



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 18 May 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 Sandwich Hall – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Sermon Title: The First Gospel

Sermon Text: Genesis 3: 8-15

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

Tea and Coffee 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 Communion Service in The Seminary – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Sermon Title: The First Sacrifice

Sermon Text: Genesis 3: 16-24

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 20 May 25 – Mr Neil Ingram - Blythswood

Gaelic - Thursday 22 May 25 –

Saturday 24 May 25 – Zoom meeting

Services for Sunday 25 May 2025 are as follows:

11.00am: English Service – Sandwich Hall – Rev James Maciver (Retired)

**6.30pm: English Service – The Seminary – Rev Neil Chambers-
Bandoora Presbyterian Church, Australia**

(Rev Ferrier will be preaching in Barvas Free Church)

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers will meet on Thursday 22 May from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

HFC Crèche

Our creche needs your help. We are looking for new volunteers to join the Crèche rota. Parents/families of children attending crèche are also requested to join the rota. The more volunteers we have the better so everyone has a number of weeks between shifts. Please contact Carla Mackay on 07833770864 or email hfc.creche@btinternet.com

Praise Night

*There will be a Presbytery Praise night on **Friday June 6th at 7.30pm** in the Back Church Hall. Please come along and enjoy an evening of psalm singing which will include a number of Gaelic singings.*

There will be a short address from Rev James MacIver with tea & coffee served after the event. All are very welcome.

Free Church Camps

We are delighted again to be supporting the work and outreach of Free church camps and again we are supporting Oswestry Senior camp. We would ask for prayer for the final weeks planning and preparations, with Ashley and Ali MacLeod from our own congregation as part of the Leaders Team. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

Help Wanted!

Our partner congregation in Duirinish are planning some renovation work on their church building over the summer and are looking for help with removing pews. They're also seeking help with visiting some homes in the community as well as running a barbecue. This will be taking place from Wednesday 16th July until Monday 21st July. If you're able to help on all (or even some!) of these days, please speak to Hugh.

Preaching Workshop

The Western Isles Presbytery has organised a preaching workshop on Saturday 24th May from 9.15am to 12.30pm at Back Free Church Hall. The main speaker will be Dr Ben Casteneda, Lecturer in New Testament at ETS. This workshop has arisen from the two-fold need both for God to call more men into ministry and for there to be more men willing to help with supply preaching across our Presbytery. This workshop is therefore aimed at both those men already involved in lay preaching, and those who may wish to explore the possibility of starting to preach. Moreover, the workshop is open to all those who would like to learn more about the core basics of preaching God's word.

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.

Day trip

The over 55's Club are planning a day trip to Bernera on Thurs 5 June, leaving at 11am. There will be a sheet at the door for any who are interested to sign up for the trip. More details will follow soon.

Save the Date

Women for Mission – Fri 30 May – Caberfeidh Hotel

Bernera Day Trip – Thurs 5 June

Praise Evening – 6th June – Back Free Church Hall

Ladies Conference – 13th & 14th June

PRISEIL LADIES CONFERENCE (update)

*The Prìseil Ladies 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 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.

Two thirds of our spaces have been booked up already. We want to encourage any ladies in the congregation who think they would like to join us but who have not yet booked up to do so as we intend going out to other congregations during May to offer them any spaces which remain.

Please don't delay and get your booking in soon, as spaces for this event 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, please speak to Natalie Ferrier or Janice Macleod who will be happy to help you with your booking details.

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.



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Ladies Conference

More Precious than Rubies

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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:

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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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Churxh Services can be found on YouTube:

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