**CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy chosen King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God

Before the worlds began;

and ye who tread where He hath trod,

crown Him the Son of Man.

Who every grief hath known

that wrings the human breast,

and takes and bears them for His own,

that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown Him the King to whom is given
the wonderous name of Love.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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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 14th January 2024**

**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:** Today Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship for our 12.00 noon service in Inverinate, reading from Ephesians chapter 1, in a sermon entitled *Why go to church?* At our Glenelg Evening Service at 6.00pm in Glenelg Church we will be continuing our online sermon series from Carloway Free Church called *Christian Identity,* led by Rev. Thomas Davis. Our weekly Prayer Meeting will follow the evening service.
* **Sunday School:** We are delighted to welcome back the Sunday School this week. There will also be a creche for the little ones.
* **Praise:**

Scottish Psalter 100 (page 362) *All people that on earth do dwell*

Sing Psalms 103:1-11 (page 135) – *Praise God, my soul! With all my heart*

Sing Psalms 85 (page ) – *In times past. Lord, you showed favour*

Hymn (see back page) – *Crown Him with many crowns*

* **Next Sunday:** Sunday 21st January, Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship for our 12 noon service and for our evening service we will continue our online sermon series in Glenelg Church at 6.00pm.
* **Thank You:** We received a thank you letter from the Bethany Christian Trust, thanking us for our donation of £460 (retiring collection and Christmas card delivery). The letter continues – “*Thanks to your giving, we can offer services like the Bethany Christian Centre and the Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre, so people can have a place to stay on cold winter nights. Your gift enables us to continue to support individuals through accommodation, one to one support and recovery group sessions.”*
* **Church Welcomers:** Would anyone like to be added to the door welcoming team to meet and greet people as they arrive at church? We would love to have more people on the team, so if you feel that you would like to serve the church family in this way, please speak to Mairi Scobie and join the rota.
* **Bible Studies:** Our Wednesday Bibles studies resume again this week. The Glenelg study group meet at 7.30pm in Peter and Moira lane’s home in Glenelg. Our Inverinate and Dornie group meet at 7.30pm Colin and Vivienne MacKenzie’s home in Dornie. All are warmly welcome.
* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their Two Year Bible Read Through study. Our Men’s Study Group are continuing their Bible Read Through and are starting the book of 1 Chronicles. If you are interested in joining either group please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin.
* **Official Opening:** The congregation of Portree and Bracadale Free Church of Scotland invite us to the official opening of Shepherd’s Way Church. Rev. Prof. Bob Akroyd will lead worship at 2.00pm on Saturday 3rd February to which all are welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will be enjoyed after the service with a creche facility also available. We would welcome confirmation of your attendance. portreeandbracadalenewsletter@outlook.com
* **Free Church Youth Camps 202**4: Registration is open. We hope to run 11 camps next summer, at each camp there will be a variety of activities throughout the week, but the main event is the gospel-centred teaching and evangelism. The camps are open to everyone currently in P5-S6. Full details are available at: [www.freechurchyouthcamps.org](http://www.freechurchyouthcamps.org) Discounts are available for anyone struggling to fund camp places.
* **FCYC Team Leader Needed:** We are still looking for a Team Leader for our Renfrew Girls Camp. If you are interested in applying or for more info, please get in touch with Donald Macleod (donald.macleod@freechurch.org) or Mairi Beaton (mairi.beaton@freechurch.org).
* **Free Church Youth Conference 2024**: Is open for booking. Friday 15th - Sunday 17th March 2024 in Lendrick Muir for 18 – 30 year-olds. Further info and booking can be found on the Free Church website.
* **Praying For One Another:** We urge you to pray for Christians at home and in countries far and wide. Please pray for:
	+ **London City Presbyterian:** Give thanks for the recent addition in November of 5 new members in the congregation. Please pray the Lord would bless these individuals as they serve and grow in their love for the Lord. Please pray that the Lord would maintain the unity of the Spirit as the church continues to witness in the community. Pray this witness would bear fruit.
	+ **Osamu and Mairi, Japan:** On1st of January, cities and towns in Noto peninsula suffered a devastating earthquake. At the time of writing, it is reported, 168 people were confirmed dead and 323 unaccounted for. 28,160 people are in evacuation centres. One church suffered severe structural destructions and some others partial damages. Pray for the well organised relief efforts by the government and comfort for the bereaved. Christian churches in Japan formed ‘Nationwide Disaster Network’ in 2019 and this network has started doing the relief work in this area. Stephen, our son is in Noto with this network. He will be there for a month to start with. Pray that many Christians like Stephen will give impact on those victims of this earthquake. Not many churches exist in this part of Ishikawa-ken.
	+ **Lochbroom and Coigach:** Pray that God will lead the congregation in 2024 in gospel work throughout Lochbroom and Coigach. Pray that God will bless and further this for His Glory. Pray that as the congregation gathers to worship, they will be renewed by the word of God. Pray that they will live by the instruction and guidance of the word, and that they will be encouraged by it.
	+ **Public Engagement Group:** Pray for the upcoming consultations that PEG are set to draft responses for. As discussions continue nationally about Conversion Practices, pray that as the consultation is opened in Scotland that PEG will be able to respond succinctly to the issues addressed, especially looking at the language used and how it will impact parents and the ordinary work of churches seeking to care for those struggling with LGBT issues.