

High Free Church Stornoway



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Sunday 6 February 2022

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: "What Does It Mean To Follow Jesus?"

Sermon Text: Matthew 8:18-22

Sunday School meets during the morning service.

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: "A Spiritual Health Check"

Sermon Text: Proverbs 4:20-27

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Prayer meetings

All prayer meetings will be held in the Fàilte Centre, Bayhead, unless otherwise stated.

English Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 7.30pm – Rev. Ferrier
Those unable to attend are welcome to join by Zoom

Gaelic Thursday 10 February 2022 at 7.30pm – Rev. Ferrier

English Saturday 12 February 2022 at 7.30pm – on Zoom

Women for Mission

WfM meetings are resuming on Wednesday 9 February at 8.00pm via zoom. Our speaker will be Clare Macleod, who will update us on her work with OM.

HFC Toddlers meets in the Fàilte Centre on Thursday 10 February at 10.00am. All those with pre-School children are most welcome to come along! For further information please speak to Donna Parkes.

Gaelic Service

There will be a Gaelic Service at Pairc Free Church on Friday 11 February at 7.30pm. This will be taken by Rev Kenneth Ferguson (Retired) and all are warmly welcome to attend.

The Youth Fellowship will meet in the Manse on Sunday 13 February following the evening service. Everyone in S1-S6 is most welcome to come along!

Sunday School Event For All Ages

Join us for a trip to the cinema to watch Sing 2 together. Saturday 26 February at 3.00pm. Booking essential, contact Lesley on 07825 021056 with names and email addresses so that consent forms can be sent.

Exiting Buildings

Due to the further easing of restrictions we can now use both exits as we leave the buildings on Sunday. Please do remember to sanitise your hands as you enter and exit the buildings. The wearing of face masks is still required but those who are exempt from doing so are most welcome to attend without a mask.

Update From The Kirk Session:

a. February Communion

The Kirk Session have agreed to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the evening service on Sunday 20 February. The Kirk Session wish to assure the congregation that we will be doing all that we can to ensure that all the necessary Covid precautions will be in place as we come together around the Lord's Table. There will be preparatory services held on the Saturday evening and the Sunday morning. Anyone wishing to become a member of the congregation either by profession of faith or disjunction certificate is most warmly invited to speak to the Minister, Session Clerk or their District Elder. We do pray that this service would be a blessing and soul-enriching experience for the congregation.

b. Creche

The Kirk Session have agreed to restart the creche the weekend after the Communion Weekend. At this stage we're looking for volunteers who will be able to help with this. If you would like to be included on a creche rota then please speak to Hugh.

Sunday School

We are so pleased to see young people at Sunday school each week. We are currently studying in the book of Acts, this will take us into the Easter holidays.

Bereaved

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Hugh MacIennan (Lower Sandwick) in the loss of his mother last weekend. Please remember Hugh, Marion, and the rest of the family, that they will know God's blessing and the consolation of the Gospel hope for those who were trusting in Him. We also ask for prayer for Stephen Macdougall (Cearns) and his family, in the sudden death of his brother in Fort William, may they know God's sufficient grace in their sad loss. Please remember in prayer, a number who are unwell and recovering at home in these days, we miss them and hope they will know God's peace.

Safeguarding Training

Hundreds of people have now received Safeguarding Training online from the Free Church training team. Attendance at Safeguarding Training will be obligatory for all ministers and office bearers (in addition to those working with children and vulnerable adults) by the end of 2022, so do get signed up if you haven't already attended a training session.

<https://freechurch.org/safeguarding/>. There is a training session this coming Monday at 7.30pm. If you are planning to get involved in the crèche, Sunday school or any other ministry this might be a good time to book a place. Just email Donald on donald.macleod@freechurch.org.

HFC Foodbank Project

The Project goes well and thank you to all those that are supporting the Eilean Siar Foodbank from the congregation and grateful thanks come from the Eilean Siar Foodbank to all that are giving from the congregation. There are still many in our community needing help from the Foodbanks on the island. The Eilean Siar Foodbank are requesting the following items they are in need of please; breakfast cereals small boxes, jam, coffee/tea, tuna and toiletries. If you can help, please put donations to the HFC Donation Box at the front of Charlie's house or in the HFC box in his garage on James Street. God bless you all. Thank you.

Chocolate Tubs Project

Did you eat all your chocolates from the plastic tubs of Quality Street, Heroes, and Celebrations etc, you got at Christmas? Do you still have the plastic tubs lying empty about at your home which you are not using? Would you donate them please? A new scheme is to start in March which I am planning. I am looking for empty chocolate plastic tubs. Please could you put the plastic tubs into Charlie's garage on James Street if you have any spare. Thank you. "Helping those less fortunate".

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

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9