



High Free Church  
Stornoway

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

*Sunday 13 April 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**

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

**Sermon Title: “From The Courtroom To The Cross”**

**Sermon Text: John 19:12-22**

*Creche will meet during the morning's service.*

*Brunch will be served after this morning's service. All are very welcome to stay behind and enjoy a time of fellowship together.*

**6.30pm: English Service in The Seminary – Mr Donnie Rankin**

***Both services will be live streamed 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 15 April 25 – Rev Hugh Ferrier**

**Gaelic Thursday 17 April 25 – Failte Centre Rev Hugh Ferrier**

**Saturday 19 April 25 – Easter Praise Night in Stornoway Town Hall**

### **Services for Sunday 20 April 2025 are as follows:**

**11.00am: English Service - Sandwick Hall – Mr Roger Carswell**

**6.30pm: English Service - The Seminary – Mr Roger Carswell**

### **HFC Toddlers**

*Toddlers are taking a well-earned break for the holidays and will meet back on Thurs 17 April.*

### **Women for Mission Evening Event**

*All ladies in the congregation are invited to attend the WFM Evening event on Friday 30th May in the Cabarfeidh Hotel. This year's speaker is Dayspring Jubilee Macleod.*

*If you would like to attend, please speak to Natalie for a booking form.*

### **Congratulations!**

*As a congregation we extend our warmest **congratulations** to Rick and Annmaree (Morrison) Macleod following their wedding last Thursday. We pray for them and Isla as they begin this new chapter together that they'd be conscious of the Lord's presence and blessing on their lives*

### **Supper evening.**

*We are looking for help with providing sweets/puddings for the Supper evening on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. If you can possibly make something, please write your name on the sheet available at the door. Much appreciated. Thanks*

### **Easter Devotionals 2025**

*Our Easter Devotional videos started going live on Friday 4th April 2025. Make sure and check our Facebook each day from the 4th to the 19th of April. Our devotional follows key passages in Scripture about the sacrifice, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as read by some familiar voices!*

*Week 1 - Preparing for the Cross*

*Week 2 - The Crucifixion and the Resurrection*

*Many thanks to all those who assisted the Web Team in creating these.*

### **Easter Outreach Weekend**

*Please remember our Easter Outreach weekend and the events that we've got planned. We have a meal at 6.30pm on Friday 18th April in the MA Macleod Hall where we will be hearing from Roger Carswell about God's work in his life. Our Easter Praise night is at 7.30pm on Saturday 19th April in the Town Hall with our very own Praise band and Roger Carswell speaking. We also look forward to Roger preaching at our Invitation Services on Sunday 20th April. Our prayer is that we'd be aware of the Lord hand of blessing over the whole weekend.*

### **Easter Praise Night**

*The Easter Praise Night will be held on Saturday 19th April 2025 in Stornoway Town Hall at 7:30pm. Please save this date on your calendar. The High Free Church Praise Band will be leading the worship and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. The Fundraising Group would be pleased if any in the congregation would be willing to donate some savouries or baking for that night. If you are willing to do so, please do let Maggie Heriot, Angela Maclellan, Kirsteen J Maclean or Murdo Fraser know. Further details about when to drop donations off at the Town Hall will be given nearer the time.*

*The Fundraising Group held a poll in November to determine which charities would benefit from their activities. At that time it was announced that the Failte Centre would receive donations following the Christmas Praise Night as it came first in the poll. It was also announced that Eilean Siar Foodbank would receive donations from the Easter Praise Night as they came second in the poll. As the proceeds from the Christmas Carol Service in Sandwick were then given to Eilean Siar Foodbank, it has been decided to donate the proceeds from the Easter Praise Night to Action for Children who came third in the November poll. We hope that the congregation will support the Praise Night and in doing so support this charity in the work it does locally for our island children*

### **BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**

*The Conference Committee are pleased to announce that bookings are now open for the Prìseil Ladies Conference. The conference will take place on the evening of **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June (7:30-9:00pm)** and **all day Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (10am – 4pm)** in the **Rev M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall on Kenneth Street**.*

*The speaker will be Rosie Morgan who will be joining us from Seaford in East Sussex. The theme for the weekend will be **“More Precious than Rubies”** and over the course of the conference, Rosie will be speaking on three beautiful women found in the Gospel accounts - Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary of Bethany and Mary Magdalene.*

*In addition Kay Macdonald, the Scottish representative for the Slavic Gospel Association's (SGA) Phoebe Project will be speaking about some of the women's projects SGA support.*

*There is no booking fee for this event but donations will be taken on the day and will be split between Western Isles Pregnancy Crisis Support and the Phoebe Project. Please don't delay and get your booking in soon as spaces are limited. Please use the link below to complete and submit your booking form.*

**<https://forms.office.com/r/PbViWBFBfz>**

*If you have no means to complete a booking form electronically we will provide some physical forms at the church door which should then be handed in to Natalie Ferrier or Janice Macleod.*

*Please also soak this event in prayer as we prepare for it. Remember the committee and the speakers and pray that the hearts of all who attend would be prepared in advance.*

### **Healthy Gospel Church Area Prayer Meetings**

As part of the Healthy Gospel Church Vision our focus in 2025 is on thanksgiving and prayer. Six Healthy Gospel Church Area Prayer Meetings are being held in April. The Local one is Wednesday 30th April: Stornoway Free Church. The area prayer meetings will start at 7.30pm but doors will be open from 7pm with the opportunity for conversation and a cup of tea.

### **Free Church Youth Camps**

We're delighted that over 320 campers are joining us this summer! There is still space in **Renfrew Kids, Renfrew Seniors, and Renfrew Girls**.

Renfrew Seniors would love to have more boys along, please be encouraging boys in S3-S5 to sign up. We're still **looking for leaders and cooks**. We are especially in need of older leaders to help with Junior football. Arbroath Juniors leadership team is looking for two male leaders to join. Oswestry Seniors 2 is looking for someone to help with Bible talks. Please let others know and be praying we find people to fill these roles quickly. You can find details here about how to sign up or email Donald email [donald.macleod@freechurch.org](mailto:donald.macleod@freechurch.org)

### **Safeguarding: Legal Changes to the PVG Scheme**

Two major changes are being made to the PVG Scheme in Scotland with effect from 1st April.

**Firstly**, it is now a **legal** requirement for those carrying out a **regulated** role within an organisation to have PVG clearance through that organisation. Failure to do so is a **criminal** offence for both the individual and the organisation.

**Secondly**, if an individual holds a position of responsibility in an organisation which has as one of its main purposes the provision of benefits to children, they will require to be on the PVG Scheme. Within the context of the Free Church of Scotland, this means that every member of a Deacons' Court or Finance Committee requires to be a PVG Scheme member. There is to be a 3-month grace period, meaning that congregations have until 1st July to ensure compliance with these new provisions.

An email has been sent out to Safeguarding Co-ordinators and Clerks to Deacons' Courts and Finance Committees, drawing attention to these changes.

**ETS 2025 Annual Conference, Saturday 27th September**

*The Great Commission: Ordinary Means, Extraordinary Ends*

*Just before the ascension, Christ told his disciples: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Join us as we take up these questions as part of our theme on the Great Commission, the mission of the church, and the ministry of the gospel. Speakers include Michael Brown (Milan, Italy), Fikret Böcek (Izmir, Turkey), and ETS Faculty with Q&A discussion. The event is open to the public. Please spread the word! Register online in advance: <https://ets.ac.uk/annual-conference>*

**Save the Date**

**Supper, Song & Story Evening-18<sup>th</sup> April- M A Macleod Hall**

**Easter Praise Night – 19<sup>th</sup> April – Town Hall**

**Fellowship with Roger Carswell – Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April- The Seminary**

**Healthy Gospel Church Prayer Meeting- Weds 30 April –  
Stornoway Free Church**

**Praise Evening – 6<sup>th</sup> June – Back Free Church Hall**

**Ladies Conference – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**Schedule of Communion Services: 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

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Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm.	Gaelic	Rev Roddy John Campbell
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm.	English	Rev Thomas Davis
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	12.00 pm.	English	Prof Bob Akroyd
	6.00 pm.	Bi – Lingual Prayer Meeting – Elders	
Lord’s Day 20 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	English	Prof Bob Akroyd
	6.30 pm.	English	
There will be a Fellowship after the Evening Service			



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# **Easter Praise Night**

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL  
STORNOWAY TOWN HALL

7.30PM

DOORS OPEN 7PM

Featuring the High Free Church Praise Band

Donations collected at the door for Action for Children  
Refreshments served afterwards

ALL WELCOME



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## **Prayer news: April 2025**

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

### **City Centre**

- *Please pray for two guests, M and J, whose asylum cases are moving forward but their position is very uncertain. Pray for their mental health, which is poor at present.*
- *Pray for R who has his asylum appeal court hearing. He will be questioned on his Christian faith at the hearing and our project worker is going as a witness.*
- *Please pray for our interns who are over half way through their SVQ courses. Pray they get through all the work and continue to grow and thrive.*

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

- *Please pray for the Primary 7 personal development group of children at Pirie Park Primary School as our staff help them manage emotions and relate to others.*
- *Pray for the Family Holiday Club that will run from 7-11 April. Pray that we have a positive impact on the families during the school holidays.*
- *Pray for the garden area we use in Elder Park. Several large trees have fallen and need to be cleared away which will require the appropriate equipment and a team to help with the clean-up.*
- *Pray for the upcoming residential weekend at the Scripture Union's Gowanbank on 2-4 May with the Primary 5-7 Superheroes. Margaret and Sam will be assisting with this weekend.*

### **Winter Project**

- *Please continue to pray for the housing crisis. Pray for wisdom for our leaders as they deal with it.*
- *Pray for hope for guests stuck in cheap hostels, hotels and B&Bs across our cities.*
- *Pray for the housing market in Glasgow. Pray that housing associations can get more housing stock and that positive movement takes place for our guests.*
- *Pray for the Winter Project Team. Pray they remain positive and speak life into the situations they encounter. Pray they do not become disheartened.*



# *Priseil*

*Ladies Conference*

*More Precious than Rubies*

**Speakers - Rosie Morgan  
& Kay Macdonald**

**Friday 13th June 2025 (7:30-9:00pm)**

**&**

**Saturday 14th June 2025 (10:00am-4:00pm)**

**Rev. M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall  
Kenneth Street, Stornoway**

**Donations to be taken at door for  
Slavic Gospel Association's Phoebe Project and  
Western Isles Pregnancy Crisis Support**



**To book please:  
use the QR Code or  
complete a booking form or  
contact [priseil.hfc@outlook.com](mailto:priseil.hfc@outlook.com)**



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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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**Churxh Services can be found on YouTube:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/@highfreechurchstornoway6602> Scottish Charity  
Number – SCO12925**