

within our community and beyond

Sunday 2 March 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: An Angelic Announcement Sermon Text: Luke 1: 5-25

Sunday School will meet during the morning's service and. Creche will be available 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 – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Sermon Title: Why Do You Tolerate Wrong? Sermon Text: Habakuk 1: 1-11

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 4 March 25 – Rev Hugh Ferrier Gaelic Thursday 6 March 25 – Joint meeting in The Seminary

Saturday 8 March 25 – Zoom meeting

Services for Sunday 9 March 2025 are as follows:

11.00am: English Service - Sandwick Hall – Mr William Mackenzie

6.30pm: English Service - The Seminary – Mr William Mackenzie (Christian Focus Publications)



HFC Toddlers

Toddlers will meet on Thursday 6 March from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

<u>Cuppa 'n Ceilidh</u>

The Cuppa 'n Ceilidh group will meet on Friday 7th March at 2pm in the Newton Centre where Willie Mackenzie, founder of Christian Focus publications will be with us to share about his life and work. 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. You are most welcome to bring a friend.

Baptism Service

The Kirk Session have agreed that the sacrament of baptism will be administered at the morning service on Sunday 16th March. Anyone wishing a baptism is warmly invited to speak to the Minister, Session Clerk or their district Elder

Ladies Prayer Walk

Due to circumstances, the March prayer walk will be on Saturday 8th March instead of Saturday 1st March. We will meet as usual in Perceval Square at 9am, have a walk around the town praying for God's blessing upon our community, and afterwards warm up with a cup of tea. All ladies welcome.

Easter Praise Night

The Easter Praise Night will be happening on Saturday 19th April in Stornoway Town Hall. Please save this date on your calendar. Further details to be released soon.



Christ's comfort in deep suffering Conference

The High Free Church hopes to subscribe online to Biblical Counselling UK's conference 'Christ's comfort in deep suffering' based around the book of Job. This focuses on how the ministry of the local church can care for those who experience suffering. Topics include Principles of Care and Church-based Care. This would be a useful training event for office bearers but is available to anyone interested. It can either be watched live on Mon 10th - Wed 12th March 2025 or recordings will be available until Friday 30th May. If you are interested, please let Hugh, Christopher or Margaret know as the cost depends on how many people wish to view the event. It can be used as a training event or log in details will be provided if people wish to view the talks at home in their own time.

Ladies conference

The ladies of the High Free Church congregation will be hosting a conference especially for the women of our congregation and community in June and would ask that you save the date.

Priseil (Gaelic for precious) Ladies Conference will take place on the evening of **Friday 13th June and all day Saturday 14th June 2025 (10am – 4pm).**

The speaker will be Rosie Morgan who will be joining us from Seaford in East Sussex. The theme for the weekend will be **"More Precious than Rubies"** and over the course of the conference, Rosie will be speaking on three beautiful women found in the Gospel accounts.

We hope that this will be a date you will mark on your calendars and attend, but we would ask that you also soak this event in prayer as we prepare for it. Further details and booking forms will be made available in due course. We look forward to joining with many of our lovely ladies in June and pray that the conference will be a blessing to all who attend.

<u>Brunch Rota</u>

Kitchen – Natalie, Erica, Donald, Maggie Hall – Charlie, Duncan, Alasdair, Mairi



Save the Date

Ladies Prayer Walk – 8th March Ladies Praise Night – 26th March - Newton Hall Easter Praise Night – 19th April – Town Hall Praise Evening – 6th June – Back Free Church Hall Ladies Conference – 13th & 14th June

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Thursday 6 th March	7.00pm	English	Rev Callum Macleod			
Friday 7 th March	12.00 noon	Gaelic	Rev Callum Macleod			
	7.00pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier			
Saturday 8 th March	8.30am	Prayer Meeting	Elders			
	12.00 noon	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier			
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Bi-Lingual - Elders			
Lord's Day 9 th March	8.30am	Prayer Meeting	Elders			
	12.00 noon	English	Rev Callum Macleod			
	6.30pm	English	Rev Hugh Ferrier			
There will be a short bi-lingual prayer meeting after the evening service						
followed by fellowship in the Manse						

Schedules of Communion Services – 6th to 9th March 2025

Cross Free Church						
Friday 7 th March	7.30 pm	English	Rev Kenneth Ferguson			
Saturday 8 th	12.00 noon	English	Rev Kenneth Ferguson			
March	6.00 pm	G/E-Prayer Meeting	Elders			
Lord's Day 9 th	11.00 am	English	Rev Kenneth Ferguson			
March	6.00 pm	English				
The evening service will be followed by a fellowship						



North Harris Free Church					
Friday 7 ^h March	12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Gaelic English	Rev D A Macdonald Rev Iain Macritchie		
Saturday 8 th March	7.00 pm	Bi - lingual	Rev Iain Macritchie		
Lord's Day 9 th March	11.00 am 6.00 pm	English English	Rev Iain Macritchie		
There will be a fellowship in the Church after the evening service.					



Harris Free Church Women's Conference

We are hosting a Women's Conference at North Harris Free Church in Tarbert on Saturday 22nd March from 10.00am till 3.00pm. Cost is £10 including lunch. Bookings can be made by emailing <u>nhfcwomen25@gmail.com</u>





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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:

Sandwick Hall: <u>First Aid Ki</u>t - In the kitchen area inside the door nearest to the main entrance. <u>Wheelchair</u> - 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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