

High Free Church Stornoway



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Sunday 5 May 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 – “The Transfiguration Of Jesus”
Sermon Text – Luke 9: 28-36

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 – “Followers And Fleeces”
Sermon Text – Judges 6:33-40

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

Services for Sunday 12 May 2024 are as follows:

11.00am: English Service - Sandwick Hall – Rev James Maciver

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, unless otherwise stated, at 7:30pm.

English Tuesday 7 May 24 – Failte Centre – Slavic Gospel Association

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers will meet on Thursday 9 May from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Fàilte Centre. Mums, dads, carers, babies, and preschool children are most welcome to come along.

Women for Mission Evening Event

All ladies in the congregation are invited to attend the WFM Evening event on Friday 7th June in the Cabarfeidh Hotel. This year's speaker is Marion McInnes from Culduthel Christian Centre, Inverness. Marion will be speaking on the topic: 'Living in a mission field... serving others where God had placed us'.

If you would like to attend, please speak to Natalie for a booking form.

May Communion Weekend

The Kirk Session have agreed to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the morning service on Sunday 12th May. Anyone wishing to become a member of the congregation either by profession of faith or disjunction certificate is most warmly invited to speak to the Minister, Session Clerk or their District Elder.

The Following Services will take place over our Communion Weekend:

Thursday 9th May:

7.30pm: Gaelic Preparatory Service in the Failte Centre (Rev. Kenneth Ferguson, Retired)

Saturday 11th May:

7.30pm: English Preparatory Service in the Failte Centre (Rev. Hugh Ferrier)

Sunday 12th May:

11.00am: English Preparatory Service in the Sandwick Hall (Rev. James Maciver, Stornoway Free Church)

6.30pm: English Communion Service in the Seminary (Rev. Hugh Ferrier)

Mission Fund Reminder.

Just a little reminder for anyone who may wish to give to Missionary Support Fund collections which are made at all Prayer meetings, that if you are unable to attend the meetings you can still pay into the Fund online Fund details. Sort code 80.22.60 Account 14141765.

Church Equipping Event: Learning Disabilities

Prospects Across Scotland exists to encourage, inspire and resource churches to welcome people with learning disabilities and autism and tell them about Jesus. Stornoway Free Church have invited Hilary Lacroix, Mission Development Coordinator, to deliver some training around this topic and would like to invite others from across the presbytery to join also. Details are as follows:

Saturday 11th May, 10:30am-12:30pm, 'Introduction to Learning Disabilities', Rev MA Memorial Hall, Kenneth St, Stornoway.

For more information - <https://www.prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk>

Skye Summer Mission

The Kirk Session are currently having discussions with the Kirk Session of Duirinish Free Church in Skye. Our hope is to send a team from our congregation (led by Hugh and Donnie Maclean) to give some assistance to the Duirinish congregation for a week (or possibly two depending on numbers) towards the middle/end of July. The Duirinish congregation aren't a large congregation and are very eager for help in running a children's' holiday club, doing door-to-door visitation, visiting the housebound within the congregation and assisting with some maintenance and other practical work around the manse. The desire of both Kirk Sessions is that this would be the start of a longer term partnership between the two congregations where we might be of mutual encouragement to one another. Right now, we're looking to gauge the numbers of those in our congregation who'd be interested in being part of the team or helping in other ways. If you're interested, please speak to Hugh or Donnie Maclean.

Crèche Rota

5/5/24 Rachel Mackenzie, Joan Macleod, Sheena Macritchie
12/5/24 Laura J Davies, Agnes Maciver, Cathy Macdonald
19/5/24 Bethany Finlayson, Carla Mackay, Coleen Monrad
26/5/24 Donna Macleod, Susan Murray, Donna Rennie
2/6/24 Natalie Ferrier, Joan Macleod, Rachel Mackenzie
9/6/24 Mairi Macleod, Carla Mackay, Erica Buchanan
16/6/24 Agnes Maciver, Shirley Macdonald, Susan Murray
23/6/24 Laura Jayne Davies, Donna Macleod, Sheena Macritchie
30/6/24 Donna Rennie, Coleen Monrad, Mairi Macleod

New volunteers are always wanted

Next Generation Training

Next Generation Training are delivering a training course, free of charge, on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th May 2024 at Carloway Free Church.

The training will be delivered by [Eric Larsen](#) and [Robbie Sweet](#), both work with the organisation Mission to the World. Eric will be travelling from the States to deliver this training. Robbie is based in Glasgow with his family (although originally from the States), he has been involved in organising the Free Church Teen Conference and delivering training for Camp Leaders and Ministers.

There is a QR code for people to scan with a smart phone (shown below) which will take them to a booking form with further details of the training or alternately please speak to Rev Ferrier.

The link below will take you to further information regarding the training and a short booking form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/n2PaQn3v5h>



Prayer news: May 2024

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

City Centre

- Continue to pray for people who have been in emergency accommodation for a long time and still cannot make plans for the future.
- Pray for those in the asylum system facing court decisions about their housing situations. Pray that the judges will continue to be sympathetic to their plight.
- Pray for the guests who come to our Drop-ins for lunch and dinner. Pray that in addition to a delicious meal, our staff address their issues and they develop positive relationships with staff, volunteers and fellow guests.

Child and Family Centre, Govan

- Please pray for the children going to SU Gowanbank this weekend. Pray they will be impacted with the gospel message, that they will enjoy the outdoor activities and further develop their faith and friendships with each other.
- Pray for our busy youth group, which is continuing to grow with many teenagers attending. Pray that the message of God's love would supersede all of the negative messages and influences they are exposed to at home, school and on social media.
- Pray for the future vision of the Child and Family Centre. Please pray that God will guide the management and staff into His will for the centre as we continue to reach the families of Govan for the Lord.
- Pray also for the nursery staff who are moving on at the end of term. Pray that it will be a smooth transition for them, that they will be filled with peace and see the goodness of God when they start in their new roles.

Overnight Welcome Centre (OWC)

- Pray for the Scottish Government and Glasgow City HSCP – pray for wise, Christian leaders who are able to influence government and council decisions. Pray for HSCP staff who are feeling overwhelmed just now.
- Pray for the Home Office – big changes are happening. Pray for wisdom for leaders. Pray for those who are going to be affected by the Rwanda Bill.
- Pray for all the agencies working within the city to help people. Pray they do not become overwhelmed with the need and are able to support people well.

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

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.

Rev. Hugh Ferrier **Minister**

Christopher Martin Session Clerk

Roddy Ferguson **Clerk to the Deacons Court**

Howard Maciver Treasurer hfctreasurer@btinternet.com

Murdina France Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Dawn Spark Sunday School Team Leader

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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>

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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