



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 27 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: Questions And Answers

Sermon Text: John 1: 19-28

Sunday School and 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 – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Sermon Title: Rejoicing When There's Nothing Left

Sermon Text: Habakkuk 3: 16-19

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 29 April 25 – Mr Roddy Ferguson

Gaelic Thursday 1 May 25 – Joint meeting in The Seminary

Saturday 3 May 25 – Failte Centre

Services for Sunday 4 May 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 1 May from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

Bereaved

We extend our sincere sympathy and heartfelt prayers to all of the O'Brien family of Columbia Place following the passing of Margaret Ann in hospital on Monday afternoon. We do assure her husband Peter, daughters Susan, Karen and Margaret, son Murdo and all off their families of our prayers for God's peace and presence in this sad time for them.

We also extend our Heartfelt sympathy to Donnie Morrison (Crossbost) in the sad passing of his mother Anne in hospital on Thursday morning after a very short illness. We pray that Donnie and Katie, along with his father, sisters and their families will know God's help been very evident to them all.

Ladies Prayer Walk 3rd May

The next ladies prayer walk is on Saturday 3rd May. We will meet at Perceval Square at 9am, have a walk around the town praying for God's blessing upon our community, and afterwards warm up with a cup of tea. All ladies welcome

Cuppa 'n Ceilidh

The Cuppa 'n Ceilidh group will meet on Friday 2nd May at 2pm in the Newton Centre where Chrisell MacLeod will tell us something of the work of Crossroads Lewis. We look forward to welcoming Chrisell and hearing what she has to say.

*This group is open to all in the 55+ age range so, if you are free, please come along and join us where we can enjoy a time of informal fellowship and a cuppa. A warm welcome awaits you all.
You are most welcome to bring a friend.*

Stornoway Free Church WfM group

All ladies are warmly invited to their WFM meeting on Monday 28th April at 7:30pm in the M A Memorial hall.

The speaker will be Peggy MacLeod from Melbost. We look forward to seeing all who are able to join us.

Thanks

A big thanks to all who made last Friday nights supper and story evening such an enjoyable and blessed evening. Special thanks to Dooly Martin and Dylan Monrad for their expertise along with all who so generously donated sweets that were much enjoyed by all. Also, grateful thanks to Lizzie from Kenneth St for her practical help.

Brunch Bunch.

We are pleased to invite you to stay behind this week and share Brunch with us. It is great to have folks meeting together and sharing in a meal. As part of the Brunch provision, we deliver filled rolls and pancakes to the Acres Centre for homeless folks in our community. If you are able to support this work it really would be appreciated. To do this just place a donation into the box at the door in an envelope marked 'Brunch'. Thanks very much in anticipation.

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. Chriscmart3@gmail.com

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.

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

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

*The Conference Committee are pleased to announce that bookings are now open for the Priseil 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.

Save the Date

**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



Priseil

Ladies Conference

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& Kay Macdonald**

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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:

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

complete a booking form

contact 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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