



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 6 September 2026

***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

11.00 am English Service in Sandwick Hall – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Sermon Title: “What Comes First?”

Sermon Text: Haggai 1: 1-11

The Induction of Mr Iain (Cloudy) Macleod as Deacon will take place during the service.

Crèche and Sunday School will be available during the service.

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

Sermon Title: “The Tragedy Of Asa”

Sermon Text: 2 Chronicles 16

Both services will be livestreamed 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 8 Sept – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Thursday 10 Sept – No meeting this week

Saturday 12 Sept– Online meeting

Services for Sunday 13 September 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 10 September from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies, and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

Communion weekend.

We are once again thankful to the Lord for the blessings of the recent communion weekend. The Praise and Testimony night was truly humbling and so encouraging as we heard Alice, Finlay and Michael sharing with us about the Lord's work in their lives. Thanks also to Rev Alistair Macaulay for taking the Gaelic service on Thursday evening and to Rev Colin MacLeod for Saturday evening's service and both services on the Lord's day. The presence and peace of God was enjoyed and we were brought into the word and strengthened by it. We were delighted to welcome new members into the membership of the church. Rev Nigel & Mrs Janice Anderson joined by disjunction certificate and Mr Leon Coyne and Miss Alison Murray joined by profession of faith. We pray that they will all know the Lord's promises and grace.

Youth Fellowship

The YF group will meet after the prayer meeting on Tuesday 8 September in The Failte Centre from 8.30 to 9.45. YF is for any from S1-S6. Bring a friend!

Autumn Sermon Series

"Close Encounters" - Next Sunday morning we'll be starting a new sermon series entitled "Close Encounters" where we'll be looking at various men and women from the Old Testament who had encounters with God. As we look at these encounters we'll be considering what they have to teach us about God and how we relate to Him.

"Dangerous Drifting" - Next Sunday evening we'll be starting a new sermon series entitled "Dangerous Drifting" where we'll be looking at Hebrews 1-4. We'll be looking at the warnings that Hebrews gives about drifting away from Jesus and the remedy that it provides.

Gaelic meeting Thurs 10 September

There will be no Gaelic meeting to allow anyone who wishes to support the Blythswood 60th Anniversary service in Back Free church at 7.30.

Bereaved.

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to Ian Ross (Bayble) and his extended family following the very sudden passing of his sister in Beaulieu. The funeral took place there earlier this week. Please remember the whole family in prayer for God's peace during this very sad time.

We also remember the Family of Cathie MacLennan (Aignish) following her passing in Bethesda home last week. We were privileged to know her and to share fellowship with her over many years. She was a great support, witness and friend to many in the congregation. It was a blessing to have witnessed her steadfast confidence in the Lord and she was indeed ready to give "10, 000 reasons" to be thankful to the Lord. Please continue to pray for her daughters Shona and Karen, their husbands Alasdair and Ian and also Cathie's sister Greta that they would all know in a very real way God's comfort and peace in the loss of someone so greatly loved by them.

Sparkle Sisters Fundraising Events

Sparkle Sisters is a Christian charity supporting women affected by homelessness and abuse, helping them find friendship, hope and a sense of belonging. Two fundraising events have been organised to support this vital work.

On Friday 11th September, there will be a Curry Night at Carlaway Free Church from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Then on Saturday 12th September there will be a Soup and Pudding Lunch at the M A Macleod Hall in Stornoway, from 12noon to 2pm

The Record

The revamped Record arrives this weekend. It's free for existing subscribers and the church has also provided five free copies to each congregation to allow you to sample it for yourselves.

The magazine will be dealing with a lot of topical cultural issues and seeks to help believers respond spiritually to the cultural crisis of our times.

If you want to become a subscriber, please indicate that to the person responsible in your congregation so that future magazines can be ordered for you.

Light Lunch

There will be a Soup and Pudding Light Lunch in aid of Christian Values in Education (Scotland) held in the Rev M.A Macleod Hall on Kenneth Street on Saturday 3rd October 2026 from 12-2:00pm. 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 speak to Kirsteen and she would be happy to provide you with more information.

CHURCH CALENDAR

*It is that time of year again when the Fundraising Committee are looking for your photographs in order to compile the church calendar for 2027. Please send any photographs you wish to be considered for inclusion to Angela MacLennan on bookingskingfishercottage@gmail.com or Kirsteen J Maclean on kjmozart@btinternet.com **Photographs should be submitted by Friday 18th September 2026.***

ETS Study Opportunity - Friday Morning Systematics

ETS offers the opportunity for in-depth study of Systematic Theology every Friday morning throughout the academic year. This offers a wonderful opportunity to grow in knowledge of what the Bible teaches, to grow in confidence for wrestling with big questions, and to grow in love for the God who has done so much for us through his Son. The classes begin on Friday 4th September, are open to all, and can be accessed online between 9am and 1pm on Fridays. Find out more and register at ets.ac.uk/courses/psp-friday-systematics.

Providence Christian School – Headteacher and Primary teacher. 2 x fulltime posts

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 Headteacher and Primary Teacher at the school. The closing date for advertised position is Friday 2nd October 2026. For more information and to request an application pack please contact office@providencechristian.school. We also welcome further enquiries and you can contact the school at this email to discuss the role.

Save the Date

Blythswood Light Lunch – 10 Sept – St Columbas Hall

Blythswood Praise Service – 10 Sept – Back Free Church

Soup & Pudding lunch – 3 Oct – MA Macleod Hall

Schedules of Communion Services: 10th to 14th September 2026

Kinloch Free Church			
Thursday 10th September	7.30pm	English	Rev. Calum Murdo Smith
Friday 11th September	11.30am	Question Meeting	Rev. Calum Macdonald rtd
	7.00pm	Gaelic (Hall)	
	7.00pm	English	Rev. Martin Smith Hawick Baptist Church
Saturday 12th September	12.00 noon	English	Rev. Martin Smith
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Elders
Lord's Day 13th September	11.30am	English	Rev. Calum Macdonald rtd
	6.00pm	English	Rev. Martin Smith
<i>The evening service will be followed by a short elder led prayer meeting, then a fellowship at the manse at which visiting ministers will give a word of testimony.</i>			
Monday 14th September	11.00am	English	Rev. Paul Murray
<i>A short prayer meeting is held in the vestry an hour before the morning services on Friday, Saturday, Lord's Day, and Monday.</i>			



Blythswood
60th Anniversary

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Ivan & Olha



Yuliya

**Back Free Church
Thursday 10th September 2026
7.30pm**

**Please join us as we give thanks to God for
60 years of Blythswood and hear an update
about what God is doing in Ukraine**

ALL WELCOME



Blythswood

60th Anniversary

Lite Lunch

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH HALL
Thursday 10th Sept 12:00-2:00 pm



With special guests
Ivan & Olha Hontar and Yuliya
from our Ukrainian partners

The Light of Reformation Charitable Foundation
Serving the Lord and the people of Ukraine

A L L W E L C O M E

All proceeds will go to Blythswood

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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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