

# High Free Church Stornoway



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**Sunday 19 December 2021**

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)**

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

Sermon Title: "Once In Royal David's City"

Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-7

**11.00am: Joint Gaelic Service in the Seminary**

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

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

Sermon Title: "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

Sermon Text: Micah 5:1-5

Services for Sunday 26 December 2021 are as follows:

11.00am: English Service in Sandwick Hall (Rev. Hugh Ferrier)

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

11.00am: Joint Gaelic Service in the Seminary

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

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## Prayer meetings

English Tuesday 28 December 2021 at 7.30pm – Failte Centre  
Those unable to attend are welcome to join by Zoom

Gaelic Thursday 30 December 2021 at 7.30pm – Failte Centre

English Saturday 1 January 2022 at 7.30pm – on Zoom

### **Watch Night Service**

The Kirk Session have agreed to have a New Year's Eve Watch Night Service on Friday 31 December at 11.15pm. This will take the format of a Prayer Meeting with a short message from the Minister. The Session have agreed that this Service will be held on Zoom only to give as many people in the congregation the opportunity to attend and welcome in the New Year together. Zoom details will be sent out nearer the time!

**HFC Toddlers** are now taking a break for the holiday.

### **Mission Fund**

The Deacons' Court have agreed to support the following organisations from the Mission Fund for 2021:

EMF,

SGA,

Faith Mission,

Steadfast Global,

Gambia Partnership,

Platform 67,

Moldova - £1500 each;

WEC (Caitriana Nicholson specifically),

OMF (Muriel Macleod specifically) - £1250 each;

Cheptebo - £700;

Children for Christ,

Hebrides Alpha - £500 each;

Nicolson Institute SU - £200;

God is Good Africa - £700;

OM (Clare Macleod specifically) - £300;

Free Church Mission Fund - £2000;

Free Church Camps - £1000.

The Court agreed that £4,244 be moved from the general fund into the mission fund to cover all the donations. The Court would like to express its sincere thanks for the generosity of the congregation and pray that God would bless the work of each organisation being supported.

### **Fundraising Committee:-**

#### **Christmas Praise Night**

What an excellent night of praise, readings, and prayer we had. A big thank you to all who contributed, the band, those reading, those praying, the Minister and the M.C. and not forgetting the meet and greet team at the door. Well done all. Thank you also to everyone who ventured out of the house to be with us in the Town Hall. It is so very much appreciated. It was a truly blessed night. There was well over £400 raised for Womens Aid plus a few boxes of items donated for someone needing to set up a home. The amount raised was amazing considering the number in attendance, thank you for your generosity. Until the next Praise Night, may the Lord bless you and watch over you and your families.

## **Next Event**

It's **Smarties tube collection** time again folks. One of our best fundraisers the past two times we used it. When you are leaving the service this Sunday morning you will each be given a packet of Smarties to enjoy. If you are able to help our fundraising cause by filling the Smarties packet with as many £1 coins (or any other money) as you can spare, we would be very appreciative, but don't feel you have to do that. If you are a tax payer we can claim Gift Aid on your donation if you complete the label stuck to your Smarties packet. You can return the tubes anytime, but the final date for returning them to the fundraising committee will be on **Sunday, 27 February.** Don't worry, we will have a countdown to the date, just to remind you! So go for it folks, let's make it count and make it a great collection yet again.

Every blessing,

The Fundraising Committee.

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***Any items for the bulletin should be forwarded to our email address before 4.00pm on Thursdays. Thank you.***

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6*