



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 25 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 Sandwick Hall – Rev James Maciver (Retired)

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

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

6.30pm: English Service in The Seminary – Rev Neil Chambers

Bandoora Presbyterian Church, Australia

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 27 May 25 – Mr Robert France

Gaelic - No meeting this week

Saturday 31 May 25 – Zoom meeting

Services for Sunday 1 June 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 29 May from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

New Members

Last weekend we were delighted to welcome Pat Breslin, Annabelle Campbell and Malcolm Macrae into the membership of the congregation by profession of faith. We do pray that they'd each be very conscious of the Lord's presence and leading in the days that lie ahead.

New Sermon Series

Next Sunday evening we'll be beginning a new sermon series on Romans 8. This five-part series will look at the Christian's Salvation, Sanctification, Sonship, Sufferings and Security. If you don't normally go to the evening service or have perhaps got out of the way of going this would be an excellent opportunity to come along!

Kirk Session

There will be a meeting of the Kirk Session on Wednesday 4th June at 7pm in The Failte Centre.

Priseil ladies conference

We are looking for donations of puddings and baking for the Priseil ladies conference. There will be a signup sheet at the door for the next couple of Sundays for those wishing to donate. Many thanks

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.

Bereaved

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of the late Rev Roddy Morrison, 6 Ivorhill, following his sudden passing last Friday morning in hospital. Many within the congregation have blessed memories of his faithful service as minister of the High Church from 1981 to 1994. We thank God for him and for his zeal for the Gospel that he was called to preach and for his pastoral care to many. It was a great privilege to have Roddy as a member of the congregation over the last few years and to be assured of his prayerful concern for the congregation even when he was unable to attend services due to increasing frailty. Please remember his wife Chrisann, daughter Muriel and her husband Norrie, his son Derick and wife Laura along with his 3 granddaughters Christa, Sophia and Layla. May they all know God's comfort and peace in this huge loss from their lives.

We were also deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Chrisahn Maciver, late of Benside and laterally Blar Buidhe and Bethesda. Chrisahn professed faith in the mid 1980s and loved being with the Lord's people. Sadly Chrisahn lost all three of her sons in difficult circumstances but despite this sore providence she continued to acknowledge God's help and grace. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family including her sister-in-law Shordag and her niece Christine from our own congregation. We bring them to the God whom we know has grace that is sufficient for every time of need.

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

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.

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.

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, The Brunch Bunch

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.



Priseil

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:

<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:

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.

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