**MY GOD IS SO BIG**

My God is so big,

so strong and so mighty,

there’s nothing that He cannot do. (x2)

The rivers are His,

the mountains are His,

the stars are His handiwork too.

My God is so big,

so strong and so mighty,

there’s nothing that He cannot do. (x2)

(CCLI No. 2501437)

**COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing;

tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing,

call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above;

praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,

mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;

hither by Thy help I’m come;

and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,

safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

wandering from the fold of God;

He to rescue me from danger,

interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor

daily I’m constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter,

bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,

prone to leave the God I love;

here’s my heart; O take and seal it;

seal it for Thy courts above.

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*I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:10-11*

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# GLENELG AND INVERINATE

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday 13th August 2023**

**Services at 12.00 noon in Inverinate Hall**

 **and**

**6.00pm in Glenelg Church of Scotland**

**We warmly welcome you to this service of worship and would love you to join us for tea, coffee and refreshments following**

*Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord: Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.* **Habakkuk 3:2**

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Services:** We are delighted to welcome back Davi de Paula who will lead us in worship in both our services today. Davi is accompanied by his wife Emma and we are looking forward to meeting her. Davi’s sermon is from Psalm 50 and is entitled ‘*Salvation amidst dishonourable worship.’* The evening service will be followed as usual by our weekly Prayer Meeting. If you can’t attend and would like a prayer said on your behalf please speak to Ken. Your prayer can be said anonymously if you prefer.
* **Sunday School:** Will resume next Sunday as normal. There will be a creche this afternoon for children P1 and under.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 30:1-5 (page 34) – *O Lord I will exalt Your name*

Sing Psalms 50:7-11 and 14-15 (page 66) – *Hear, O My people*

Children’s hymn (see back page) – *My God is so big*

Hymn (see back page) – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

* **Notice of a Congregational Meeting:**  The Kirk Session have been wishing to appoint new elders for some time. After approaching suitable candidates the Kirk Session met on 26th June 2023 and agreed to propose Mr Finlay Macdonald to the congregation. The Kirk Session seeks the congregation’s approval and will meet formally with the congregation on **Sunday 20th August after the 12.00 noon service.** Assuming the congregation approves Mr Finlay Macdonald there will be an ordination and induction service on a date to be decided.
* **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies:** Our Glenelg group will start again this coming Wednesday, 16th August, at Peter and Moira Lane’s home in Glenelg at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Our Dornie group hope to start again the following Wednesday.
* **Next Sunday 20th August:** We return to Inverinate Hall for our 12.00 noon service with Reverend Gordon Martin leading us in worship. There will be no Glenelg Evening Service, to allow us all to attend the Back to School with God Service in Kyleakin.
* **Back to School with God Sunday 20th August:** There is no better way to start the new school year than meeting together to encourage one another and to pray to God for our children, teachers and schools. COOL’s *Back to School with God* service is on Sunday 20th August in Kyleakin Village Hall, 6.00pm-7.00pm, followed by tea/coffee and cakes. The meeting is for all ages from the youngest to the oldest and all are most warmly invited. We would love to see families coming along with their children.
* **Online Studies:** Our Men’s Online Study Group continue with our *‘Bible Read Through’* study and are reading through the Book of Psalms (Part V); if you would like to join the study please speak to Colin. Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their study called *Known. A study of the Good Shepherd*’*.* Please speak to Moira or Barbara if you would like to join the study.
* **Healing Hurting Hearts:** Following the recent success of the Healing Hurting Hearts the organisers are running the courses for a second time. Again it will be geared for those who have experienced adverse circumstances in their lives or for those who would like to help others. The dates are 26th August and 9th September in Kyle Free Church, 9.30am to 4.00pm. A second course – Strength from Weakness – 28th October, 11th November, 20th January will also be run. For more information and to book a place speak to Anne MacLeod.
* **Healthy Church Gathering:** (Skye and Wester Ross Presbytery) Wednesday 27th September in Kyle Free Church 6.30pm for coffee, 7.00pm start, 9.30pm finish. The hope is to bring together congregations for a time of input and then discussions with a focus on us hearing the views and ideas of one another. There will be updates on how some churches have taken hold of the vision as well as time to discuss some main topics, give feedback, ask questions and pray together. For more details and to book go to Healthy Church Gatherings – Free Church of Scotland.
* **Big Free Rally:** Saturday 30th September in Smithton Church Inverness from 11.00am to 3.30pm for young people from P5 to S6 with Davi de Paula the main speaker. More information will follow in due course,
* **Praying For One Another:** We urge you to pray for Christians at home and in countries far and wide. Please pray for:

**Prince Edward Island (Central Charge):** Pray for the summer camp taking place this week. Pray for the leaders as they nurture and develop Christian character in young people as they study God’s Word throughout the day through daily devotions and group discussions. Pray for the smaller congregations to be strengthened by the Spirit and that God would encourage and bless His people.

**Healthy Gospel Church:** Give thanks to the Lord for the church plants that are taking place in communities across Scotland. Pray for the vision of 30 new churches by 2030 and the vision for a healthy gospel church for every community and that God will make the paths straight and preparations will run smoothly.

**Dumisani:** Pray for the weekly chapel times during Term Three. May they prove to be a wonderful unifying time for the student body.