



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 20 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 – Mr Roger Carswell

Sunday School and Creche will meet during the morning's service.

6.30pm: English Service in The Seminary – Mr Roger Carswell

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 22 April 25 – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 24 April 25 – Failte Centre

Saturday 26 April 25 – Zoom meeting

Services for Sunday 27 April 2025 are as follows:

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

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

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers will meet on Thursday 24 April from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

Weekly freewill envelopes.

Anyone who may not yet received a set of envelopes please let one of the office bearers know.

Also, anyone who may wish to start giving to the work of the church please contact Chris Martin. Chrismart3@gmail.com

Deacons Court

The next scheduled meeting of the Deacons Court will be on Wednesday 23 Apr at 7.30pm in the Failte Centre.

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.

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 13th June (7:30-9:00pm) and all day Saturday 14th 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*

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

Big YF – Fri 25 April – MA Macleod Hall

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

Women for Mission – Fri 30 May – Caberfeidh Hotel

Praise Evening – 6th June – Back Free Church Hall

Ladies Conference – 13th & 14th June



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Ladies Conference

More Precious than Rubies

**Speakers - Rosie Morgan
& Kay Macdonald**

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

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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 following link:

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or

complete a booking form

or

contact priseil.hfc@outlook.com





Friday 25th April 2025

7.00-9.00pm

Rev MA Memorial Hall, Kenneth St, Stornoway

All S1-S6 young people most welcome!

YF leaders, please inform Dawn Macphee on 07384 270455 once you know what number of young people you are bringing along. Thank you.

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Howard Maciver - Treasurer - hfctreasurer@btinternet.com

Laura J Davies - Safeguarding Co-ordinator -

Margaret Macleod – Women’s Pastoral Support Coordinator –

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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**