

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

Sunday 5 October 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 Storm And A Sign Sermon Text: John 6: 16-21

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

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

Sermon Title: Is Second Best Good Enough
Sermon Text: Malachi 1: 6-14

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 7 Oct 25 – Mr Chris Martin

Gaelic Thursday 9 Oct 25 – Failte Centre - Rev Hugh Ferrier

Saturday 11 Oct 25 – Zoom meeting

#### Services for Sunday 12 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 9 October from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

#### Light Lunch

There will be a Soup and Pudding Light Lunch in the Rev M.A Macleod Hall on Kenneth Street on **Saturday 8**<sup>th</sup> **November 2025 from 12-2:00pm**. This is being organised by Kirsteen J Maclean and Donald Macleod to raise much needed funds for Christian Values in Education (Scotland). Kirsteen and Donald are looking for volunteers to assist with this and will be putting a sign-up sheet available at the church door. If you feel strongly about our schools having Christian values and good quality Christian resources, please do come along and support this worthy cause. You can help by providing a soup, a pudding, or some baking, come along to help on the day or indeed come along to have lunch with us. Bring a friend or two with you as well and enjoy some fellowship over lunch. If you wish to find out more about CVE (Scotland) please do speak to Kirsteen and she would be happy to provide you with more information.

#### **Blythswood Appeal 2025**

The 2025 Appeal Centre - God willing - will be situated in the **Lewis Builders Yard. Rigs Road**, Stornoway, opposite **Woodys Headquarters**.

#### Appeal Centre Opening Times

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> October -4pm -6.30pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October -4pm-6.30pm Sat 1<sup>st</sup> November - 10am - 12 noon

The Appeal will close on <u>Sat 1st November</u> at 12 noon



#### **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.



#### Schedule of Communion Services: 9th - 12th October 2025

#### Callanish Free Church Communion Services

Thursday 9th October	7.30 pm.	Gaelic	Rev Paul Murray
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30 pm.	English	Rev Calum M Smith -
			Stornoway
	12.00 pm.	English	Rev Colin Macleod
Saturday 11th October			(Lochcarron)
	6.00 pm.	Bi-Lingual Prayer Meeting – Elders	
Lord's Day 12 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am.	English	Rev Colin Macleod
	6.30 pm.	English	(Lochcarron)

There will be a Fellowship after the Evening Service, all warmly invited.

# Save the Date

Ladies Prayer Walk – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> October

Men's Breakfast -Sat 13 Oct -Failte Centre

Scaladale Youth Camp – 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

Celtic Worship Evening– 6 Nov –

Soup & Pudding – Sat 8 Nov – M A Macleod Hall

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









## Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2025 - Lewis and Harris

The Appeal Centre will be at Lewis Builders, Rigs Road in Stornoway (One way system in operation)

The Appeal Centre will be open on the following days to receive shoeboxes and there will be NO ACCESS BEFORE 4:00PM

- · Thursday 30th October. 4pm 6:30pm
  - Friday 31st October, 4pm 6:30 pm
- · Saturday 1st November, 10 am -12:00 noon

#### The APPEAL will CLOSE on Saturday 1st November at 12 noon

Shoeboxes should be taken into the Appeal Centre Unit and placed on a pallet. Volunteer Staff will be available to give advice.

Shoeboxes from schools, churches, organisations, families or individuals **SHOULD NOT** be handed into the Blythswood Shop on Kenneth Street. This is to safeguard against double-handing-Thank you

#### LEAFLETS

Blythswood Shoebox Leaflets are available for collection from the Blythswood Shop, Stornoway, and Carthannas Nis Charity Shop, Nicolson's Newsagents, some schools and churches. They are also available online. Further information can be sought from Blythswood Care on Facebook or from the Lewis and Harris Bythswood Support Group, contacts opposite: Nana Maclean 07818 861637 Anne Blyth 07733 441017 Charlie Nicolson 07717 816476 James Muir 07527 501005

# THANK YOU FOR HELPING OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE WITH THE BLYTHSWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025

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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.





#### 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 - <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/M5m4m8fUbB">https://forms.office.com/r/M5m4m8fUbB</a>

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.





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Any items for the bulletin should be forwarded to our email address before 4.00pm on Thursdays. Thank you.

#### intimations.highfreechurch@outlook.com

#### 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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