**AMAZING GRACE**

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear

the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years

bright shining as the sun,

we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise

than when we’ve first begun.

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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 6th 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 thankFinlay and Heather today for the use of the Chocolates of Glenshiel Coffee Shop for our service today. We warmly welcome Rev Andrew Morrison who will be preaching from Ephesians 2:1-10. For the 6.00pm service in Glenelg we will be concluding the online sermon series on Jonah from Glasgow City Free Church. 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 Colin. Your prayer can be said anonymously if you prefer.
* **Sunday School:** The children will be taking a wee break for the summer but there will be a creche facility for the very young ones, P1 and under and things to enjoy for the young people staying in the service.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 85 (page 113) – *In times past, Lord*

Sing Psalms 119:105-112 (page 163) – *Your Word’s a lamp*

Sing Psalms 29:4b-11 (page 34) – *The voice of the Lord is majestic and loud*

Hymn (see back page) – *Amazing Grace*

* **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 congregations approval and will meet formally with the congregation on **Sunday 20th August after the 12 noon service**.  Assuming the congregation approves Mr Finlay Macdonald, there will be an ordination and induction service on an date to be decided.
* **Next Sunday 13th August:** We look forward to welcoming Davi de Paula to lead both Sunday services. **Please note that the 12 noon service will be in DORNIE HALL.**
* **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies:** Both Bible Study groups are taking a short break over the summer and will restart again soon.
* **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, 6pm-7pm, followed by tea / coffee and cakes. The meeting is for all ages from the youngest to the oldest and will include singing, children’s songs from the Holiday Clubs, thinking about a passage from the Bible, a few short activities and praying for our schools. We would love to see families going along with their children.
* **Online Studies:** Our Men’s Online Study Group have returned to the *‘Bible Read Through’* study and are concluding 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.
* **Women for Mission:** Their project theme for 2023/24 is *Breaking Barriers* and is seeking to raise funds for Christian Values for Education (CVE Scotland), International Mission to Jewish People (IMJP), Release International and International Justice Mission (IJM). For further information and ways to support *Breaking Barriers* visit the website womenformission.org where there is also information for their *Support a Volunteer* and *Heart for Home* funds. You can also find WfM on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.
* **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 for young people from P5 to S6. 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:

**Holiday Club and Youth Activity Week:** Please pray for the children and young people who attended our summer clubs, that they would come to know Jesus as their lord and Saviour.

**Free Church Youth Camps:** Praise God for a successful run of 10 camps this summer. It has been a real encouragement to hear of so many fruitful discussions with campers and we continue to pray that God would be working in their heart and lives. Pray for the campers not connected to any church, that they would find a gospel centred church near them to encourage them.

**Shashko Poland:** Give praise for the successful Teens Program last week which saw many teens hear the gospel. Pray for their ongoing building search. The church they are meeting at is ok but they need a bigger space for their daily and weekly operations.

**Belarus:** Nikolai is leading ten Scripture Union summer camps back-to-back in extreme heat. Pray for stamina and health.