**IMMANUEL’S LAND**

O Christ, He is a fountain, a deep sweet well of love!

The Streams on earth I’ve tasted, more deep I’ll drink above.

There, to an ocean’s vastness His mercy doth expand,

and glory, glory dwelleth within Immanuel’s Land.

But flow’rs need night’s cool darkness, the moonlight and the dew,

so Christ, from one who loved it His shining oft withdrew,

and then, for cause of absence, my troubled soul I scanned

but glory, shadeless, shineth within Immanuel’s Land.

With mercy and with judgement my web of time He wove,

even the drops of sorrow were lustered with His love!

I’ll bless the hand that guided, I’ll bless the heart that planned,

when throned where glory dwelleth within Immanuel’s Land.

The bride eyes not her garment but her dear bridegroom’s face,

I will not gaze at glory but on my King of Grace,

not at the crown He gives me but on His nail-pierced hand;

the Lamb is all the glory within Immanuel’s Land.

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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 11th February 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 we welcome Arran Macdonald to lead us in worship for our 12.00 noon service in Inverinate and we are very much looking forward to hearing what God has lain on his heart for us today. The reading is from 1 Corinthians 15:1-58 and the sermon is entitled *Some Blessed Hope.* Sunday evenings service is ‘Christian Identity’ part 7 *I am athlete,* Reverend Thomas Davis preaching from 1 Corinthians 9:13-27. 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 or Colin.
* **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 100 (page 362) – *All people that on earth do dwell*

Sing Psalms 13 (page 14) – *How long will You forget me, Lord?*

Scottish Psalter 46: 1-7 (page 271) – *God is our refuge and our strength*

Hymn (see back page) – *Immanuel’s Land*

* **Next Sunday:** Sunday 18th February Rev. Gordon Martin will lead us in worship for our 12 noon service.
* **Presbytery Oversight Visit:** Message from Reverend Roddie Rankin: Thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire. These have all been read through by the members of the Visiting Committee and will form the Visiting Committee’s approach to their meeting with the congregation. **The Committee will meet with the congregation of Saturday 17th February at 7.30pm.** You are warmly invited and urged to attend. This is a meeting for everyone in the congregation. It is your opportunity to ask questions, discuss ideas and challenges and to receive encouragement in your service to Jesus. The Committee hopefully will couple the understanding they have gained of the congregation, through all the feedback they have received, with an objectivity which will help them to affirm and challenge where necessary. The Committee consists of Reverend Colin L Macleod (Lochcarron and Applecross), Murdo H Macleod, Willie Fraser (elders at Plockton and Kyle) and Reverend Roddie Rankin (Plockton and Kyle and Chair of the Committee). If there are any matters which you would like the Committee to consider which you do not feel able to raise in a public meeting you can mention them in confidence by email to Roddie at [roddie@badicaul.plus.com](mailto:roddie@badicaul.plus.com) Anonymous communication will be ignored. The Committee will also meet with the Kirk Session at 6pm on the 17th and with members of the Finance Committee after the congregational meeting. They will also meet with the Interim Moderator, Rev. Gordon Martin. After the meets on the 17th the Visiting Committee prepares a report which will recognise the strengths of the congregation and make any recommendations for enhancing the running of the congregation and its witness to our glorious Saviour.Please pray about this whole process that it may benefit the congregation, help bring more people to Jeus and glorify God. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th.
* **Advance Notice of Communion Weekend 24th and 25th February:** Reverend John Ross will lead the 12.00 noon Communion Service which will be followed by a Congregational Lunch. Reverend Ross will take the evening service in Glenelg.
* **Easter Bible Study:** We are undertaking a Easter Bible Study as a congregation again this year. The study is forty days of reflections on the book of Lamentations called *Finding mercy on the way of sorrow* by Robin Ham. The study starts on 14th February and runs to Easter Sunday. We encourage you to take part in this study individually and as part of our online studies, weekly Bible Studies or in small friend groups. Copies of the study book are available at the door – please take one.
* **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.
* **COOL Annual Celebration of Thanksgiving:** This year will be on Friday 1st March 7.30pm at Dornie Village Hall. Join COOL for an evening or worship and praise to our God and the latest on what is happening with the work. Guest speaker is Finlay Macdonald and there will be tea, coffee, cakes and sweet treats to enjoy after. COOL’s January newsletter is available by the door, please take one.
* **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.
* **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**: Please add the following to your Prayer Lists:
* **Bishopbriggs.** Pray for the congregation’s midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting as they meet to pray and learn together, that God would greatly encourage them through His word and through fellowship with one another.
* **Helensburgh.** Pray for their Youth / Sunday School. They are blessed with many families but that poses the wonderful problem of teaching them well. They have great Sunday School teachers but they need more. Pray for their families. They have many families and they want to see children flourishing and growing into personal faith.