



High Free Church  
Stornoway

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

*Sunday 21 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 All age Service in Sandwick Hall – Rev Hugh Ferrier**

*As this Sunday is the Family Service, we would like all children to attend in the main Sanctuary/Hall and therefore the Creche will be available for parents to use as required, thank you*

*Christmas brunch will be served after this morning service., All, especially families, are very welcome to stay behind and enjoy some fellowship together*

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

**Sermon Title: “Who Lay In The Manger”**

**Sermon Text: Philippians 2:5-11**

**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 23 Dec 25 – Rev Hugh Ferrier**

**Gaelic Thursday 25 Dec – No Meeting**

**English Saturday 27 Dec – Zoom meeting**

### **Services for Sunday 28 December 2025 are as follows:**

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

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

## **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES**

### ***Sunday 28th December***

*Morning - "The Supremacy Of Christ" - Colossians 1:15-23 - Rev Hugh Ferrier*

*Evening - "How's Your Heart?" - 1 Kings 11:1-13 - Rev Hugh Ferrier*

### ***Wednesday 31st December***

*7.30pm New Year's Eve Prayer Meeting - "The Lord Is My Shepherd" - Psalm 23*

### ***Sunday 4th January***

*Morning - "Bold & Unhindered Proclamation" - Acts 28:11-31 – Rev Hugh Ferrier*

*Evening - Mr Donnie Maclean*

### ***Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January***

*7.30pm – Prayer Meeting in Failte Centre*

### ***Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January***

*7.30pm – Joint Gaelic Prayer Meeting in The Seminary*

## **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.*

## **THANKS**

*As we come to the closing weeks of the year, the Kirk Session and Deacons' Court would like to express their gratitude and grateful thanks to everyone who helps in different ways from week to week. Our thanks go to the Sunday School teachers, Praise Group, Creche helpers, Brunch Team, Ladies' Visitation Group, the Toddler Group, the Cuppa 'N' Ceilidh Team, those who help with the setup of the hall etc, the Facebook and Website Team, those who assist with live-streaming and projector and the weekly bulletin administrator. All of this is very much appreciated work and makes for the smooth running of our services and ongoing congregational activities. We are indebted to you all and give thanks to God for his faithfulness in many ways.*

## **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.*

## **2026 YOUTH CONFERENCE.**

*Looking for a weekend to step away from the noise, deepen your faith, and reconnect with God's people? Join us for a weekend of worship, teaching, and fellowship at Lendrick Muir, from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th March 2026.*

*This conference is created for young adults aged 18–30 and is always a special time of encouragement, renewal, and meaningful connection with others from across the church.*

### **Main Speaker**

*We're delighted to welcome Rev Cory Brock from St Columba's Free Church of Scotland, who will be speaking about the Holy Spirit.*

### **Key Information**

- **When:** Friday 13th – Sunday 15th March 2026
- **Where:** Lendrick Muir
- **Who:** Ages 18–30

### **What to expect**

*Across the weekend, you can look forward to:*

- *Christ-centred talks*
- *Times of worship and prayer*
- *Seminars and testimonies*
- *Space to relax, reflect, and connect*
- *And, of course, great food, thanks to our fantastic team of cooks who have served us so well in recent years!*

*Book your place here*

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### **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 this Sunday or alternatively, you can drop off to the manse garage BEFORE TUES 23<sup>RD</sup> DEC. Thanks again for your continued generosity in so many ways.*

### **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.*

### **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.*

### **Save the Date**

**New Year's Eve Service – Weds 31 Dec 2025 – Failte Centre**

**Back to Church Sunday – Sunday 11 January 2026**

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

**Youth Conference – 13-15 March 2026 – Lendrick Muir (Kinross)**

### **PRISEIL LADIES - AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP**

*The Priseil Ladies will be holding an Afternoon of Fellowship on the afternoon of **Saturday 24th January from 2:00-4:00pm**. This event will take place **in the Rev M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall on Kenneth Street**.*

*There will be praise and worship and afternoon tea as we fellowship with one another. We are also delighted that Rosie Morgan who was our speaker at the Ladies Conference in June 2025 will bring us a New Year message all the way from Seaford in East Sussex via Zoom.*

*We want to encourage any ladies in the congregation who would like to join us that afternoon to do so. We hope and pray that it will be a time of blessing for us all. Please use the link below to complete and submit your booking form.*

### **Priseil Ladies Afternoon of Fellowship with Rosie Morgan – Fill in form**

*If you have no means to complete a booking form electronically please speak to Natalie Ferrier or Janice Macleod who will be happy to help you with your booking details.*

*A collection which will be taken on the day will be donated to the Phoebe Project which is the Women's Ministry connected to the Slavic Gospel Association. The committee would also be pleased to receive donations of baking to help with the afternoon tea from any of the ladies in the congregation.*

*Please soak this event in prayer as we prepare for it. Pray that the hearts of all who attend would be prepared in advance.*



**Saturday 24th January 2026**

**2:00-4:00pm**

**Rev. M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall**

**Kenneth Street, Stornoway**

To book please use the following link:  
**Priseil Ladies Afternoon of Fellowship with Rosie Morgan – Fill in form** or  
**contact [priseil.hfc@outlook.com](mailto:priseil.hfc@outlook.com)**

**Donations to be taken at door for Slavic Gospel Association's Phoebe Project**



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

### **City Centre**

*Pray for Christmas cheer and fun in Crimea Street this year. Pray that the story of Jesus' birth reaches guests eager to learn of the hope Christ brings. Pray especially for a fantastic night when we hold our guests' Christmas dinner on 17 December.*

*Give thanks that the number of people rough sleeping decreased recently due to some choosing to move inside during the cold snap.*

*Give thanks for a brilliant trip away with the women's recovery group to Cupar. The women made many memories!*

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

*Please pray for all the Christmas activities this December at the Child and Family Centre. Pray that the children and their families have a great time while hearing the transformative story of Christmas.*

*Pray for all the families in need at this time of year. Pray especially for the families we work with in Govan and Linthouse.*

*Please pray for the Nativity that will be performed by our Superheroes group of children on 18 December at 5pm.*

*Give thanks for the trip to McDonalds last week that was enjoyed by 19 children. The kids had a great time, and we are very grateful to our supporter Gina who arranged for McDonald's to host us.*

### **Winter Project**

*Please pray for our new team who started in their positions on 1 December. Pray for confidence as they settle into their roles and for any fears or anxiety to be lifted.*

*Pray for those at risk of rough sleeping in Glasgow. Pray that they would find shelter with us this winter. Pray they would also experience a fresh sense of hope.*

*Pray for the Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and the Scottish Government. Pray for wisdom for those in positions of power.*

*Pray for a movement of God's power to transform the housing crisis we are experiencing in Scotland*



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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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