



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 19 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 – Mr Robert France

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

6.30pm: English Service in The Seminary – Mr D Rankin

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 14 Oct 25 – Mr Donnie Maclean

Gaelic Thursday 16 Oct 25 – No meeting this week

Saturday 18 Oct 25 – Zoom meeting

Services for Sunday 26 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 23 October from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies and all pre-school children are welcome to come along

Bereaved.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Nanna Lamont Tong, in the passing of her brother Willie Murray [Tong] earlier this week in Leverburgh Care Home. Please remember Nanna and her family, brother Alasdair and her sister in law Chrissie [Kim] Murray also in Tong. May they all know God's comfort and strength in their sad loss.

Light Lunch

*There will be a Soup and Pudding Light Lunch in the Rev M.A Macleod Hall on Kenneth Street on **Saturday 8th 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 30th October -4pm -6.30pm

Friday 31st October -4pm-6.30pm

Sat 1st November – 10am – 12 noon

*The Appeal will close on **Sat 1st November** at 12 noon*

PRAISE NIGHT DONATIONS – VOTE AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Fundraising Group would like to gauge the mind of the congregation in relation to the upcoming Christmas Praise Night, to be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 13th December 2025.

Entry to this event is by donation and funds which are raised at the Praise Nights have traditionally been given to local charities. The Fundraising Group acknowledge that there are many worthy charities which need the money and found it difficult to decide which charity to support.

Instead they have decided to undertake a poll in the congregation. Please click on the link below which will take you to a one question questionnaire to ask you to vote for your preferred charity out of the short list of five.

<https://forms.office.com/e/KVc2F46DDg>

Voting is now open and will remain so until 11:00pm on Monday 10th November 2025.

Donations from the Christmas Praise Night will go to the charity which comes top in the poll whilst donations from the Easter Praise Night will be forwarded on to the charity which comes second in the poll. Thank you in advance for your participation.

SMARTIES TUBES

The Fundraising Group would like anyone who still has to return their Smarties Tubes to do so by Sunday 26th October 2025, so the final total from this fundraiser can be communicated to the congregation. Thank you.

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 facilitating 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 – 23rd - 26th October 2025

Garrabost Free Church			
Thursday 23 rd October	School Road: 7.30 pm	Gaelic	Rev Callum Macleod
Friday 24 th October	Main Road: 7.30 pm	English	
There will be a fellowship in the Manse after the evening service.			
Saturday 25 th October	School Road: 7.00 pm	English	Rev Roddy J Campbell
Lords Day 26 th October	School Road: 11.00 am	English	
	Main Road: 6.00 pm	English	
There will be a fellowship in the Main Rd hall after the evening service.			

Save the Date

Scaladale Youth Camp – 24th-26th October

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal – 30th Oct – 1st Nov

Celtic Worship Evening– 6 Nov –

Soup & Pudding – Sat 1 Nov – M A Macleod Hall

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

Rev Hughs 10th Anniversary – 9 Nov

Ladies Prayer Breakfast – Sat 15 Nov -more info to follow

Communion Weekend – 16 Nov

Christmas Praise Night – Sat 13 Dec – Town Hall

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Blythswood

2025 SHOE BOX APPEAL



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

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

Shooboxes 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 Shoobox 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**

Registered Charity No SC048001 Company No 583493 Registered Address: Highland Deephaven, Evanton, IV16 9XJ

Providence Christian School

You are warmly invited to attend a Soup and Pudding Event at MA Hall, Kenneth Street, Saturday 1st November 12-2pm. All proceeds go to the work of Providence Christian School. There will also be home baking and crafts for sale.

We appreciate your on going prayers and support for the school.



Saturday 8th November 2025

Rev M.A. Macleod Hall, Stornoway

12.00 - 2.00 pm



Soup and Pudding Lunch

*Donations at the door in aid of
Christian Values in Education
Scotland*



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 - <https://forms.office.com/r/M5m4m8fUbB>

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.

WESTERN ISLES PRESBYTERY

SCALADALE SENIOR (S4 - S6) YOUTH CAMP

24TH TO 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Booking form goes live
9am 24th September.



<https://forms.office.com/r/M5m4m8fUbB>



Saturday
13th December 2025
7:30pm
Stornoway Town Hall

Christmas Praise Night



**Come along for a time of praise and worship, led by the
High Free Church Praise Band.**

Refreshments served



HFC

High Free Church
Stornoway

All Most Welcome to Attend

Rev. Hugh Ferrier - Minister - h1211ferrier@googlemail.com
01851706788 / 07981082012

Christopher Martin - Session Clerk - chriscmart3@gmail.com 706143

Roddy Ferguson - Clerk to the Deacons Court - rod dyf1@hotmail.com

Howard Maciver - Treasurer - hfctreasurer@btinternet.com

Donna Rennie - Safeguarding Co-ordinator - d.rennie1@outlook.com

Margaret Macleod – Women’s Pastoral Support Coordinator –
mmacleod@doctors.org.uk - 07733263642

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.

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: 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

Churxh Services can be found on YouTube:

**<https://www.youtube.com/@highfreechurchstornoway6602> Scottish Charity
Number – SC045431**

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