**THANK** **YOU JESUS**

Thank You, Jesus, thank You, Jesus,

thank You, Lord, for loving me.

Thank You, Jesus ……….

You went to Calvary, there You died for me,

thank You, Lord, for loving me.

You went to Calvary ……….

You rose up from the grave, to me new life You gave,

thank You, Lord, for loving me.

You rose up from the grave ……….

You’re coming back again and we with You shall reign,

thank You, Lord, for loving me.

You’re coming back again ……….

(CCLI No 86432)

**BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,

a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,

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When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,

upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free;

for God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me

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Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;

the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;

my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Saviour and my God

With Christ my Saviour and my God.

(CCLI No 990391)

*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 3rd December 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 the service**

*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:** Reverend Roddie Rankin will lead us in worship at today’s 12.00 noon service in Inverinate with a reading from Genesis Chapter 1 verse 26 to Chapter 2 verse 7 and a sermon entitled *What is Human Nature?.* We are looking forward to hearing what God has lain on Roddie’s heart for us today. There will be no evening service in Glenelg Church as it is the Community Advent Carol Service in Glenelg Hall.
* **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 148 (page 194) – *O praise, O praise the Lord*

Hymn (see back page) – *Thank You Jesus*

Sing Psalms 131 (page 173) – *My heart’s not proud, O Lord*

Hymn (see back page) – *Before the throne of God above*

* **Community Advent Carol Service:** In Glenelg Village Hall at 6.30pm this evening a service of carols and readings to mark the beginning of Advent. There will be mulled juice and festive snacks to follow. All are warmly invited. For those of you wanting to join the Carol Walk we will be leaving from the Smithy Junction at 6.00pm.
* **COOL Prayer for Youth Meeting**: Wednesday 6th December in the Church of Scotland, Glenelg at 7.00pm. Please come along and pray for the young people and for our schools and to show support for our Youth and Schools Worker, Timmy Currie, who will lead the meeting. Tea and coffee to follow.
* **Next Weekend 10th December:** Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon service in Inverinate. The 6pm evening service will be an online sermon followed by our weekly Prayer Meeting.
* **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies**: Our Dornie group will meet this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm at Vivienne and Colin MacKenzie’s home and will be studying our Advent Study ‘Comfort and Joy’. Everyone is very welcome to join the group. There will be no Bible Study in Glenelg this week for us to attend the COOL Prayer for Youth meeting.
* **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.
* **Prayer for One Invite Cards:** The Invite Cards are in today’s Bulletin and are also available at the back of the hall. They are for use for all of our Christmas and New Year Services. Please do take as many as you want and pray for a person or people who you would like to invite to any of these services and then use the Invite Card to invite them along.
* **Christmas and New Year Services:**

**Sunday 17th December**

* 12.00 noon service Inverinate Hall followed by Congregational Christmas Lunch
* 5.00pm Carols at the Castle service Eilean Donan Castle

**Sunday 24th December**

* 12.00 noon Christmas Eve Service in Inverinate Hall
* 4.30pm Family Christmas Eve Carol Evening in Inverinate Hall

**Sunday 31st December**

* 12.00 noon Hogmanay Service in Inverinate Hall
* 6.00pm short Thanksgiving service of Bible readings and Prayer for the New Year in Glenelg

**Monday 1st January**

* 12.00 noon New Years Day service in Kyle Free Church
* **Online Studies:** Both of our online Study Groups – the Ladies and the Men’s Study Groups – will be working through our Advent Bible Study ‘Comfort and Joy’. Study books are available at the door and if you are interested in joining either group please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin.
* **Praying For One Another:** We urge you to pray for Christians at home and in countries far and wide. Please pray for:

**Greenock:** Pray for the congregation that their ministry will be strengthened during a time of vacancy and that God would bless them.

**Osamu and Mairi Japan:** Osamu will share God’s Word at a pre-Christmas concert at Shiogama Bible Baptist Church. All the churches from nearby areas are invited. Pray that Osamu will preach encouraging words for non-Christians to trust Jesus and for Christians to bring their non-Christian friends and family to Christmas events of their church.

**Plockton and Kyle:** Pray that the Lord would grant vision in how best to reach the lost in our communities with the good news of Jesus and the hope of the gospel. Pray that as a congregation there would be a spirit of peaceful unity as a congregation who seek to know the Lord and make Him known.