**WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,

when sorrows like sea-billows roll;

whatever my lot You have taught me to say,

‘It is well, it is well with my soul.’

*It is well - with my soul;*

*it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, if trials should come,

let this blessed assurance control,

that Christ has regarded my helpless estate

and has shed His own blood for my soul.

*It is well - with my soul ……….*

My sin – o the bliss of this glorious thought –

my sin – not in part – but the whole

is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more;

praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

*It is well - with my soul ……….*

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live!

If Jordan above me shall roll,

no pang shall be mine, for in death as in life

You will whisper Your peace to my soul.

*It is well - with my soul ……….*

But Lord, it’s for You – for Your coming we wait,

the sky, not the grave, is our goal:

O trump of the angel! O voice of the Lord!

Blessed hope! Blessed rest of my soul.

*It is well - with my soul ……….*

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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 22nd October 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:** Finlay Macdonald will lead us in worship at today’s 12.00 noon service. The reading is from Habakkuk 1:1-12 for a sermon entitled ‘*How long O Lord*.’ We are looking forward to hearing what God has laid on Finlay’s heart for us today. For the 6.00pm service in Glenelg we will listen to the final sermon in our ‘*Following Jesus’* series from Smithton Free Church. The evening service will be followed by our usual weekly Prayer Meeting. Please let Ken or Colin know if you would like a prayer said on your behalf.
* **Sunday School:** There is no Sunday School during the October holidays but there will be a creche for the little ones.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 95 (page 126) – *O come, let us joyfully sing to the Lord*

Sing Psalms 116:1-14 (page 154) – *I love the Lord because He heard my voice*

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

Hymn (see back page) – *When peace like a river*

* **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies**: Our Dornie group will meet this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm at Vivienne and Colin MacKenzie’s home and are continuing their study through Luke’s Gospel. After their short break the Glenelg group resume their study on Prayer and are meeting at Peter and Moira Lane’s house at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome at both groups.
* **Next Sunday 29th October:** Ken MacDonald will lead the 12.00 noon service in Inverinate when we will also welcome Elma MacKay to speak about the work of Blythswood. **Following the service there will be a retiring collection for Blythswood**. Ken will lead a short service of readings and prayer for the 6.00pm service in Glenelg.
* **Online Studies:** Our Men’s Online Study Group are continuing their *Bible Read Through* study on Joshua, Judges and Ruth called *The Rise of the Judges*. Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their study of 2 Peter called *Faith in a Sceptical World.* Please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin to join.
* **New Free Church ‘What’s On’ Guide:** The Free Church have launched an easy-to-use What’s On guide for you to see the variety of events that are being held by the Free Church throughout the year. To see what’s happening across the wider church in 2023 visit the Free Church website.
* **Psalm Singing:** As a denomination the Free Church recognises the importance of using Psalms in personal and congregational worship. Words and music for Sing Psalms can be found on the Free Church website (freechurch.org/praise-resources).
* **Strength from Weakness – Growing Through Suffering:** If you found the *Healing for Hurting Hearts* course helpful you might like to join this second course on Saturday 28th October and 11th November 9.30-4.00pm (with an optional third day on 20th January in Kyle Free Church and presented by Mrs Sarah Wright from Gairloch. The course will help you:
* Grow through your suffering and become more resilient so you are better prepared to face suffering in the future. Explore more layers of your trauma and pain and experience deeper layers of healing. Gain skills to connect with others in healthier ways so that the underlying causes of trauma are addressed. Find and fulfil your purpose in life. This may include advocating for justice for those who are suffering from oppression. All these things work together to increase resilience.
* **Praying For One Another:** We urge you to pray for Christians at home and in countries far and wide. Please pray for:

**The Family of Andy Bathgate:** Andy was Scripture Union CEO leading the movement from 2001 to his retirement in 2020, completing an outstanding career in Christian leadership with SU, UCCF and many other ministry organisations to whom he was a key adviser. Andy sadly passed away last week. Please pray for his wife, children, grandchildren, extended family and his many friends and former colleagues.

**Sleat and Strath:** Pray for the congregation, that the Lord would strengthen and uphold them. Pray for wisdom and guidance as to the future of ministry in the south of Skye.

**Helmsdale and Kinbrace:** Pray for the weekly Tuesday coffee morning, that this will be a blessing to the community and that those who volunteer and attend would be a witness to Christ. Pray for the ministry, that many would come to hear the gospel. Pray for friendships and connections with those who do not yet know Christ, that the Lord would bring many to Him. Pray that God would be glorified through the ministry and witness in Helmsdale and Kinbrace.

**Richard and Barbara, a European City:** They have started, what they hope will become regular visits, to a new island home to help the children with their studies. They already know the children through a community association. Pray for good relationships with the adults as well as the children and that they would be able to establish a good routine including the Scriptures with the family.

**Board of Trustees:** Pray for them as they meet on Thursday. Pray particularly as they review the 2024 budget, that they will steward finances well to be able to serve the church and our mission.