



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 27 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 Roderick J Campbell

Crèche and Sunday School will be available during the 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 – Rev Roderick J Campbell

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 29 Sept – D J Maclean

Gaelic Thursday 1 October - Joint meeting in The Seminary

English Saturday 3 October – Failte Centre

Services for Sunday 27 September are as follows:

11.00am - Mr D Rankin

6.30pm - Rev Hugh Ferrier

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers will meet on Thursday 1st October from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies, and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

Cuppa 'n Ceilidh

Cuppa'n Ceilidh resumes after the summer break when we meet at 2pm on Friday 2nd October in the Newton Centre. We have Lynn Macmillan, Outreach Administrator for Christian Values in Education (Scotland) coming along to speak to us regarding this very important work. We look forward to hearing what she has to say, so if you are free and over 55, please come along and join us for a cuppa and a time of fellowship. Please feel free to bring a friend. Everyone welcome.

Stornoway WfM

Stornoway WfM meeting on Monday 28th September in the M A Hall at 7.30pm. Following a short AGM we hope to have Kirsteen Maclean, headteacher at Back School with us to share her testimony and tell us about the work of CVE Scotland (Christian Values in Education). There will be a time of fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee afterwards. All ladies are welcome.

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. There will be a sign up sheet at the church door for anyone who is able to help by providing a soup, a pudding, or some baking, or come along to help on the day. We would love to see you there for lunch. Bring a friend or two with you as well and enjoy some fellowship. 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.*

*There will also be a meet and greet event for all staff working in Island schools on **Thursday 1st October 2026 from 7:00-8:00pm**. The event will be held in the Failte Centre on Bayhead in Stornoway. We would encourage all staff who work in our local schools to come along for tea, coffee, and cake and to hear a little about the work of CVE (Scotland). We are also keen to hear the views of staff on the chalk face who can help us to determine our priorities going forward. This event will provide us with an opportunity to meet one another, connect, share, and pray for one another as we go into a new academic year. In order to help with catering for this event, please book via the QR Code on the attached poster.*

Bereaved.

We would like to express our sincere sympathy and heartfelt prayers for Pat Morrison (Aignish) & Janet Mitchell (Seaview Knock) following the passing of their sister Cathy on the mainland. Please remember the family, praying for God's comfort and peace in their very sad loss .

SAVE THE DATE

The Priseil Ladies Conference Committee wish to give notice of an afternoon of fellowship with Rosie Morgan who will join us via Zoom on the afternoon of Saturday 14th November 2026 in the Rev. M.A. Macleod Hall. Ladies - please save this date in your diaries. More details to follow in due course.

God's Faithfulness Through Cancer

An evening with award-winning author and speaker Kate Nicholas – M A Macleod Memorial Hall, Fri 2 October 2026, 7.30pm

*A diagnosis of advanced Stage IV breast cancer changed the course of Kate Nicholas's life. Formerly a national journalist, magazine editor and communications director, Kate is now an award-winning author and speaker whose books and talks have encouraged audiences across the UK and internationally. Her memoir To The Ocean Floor won **CRT Audiobook of the Year 2024**.*

In this moving and inspiring talk Kate shares the remarkable story of her own cancer journey and reflects on God's faithfulness through times of suffering, uncertainty and hope. She will explore:

- Living with hope in the midst of serious illness*
- Finding strength through faith and the Psalms*
- God's presence when life makes no sense*
- Discovering a peace that is deeper than our circumstances*

Whether you have experienced cancer yourself, care for someone who has, are exploring the Christian faith, or simply want to hear an honest and uplifting story, you will be warmly welcomed

Save the Date

Stornoway WfM – Mon 28 Sept – M A Macleod Hall

CVE Meet & Greet – Thurs 1 Oct -Failte Centre

Cuppa ‘n’ Ceileidh – Fri 2 Oct – Newton Centre

Kate Nicholas -Fri 2 Oct – M A Macleod Hall

Soup & Pudding lunch – 3 Oct – M A Macleod Hall

Priseil afternoon – 14 Nov – MA Macleod Hall

Schedules of Communion Services: 1st to 4th October 2026

Back Free Church			
Thursday 1 st October	7.00 pm	Gaelic	Rev James Maciver
Friday 2 nd October	7.30 pm	English	Rev Andrew Coghill
There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service			
Saturday 3 rd October	6.00 pm	English	Rev Andy Longwe
Lord's Day 4 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 2 nd October	12.00	Gaelic	Rev D. A. Macdonald
	7.00pm	English	Rev Derek Lamont
There will be a Fellowship in the Manse after the Evening Service			
Saturday 3 rd October	7.000 pm	English	Rev Derek Lamont
Lord's Day 4 th October	11.00 am	English	
	6.00 pm	English	
There will be a Fellowship in the Church after the Evening Service.			



Join us for a relaxed school staff meet-up. Enjoy tea/coffee & baking on us and a free goodie bag.

Thursday 1st October 19:00 – 20.00
The Failte Centre, Bayhead Embankment,
Stornoway HS1 2DU

Find out about the work of Christian Values in Education and a chance to connect, share, pray and be encouraged for this academic year.

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Scan to register by
24 September 2026



Soup and Pudding Fundraiser



Saturday, 3rd October 2026 | 12.00 - 2.00 pm |
Rev M.A. Macleod Hall, Stornoway

Donations at the door to the work of CVE Scotland

shooboxappeal.org



Blythswood



2026 SHOE BOX APPEAL

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2026 - 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 4:00 PM

- Thursday 29th October, 4:00pm - 6:30pm
- Friday 30th October, 4:00pm - 6:30 pm
- Saturday 31st October, 10:00 am -12:00 noon

The APPEAL will CLOSE on Saturday 31st October at 12:00 noon

Shoeboxes should be taken into the Appeal Centre Unit and placed on the front table. 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-handling-Thank you

LEAFLETS

Blythswood Shoebox Leaflets are available for collection from the Blythswood Shop, Stornoway, and Carthannas Nis Charity Shop, Nicolson's Newsagents, Harris Hotel - Tarbert, and 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:

Anne Blyth 07733 441017
Charlie Nicolson 07717 816476
James Muir 07527 501005
Sam 07484 106715
Innes 07990 034680
Nana 07818 861637

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE WITH
THE BLYTHSWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026**

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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:

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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Church Services can be found on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@highfreechurchstornoway6602>

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