

# High Free Church Stornoway



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**Sunday 24 March 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: English Service in Sandwick Hall – Rev Hugh Ferrier**

**Sermon Title - “The Incarnation Of Jesus”**

**Sermon Text - John 1 14-18**

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 - “An Unhappy Situation”**

**Sermon Text – Judges 6 1:10**

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

Services for Sunday 31 March 2024 are as follows:

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

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

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

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## Prayer meetings

All prayer meetings will be held in the Fàilte Centre, Bayhead, unless otherwise stated, at 7:30pm.

English Tuesday 26 March 24 – Failte Centre – Donnie Maclean

Gaelic Thursday 28 March 24 – Failte Centre –

English Saturday 30 March 24 – Praise night in Stornoway Town Hall

### **HFC Toddlers**

Meets again on Thursday 28 March from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Fàilte Centre. Mums, dads, carers, babies, and preschool children are most welcome to come along.

### **Easter Praise Night**

We will be having our Easter Praise night in Stornoway Town Hall on Saturday 30 March at 7.30pm. Music and praise will be provided by our very own High Free Praise band, and we hope that it would be a wonderful evening of praise, prayer and The Word. Donations of baking would be much appreciated. This year, all monies raised will be donated to Eilean Siar Foodbanks.

### **Bereavement**

We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the Macritchie family in the passing of their much loved and loving mother Bessie, who passed away on Thursday afternoon in Bethesda Care home. We remember and give thanks for Bessie's quiet and consistent witness along with her prayerful and practical support and kindness shown in the congregation and Lord's work. Please remember in prayer her son John Norman, daughter Annette and family and also her sister Jessie Macinnes

### **New Sermon Series**

On Sunday morning we are beginning a ten part series on crucial moments in the life and ministry of Jesus from various New Testament passages. The title of the series is "Pivotal Points".

On Sunday evening we are beginning an eight part sermon series on the Life of Gideon from Judges 6-8. The title of the series is "Weakness and Strength".

If you haven't been to one of our in-person services before or perhaps have got out of the way of going, we would love to see you!

### **Flower Stall Fundraiser**

The fundraising group are hoping to have a flower stall later this year raising money for church funds. There will be packets of flower seeds available at the church door for anyone who is able to grow some flowers for the stall. Please contact any of the fundraising group for further information

### **Christian Institute – Public Consultation**

Nigel Kenny, Scotland Officer for The Christian Institute is making a heartfelt plea for us, individually and collectively, in the Western Isles to respond to the Scottish Government's Public Consultation on a Conversion Practices ban. Can I ask all that we all share and raise awareness of this as far and wide as possible. To respond, please go online to The Scottish Government website or ask any of our church friends to download a paper copy for posting. The closing date for responses is **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.**

**<https://www.gov.scot/publications/ending-conversion-practices-scotland-scottish-government-consultation/pages/19/>**

### **Free Church Youth Camps**

All places have now been allocated for this summer's Free Church Youth Camps and we are delighted that almost every camp is now full! We are still looking for volunteer leaders, cooks and drivers so please encourage faithful members of your congregation to consider serving in this way.

Full details are available at: [freechurchyouthcamps.org/volunteer](http://freechurchyouthcamps.org/volunteer).

### **Teens' Conference**

Booking has opened today for the 2024 Teens' Conference.

The conference will take place from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th June at Lendrick Muir. Rev. Iain Morrison, affectionately known as "Cheeks", will be the guest speaker.

The main theme of the weekend will be Kingdom People.

Anyone S5 or S6 age, as of January 2024, whether already a Christian or just interested to find out more, is very welcome.

For more information, or to book, go to: Teens' Conference: June 2024 – Free Church of Scotland

### **In A Big Country rural conference – Saturday 20th April**

We are delighted to invite you to our third 'In A Big Country rural conference' on Saturday 20th April at Dingwall Free Church.

We will have a range of engaging speakers and seminars to equip and encourage those in rural congregations.

The key speakers will be Rev Ivor Macdonald and Rev Pete Turnbull.

More details to follow but note the date in your diary.

Bookings open on Friday 8th March.

### **Weekly freewill offering envelopes**

We wish to remind anyone that is a taxpayer and not already registered for Gift Aid, please consider signing up for this. The congregation will benefit from your regular giving as we can claim tax back on any donations made to High Free Church. To register for gift aid can be done online, or by completing a form which is available at the door today. There are also Bank detail slips for anyone wishing to do this through online Banking. All forms should be returned to the Treasurer and are dealt with in the strictest confidence. For any further details please email our Treasurer at [hftreasurer@btinternet.com](mailto:hftreasurer@btinternet.com) and thank you again for your continued generous support for the congregation.

### **Date For Your Diaries - SOLAS Visit**

SOLAS are making a return trip to Lewis on 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April where we will welcome two speakers to the island, Andy Bannister and the new Scottish representative for Solas, Steve Osmond.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April there are two youth-focused events in Stornoway (more details to follow) and on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April there are two events scheduled; Back congregation are hosting a Confident Christianity event in their church hall at 2pm and an evening event will be hosted by us in Sandwick Hall at 7.30pm. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Andy and Steve will be preaching in Back and Point in the morning and with ourselves and North Harris in the evening.

### **Crèche Rota**

24/3/24 Susan Murray, Rachel Mackenzie, Joan Macleod  
31/3/24 Donna Rennie, Natalie Ferrier, Laura J Davies  
7/4/24 Carla Mackay, Bethany Finlayson, Sheena Macritchie  
14/4/24 Donna Macleod, Shirley Macdonald, Cathy Macdonald  
21/4/24 Coleen Monrad, Susan Murray, Donna Rennie  
28/4/24 Mairi Macleod, Erica Buchanan, Natalie Ferrier  
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

\*New volunteers are always wanted\*

### **Brunch Rota**

31/3/24 - Kitchen Rota - Mairi Macleod, Donald, Jane, Margaret,  
Hall Rota – Lexie, Duncan, Murdo, Rachel

## **Prayer news: March 2024**

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

### **City Centre**

- Please pray for the opportunity to connect and develop relationships with the new guests who are coming to our lunch and dinner Drop-ins.
- Pray for the guests who come to our counselling service. These sessions address pain in their lives and it is not easy for them.
- Pray for the Bible studies we run. Pray that our guests are impacted and that they respond to the message of the Gospel.
- Pray for favour with rehab facilities and restoration projects as we try to get guests into programmes that will benefit them.

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

- Please pray for the families that we work with who are struggling at the moment with a variety of different issues. Pray that God would bring stability, healing and peace to the situations they face.
- We have a SU camp for P5-7 children planned for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May. Pray for the children who have expressed an interest in going. Pray for their parents to support them in going and for the volunteers who have indicated that they may be able to help with the weekend.
- This Easter holiday we are planning to take the families out on trips, pray that these trips will be seen as acts of kindness and that the staff will have a chance to get to know the families/parents/carers whilst accompanying them.

### **Overnight Welcome Centre (OWC)**

- Pray for our OWC guests, especially those who are waiting a long time for accommodation. This is difficult for their mental health.
- Pray for Glasgow City Council HSCP and the Scottish Government. We need a breakthrough in the housing crisis in the city. Pray for wisdom for them.
- Pray for the staff and volunteers. It has been a challenging and busy season. Pray for strength and a renewal for them as they see out this final month.

### **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](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](mailto:intimations.highfreechurch@outlook.com) . Please note that any notices should be sent before 4pm on a Thursday.