

# High Free Church Stornoway



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**Sunday 14 April 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: **Sunday Service in Sandwick Hall–Rev Hugh Ferrier**  
**Sermon Title – “The Baptism Of Jesus”**  
**Sermon Text - Matthew 3: 1-17**

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

6.30pm: **English Service in The Seminary – Rev Hugh Ferrier**  
**Sermon Title – “Altars Broken And Built”**  
**Sermon Text - Judges 6: 25-32**

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

## Services for Sunday 21 April 2024 are as follows:

11.00am: English Service - Sandwick 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 –  
This service will be taken by one of the Solas speakers and afterward we will have a fellowship where they will speak about the Lord's work in their life.  
Any donations of baking are warmly welcomed.

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 16 April 24 – Failte Centre – Rev Hugh Ferrier

We look forward to having Muriel Macleod who will give us an update and presentation on her ongoing work in Cambodia.

Gaelic Thursday 18 April 24 – Failte Centre –

English Saturday 20 April 24 - Solas event in Sandwick Hall

## **HFC Toddlers**

Toddlers 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.

## **Congratulations**

As a congregation we were delighted to hear the news of Mairi Macleod (Tolsta) on her engagement to Jonathan Macdonald. We praise the Lord for bringing them together and pray that they'd be conscious of the Lord's blessing as they plan for their future.

## **Cuppa n Ceilidh**

The Cuppa n Ceilidh group hope to organise an outing for their next meeting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. We are planning a trip around the West Side with a stop for lunch at Gearrannan village but also hope to call at another couple of places en route. We hope to leave town at approx. 11am and return around 3-3.30pm but further information will be given nearer the time.

In order to proceed with the booking of a bus and giving numbers to Gearrannan, there will be a sign up sheet at the door today at both services. If you are over 55 and would like to join us, please sign the sheet. Even if you have never been to Cuppa n Ceilidh before you are more than welcome to sign up and come along for the day.

## **LCEA Public Meeting: 'Christian Education Explained'**

To commemorate 25 years since Providence Christian School opened its doors, the Lewis Christian Education Association (LCEA) are holding a public meeting in the Stornoway Town Hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, at which Rev Kenneth Stewart will give a talk entitled 'Christian Education Explained.' A warm invitation is extended to all who have an interest in Christian education in any form. The LCEA will hold its AGM in a separate room in the Town Hall at 6.30pm, and this meeting is also open to all.

## **Hejce English Bible Camp 2024**

We are looking for volunteers to assist with this year's English Bible Camp in Hejce, Hungary. The camp dates are 20-27th July. The main duties will involve helping with English lessons, Bible studies, games and devotions. The camp is for Hungarian teenagers and is jointly led by a team from Hungary and the UK team. The camp has run for over 40 years in its current format and has been richly blessed by God during

this time. No previous experience is required, our only requirements are that volunteers should be Christians in good standing in their own congregation, aged 18+. For further information or expressions of interest please contact Alasdair Macleod (Ally Garyvard) on 07774060570 or email [macleod\\_5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:macleod_5@hotmail.co.uk)

### **SOLAS Weekend updates**

On Sat 20th April there are two events running that are open to everyone and you are very much encouraged to attend.

In Back Church Hall beginning at 2.30pm there will be two presentations:

1. Sharing your faith with those who are disinterested.
2. Living for God while in Babylon.

On Saturday evening in Sandwick Hall at 7.30pm there will be a further presentation:

1. Finding Hope in a world of chaos.

Both events are **open to all**. The evening event is particularly geared to inviting non-Christian friends. This is a great opportunity for outreach. For any further info please contact-

Rev Colin Macleod [padre1872@gmail.com](mailto:padre1872@gmail.com)

Rev Hugh Ferrier [h121ferrier@googlemail.com](mailto:h121ferrier@googlemail.com)

### **Friday 19th April - Cafe nights with SOLAS speakers.**

Andy Bannister and Steve Osmond from SOLAS Centre for Public Christianity will be the speakers at these two events, both on Friday 19th April in Stornoway, God willing.

**1. Youth Cafe Night** for S1-S6 in Kopi Java, 7:30-9:00pm. Free entry and refreshments. Short talk on 'Can God and Science Coexist?' followed by opportunity for questions. Booking is essential

- <https://forms.office.com/r/WFH8gsix0N>

**2. Cafe Night** for over 18s in the Woodlands Centre, 7:30-9:00pm. Free entry and refreshments. Short talk on 'Did Jesus actually rise from the dead? A historical examination.' No booking required.

For more information please contact Rev Colin Macleod

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### **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.

### **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.

### **Crèche Rota**

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\*

### **Brunch Rota**

14/4/24 – Kitchen – Mairi Murray, Sheena, Erica, Christine  
Hall – Charlie, Anne, Annie, Murdo  
28/4/24 – Kitchen – Donna Maclennan, Donald, Margaret, Jane  
Hall – Duncan, Howard, Agnes, Ashley

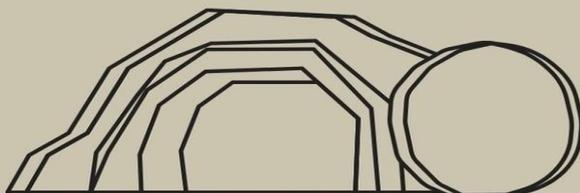
Schedule of Communion Services: 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

## Callanish Free Church Communion Services

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm.	Gaelic	Rev Iain Thomson - Garrabost
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm.	English	Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	12.00 pm.	English	Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc
	6.00 pm.	Bi – Lingual Prayer Meeting – Elders	
Lord's Day 21 <sup>st</sup> April	11.00 am.	English	Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc
	6.30 pm.	English	Rev Iain Macritchie - Pairc
<i>All services in the Church - There will be a short Prayer Meeting after the Evening Service</i>			

# CAFE NIGHT

## with SOLAS



**DID JESUS ACTUALLY RISE FROM  
THE DEAD?  
A HISTORICAL EXAMINATION**



**FREE ENTRY &  
REFRESHMENTS**

**FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2024  
7:30-9:00PM  
WOODLANDS CENTRE  
ALL WELCOME**

**HOSTED BY BACK FREE CHURCH &  
HIGH FREE CHURCH STORNOWAY  
WITH SPEAKERS FROM SOLAS-CPC.ORG**

BIG QUESTIONS WITH SOLAS-CPC.ORG

# YOUTH CAFE NIGHT

**CAN GOD AND SCIENCE COEXIST?**

FRIDAY 19 APRIL  
7:30-9:00PM  
SI-S6  
KOPI JAVA

BOOK NOW

FREE ENTRY & REFRESHMENTS

HOSTED BY BACK FREE CHURCH & HIGH FREE CHURCH

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION *Explained*



**SPEAKER: REV. KENNETH STEWART**

A PUBLIC MEETING ORGANISED BY  
THE LEWIS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
ASSOCIATION TO COMMEMORATE 25  
YEARS SINCE PROVIDENCE  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WAS OPENED.

**Stornoway Town Hall @ 7:30pm**  
**APR | 19<sup>TH</sup> | 2024**

LCEA AGM will take place at 6:30pm in the Town Hall before the Public Meeting commences. This meeting is open to any who are interested.



**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 are ups 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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## **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.

## **Congregation contacts**

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[https://www.sermonaudio.com/source\\_detail.asp?sourceid=highfreechurch](https://www.sermonaudio.com/source_detail.asp?sourceid=highfreechurch)

Evening Services can be found on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@highfreechurchstornoway6602>

Scottish Charity Number – SCO45431

## **Intimations email address**

Any information for the intimations should be sent to this email address:

[intimations.highfreechurch@outlook.com](mailto:intimations.highfreechurch@outlook.com) . Please note that any notices should be sent before 4pm on a Thursday