**ABIDE WITH ME**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;

the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;

when other helpers fail and comforts flee,

help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;

earth’s joys grown dim, its glories pass away;

change and decay in all around I see:

O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour;

what but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?

Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;

ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death’s sting, where grave thy victory?

I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,

shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;

heaven’s morning breaks and earth’s vain shadows flee:

in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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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 17th September 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:** Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship for our 12 noon Inverinate service today. He will be preaching from John chapter 17 verse 20 to verse 26, in a sermon entitled *‘Christian unity in Christ.’* The 6.00pm service in Glenelg will be a shorter service of praise, prayer, Bible readings and a short message from Ken. The Evening Service will be followed as usual by our Prayer Meeting. If you are unable to join us and have prayer requests, then please let Ken know.
* **Sunday School:** We are delighted to have our Sunday School today, it will run, as usual, during our Inverinate 12 noon Service.
* **Praise:**

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

Scottish Psalter 84:1-9 (page 338) – *How lovely is Thy dwelling place*

Scottish Psalter 67 (page 300) – *Lord bless and pity us*

Hymn (see back page) – *Abide with me*

* **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies**: Both the Glenelg and Dornie groups will meet this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm. The Glenelg group will meet at Peter and Moira Lane’s home and are starting a new series on Prayer. The Dornie group meet at Vivienne and Colin MacKenzie’s home and are continuing their study through Luke’s Gospel. All are most warmly welcome.
* **Next Sunday 24th September:** Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship for our 12.00 noon Inverinate service. We will be continuing with our online sermon series, ‘*Following Jesus’* at the Glenelg 6.00pm service.
* **Online Studies:** Our Men’s Online Study Group continue with our *‘Bible Read Through’* study and are starting a new study on 1 & 2 Corinthians; if you would like to join us please speak to Colin. Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their study on 1 Peter, called ‘*Following Jesus’.* This would be a great time to join either study group so please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin to join up.
* **Healthy Church Gathering:** Join us at the Healthy Church Gathering at Kyle Free Church. This is a free event being organised for congregations in the Skye and Wester Ross Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland as we look to encourage one another and share in the vision for A Healthy Gospel Church for every community in Scotland. The event brings together people from different congregations for a time of input and then discussion, with a focus on us hearing the views and ideas of one another. There are 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. There will be two main sessions. The first will focus on Healthy Christians and Healthy Churches, looking at a number of areas including worship, mission, discipleship and relationships. The second session will focus on a Healthy Denomination covering areas including church development, church planting, training ministers and partnering with others. There will be an opportunity to pray together and for sung worship. The gathering will take place at Kyle Free Church on Wednesday 27th September. There will be refreshments from 6.30pm. The gathering will formally start at 7.00pm with two main sections and will conclude 9.30pm. We are asking people to sign up to give us an idea of numbers attending. To book go to freechurch.org/healthy-church-gatherings.
* **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.
* **Healing Hurting Hearts:** Following the recent success of the Healing Hurting Hearts courses the organisers are running a second course – Strength from Weakness – 28th October, 11th November, 20th January. For more information and to book a place speak to Anne MacLeod.
* **Praying For One Another:** We urge you to pray for Christians at home and in countries far and wide. Please pray for:

**Turkey:** Pray for a youth ministry in Turkey. A conference is planned for later this year. May it bring encouragement to all those who take part. A Turkish pastor and his family are under stress because of problems with their housing. Pray that a solution would be found and ask the Lord to give him the strength and grace he needs to continue to serve his congregation and to reach out to the wider community.

**Dumbarton:** Pray for the congregation that the Lord would strengthen them during their vacancy, that the Lord would be working in the lives and hearts of the congregation and those connected. Pray that the Lord would help maintain the unity of the Spirit as they continue their witness in the communities.

**Mission Board:** Pray for the Mission Board as they meet next week. Pray for wisdom as they make decisions and vision as they set out goals for the next three years.

**Matt and Maria Lingard, Greece:** there is a young man they have know almost since they went to Greece. He has always been generally open to talking about Jesus, however since a friend of his came to the Lord not so long ago he has been especially more interested in speaking with them. Pray for him and that the Holy Spirit would soften his heart to receive the message of God’s Kingdom. Pray for the horrific damage that has been done to people’s lives and the environment in Greece because of the fires.