**SEEK YE FIRST**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

and His righteousness and all these things

shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia. Seek ye first ……….

Man shall not live by bread alone

but by every word

that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Allelu, alleluia. Man shall not ……….

Ask and it shall be given unto you,

seek and ye shall find;

knock and the door shall be opened up to you.

Allelu, alleluia. Ask and it ……….

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**THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD**

There is a fountain filled with blood

drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;

and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see

that fountain in his day;

and there may I, as vile as he,

wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb! Your precious blood

shall never lose its power,

till all the ransomed Church of God

be saved, to sin no more.

E’er since, by faith, I saw the stream

Your flowing wounds supply,

Redeeming love has been my theme

And shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song,

I’ll sing Your power to save,

when this poor lisping, stammering tongue

lies silent in the grave.

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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 May 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**

*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:** Finlay Macdonald will lead us in worship for today’s 12.00 noon service in Inverinate and we are looking forward to hearing what God has laid on Finlay’s heart for us today. The Bible reading is from Luke chapter 8, verses 40 to 56 for a sermon entitled *Serving God When We Are Busy.* There will be no 6.00pm service in Glenelg this evening.
* **Sunday School:** The older children will leave us during the mid-day service for their Sunday School. There will also be a creche for the very little ones.
* **Praise:**

Scottish Psalter 121 (page 416) – *I to the hills will lift mine eyes*

Sing Psalms 130 (page 173) – *Lord, from the depths I call to you*

Hymn (see back page) – *Seek ye first*

Hymn (see back page) – *There is a fountain filled with blood*

* **Congregational Meeting:** Directly following today’s 12.00 noon service in Inverinate Community Hall we will meet for the sole purpose of appointing Local Trustees for the Ardelve Manse and the Glenelg Free Church building. Rev Roddie Rankin will chair the meeting on behalf of Rev Gordon Martin.
* **This Evening:** Morag MacLeod will be updating us on her work overseas this evening at 6.00pm in the Kyleakin Church of Scotland building. Everyone is welcome to go along.
* **Next Sunday 19th May 2024:** We look forward to welcoming David Ferguson back to lead us in worship at our 12.00 noon service in Inverinate and the 6.00pm service in Glenelg.
* **Sunday 26th May:** Rev Roddie Rankin will lead us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at our 12.00 noon service in Inverinate. The service will be followed by a Communion Lunch co-ordinated by Mairi MacRae. Please speak to Mairi if you can help. Anyone wishing to discuss becoming a member of the church before this service please speak to Ken, Finlay or Colin.
* **Plant Sale:** Our annual Plant Sale yesterday raised over £740 for our Holiday Bible Club and Youth Activity Week. Thanks to all who prayed, gave so generously and helped in any way in raising this fantastic total.
* **COOL Newsletter:**  The latest COOL newsletter is available on the table by the door. Please do take a copy.
* **Women for Mission:** The WfM Annual Get Together is on Saturday 18th May 2024 in Livingston Free Church. Livestream will also be available. For more information visit womenformission.org. In addition to great fellowship and connection they will be sharing updates on the funds raised by WfM’s 2023/24 Project. There will be updates from individuals who’ve been supported by WfM in the past or will be in the coming year. Please give thanks for all the Lord has done and the funds He has provided for the projects and individuals. Pray many women will attend and be encouraged in the time together of how the Lord is at work.
* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their Two-Year Bible Read Through study. Our Men’s Study Group are completing their Bible Read Through in the book of 2 Chronicles. If you are interested in joining either group please speak to Moira, Barbara or Colin.
* **Bible Studies:** Both of our Wednesday evening bible studies are on this week. The Dornie group meet at 7.30pm at Colin and Vivienne MacKenzie’s home and the Glenelg group meet at Peter and Moira Lane’s home for a 7.30pm start.
* **Holiday Bible Clubs/Youth Activity Weeks:** It’s that exciting time of the year again when we are busy starting to make our plans for the Holiday Bible Club (15th to 19th July) for Primary age children and the Youth Activity Week (16th to 19th July) for P7 and High School Youth. Please to pray for the organisers and leaders.
* **COOL Pray for Youth:** Advance notice of the COOL Pray for Youth evening in the Lighthouse Centre on Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm.
* **Edinburgh Theological Seminary:** There has never been a more important time for seminary preparation. More than movements or celebrities we need church leaders knowledgeable in the Bible to equip and build up the body. At ETS they are dedicated to helping people know what they believe and why they believe it – to get the gospel right and to get the gospel out – as they train pastors, teachers, counsellors, missionaries and others for ministry. Please pray for God to raise up more leaders for the church.
* **Praying For One Another**: Please add the following to your Prayer diaries:
	+ **Rasaay**: Pray for the Lord to encourage His people through the week to week ministry of the Word. Pray that the congregation would have a deep sense of Christ’s love for them. Please thank God for all He has done and continues to do both in His wonderful plans for all His people and in the ministry on Rasaay. Pray that the ministry would be strengthened.
	+ **Matt and Maria (Greece):** Please pray for M in these early stages of her walk with the Lord and that He would increase her love, patience, wisdom, hope and faith as time goes on.
	+ **Asian Outreach:** An opportunity has presented to rekindle a Muslim-Christian dialogue event. In the past these dialogues provided a great opportunity to present the Good News of Jesus the Messiah. Please pray that the meeting would go ahead, for a good atmosphere and wisdom in sharing God’s Word.
	+ **South Uist and Benbecula**: Give thanks that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask of Him. Pray for wisdom, sensitivity and confidence to share the good news of the gospel throughout their scattered communities.
	+ **Global Mission Partners:** Give thanks for four global partners who are hoping to join the 2024 General Assembly. Please pray that all visas would be approved and that travel plans would go smoothly. Give thanks to God for these partnerships with brothers and sisters globally.
	+ **Oban:** Please pray for the congregation in Oban. Pray that members would be strengthened by the Spirit.