

High Free Church Stornoway



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Sunday 31 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: Easter Sunday Service in Sandwich Hall—Rev Hugh Ferrier

Sermon Title - "Doubting Thomas"

Sermon Text - John 20:24-29

This Service will be live streamed on the Church's Sermon Audio Page
There will be an Easter Brunch served after this morning's service. All are welcome.

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

Sermon Title - "The Call Of Gideon"

Sermon Text – Judges 6:11-24

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

Services for Sunday 7 April 2024 are as follows:

11.00am: English Service - Sandwich 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

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 2 April 24 – Failte Centre – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 4 April 24 – Joint meeting in the Seminary

English Saturday 6 April 24 – Failte Centre

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers will be taking a break for the Easter holidays and will meet again on Thursday 18 April from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Fàilte Centre. Mums, dads, carers, babies, and preschool children are most welcome to come along.

Cuppa 'n Ceilidh

The Cuppa 'n Ceilidh group will meet on Friday 5th April at 2pm in the Newton Centre where Donald John MacLean (Shoogles) will tell us of his recent trip to Kenya. We look forward to having Donald join us on the day. This group is open to all in the 55+ age range so, if you are free, please come along and join us where we can enjoy a time of informal fellowship and a cuppa. You are most welcome to bring a friend.

Easter Sunday

We will be having an Easter Brunch following this morning's service followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children.....and adults if they wish to join in too!

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.

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 **2nd 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.

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.

Date For Your Diaries - SOLAS Visit

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

On Friday 19th April there are two youth-focused events in Stornoway (more details to follow) and on Saturday 20th 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 21st April, Andy and Steve will be preaching in Back and Point in the morning and with ourselves and North Harris in the evening.

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 and thank you again for your continued generous support for the congregation.

Crèche Rota

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
2/6/24 Natalie Ferrier, Joan Macleod, Rachel Mackenzie
9/6/24 Mairi Macleod, Carla Mackay, Erica Buchanan

New volunteers are always wanted

Schedule of Communion Services: 5th - 7th April 2024

Garrabost Free Church

Friday 5th April	School Road: 7.30 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
Saturday 6th April	Main Road: 7.00 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
Lords Day 7th April	Main Road: 11.00 am	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
	School Road: 6.00 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
There will be a short prayer meeting after the evening service, followed by a fellowship in the Main Rd hall.			



KESWICK EXPRESS!

Keswick Convention week 1

Join us on an executive coach trip ,down to the first week of the Keswick convention 2024 . Saturday the 13th to Saturday 20th July . The Coach is booked and will leave Ullapool pier on the morning of the 13th July at approx 10am. Additional pick ups are available enroute. Some Seats are still available !

**** RELATES TO COACH TRAVEL ONLY****

FERRY AND ACCOMODATION REQUIRE TO BE SEPERATLY ARRANGED

For more information contact: David on

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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**

Find us on facebook – www.facebook.com/highfreechurch

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.