**WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS**

When I survey the wondrous cross

on which the Prince of glory died,

my richest gain I count but loss

and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,

save in the death of Christ my God:

all the vain things that charm me most,

I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,

sorrow and love flow mingled down:

did e’er such love and sorrow meet,

or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

that were an offering far too small,

love so amazing, so divine,

demands my soul, my life, my all.

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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 12th November 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:** Our 12.00 noon Inverinate Remembrance Day Service will be led by Ken MacDonald with a sermon entitled ‘*Greater love has no man than he who lays down his life for his friends’* and a reading from John 19 verses 16 to 30. For the 6.00pm Glenelg service the reading is Mark 6 verses 1 to 13 and we will watch the online sermon ‘*Facing Rejection’* by Reverend Innes MacSween. The Glenelg service will be followed as usual by our weekly Prayer Meeting. If you would like a prayer said on your behalf please speak to Ken or Colin.
* **Sunday School:** The older children will leave us for Sunday School during the Inverinate Service and there will be a creche for the very little ones.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 63:1-8 (page 80) –*O God, you are my God alone*

Sing Psalms 42:1-8 (page 53) –*As pants the deer for flowing streams*

Sing Psalms 22:1-10 (page 25) –*My God, My God why have You forsaken me*

Hymn (see back page) –*When I survey the wondrous cross*

* **Retiring Collections:** A total of £240.00 was raised at our Harvest Sunday collection for the Skye and Lochalsh Foodbank and a total of £190.00 was raised for Blythswood following Elma MacKay’s visit last month. Many thanks for your generosity in supporting these worthy causes.
* **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. Our Glenelg group meet at Peter and Moira Lane’s house at 7.30pm and are studying Tim Keller’s book *‘Prayer’*. Everyone is very welcome at both groups.
* **Next Weekend 18th and 19th November** is our **Communion Weekend and Congregation Lunch** in Inverinate**.**
* Saturday 18th - Reverend Gordon Matheson will open our communion weekend with a 7.00pm service in Inverinate Hall.
* Sunday 19th - The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in Inverinate Hall at 12.00 noon. This service will be followed by a congregational lunch to which all warmly are invited. Please speak to Mairi MacRae if you would like to contribute towards the lunch.
* We will conclude the weekend with our 6.00pm service in Glenelg followed by our weekly Prayer Meeting.
* **Wednesday 29th November:** We will have our annual Faith Mission service and book/calendar/card sale in Glenelg Hall at 7.30pm. Jeff Townend will lead the service and give us an update on the work of the Faith Mission.
* **Advent Study:** We are looking to offer a whole church Advent Bible Study again this year. The study we will undertake is called ‘*Comfort and Joy’* and the study books are available at the door, so please do take one. We will be doing these as part of our house Bible Studies, our online Bible Studies and we would encourage you to join into one of those. However, if you cannot do so, then please consider reading it as a personal study, or part of a small group set up by yourselves.
* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their new study on Colossians called ‘*Alive in Christ*. Our Men’s Online Study Group are beginning the next part of their *Bible Read Through* study on Joshua, Judges and Ruth called *The Rise of the Judges*. This would be a great time to join either study, so please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin to join.
* **Praying For One Another:** We urge you to pray for Christians at home and in countries far and wide. Please pray for:

**UK Partnership (UKP):** The UK Partnership are visiting Edinburgh on Monday to hear from various church planters about work of Church Planting in Scotland. Please pray for this meeting and partnership, thanking God for the resources they have provided to churches in Scotland and their passion for seeing indigenous churches being planted and the gospel flourishing across Scotland. Pray that new partnerships would be formed and that they would be of great blessing to the wider denomination.

**Tarbert Argyll:** Pray for their Christmas outreach plans. Pray especially for their Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 10th December. Pray that people from the village will attend. Pray that plans for a Hope Explored event in the New Year might come to fruition.

**Urray and Strathconan (Muir of Ord):** Each Tuesday during term time Noah’s Art Tots meets at the hall. It’s a great place for babies, toddlers, parents and carers to come and get together with others from the community. Please pray that this would be of great blessing to those in the community and that the gospel would be shared in relationships built through this ministry. Please pray for the congregation that they will be strengthened and encouraged in the gospel. Pray as they witness in their communities, that God would be glorified.

**Turkey:** Getting Christian theological training is not straightforward for believers in Turkey. Pray for all those involved in providing training and for those studying. Also for Turkish believers at theological colleges abroad, particularly that they would return to Turkey to serve the church there.