



High Free Church
Stornoway

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

Sunday 1 February 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: “Behold Your God: Part 2”

Sermon Text: Isaiah 40:12-26

Sunday School and Crèche will meet during this morning's service.

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

Sermon Title: “The Challenges Before Goliath”

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 17: 27-40

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 3 Feb – Rev Hugh Ferrier

Gaelic Thursday 5 Feb – Joint meeting in The Seminary

English Saturday 7 Feb – Failte Centre

Services for Sunday 8 February 2026 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 5 February from 10am – 11.30am in The Failte Centre. Mums, Dads, carers, babies, and all pre-school children are welcome to come along.

Seminary Update

On Wednesday 28th January the Stornoway (Kenneth Street) Free Church congregation met to discuss the proposed sale of the Seminary building to our congregation. Sadly, the proposal failed to reach the 70% majority for it to pass. The Kirk Session and Deacons' Court wish to assure the congregation that our resolve to find a suitable building to facilitate the worship and witness of the congregation remains undimmed and we continue to put our trust in our sovereign Lord to guide us in His will. We would ask the congregation to continue to make this a matter for prayer. Furthermore, if anyone has any thoughts or suggestions about any potential building that we could make use of please let either Chris Martin (Session Clerk) or Roddy Ferguson (Deacons' Court Clerk) know. We are truly grateful for the continued love and support of the congregation in our endeavours to share the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ and honour His Name.

Finally, we wish to express our gratitude to the Kirk Session and Deacons' Court of the Kenneth Street congregation for their cooperation and fraternal support throughout the past two years of discussions regarding the Seminary. While we're understandably disappointed at the final outcome of the congregational meeting, we wish to assure their Office Bearers of our continued prayers as they seek the Lord's leading regarding a new pastor for their congregation.

Bayhead at The County

The next fellowship meeting will be in the County Hotel this Sunday 1st Feb 8pm, all ages are welcome to come along

Men's Fellowship

For any who expressed an interest in attending a Men's fellowship group, could you stay behind after tonight's service (01 Feb) for a few mins to discuss the venue, structure, frequency, etc. with some of the leaders? Any who did not indicate an interest previously but would like to attend, would also be very welcome to stay behind for a chat.

Weekly freewill envelopes

*The new issue of weekly giving envelopes will be ordered soon. If you **no longer wish to receive envelopes** and plan to give via online banking, please let Chris Martin know so envelopes are not ordered unnecessarily. Alternatively, If you would like to begin donating to the congregation using weekly giving envelopes, please add your name to the list on the clipboard at the door.*

Ladies' WhatsApp group

Our Ladies WhatsApp group “Hope In Challenging Times” provides information, news, prayer requests etc and is a great way to keep in touch with what’s going on in the congregation. It is available for any of the ladies so if you who wish to be added to the group speak to Natalie Ferrier or Margaret Macleod

Men's WhatsApp Group

Our Men's WhatsApp group “Men Do Pray” similarly provides information, news, prayer requests etc and is a great way to keep in touch with what’s going on in the congregation. It is available for any of the men so if you who wish to be added to the group speak to Hugh or David Morrison.

Mailing List

Each week our notice sheet is emailed to the congregation in addition to Prayer Points and Zoom links for the Prayer Meetings. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please speak to Hugh.

Election Of Deacons

*As previously intimated, following the Kirk sessions decision to increase the number of Deacon's, all members should collect a voting form and envelope from the office bearers on duty today. The forms should be signed and returned at the church door **by Tuesday 17th February**.*

Cuppa 'n Ceilidh

The Cuppa 'n Ceilidh group hope to meet on Friday 7th February at 2pm in the Newton Centre where Mr Shonnie MacRitchie (County Hotel) will be joining us for the afternoon. Shonnie will share with us the challenges of being a Christian businessman in a secular society.

The 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. A warm welcome awaits you all. You are most welcome to bring a friend.

SLAVIC GOSPEL ASSOCIATION - PHOEBE PROJECT

The Slavic Gospel Association will be holding their 4th Phoebe Online Women's Conference on Monday 9th February at 7.30pm. Their guests will be:

Christine Steingardt from **Kazakhstan**, discussing gift distribution through the Joy of Christmas project

Kateryna Nikonorova from **Ukraine**, sharing her personal reflections on living on the front line.

Bohuslava Havrilova from **Slovakia**, covering her varied ministry among Roma women and children.

To register **for the first time**, please complete the form at the link below, or contact the SGA office: office@sga.org.uk.

[Phoebe Online Women's Conference - Slavic Gospel Association](#)

Those who have **registered for previous online Phoebe conferences** will be sent the link automatically and do not need to re-register.

PRÌSEIL LADIES CONFERENCE 2026

The Conference will take place this year on Friday 12th (7:30-9:00pm) and Saturday 13th June 2026 (10:00-4:00pm) in the Rev. M.A. Macleod Memorial Hall, Kenneth Street, Stornoway. The speaker will be Paula Buchel.

PRÌSEIL LADIES

The Prìseil Ladies Conference Committee wish to thank all the ladies who contributed in any way to the Afternoon of Fellowship held on 24th January. We are so thankful to God for His immeasurable grace toward us. Thank you to all ladies who attended. It was wonderful to spend the afternoon with you. Thanks also to all those who helped in practical ways and particularly to those who supplied baking for the event. We had a blessed afternoon with Rosie Morgan ministering to us and we give thanks also to her for her willingness to undertake this event with us. Finally, many thanks to all who donated financially on the day. Our collection amounted to £720-50 which will go to the Slavic Gospel Association's Phoebe Project.

2026 YOUTH CONFERENCE.

Looking for a weekend to step away from the noise, deepen your faith, and reconnect with God's people? Join us for a weekend of worship, teaching, and fellowship at Lendrick Muir, from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th March 2026. This conference is created for young adults aged 18–30 and is always a special time of encouragement, renewal, and meaningful connection with others from across the church.

Main Speaker

We're delighted to welcome Rev Cory Brock from St Columba's Free Church of Scotland, who will be speaking about the Holy Spirit.

Key Information

- **When:** Friday 13th – Sunday 15th March 2026
- **Where:** Lendrick Muir
- **Who:** Ages 18–30

What to expect

Across the weekend, you can look forward to:

- *Christ-centred talks*
- *Times of worship and prayer*
- *Seminars and testimonies*
- *Space to relax, reflect, and connect*
- *And, of course, great food, thanks to our fantastic team of cooks who have served us so well in recent years!*

Book your place here

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDIhs32t4X76muFgO643112prtW891DaXNn_d8QVTxXhPmzA/viewform?fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQMMjU2MjgxMDQwNTU4AAGnxoCyuD_ZrnU9IPCwlCeGzKhGSsCaB1zD1wHKD5FUqvUEIDpRusW2Gzpeg0Y_aem_POkcYTA9i2nTIDr2bkQ4ww

Save the Date

Ladies Prayer Walk – Percival Sq – 7 Feb at 10am

Islands Study Conference – North Harris Free Church – 6-8 Feb 26

Interdenominational Gaelic Service – Clan Macquarrie – 7 Feb

**Ladies Testimony Evening – Newton Centre – Weds 4 March at
7.30pm (more information to follow)**

Preaching Pathways Workshop – 2/3/26 and 20/4/26

Youth Conference – 13-15 March 26 – Lendrick Muir (Kinross)

Priseil Ladies Conference – M A Macleod Hall – 12th - 13th June

GAELIC SERVICE



Collection taken
on the night for
Bethesda

REV. KENNETH MACDONALD

Clan MacQuarrie
Community Centre

Borve

Friday 6th February

7.30pm

All welcome



Gaelic Service

*Everyone is warmly invited to an Interdenominational Gaelic Service being held on **Friday 6th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre, Borve.***

*The service will be conducted **by Rev. Kenneth MacDonald.**
Tea/Coffee will be served after the service. All donations will go towards Bethesda.*

Islands Study Conference

6th-8th February 2026

North Harris Free Church
&
Harris Hotel

Speakers:

Rev. Paul Levy

(International Presbyterian Church, Ealing)

'The Fear of the Lord: The Beginning of Wisdom'

Prof. John Angus Macleod (Caithness)

'The Forgotten King'

Residential bookings: info@harrishotel.com

All other enquiries:

islandsstudyconference@mail.com



Priseil Ladies Conference



Friday 12th June 2026 (7:30-9:00pm) & Saturday 13th June 2026 (10:00am-4:00pm)

With Paula Buchel

Rev. Hugh Ferrier - Minister - h121ferrier@googlemail.com 01851706788 / 07981082012

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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:

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.

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

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