**O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST**

O God, our help in ages past,

our hope for years to come,

our shelter from the stormy blast

and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne

Your saints have dwelt secure,

sufficient in Your arm alone

and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood

or earth received her frame,

from everlasting You are God,

to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight

are like an evening gone,

short as the watch that ends the night

before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream

bears all its sons away,

they fly forgotten, as a dream

dies with the dawning day.

O God, our help in ages past,

our hope for years to come,

be our defence while life shall last

and our eternal home.

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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 19th 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:** We are delighted to welcome David, Catherine and Duncan Ferguson today. David will lead us in worship at our 12.00 noon service in Inverinate and the 6.00pm service in Glenelg. The Bible reading for Inverinate is from Luke chapter 19, verses 11-40 with David’s sermon entitled *What Kind of King.* The Bible reading for Glenelg is from Matthew chapter 27, verses 1-2 and 11-26, for a sermon entitled *Give Us Barabbas.* The evening service will be followed by our weekly Prayer Meeting.
* David grew up in Invergordon and began attending Rosskeen Free Church around 30 years ago. After many years serving as an elder at Rosskeen and some time as church administrator, David and his wife Catherine became convinced God was calling them as a family to go into full time pastoral ministry. As part of his training David spent two years attached to Tain and Fearn congregation then in summer 2022 they moved as a family to Dunfermline to work as a minister in training.
* **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:**

Hymn (see back page) – *O God, our help in ages past*

Sing Psalms 139(a):1-10 (page 180) – *O Lord, You have examined me*

Sing Psalms 110:1-5 (page 149) – *The Lord said to my Lord*

Sing Psalms 118:19-29 (page 156) – *Throw wide the gates of righteousness*

* **Healthy Gospel Church Health Check:** In today’s Bulletin you will find a short questionnaire which is the first part of a *Healthy Gospel Church Health Check*. This initiative follows a suggestion made by the Presbytery Oversight Visit team when they were with us. They suggested we look at the way we do things and the skills, gifts and ideas we have in our congregation. Initially we planned a series of congregational meetings to do this, but we decided that it would be more practical to do this by a series of short questionnaires. So please take a questionnaire and prayerfully answer the questions and give us back your feedback in the spaces provided. Take your completed questionnaire back to church with you and there will be a collection box available from next Sunday for you to put it in. Please remember to put your name on it as we cannot accept anonymous forms. The form is available online on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJW238M>
* **Next 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.
* **COOL Newsletter:**  The latest COOL newsletter is available on the table by the door. Please do take a copy.
* **Online Studies:** Our Ladies Study Group are continuing their Two-Year Bible Read Through study. Our Men’s Study Group are just starting a new study on Paul’s letters with the book of Galatians. This would be a really good time to join. 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. In Glenelg we are starting a new study called *God is God and You are You* by Thomas Davies. We meet at Peter and Moira Lane’s home for a 7.30pm start and this would be a great time to come along.
* **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 do pray for the organisers and leaders.
* **COOL Prayer for Youth:** Advance notice of the COOL Prayer for Youth evening in the Lighthouse Centre on Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm.
* **Free Church Youth Camps Adopt-a-Camp:** The Free Church Youth Camp organisers are repeating last year’s initiative for congregations to ‘adopt’ a specific camp. This enables congregations to pray for and support their allocated camp in the run-up to and during camp. We are joining the scheme again this year and have been allocated Renfrew Kids as our adopted camp. This camp is for P5-P7 children and runs from 6th to 13th July. They will be sending us prayer points and updates and will let us know if there are other ways we can support them, for example through baking or chaperoning. In the meantime, thank the Lord they have a full team, most returning from last year. Camp leaders will meet on the last Saturday in May, please join with them in prayer for the week and as they go over all the details that made last year’s camp run smoothly.
* **Praying For One Another**: Please add the following to your Prayer diaries:
  + **Dumisani**: Pray for Dr Patrick Diniso who is serving at two colleges presently. He is helping out at Dumisani in King Williams Town in Honours and is also acting principal at Gatyana Bible College (Transkei). Pray that the Lord will bless his labours at each. Pray for Celia Theart as she teaches Research Skills in Term Two at DTI, KWT, Eastern Cape. May the hand of the Lord be with her and the students.
  + **General Assembly:**  Pray for the General Assembly taking place this week, that wisdom would be given to commissioners and that God would be glorified in all decisions made.