



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 4 October 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 – Mr Donnie Rankin

Crèche and Sunday School will be available during the service.

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

Sermon Title: “Pay Attention”

Sermon Text: Hebrews 2: 1-4

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 6 Oct – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 8 October – Rev Hugh Ferrier

English Saturday 10 October – Online meeting

Services for Sunday 11 October are as follows:

11.00am – Rev Hugh Ferrier

6.30pm - Rev Hugh Ferrier

HFC Toddlers

Toddlers will meet on Thursday 8th October from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies, and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

Seminary Building, Francis Street

At the congregational meeting of Stornoway Free Church on Wednesday 01 October 2026, the proposal from the Deacons' Court for the sale of the Seminary and Land to the High Free Church was agreed by the congregation, with 80% voting in favour of the sale.

The Deacons' Court of the Free Church, at its next scheduled meeting on Monday 19th October, will have a number of administrative matters to prepare before the proposal can be submitted to the Presbytery for approval. With the approval of the Presbytery, the application will be passed to the Board of Trustees for its consideration. The Board has delegated powers to grant authority to sell property held under the Church's Model Trust Deed and the final decision belongs to them.

Given the timetable of meetings of the Presbytery and of the Board of Trustees, and assuming the Presbytery approves the application, we would expect a final response from the Board by the middle of December 2026.

Please continue to pray for both congregations, their respective courts, and the Presbytery as the matter proceeds through the next stages. A congregational meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks to give an opportunity for the courts to share any updates and for the congregation to ask any questions they may have.

Prayer Meeting Series

Over the last few weeks we've been doing a series on Evangelism at the Tuesday Prayer Meetings. It might be that you have questions about the series in particular or about evangelism in general. You may also wish for some thing that was said to be clarified or explained further. If you have any such questions please submit them to Hugh or to any one of the elders by Thursday 8th October. Hugh will then attempt to answer them at the Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 13th October. Donnie Maclean will also be giving an update about what we hope to do in the coming months, as a congregation, in terms of evangelism at that meeting.

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.

Schedule of Communion Services: 8th - 11th October 2026

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Thursday 8 th October	7.30 pm.	Gaelic	Rev Iain Thomson
Friday 9 th October	7.30 pm.	English	
Saturday 10 th October	12.00 pm.	English	Rev Andrew Coghill
	6.00 pm.	Bi – Lingual Prayer Meeting – Elders	
Lord’s Day 11 th October	11.00 am.	English	Rev Andrew Coghill
	6.30 pm.	English	
<i>There will be a fellowship in the hall after the Evening Service, all warmly welcomed</i>			

Cross Free Church Communion Services			
Friday 9 th October	7.30 pm.	English	Rev James Maciver
Saturday 10 th October	6.00 pm	English	
Lord's Day 11 th October	11.00 am.	English	
	6.00 pm.	English	
There will be a Fellowship Meeting after the Evening Service			

Save the Date

Priseil afternoon – 14 Nov – MA Macleod Hall

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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 in to 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, 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 Blythswood 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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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.

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

Church Services can be found on YouTube:

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

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