**I WILL ENTER HIS GATES**

I will enter His gates

with thanksgiving in my heart

I will enter His courts with praise;

I will say ‘This is the day

that the Lord has made,

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.’

He has made me glad,

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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 21st 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 2 in a sermon entitled *Why go to church (2)?* 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 Reverend Thomas Davis. Our weekly Prayer Meeting will follow the evening service. If you can’t attend the service and would like a prayer said on your behalf please speak to Ken.
* **Sunday School:** The children will be leaving us during the Inverinate service for their Sunday School. There will also be a creche for the little ones.
* **Praise:**

Scottish Psalter 98 (page 360) – *O sing a new song to the Lord*

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

Sing Psalms 23 (page 228) – *The Lord is my shepherd, no want shall I know*

Hymn (see back page) – *I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart*

* **Next Sunday:** Sunday 28th January Ken MacDonald will lead us in worship for our 12 noon service. For our evening service we will continue our online sermon series in Glenelg Church at 6.00pm followed by our weekly Prayer Meeting.
* **Presbytery Oversight Visit:** The Presbytery of Skye and Wester Ross seek to visit each congregation under their care once every five years. This is for mutual encouragement and to help stimulate congregation, eldership and Finance Committee members in their mission to represent Christ to their community and to each other. Every aspect of the congregation’s work will be considered. As part of this process the Presbytery seek the views of those who attend the congregation. The opportunity to give those views is through a questionnaire (available at the door) and subsequently through the meeting of representatives of Presbytery with the congregation. The date for this meeting may possibly be Saturday 17th February, although that is to be confirmed. The group meeting the congregation will be led by Reverend Roddie M Rankin along with Murdo Macleod and Willie Fraser, elders and one other minister to be confirmed.

If you would like to fill out the questionnaire that would be of great help to the Presbytery representatives. Only they, and the local elders of the Inverinate and Glenelg congregation, will actually get to see your response and it will be treated in strictest confidence. Please put your name on the questionnaire – they will not be considered if anonymous! You can return your paper questionnaires to one of your local elders or directly to Roddie. You can email them to [roddie@badicaul.plus.com](mailto:roddie@badicaul.plus.com) Please return them by Sunday 28th January. Thank you.

Finally, please do pray about this Presbytery visit as it provides a good opportunity for honest reflection and positive feedback. And consider the questions on the questionnaire personally as well as corporately. For example, when it asks if the congregation is welcoming to new people do think about your part in welcoming others. Those visiting on behalf of Presbytery will also be praying that it will a positive and upbuilding occasion for you and your congregation.

* **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:** 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 at 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. They would welcome confirmation of your attendance. [portreeandbracadalenewsletter@outlook.com](mailto:portreeandbracadalenewsletter@outlook.com)
* **Free Church Youth Camps 202**4: Registration is open. It is hoped to run 11 camps this 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](mailto:donald.macleod@freechurch.org)) or Mairi Beaton ([mairi.beaton@freechurch.org](mailto: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 information 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:
  + **Board of Trustees:** Pray for the Board as they meet on Thursday for the first time in 2024. Pray God would guide them and grant them wisdom as they make decisions to steward our resources well.
  + **North Tolsta:** Please pray for them as they give praise to God for some recent encouragements, that they keep growing in their discipleship and love for the Saviour. Pray for them as they continue to engage with the wider community seeking to share the good news.