informal Bible Study. At present we're looking to gauge the interest of the men in the congregation. If this is something that appeals to you, please fill in the sheet at the door.*

### **Evening Service - Review**

*The Kirk Session are aware that there are some in the congregation who find driving at night difficult and that those with young families may find the 6.30pm service too late. As such we're encouraging everyone in the congregation to make their views on the time of the evening service known to any of the elders or in writing to Chris Martin (Session Clerk) by Sunday 21st December. If the congregation expresses a preference for the service to be earlier, we'll look into trialling this in January.*

### **New Year's Eve Service**

*The Kirk Session have noted that numbers attending the 11.15pm New Year's Eve service have been declining over the years. The Session have, therefore, agreed that we'll hold a New Year's Eve Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 31st December in the Failte Centre. Our hope is that this more people from the congregation will be able to come out to this meeting. The Session have further agreed that there'll be no Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 30th January 2025 in order to encourage people to attend the New Year's Eve meeting..*

### **Back To Church Sunday**

*The Session have agreed that Sunday 11th January 2026 will be a "Back To Church Sunday." The congregation will be given invitation cards in the next few weeks to give to people who may have got out the way of going to church or not been before. Please do remember this in prayer.*

### **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

*We will be having a Christmas brunch after the morning service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, All, especially families, are very welcome to stay behind and enjoy some fellowship together.*

### **HFC CALENDARS**

*The Fundraising Group are delighted to announce that the 2026 Church Calendars have now sold out. The Fundraising Group request that anyone who is yet to pay for their calendars put the correct money in an envelope marked with their name and the word CALENDARS on the front and hand this in to Maggie Heriot by Monday 8th December 2025. Thank you for your continued support.*

### **CHRISTMAS PRAISE NIGHT - Saturday 13th December 2025**

*The Fundraising Group are seeking donations of baking from the congregation for the Christmas Praise Night. Donations can be dropped off at Stornoway Town Hall any time from 6:00pm. If you are able to help in any way, please message Maggie Heriot or Angela MacLennan to say what you are willing to do so we will know what gaps to fill in terms of provision. Thank you so much in advance.*

## **Save the Date**

**Christmas Praise Night – Sat 13 Dec – Town Hall**

**Congregational Meeting – Tues 16 Dec – Failte Centre**

**Prìseil Afternoon of Fellowship with Rosie Morgan - Saturday  
24th January 2026 – venue to be confirmed**



**Saturday**  
**13th December 2025**  
**7:30pm**  
**Stornoway Town Hall**

# *Christmas Praise Night*



**Come along for a time of praise and worship, led by the  
High Free Church Praise Band.**

*Refreshments served*



**HFC**

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*All Most Welcome to Attend*

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

**[intimations.highfreechurch@outlook.com](mailto:intimations.highfreechurch@outlook.com)**

### **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>**

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