



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 28 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 – Mr Donnie Maclean

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 – Mr Iain Macrae
(Stornoway Free Church)**

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 30 Sept 25 – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 2 Oct 25 – Joint meeting in The Seminary

Saturday 4 Oct 25 – Failte Centre

Services for Sunday 5 October 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 2 October 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)

Bereaved.

We extend our Heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of Flora Mackenzie, Sandwick, who sadly passed away in Hospital last week. We remember Flora as a lovely, gentle and caring lady. Please remember her family in prayer, daughters Jaqui, Muriel, Ann Marie and son Gilles who is in the family home in East St as they see this big change in their lives and that they will seek and know Gods comfort in this time of grief.

Cuppa n' Ceilidh

Cuppa n' Ceilidh resumes on Friday 3rd of October at 2pm in the Newton Centre where Shona MacLeod will join us to give a talk about her testimony and Christian walk. We look forward to hearing what Shona has to share with us. 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.

South Uist and Benbecula Induction - 11:00 - Saturday, 04 October 2025

It would be helpful, for catering purposes, if anyone hoping to attend the above induction could please let Mike Townsend know by email

(miketownsend121@gmail.com)

or by phone (01870 602804) - before 9 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 September.

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.

(This is not for Office Bearers as they need to do different training specific to them)

Donna Rennie our new Safeguarding Co-ordinator will also be in attendance and available to support any volunteers who require to get PVG's. Donna has asked that those needing to apply for their PVG also bring Photo ID and proof of their address for the application process.

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

Hope For Hurting Hearts

This is a bible based approach developed by the Trauma Healing Institute to help people heal from suffering, whether its grief, loss of any kind, chronic ill health, abuse, lack of forgiveness, basically anything that causes your heart and spirit pain.

The 6 sessions are;

- *What is a wound of the heart*
- *What helps a heart wound heal?*
- *Why does God allow suffering?*
- *Loss, grief and bereavement*
- *Forgiveness*
- *Bringing it to the cross*

We meet in small groups to work through these issues. If you feel it would help you, or if you would like to be better able to help others who are suffering, please speak to Margaret Macleod or Heather Mackenzie who will together be leading the sessions.

We hope to start the next group after the October holidays and will confirm the time once we know when the people who wish to come are available as we want to make this as accessible as possible.

Save the Date

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

Ladies Prayer Walk – Sat 4th October

Men's Breakfast -Sat 13 Oct -Failte Centre

Scaladale Youth Camp – 24th-26th October

Celtic Worship Evening– 6 Nov -

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

Schedules of Communion Services: 2nd to 5th October 2025

Back Free Church			
Thursday 2 nd October	7.00 pm	Gaelic	Rev Kenneth Ferguson
Friday 3 rd October	7.30 pm	English	Rev Paul Murray
There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service			
Saturday 4 th October	6.30 pm	English	Rev Colin Dow
Lord's Day 5 th October	11.00 am	English	
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a Fellowship in the Hall after the Evening Service.			

North Harris Free Church			
Friday 3 rd October	12.00	Gaelic	Rev D J Morriosn (Kyles)
	7.00pm	English	Rev Malcolm Maclean
There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service			
Saturday 4 th October	7.000 pm	English	Rev Malcolm Maclean
Lord's Day 5 th October	11.00 am	English	
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a Fellowship in the Church 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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Howard Maciver - Treasurer - hfctreasurer@btinternet.com

Donna Rennie - Safeguarding Co-ordinator - d.rennie1@outlook.com

Margaret Macleod – Women’s Pastoral Support Coordinator –
mmacleod@doctors.org.uk - 07733263642

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 – SC045431**