

Showing the greatness of Jesus Christ within our community and beyond

Sunday 7 September 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: "Serving in the Last Days"

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 4: 7-11

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

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

Sermon Title: "Glorious Salvation for a Great Sinner"

Sermon Text: 2 Chronicles 33: 1-20

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 9 Sept 25 – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 11 Sept 25 – Fàilte Centre – 7:30pm

Saturday 13 Sept 25 – Zoom – 7:30pm

Services for Sunday 14 September 2025 are as follows:

11.00am: Sandwick Hall – Dr Graham Daniels (Christians in Sport)

6.30pm: The Seminary – Mr Richard Killer (North Harris Free Church)

*Rev Hugh will be taking the Communion Services at Knockbain Free Church



Communion weekend

The congregation are grateful to God for a blessed communion weekend. We are grateful to Rev Kenny Ferguson and Rev James Simms for the word preached. We pray that God will bless it to our hearts and souls.

Also grateful thanks to Cathy, Susan and Calum who gave their testimonies of God's work and grace in their lives on Tuesday night.

We were further blessed in welcoming Gemma Murray (Seaview Knock) by profession of faith and Mrs Julia Macdonald (Mackenzie Park) by transfer certificate. We hope that they will both be strengthened and encouraged as they join membership in the congregation.

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers will meet on Thursday 11 September from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies, and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

<u>Volunteering Sunday – This week</u>

The Kirk Session is grateful to everyone in the congregation for their continued prayerful, practical, and financial support regarding the work of the church. Our great desire is that everyone would feel that they have a part to play in the life of congregation and that together we'd use the talents and abilities that the Lord's given each of us for His glory and the building up of one another. Last year the Kirk Session agreed that the first Sunday after each Communion Weekend would be a "Volunteering Sunday" where the Minister would preach on the theme of Christian Service and afterwards people would have the opportunity to sign up to help in the work of the congregation in different ways. At present we're looking for volunteers to assist with the Brunch Ministry, Crèche, Sunday School, Prayer Meeting Zoom Hosting, Projection and Live-Streaming, Meals Ministry, Toddler Group, Cuppa 'N' Ceilidh Group and the Ladies Visitation Group. Please do be praying as to whether the Lord might be leading you to lead in some of these ways.



Graham Daniels from Christians in Sport (Stornoway Visit)

We invite you to a special weekend of events led by Graham Daniels and the team from Christians in Sport from **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September.** This is not just for Christians, and not just for those who take part in sport — there is something for everyone, so please come along and bring a friend!

Programme of Events

- Friday Evening Opening meeting with Graham Daniels in the MA Hall.
- Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast at the Failte Centre, where Graham will be the keynote speaker.
- Saturday Evening Sports Quiz at the Stornoway Golf Club a fun evening open to all. Get your friends, teammates, congregation members male and female, Christians or non-Christians to enter a team or come along and we will place you in a team.
- Sunday Morning Graham will be preaching at the High Free Church in Sandwick Hall, while Josh will take part in the Senior Children's Bible Study at the Free Church on Kenneth St.
- Sunday Evening Graham will be preaching at the Stornoway Free
 Church, Kenneth Street, followed by the BIGYF meeting, where Josh will be the guest speaker.

If I could ask the congregation not only to attend and invite others along, but also to pray that this weekend will be richly blessed and that many will hear and respond to the Good News of the Gospel.

If you would also like to support the work of Christians in Sport, as well as helping towards the costs of hosting these events, please consider leaving a donation in the Sunday collection box, or at the Tuesday night Prayer meeting, clearly marked "C.I.S Donation." Every contribution, large or small, will be gratefully received.

Let us look forward prayerfully and together to a weekend of fellowship, encouragement, and Gospel witness.



New Prayer Meeting Study

This Tuesday we begin a new five-part study at the Prayer Meeting entitled "When A Good Man Falls" from 2 Samuel 11-12 and Psalm 51.

As we look at David's spectacular fall and its aftermath, we'll look at the Collapse, the Coverup, the Confrontation, the Consequences and the Composition.

In going through this short series, we'll be confronted with the depths to which God's people can sink and the wonder of God's grace and faithful love.

If you haven't been to the Prayer Meeting before or have got out of the way of going it would be great to see you!

"A Good Old Age"

This Sunday all those over the age of seventy are invited to pick up a free copy of Derek Prime's book "A Good Old Age."

In the book Prime guides his readers through 26 Christian priorities that they should hold to in later life. Our hope is that this book would be of great encouragement and benefit to all those who read it and that it would be a reminder to all that age is no barrier when it comes to serving the Lord and living for His glory.

A short video about the book can be accessed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P20ez1KVrLE

"New City Catechism"

This Sunday all the children in the congregation will be given a copy of the New City Catechism.

At our Sunday evening services we'll have a short explanation of each question and answer instead of the usual Children's Address. Our hope is that the parents in the congregation would encourage their children to not only come to the Sunday evening services but to also learn the answers to each of these questions that articulate the great truths of Scripture.

A short video about the catechism can be accessed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFOsGtFkMFk



Smarties Tubes

A huge thank you to all those who have already returned their full Smarties tubes to us.

If you haven't yet returned yours do not worry. There is still time to get yours in!

Can't find your Smarties tube? No problem! Just put the donation in an enveloped marked "Smarties."

Please return them by Sunday the 14th of September 2025.

Save the Date

Christians In Sport – 12th – 14th Sept -Various events

FCYC Big Free Rally - 20 Sept - Inverness







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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: <u>First Aid Kit</u> - Kitchen area next to the exit door behind the pulpit. <u>Wheelchair</u> - In the storage room through the exit midway down the sanctuary on the left-hand side.

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