



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 21 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: "A Miraculous Provision"

Sermon Text: John 6: 1-15

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

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

Sermon Title: "I Have Loved You"

Sermon Text: Malachi 1: 1-5

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 16 Sept 25 – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 18 Sept 25 -

Saturday 20 Sept 25 – Zoom meeting

Services for Sunday 21 September 2025 are as follows:

11.00am: English Service – Sandwick Hall – Mr Donnie Maclean

**6.30pm: English Service – The Seminary – Mr Iain Macrae
(Stornoway Free Church)**

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers will meet on Thursday 25 September from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

Women for Mission

Stornoway Free Church Women for Mission group extend an invitation to the ladies of the High Free Church to join with them on Monday 29th September at 7.30pm in the M.A. Hall.

There will be a short AGM followed by a conversation with Catherine (Rev Callum MacLeod's wife)

New Sermon Series

The Bread Of Life - A Sermon Series On John 6

This Sunday we begin a new study on Jesus' most comforting and yet controversial sermon. In John 6 Jesus describes Himself as being the Bread of Life. Here He highlights who He is and what He's come to do - He's the One Who's come from Heaven to give life to anyone and everyone who receives Him. It's the greatest news that anyone could possibly hear. However, we'll see that while this sermon encourages some to follow after Jesus it also causes others to walk away from Him. The question facing all who hear it are "Do we hear these as the words of eternal life or not?"

Comfortably Numb - A Sermon Series On Malachi

What does God have to say to His people when they've become indifferent to Him and lost any real enthusiasm for His cause? What does God have to say when His people may have orthodox beliefs but their worship lacks heart? What does God have to say to people who feel like life hasn't worked out the way that they hoped it would and who've grown numb toward Him as a result? This Sunday we begin a new series on the Prophecy of Malachi where God seeks to answer such questions as He reminds His disillusioned and discouraged people about His loving commitment to them and calls them to a renewed commitment to Him.

If you haven't been to one of our services before or have perhaps got out of the habit of going, we'd love to see you!

Safeguarding Training

Following Volunteering Sunday, there will be a face-to-face Safeguarding Training session offered for congregational volunteers on Thursday 2nd October at 7:30pm in the Failte Centre. All congregational volunteers are invited to attend, particularly those people who have just recently signed up on Volunteering Sunday. Safeguarding training is now delivered almost exclusively online. However, as we have a number of Trainers within our congregation, we are able to offer a face-to-face option on this occasion. We would encourage all within the congregation who require to undertake safeguarding training to attend. Safeguarding training should be updated at least once every three years.

Preaching Pathway

The Western Isles Presbytery is organising a series of workshops called Preaching Pathway. These are designed for those who are involved in lay preaching or those who may be interested in starting out in preaching.

There will be a series of six-monthly workshops between September and April, each of which will aim to cover key aspects of preparing and delivering sermons. The first workshop will be on Monday 29th September meeting upstairs in the MA Macleod Hall, Stornoway, from 7pm – 9pm.

All men currently involved in lay preaching or interested in becoming involved in preaching are invited to come.

For more information, please contact

Thomas Davis: tdavis.freechurch@outlook.com or

Ewen Matheson: ematheson@emmail.uk

"A Good Old Age"

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"

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>

Save the Date

Safeguarding Volunteer Training – Thurs 2nd October – Failte Centre – 7.30pm

Ladies Prayer Walk – Sat 4th October

Scaladale Youth Camp – 24th-26th October

Ladies Prayer Breakfast – Sat 15 November -more info to follow

Schedule of Communion Services 24 – 28 Sept 2025

Lochs Free Church Free Church			
Wednesday 24 th September	7.30 pm	English	Pre- Communion Prayer Meeting
Thursday 25 th September	7.00 pm	Gaelic	Rev D A Macdonald
Friday 26 th September	7.00 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
Saturday 27 th September	7.00 pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
Lord's Day 28 th September	11.00 am	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a fellowship in the hall after the evening service to which all are invited			

Carloway Free Church	
Friday 26 th September at 7.30pm	Rev Mark Macleod
Saturday 27 th September at 7.30pm	Rev Lachie Macdonald
Lord's Day 28 th September at 11.00am & 6.00pm	Rev Lachie Macdonald
There will be a fellowship after the evening service.	

Providence Christian School is an independent, non-denominational, reformed Christian Primary School on the Isle of Lewis (Scotland). They are currently seeking applications for a Part-Time Primary Teaching position at the school. There are also opportunities available for paid Supply Primary Teachers and volunteer classroom assistants. The closing date for the advertised position is Friday 10th October. For more information and to request an application form, please get in touch by email at office@providencechristian.school.



**CLOSING DATE
FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER**

WE ARE **HIRING**

Providence Christian School are seeking a
**PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER
(PART-TIME - 2 DAYS)**

THERE ARE ALSO OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPLY TEACHERS

*Please get in touch by e-mail to request an
application form:
office@providencechristian.school*

ALL STAFF AT OUR SCHOOL MUST BE COMMITTED CHRISTIANS

Presbytery Senior Youth Camp (S4-S6)

Presbytery Senior Youth Camp is back!! We hope young people from across the Presbytery, who are in S4-S6, will be looking forward to the opportunity to get together, for some fun and adventure, with the opportunity to make new friends and importantly learn more about living and walking with Jesus.

Booking form will go live at 9am Wednesday 24th September.

Booking form link - <https://forms.office.com/r/M5m4m8fUbb>

This camp will be led by Jonathan Maciver from Stornoway Free Church.

EVENT: Residential Trip to Scaladale Outdoor Centre

DATES: Friday 24th October (5pm approx.) - Sunday 26th October 2025 (end time TBC)

ACTIVITIES: *These are weather dependent, but we hope to do a mix of outdoor activities and indoor games. We will also have worship times in the mornings and evenings and attend a local Church on Sunday.*

COST: £50 per child to be paid as soon as place at camp has been confirmed.

**WESTERN ISLES
PRESBYTERY
SCALADALE SENIOR
(S4 - S6) YOUTH CAMP**

24TH TO 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Booking form goes live
9am 24th September.



<https://forms.office.com/r/M5m4m8fUbb>

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Laura J Davies - Safeguarding Co-ordinator -

Margaret Macleod – Women’s Pastoral Support Coordinator –

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Spangy Murray – Interim Sunday School Team Leader -

*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.

Find us on facebook – www.facebook.com/highfreechurch

Churxh Services can be found on YouTube:

**<https://www.youtube.com/@highfreechurchstornoway6602> Scottish Charity
Number – SCO12925**

