



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 5 July 2026

***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: “Closed Doors And Opened Doors”

Sermon Text: Acts 16: 6-10

Crèche will be available during the service.

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

Sermon Title: “A Story About Restoration”

Sermon Text: 2 Kings 8: 1-6

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 7 July – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 9 July –

Saturday 11 July– Online meeting

Services for Sunday 12 July 2026 are as follows:

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

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

Intimation Sheet

This week will be the last sheet until after the summer holidays. The next sheet will be for Sunday 16th August.

Preachers for July/August

Sunday 12th July

11am & 6.30pm - Rev. Hugh Ferrier

Sunday 19th July

11am & 6.30pm - Rev. Hugh Ferrier

Sunday 26th July

11am - Rev. Hugh Ferrier

6.30pm - Rev. Donald Macleod (North Tolsta Free Church)

Sunday 2nd August

11am & 6.30pm - Rev. Hugh Ferrier

Sunday 9th August

11am - Mr Colin Nicholson (Garrabost Free Church)

6.30pm - Mr Andrew Maciver (North Tolsta Free Church)

Sunday 16th August

11am - Mr Robert France

6.30pm - Mr Donnie Rankin

Sunday 23rd August

11am - Rev. Hugh Ferrier

6.30pm - Mr Donnie Rankin

Sunday 30th August

11am & 6.30pm - Rev. Colin Macleod (Back Free Church)

Minister's Annual Leave

Hugh hopes to be on annual leave from 5th-19th August and plans to be off the island from the 8th-18th August. Rev. Donald MacLeod (North Tolsta) has kindly agreed to provide pastoral cover during this time.

Ordination of Deacons

Following the congregational vote for new deacons the Kirk Session agreed to approach the following who have all indicated their willingness to serve as deacons in the congregation: Messrs Murdo Fraser, Iain ("Cloudy") Macleod, Donald ("Dooley") Martin and Sam Murray. The Kirk Session have, therefore, resolved to ordain Messrs Murdo Fraser, Donald Martin and Sam Murray to the office of deacon during the morning service on Sunday 2nd August 2026. Anyone with any objections to the life and doctrine of any of the elected names should present them with substantiation at a meeting of the Kirk Session at 10.45am on Sunday 2nd August 2026 in the Sandwick Hall. The Kirk Session have further resolved to ordain Mr Iain Macleod to the office of deacon during the morning service on Sunday 5th September 2026. Anyone with any objections to the life and doctrine of any of Mr Iain Macleod should present them with substantiation at a meeting of the Kirk Session at 10.45am on Sunday 5th September 2026 in the Sandwick Hall. The Kirk Session are greatly encouraged by the willingness of these men to service in this way and would ask that the congregation remember them in prayer in the weeks ahead.

Dates For Your Diary!

a. August Communion Weekend

The Kirk Session have agreed that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the morning service on Sunday 30th August. Rev. Colin Macleod has kindly agreed to take the communion services that weekend and we would ask the congregation to be mindful in prayer for both preacher and hearer alike over the coming weeks.

b. Praise & Testimony Night

The Kirk Session have agreed to have a Praise & Testimony Night on Tuesday 25th August at 7.30pm in the Failte Centre. Following the usual format, we'll have some members of our own congregation sharing about the Lord's work in their life as well as someone from another congregation. Again, the Kirk Session would be grateful of the continued prayers of the congregation as we prepare for this night.

c. Congregational Barbecue

In recent years we've had an "end of summer barbeque" at the Failte Centre on the Monday after the communion weekend and we hope to do so again this year. It's always an enjoyable way to mark the end of our communion weekend. It would be great to see as many from the congregation coming along to this and please be praying and thinking about people whom you could invite along.

Camp treat Boxes.

Thanks so much for all the lovely boxes that were sent to Kincaig Kids Camp. If you have boxes for Oswestry 2 they need to be delivered by 7th July - see the top of your box for the date.

Thanks again

OS2 - Meal donation - Last Chance!

*If you are planning on donating to the OS2 Meal place your donation in an envelope and mark it OS2. **N.b. This is the last Sunday we can donate to this.** Please place these envelopes in the collection box. Thanks again for your kind support for this initiative.*

Summer Brunch Provision for Acres Homeless Provision.

During the summer we try and continue our provision for the residents in the Acres Homeless provision. This would mean preparing and delivering approximately 20 sandwiches to the centre after church on a Sunday. The dates we'd like to cover are 11th and 25th July, 8th and 21st August. If you are able to help continue this provision on any of these dates, please let Donald know (07713013651)

Oswestry seniors 2 camp

Thank you for adopting OS2 again this year. We are very grateful for your support and prayers as we prepare for camp and throughout our time away. We leave on Friday 10th July, so camp is fast approaching. We would particularly value your prayers for:

The campers – *Please pray for those returning and those attending for the first time. Pray that they would settle in well, build good friendships, and that their hearts and minds would be open to hearing and responding to the gospel.*

The leaders and cooks – Please pray for unity, wisdom, and encouragement among the team throughout the week. Pray especially for those preparing and delivering talks

Travel and safety – We have a long journey ahead of us and will be travelling throughout the week. Please pray for our driver, for smooth travel, and for God's protection and safety on all our journeys.

Give thanks – We thank God that planning has been going well so far. Please pray that preparations would continue to run smoothly in the remaining weeks before camp.

We look forward to keeping you updated during camp and sharing how God has been at work when we return.

FCYC Chaperone Volunteers Needed

FCYC is looking for volunteer chaperones to accompany campers on the journeys listed below.

Please take a moment to see whether you might be able to help with these important chaperone roles, whether travelling across the Minch or continuing on to Inverness. Even if you are travelling as a family and one member of your group could act as a chaperone, it would make a huge difference to us at FCYC.

If you are able to help, please email us at camps@freechurch.org and let us know which journey you would be available for. We look forward to hearing from you!

Trip no	Date	Transport
4	Saturday 4 July	10.30 dep - Ullapool Stornoway
5	Friday 10 July,	17.30 dep - Ullapool Stornoway
6	Saturday 11 July,	07.00 dep - Stornoway Ullapool
7	Saturday 11 July,	19.00 dep - Ullapool Stornoway
8	Saturday 18 July,	07.00 dep - Stornoway Ullapool
9	Saturday 25 July,	17.00 dep - Inverness Ullapool 19.00 dep – Ullapool Stornoway

Save the Date

Praise & Testimony Night – Tues 25 August – Failte Centre

Communion Weekend – 27th – 30th August

Congregational Barbeque – Monday 31 August

Prayer news: July 2026

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

City Centre

Please pray for permanent homes for guests who have been waiting a long time to get their own place. Pray that this in turn allows guests to settle and start to move forwards in their lives.

Pray that the summer activities we have planned at Crimea Street are fun and enjoyable and they help develop deeper relationships with our guests.

Pray for rest and recuperation for all our staff and volunteers as most take time off over the summer months. Pray they return energised to continue to serve our guests.

Child and Family Centre, Govan

Please pray for our upcoming Family Holiday Club running 6-31 July. Pray for the success of the programme and especially our Party in the Park on the 31 July where we are celebrating 200 years of Glasgow City Mission and 40 years of the Child and Family Centre.

Pray for the continuing ministry with the families who went on the Millport trip recently courtesy of the partnership between us and The Mothers' Union.

Pray for all the Primary 7 children who will be starting High School and the kids who will be starting school and going into Primary 1 in the new term in August.

Pray for the new Youth Group that will start in the new term. Pray that the relationships between the youth, and with our staff, develop and deepen.

Winter Project

Please pray for our conversations with the Scottish Government and Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). Pray for favour as we plan for the best service possible for our guests during winter 2026/27. Pray for the upheaval being caused by the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Many guests are being moved out of the city and the HSCP will not have enough accommodation for those currently in temporary accommodation.

Pray for staff and financial provision for the Winter Project's coming season. Pray that God sends us individuals with compassion and a heart for our guests

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Spangy Murray – Interim Sunday School Team Leader -

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:

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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